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"COACH'S COMMENTS"

DeVoursney eager to lead young Syrupmaker team

New head coach Steve DeVoursney is ready to get into the 2015 football season, although he realizes it will be a year of growing up in a hurry. "We are a very young team on both sides of the ball, we only started 2 seniors on both sides of the ball in our scrimmages, so we have to just keep working to get better every game and grow up in a hurry," said DeVoursney.



Coming in as the new head coach, DeVoursney is excited about Region 1-AAAA, the teams and the rival games Cairo has each week. "This region has a lot of very good teams with some good coaches, the rival games are exciting for the fans and fun to play in," said DeVoursney.

DeVoursney thinks Bainbridge and Worth County appear to be the teams to beat this year but, according to the coach, you really can't count any of the teams in the region out. "Obviously, I think Bainbridge is a pretty solid team, great athletes, great coaching, the biggest school in AAAA in the state, they have a chance to win a lot of games. Worth County is strong, they have a lot coming back from last year, and you can never count out Thomas County Central, Monroe and Westover because they always have such great athletes," said DeVoursney.

With the change in leadership in the coaching staff, DeVoursney has also hired new offensive and defensive coordinators. Heading up the defense will be Daryl Jones, who comes from the University of Georgia as the On Campus Recruiting Coordinator, and

Drew Willis, a Worth County graduate, who was a high school offensive coordinator in Alabama. "Defensively, I don't think the fans will see a big difference. Cairo has a great tradition on defense, and we want to keep that going. Coach Jones is a solid coach that knows the game and believes in all the things we believe in here in Cairo. We will be running the same type defense, our guys will be flying to the ball and we will continue to be physical out there. Offensively, we are going to run an offense that is a spread, hurry up type offense, and coach Willis

is very familiar with the plan we want to run and is working to teach our kids the system. It's going to take some time and work, but we're seeing our players get better every day," said DeVoursney.

One of the biggest positives the new Syrupmaker coach has experienced so far has been fan support. "The fans in Cairo have been great. Everyone has been very supportive. I have people coming by every day just asking what they can do to help, and that means a lot," said the coach.

Not only does Cairo have a new head football coach, but the school also has a new band director. "Mr. (John) Scanling and I have been talking and planning some things that we can do to support each other's pro-

gram, and I look forward to hearing our band and having the support of our cheerleaders on Friday night," said DeVoursney.

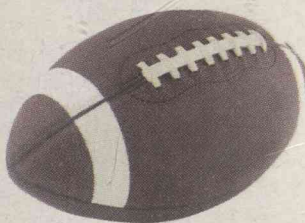
As far as an outlook on the season as a whole, DeVoursney says, "This is a very young group, who is learning a new system with new coaches. Nothing replaces game experience, so our goal is to just get better every week, and I think by the end we will see a lot of improvement. It's just a matter of

staying the course, keeping focused and working to get better every day," said DeVoursney.

This Friday night begins a new chapter in Syrupmaker football as the Syrupmakers open the season on the road with one of the oldest rival games in the state of Georgia, the "Battle for the Syrup Pitcher," as the Syrupmakers open the season with Thomasville High School Bulldogs, kickoff is set for 8 p.m.

CAIRO HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY FOOTBALL

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 28	Cairo @ Thomasville	8:00 p.m.
Sept. 4	Bainbridge @ Cairo	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 11	West Florida @ Cairo	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 18	Westover @ Cairo	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 25	Cairo @ Worth Co.	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 2	Open	
Oct. 9	Crisp Co. @ Cairo	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	Cairo @ Thomas Co. Central	8:00 p.m.
Oct. 23	Monroe @ Cairo (Homecoming)	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 30	Cairo @ Albany	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	Region Play In @ Cairo	TBA



"FROM THE PRESSBOX"

"A new chapter in Cairo High School football begins"

This Friday night I begin my 34th year in the broadcast booth for the Cairo Syrupmakers and WGRA radio, that's 400 straight ball games I've been a part of at CHS since coming to Cairo. I love talking Syrupmaker football to anyone who will listen, and a lot of folks love talking Syrupmaker football with me, it truly is the best time of the year.

This year starts a new chapter in Syrupmaker football. Last spring, head football coach Tom Fallaw stepped down after 12 successful years as head coach of the Syrupmakers to become athletic director and pursue a career in school administration. Fallaw led Cairo to a Class AAAA championship in 2008. His teams were 116-34 in 12 seasons, including a 9-3 finish in 2014.

His successor is no stranger to Syrupmaker football. After serving as the Syrupmaker defensive coordinator in 2014, Steve DeVoursney was named the head coach of the Syrupmakers the very same day Fallaw announced he was stepping down. DeVoursney led Griffin High School to the Class AAAA championship in 2014. DeVoursney's record at Griffin was 128-35 in 13 seasons.

DeVoursney brings to his staff a new defensive and offensive coordinator and an entire new offensive playbook that brings a spread type, no huddle offense to Cairo.

Along with a new head football coach, Cairo also has a brand new director of bands.

Mr. John Scanling replaces Michael Thomas, who resigned to go to Thomas County Central as their director of bands. Scanling comes to Cairo after many years of directing the Westover High School band in Albany. Cairo High School is also proud to welcome a new principal this year, Mr. Chris Lokey, who was an assistant principal at Griffin High School. We are also excited about our new Superintendent of Grady County Schools, longtime Grady County educator, Dr. Kermit Gilliard.

The new head coach and band director have already met and are working together to bring some new additions to the great traditions Cairo High School already has in place.

There is not much change in the 2015 football season this year as schools put together two-year schedules at a time. Cairo will travel to Thomasville twice to take on TCCHS and Thomasville High School, Sylvester to play Worth County, and Albany once to play Albany. Home games this season will be with Bainbridge, West Florida, Westover, Crisp County and Monroe. In my opinion, Bainbridge and Worth County should be the teams to beat this year, but don't count out TCCHS or the Syrupmakers.

With Cairo's coaching changes, a new of-



MICHAEL BEST

fense and new coordinators on both sides of the ball, along with a lot of new faces at several positions, Cairo should grow and improve each week. I believe this will be a year for all of us to have some patience and let the team get through some growing pains and learn the new system.

I honestly believe that Syrupmaker Friday nights are so special because it brings together fans of all races, economic backgrounds and areas of our community pulling together to support their hometown Syrupmakers. Football Friday nights also involves over 100 football players, 240 or so band members, 33 cheerleaders and some 15-20 ROTC members, and 6 Syrup Boys.

I am proud to announce that once again, this year's Pigskin Preview is packed full of Syrupmaker news and includes a special feature article on a dedicated group of volunteers that handle the yard markers and chains each Friday night. This special edition also highlights every position on the team, plus articles on our band, cheerleaders, and ROTC. We have several new coaches and we also have a special feature on them, as we introduce them to our Syrupmaker family of supporters. This special edition to The Cairo Messenger is packed with everything you want to know about Syrupmaker football

and more.

As I do every season, I always like to remind all of our fans to please remember the fact that no matter how much you love those Syrupmakers and want to see them succeed, that is the same desire of the coaches and players. Be a positive supporter, win or lose! Those players aren't professionals, or scholarship athletes - they are teenagers doing their best and their parents and family members are in the stands with you. Our coaches are men who love their jobs and have family members and friends probably sitting right next to you as well. Let's all be together!

Syrupmaker athletics would not be possible without the many businesses and individuals that contribute to the programs financially and through volunteer hours, so we say thank you to all of you.

You can catch up on the Syrupmakers each week right here in The Messenger and hear them "Live" on WGRA-790 AM. The games are also broadcast "Live" on the Internet at www.wgra.net. Also, the Internet broadcast streams are available at no charge again this season.

Let's get things kicked off! I'm ready for Syrupmaker football!!!

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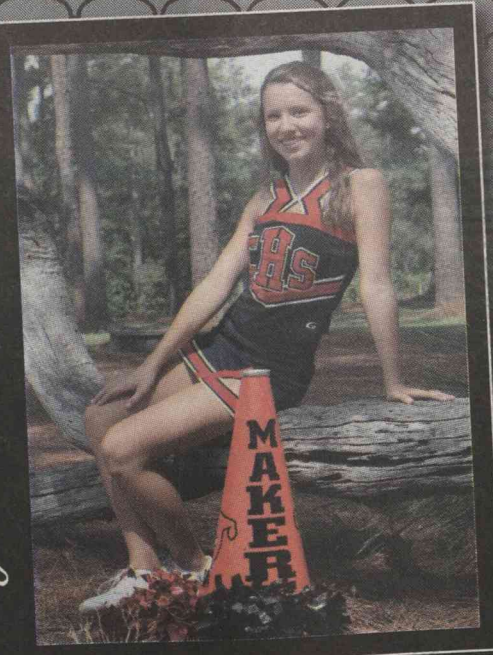
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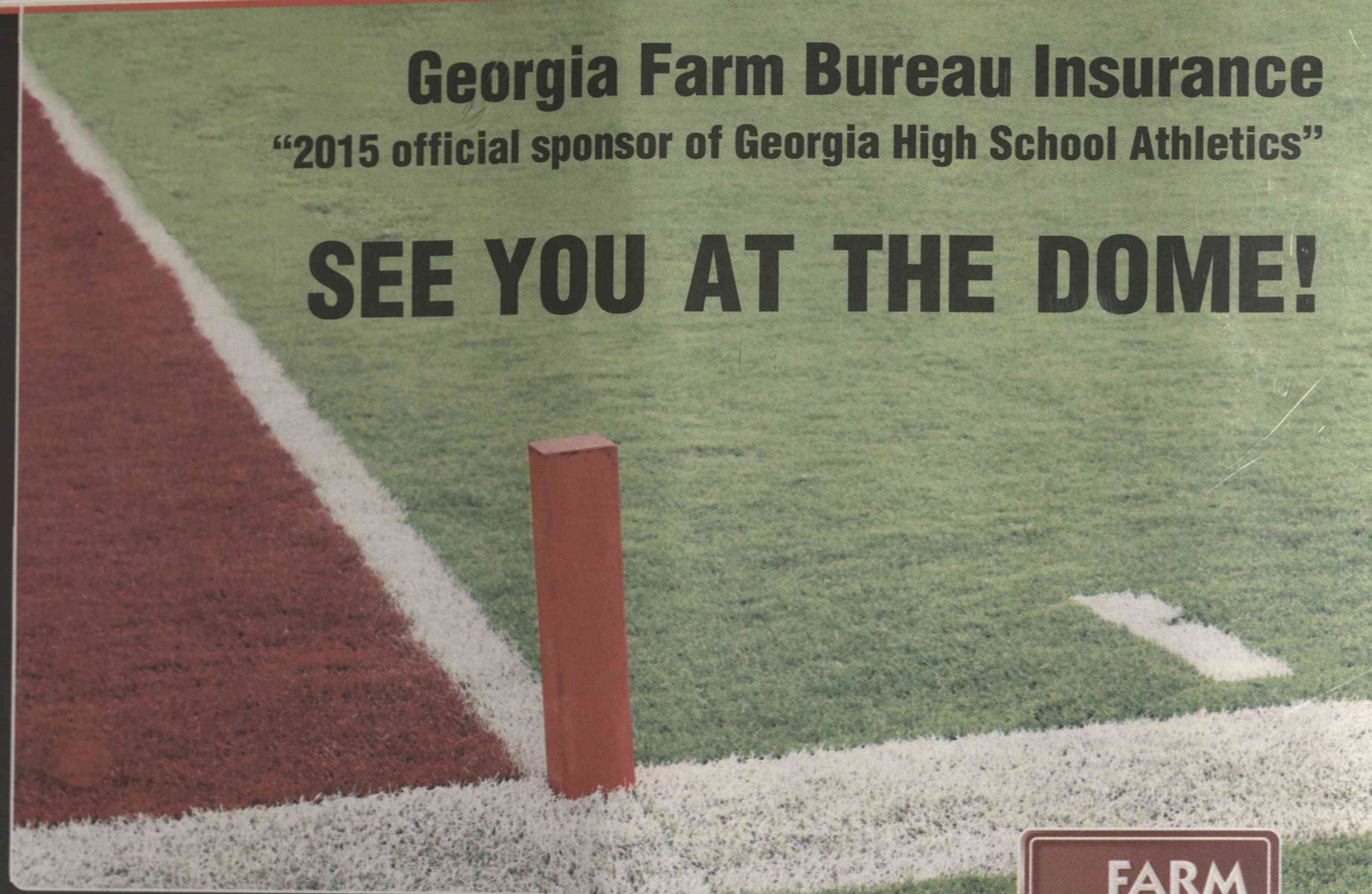
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Fallow dives into new job as athletic director

After stepping down as the Syrupmakers head football coach this past spring, Tom Fallow has assumed the duties as the Grady County School Athletic Director after former A.D. Todd Jones was named the principal of Shiver School.

Fallow has hit the ground running, meeting with all head coaches over the summer to lay out goals and go over policies and procedures for the athletic department. "I am excited about being named to the position of athletic director and look forward to leading our program in the years to come," said Fallow.

One of the goals of the new A.D. is to assure that all of the school system's athletic teams receive what they need for our young athletes in the system to be successful. "From our staff, to our equipment, to our facilities, I want to make sure we are giving our best," said Fallow.

Fallow is looking forward to the upcoming fall season of sports with football, girls' softball and cross country. "We recently hired coach Kristen Blough to head up our cross country program after the retirement of longtime coach Lucy Baker, and we have also hired three new coaches in the football program to replace three that left last season," said Fallow. The A.D. also reports that news will be coming soon about other new hires, along with more information about the school system's winter and spring sports programs.

Fallow is also excited about the resurgence



FORMER CHS ATHLETIC DIRECTORS Todd Jones, Carlton Gainous and Ralph Jones talk with current CHS Athletic Director Tom Fallow during the Aug. 14 scrimmage in Bainbridge. Shown are, l-r: Todd Jones, Carlton Gainous, Tom Fallow and Ralph Jones.

of the football booster club and the many volunteers that have come forward to help with the program. "There is no way we can run all of the programs we have without the help of all of the individual sports booster clubs we have. They do a lot to help us financially and with volunteer hours," said Fallow.

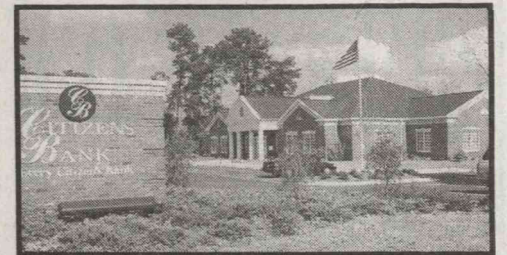
The new athletic director is expecting a great year in sports and looks forward to

watching the young athletes compete and represent Cairo High School and our middle school programs.

Fallow coached the Syrupmakers for 12 years and is tied with the late West Thomas as the winningest CHS coach in history with a record of 116-34-0. Under Fallow, the Syrupmakers have won seven region championships and the state championship in

2008. Fallow's teams have also made two quarterfinal appearances, one semifinal appearance and the Syrupmakers were the state runnerup in 2007.

Fallow and his wife Stacy, who is the Instructional Coordinator at Eastside Elementary School, have three daughters, Taylor, Abbey and Hannah.



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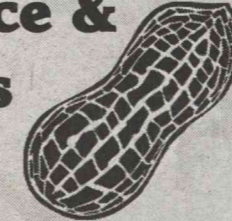


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A look ahead at the 2015 football schedule

Thomasville High School
August 28 - Away

Region- 1-AA
Nickname: Bulldogs
Last season's result:
Cairo 14 - Thomasville 0
Last season's record: 6-5
Coach: Leroy Ryles
Colors: Red and Gold
Season Opener:
August 21 - West Laurens - Away

West Florida
September 1 - Home

Nickname: Jaguars
Last season's result:
West Florida 19 - Cairo 7
Last season's record: 10-2
Coach: Harry Lees
Colors: Black and Red
Season Opener:
Aug 22 - Escambia - Home

Early on, West Florida will be a battle tested squad as they line up with a tough slate to start the season. Within the first four weeks of the schedule, they will be hosting Escambia, Tate and Mosley, as well as a road trip to Cairo. All four teams made the playoffs last season and they certainly will be considered teams that could reach the playoffs again this season. According to Coach Lees, the Jaguars will return eight starters overall on defense, and he expects them to be the leaders this season. The offense, however, is returning only four starters. As such, the Jaguars will have more fresh faces on the offensive line than veterans as they replace four starters for this season. Last year, the Jaguars used a strong second half performance to put the game away against the Syrupmakers. Although the game is not a region game, look for the battle to be intense as the Syrupmakers look to avenge last year's loss to the Florida School.

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Bainbridge High School
September 4 - Home

Region 1-AAAA
Nickname: Bearcats
Last season's result:
Cairo 13 - Bainbridge 7
Last season's record: 6-5
Coach: Jeff Littleton
Colors: Purple and Gold
Season Opener:
Aug 28 - Early County - Home

The Bainbridge Bearcats have high hopes for the 2015 season as they return several starters on both sides of the ball. Sophomore running back Damien Pierce, who gained 990 yards last season as a freshman returns at tailback along with athletes Dalvin Spivie and Elijah Taylor. Brian McLaughlin, who stepped in as quarterback as a sophomore is back as well. The Bearcats should be one of the favorites in region 1-AAAA come playoff time in November.

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Westover High School
September 18 - Home
Region 1-AAAA

Nickname: Patriots
Last season's result:
Cairo 20 - Westover 19
Last season's record: 6-5
Coach: Octavia Jones
Colors: Red, White and Blue
Season Opener:
August 21 - Lee County - Home

You could not have asked for a more exciting game last season as the Syrupmakers pulled out an exciting 20-19 win over the Patriots. This season should be just as good as the Patriots return their quarterback Emory Mackenzie, running back Qundez Carter and wide receiver Casey Wilson. Carter rushed for 9 touchdowns last season and gained over 1000 yards and Mackenzie threw for right at 1000 yards and rushed for 988 yards. The Patriots lost most of their defense to

graduation, so they will be counting on the offense to give them some good leads.

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Worth County High School
September 25 - Away

Region 1-AAAA
Nickname: Rams
Last season's result:
Cairo 29 - Worth 6
Last season's record: 6-4
Coach: Jason Tone
Colors: Black and Gold
Season Opener:
Aug 21 Fitzgerald - Away

It's not unusual for the Syrupmakers and Rams to play twice in a season. They did it in 1990 when the Makers won the state title, and they did it last season when Cairo brought back a region 1-AAAA region championship. The Worth County Rams are the hands down favorite to play for the region title again this season as they return the majority of a team that went 6-4 last season, losing in round one of the state playoffs. In all, the Rams rushed for over 3000 yards as a team without one single thousand yard rusher on the team. Quarterback Gerome Williams, running backs Zytavious Anderson, Dontavious Buford, Justin Hope and

Cameron Farley all return for 2015 for the Rams. No doubt come playoff time, look for the Rams to be right in the mix with that Wing-T offense hitting on all cylinders.

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Crisp County High School
October 9-Home

Region 1-AAAA
Nickname: Cougars
Last season's result:
Cairo 31 - Crisp 0
Last season's record: 3-7
Coach: Shelton Felton
Colors: Royal Blue and Gold
Season Opener:
Aug. 28 Lee County - Away

The Crisp County Cougars are under a new coach this season as former Cougar Shelton Felton returns to head the team after coach Lee Campbell stepped down to join his brother at Peach County. The Cougars also lost Campbell's son Whit at quarterback. Josh Powell is expected to step in and take the snaps from center this season. The Cougars return several players on defense this season as well.

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Thomas County Central High School
October 16 - Away

Region 1-AAAA
Nickname: Yellow Jackets
Last season's result:
Cairo 36 - TCCHS 13
Last season's record: 6-4
Coach: Bill Shaver
Colors: Blue and Gold
Season Opener:
Aug 28 - Valdosta - Home

The TCCHS Yellow Jackets moved down to region 1-AAAA last year as one of the largest teams in the AAAA classification in the state, but still missed the playoffs with a 6-4 record. This season, the Jackets have to replace quarterback Eli Taylor after he decided to concentrate his efforts solely on baseball for his senior season. Coach Bill Shaver, who lost most of his coaches last year to retirement, has spent the off-season hiring coaches and finding a replacement at the quarterback spot to run the split veer. The Jackets will be counting on former running back Kelias Williams to run the offense at quarterback and has returners Quintavious Cooksey, Tyrice Cloud and Nick Patterson back as well. The Yellow Jackets return most of their offensive line and a good many on defense and look to return to the playoffs this season. Once again, the "Battle for the Bucket" is shaping up to be one of the biggest games of the season on October 16.

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Monroe High School
October 23 - Home

Region 1-AAAA
Nickname: Tornadoes
Last season's result:
Monroe 21 - Cairo 14
Last season's record: 6-4
Coach: Charles Truitt
Colors: Green and Gold
Season Opener:
August 21 - Perry - Away

The Monroe Tornadoes have lost their quarterback to graduation, but return a solid line of scrimmage on both the offensive and defensive fronts. Returning for the Tornadoes is Antonio Leroy II, a familiar Monroe Tornado name, to anchor the defense and Mark Robinson, a running back/defensive back who will be one of the players coach Charles Truitt will be looking to for leadership. Last season, the Tornadoes handed the Syrupmakers their lone loss in the region on a Thursday night game in Albany. This season it's back to Friday as the Tornadoes must come to Cairo.

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Albany High School
October 30 - Away

Region 1-AAAA
Nickname: Indians
Last Season's result:
Cairo 28 - Albany 6
Last Season's record: 1-8

Coach: Felton Williams
Colors: Orange and Green
Season Opener:
Aug 28 - Mitchell County - Away

The Albany Indians return most of their skill players for the 2015, but lose their quarterback who threw for over 1000 yards last season. The Indians have a couple of bright spots at running back and on the defensive

line. Albany, a small school playing in a region of teams with much larger enrollments, have their work cut out for them this season as they try to post their first winning season since 2002.

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Syrupmaker coaching staff has three new faces

With the departure of three coaches from last year's Syrupmaker football staff, new head coach Steve DeVoursney has brought in three new coaches to complete his staff at Cairo High School. Drew Willis, Mike Owens and Daryl Jones are the newest faces on the Syrupmaker football staff.

Daryl Jones, the new Syrupmaker defensive coordinator was most recently the director of on-campus recruiting at the University of Georgia under head coach Mark Richt. A native of Ocala, Fla., Jones played wide receiver and was a decathlete at Long Island University C. W. Post where he earned his bachelor's degree in political science and education. From 1990 to 1995, he served as a volunteer assistant coach at Hofstra and Duke, followed by University of Maryland where he was a graduate assistant coach and earned his master's degree in educational administration.

He spent the next 17 years in the state of Georgia coaching system, beginning as an assistant high school football coach at Glynn Academy in Brunswick. He later served as head football coach and athletic director at Griffin High School, Wayne

County High School and North Oconee High School. Jones also served as assistant coach and student support coordinator at Oconee County High School and assistant coach at Grayson High School.

Jones was named Georgia High School Athletic Director of the Year in 2005 and was the Under Armour manager of football camps, combines and the 7-on-7 projects, during which he was a two-time assistant coach of the Under Armour All America Game.

“These GUYS are all QUALITY COACHES that bring a lot of EXPERIENCE to our program.”

- Coach DeVoursney-

He is married to the former Donna Cosker and they have three children: Marlee Shea, Annslee Noel and Zachary Kenneth. In addition to coaching, Jones is teaching social studies at Cairo High School.

“I've always admired football in south Georgia and Cairo High School is known all over the state for their quality program, I am excited to be a part of the Syrupmaker program,” said Jones.

Drew Willis has been hired as the Syrupmaker's offensive coordinator. Willis is no stranger to south Georgia football. As a native of Sylvester, Ga., Willis graduated from Worth County High

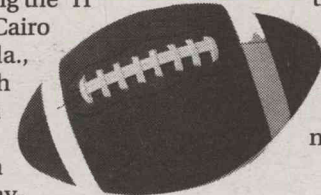
School where he was the Rams' starting quarterback through 1998.

Before coming to Cairo, Willis was the offensive coordinator at Austin High School in Decatur, Ala. Willis is a graduate of Valdosta State University and has coached at Early County, Berrien County and Milsaps High School.

Willis and his wife Ashley have a 2-year-old son, Davis. “I am excited about the opportunity to return to south Georgia and coach at Cairo High School. Obviously, I grew up hearing about the Syrupmakers and football in this area and had a chance to play against some very good Syrupmaker teams through the years. We are happy to be here in Cairo and call this our home and look forward to being a part of the Syrupmaker tradition,” said Willis.

In addition to coaching, Willis teaches social studies and health and physical education at Cairo High School.

Mike Owens will be coaching the “H & Y Receivers” and comes to Cairo from Fort Walton Beach, Fla., where he was the head coach of the Ft. Walton Beach Vikings for the past 15 years, posting an 81-76 record with four district titles and ten play-off appearances. Owens has 32 years experience in teaching and coaching, and captured district titles in Florida in 2003,



2004, 2008 and 2009. The Vikings reached the regional finals in 2004 and 2008. He spent two years in the mid-1990s as offensive coordinator, including the 1995 state championship team, before accepting a head coaching job in Alabama. He returned to Fort Walton Beach as head coach in 2000, when the Vikings went 5-5 before a 2-8 year in 2001, and went on to build a consistently winning program at Fort Walton Beach High School.

Owens and his wife Kelly both teach at Washington Middle School and they have three children. Jessica, 28, who coaches and teaches high school, Sara, 20, a student at Valdosta State University and a member of the “Red Hots” dance team, and John Michael, who is a junior at Cairo High School and a member of the Syrupmaker football team.

“These guys are all quality coaches that bring a lot of experience to our program. I think we are fortunate to have them on our staff and I look forward to working with them and having them and their families as a part of our community,” said coach DeVoursney.



SYRUPMAKER COACHING STAFF: l-r: Jonathan Ross, James Jenkins, Pete Corker, David Coleman, David Johnson, Tommy York, Greg Boyce, Steve DeVoursney, Drew Willis, Brandon Robinson, Mike Owens, Jody Allen, Daryl Jones, Stacy Masten and Kevin Elliott.

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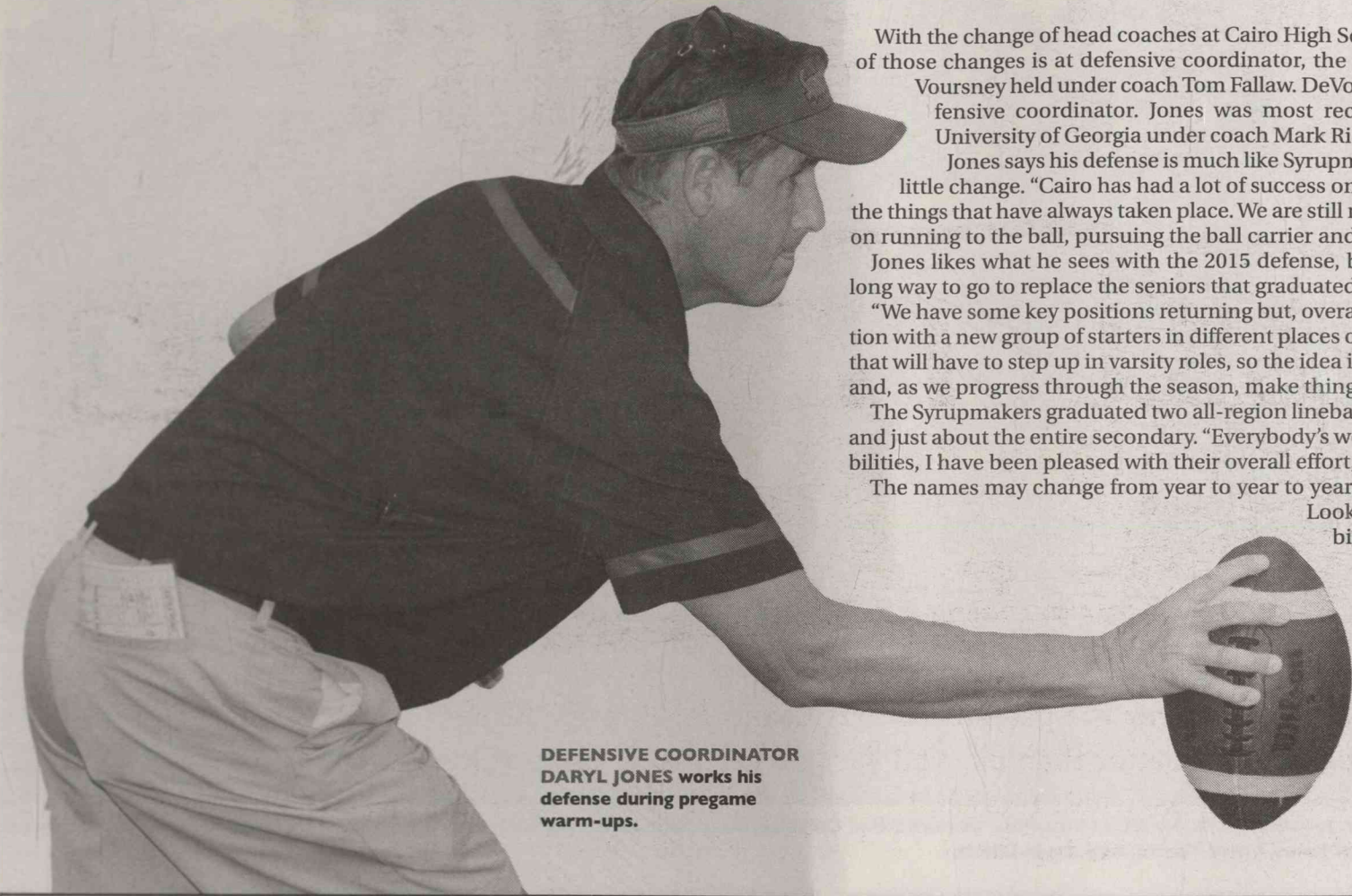
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New coordinator takes command of Syrupmaker defense



DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR DARYL JONES works his defense during pregame warm-ups.

With the change of head coaches at Cairo High School comes change in many areas. One of those changes is at defensive coordinator, the position current head coach Steve DeVoursney held under coach Tom Fallaw. DeVoursney has named Daryl Jones as his defensive coordinator. Jones was most recently the on-campus recruiter at the University of Georgia under coach Mark Richt before coming to Cairo High School. Jones says his defense is much like Syrupmaker defensive schemes of the past with little change. "Cairo has had a lot of success on defense and we look to continue doing the things that have always taken place. We are still running a 4-4 defense with the emphasis on running to the ball, pursuing the ball carrier and making the tackle," said Jones.

Jones likes what he sees with the 2015 defense, but admits the Syrupmakers still have a long way to go to replace the seniors that graduated last year.

"We have some key positions returning but, overall, we are working on making the transition with a new group of starters in different places on the field. We have several sophomores that will have to step up in varsity roles, so the idea is to keep the plan rather simple early on and, as we progress through the season, make things a little more complex," said Jones.

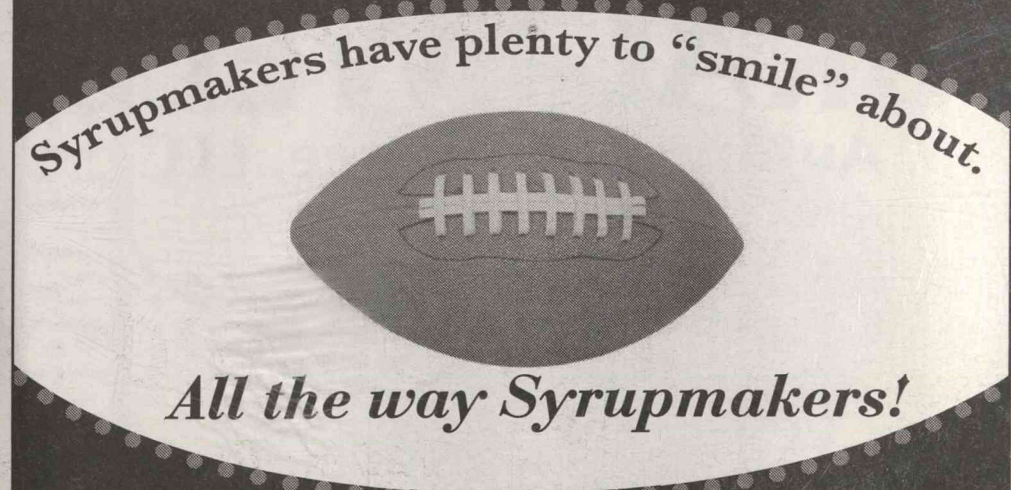
The Syrupmakers graduated two all-region linebackers and an all-region defensive tackle, and just about the entire secondary. "Everybody's working hard and learning their responsibilities, I have been pleased with their overall effort," said Jones.

The names may change from year to year to year, but the expectations remain the same. Look for the Syrupmaker defense to make a big impact once again this season.

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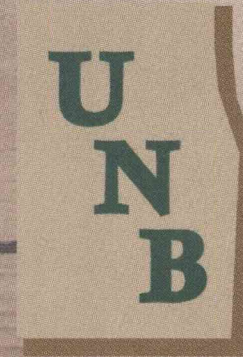
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Parents:
Sharon Mallard
Plans for the future
Play college football



Edward Morris

Jersey # 9
Position:
Linebacker
Parents:
Edward Morris Sr. and
Pamela Perkins
Plans for the future
Go to college and major in Business



Dillan Gilliard

Jersey # 14
Position:
Fullback/Quarterback
Parents:
Greg & Judy Gilliard
Plans for the future
Business Management



★ Senior Spotlight ★



Clifford Bell

Jersey # 18
Position:
Wide Receiver
Parents:
Shalonda Bell, Shaunta Dismuke
Plans for the future
Wherever God leads me



Quintiar'ious Stinson

Jersey #:19
Position:
Defensive End
Parents:
Tyrone King
Plans for the future
Play football in college



Parker Duncan

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Parents:
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Plans for the future
Join the Navy



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Jersey # 33
Position:
Defensive Line/Fullback
Parents:
Tony Wynn & Carolyn Thompson
Plans for the future
To continue to be the best I can be in life



Hunter Faireloth

Jersey # 35
Position:
Outside Linebacker
Parents:
Chad & Brandi Faireloth
Plans for the future
Mechanical Engineering

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Jeremy Draggs

Jersey # 39
Position:
Defensive End
Parents:
Lorenzo Draggs
Plans for the future
Whatever God has planned for me



Koby Pyrzs

Jersey # 50
Position:
Center/Long Snapper
Parents:
Drew & Shanda Pyrzs
Plans for the future
Pre-Med



Jerome Mollins

Jersey # 55
Position:
Offensive Tackle
Parents:
Jerome Mollins Sr./Ventrisha Mollins
Plans for the future
Georgia State University

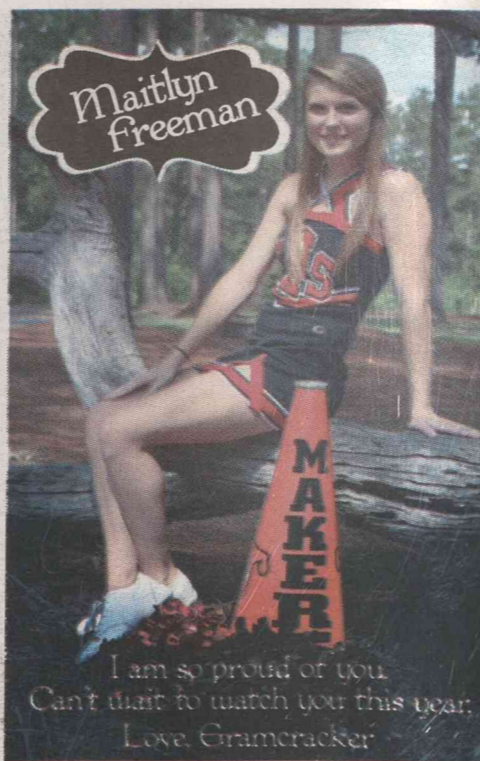


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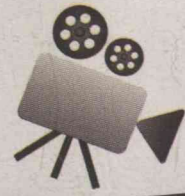
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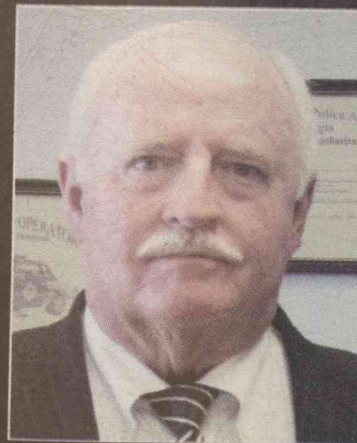
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College



Tymothy Monroe

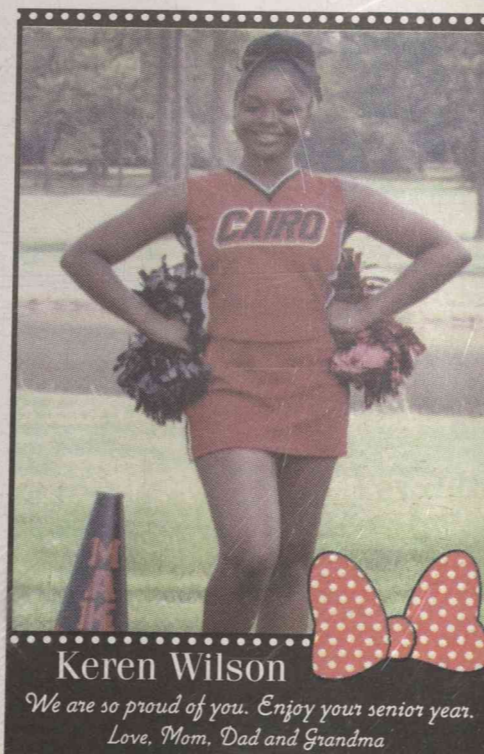
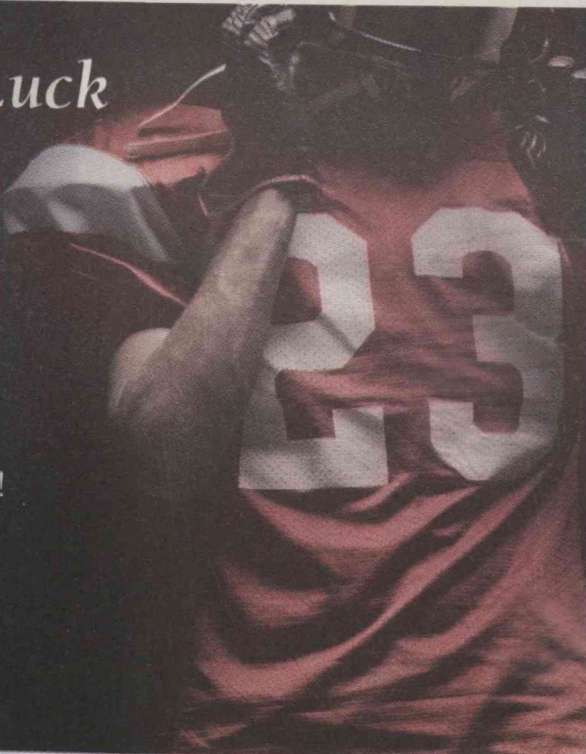
Jersey # 84
Position: Wide Receiver/Cornerback
Parents:
Yolanda Bell
Plans for the future
Play College ball
College

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- Herschel Walker



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- Vince Lombardi



If you can believe it, the mind can achieve it.

- Ronnie Lott

Loyal Syrupmaker chain gang is back for another season

A typical football Friday night involves many people and a variety of contributions from band concession volunteers, pressbox workers, workers with the band, majorettes, cheerleaders, ticket workers, ushers and more.

One group of volunteers has been steady on the job for well over 20 years. The loyal volunteers that man the sideline chains at every home football game are a big part of the Syrupmaker Football Friday night experience. Ricky Powe, Richard Cooper, Chris Taylor and Dusty Moore have seen and heard a lot on the visitor's sideline throughout the years as they provided the down and distance.

For the most part, the crew has been together for many years and loves their job on Friday. "Being on the visitor's sideline gives you a pretty interesting insight into the game," said Cooper. Richard Cooper, whose first days on the chain crew date back to Ralph Jones' first year as the head coach, took a little time off to spend time in the stands with his sons, but has made his way back on the field since they are a little older. "I enjoyed being with them in the stands, but they are older now and encouraged me to come back down here, so I'm excited to be back," said Cooper.

The Chain Crew has seen and heard a lot from opposing coaches, players and fans over the years, but all agree they do their best to just do their job and remain quiet. "It's a great job, and every coach and referee crew



CHS "CHAIN GANG" members discuss Red & Black scrimmage game with CHS School Resource Officer Duke Donaldson. Shown are, l-r, Dusty Moore, Chris Taylor, officer Donaldson, Ricky Powe, and Richard Cooper.

is different. Some are pretty nice and talk with us, some don't," said Taylor.

Taylor remembers one particular time when a referee did not take too kindly to his innocent observation. "I just made a quiet observation and he didn't like it too much," said Taylor with a grin. Last year, when the officials lost track of the downs in the West Florida game, the crew tried to help out. "We were telling the refs what the right down was the whole time, and, eventually, they got it

straight," Taylor said.

Of all of the coaches they have been around on the visitor's sideline, Richard Cooper has very fond memories of one coach that has since passed away. "The late John Reynolds (Dougherty County Trojans) was a great guy. He knew how to handle his players and he got a lot out of them. He didn't take anything from them, and those players respected him," said Cooper.

The big games are the most fun, according

to the crew. "Any time we play Central or Thomasville, things can get pretty wild over here, but it's fun" said Cooper.

Cairo is fortunate to have such a dedicated chain crew who take their job so seriously. As another season begins, the crew has already gained some preseason practice, working the "Red and Black" scrimmage and are looking forward to manning chains as another season gets started.

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J.J. Wilcox making an impact in Dallas

Former Syrupmaker begins third season

J.J. Wilcox, a Cairo High School graduate and a two sport athlete at Cairo High School, was drafted by the Dallas Cowboys in the third round of the 2013 NFL Draft. Before moving to safety in his senior year at Georgia Southern, he was actually a wide receiver. Wilcox worked hard and would eventually earn the starting job at free safety with a solid rookie season, recording 38 total tackles in 13 games.

In 2014, Wilcox started all 16 Cowboy games. Amazingly, it was just his third full year playing the safety position. Wilcox finished the season with 74 total tackles, which was fourth most on the Cowboys. Wilcox also had three interceptions, along with five passes defended and a forced fumble.

"I work on everything. I want to get faster, bigger and stronger. For myself, I wanted to work on being a great safety. I'm still pretty

young to the position. I didn't play it until my senior year of college. I'm going into my fourth year playing the position, period. I'm still learning, but my ceiling is high. I'm working on my angles, my backpedals, open field tackles. Sharpen up my tools,"

Wilcox recently told The Dallas Morning News.

Wilcox also made his presence known this off season in a different way. He helped the Cowboys raise \$50,000 for the Salvation

Army by winning the team's annual Home Run Derby.

"It took me back to my old glory days in high school," Wilcox told The Dallas Morning

News. "It was fun to go back and reminisce a little bit," Wilcox added.

The Messenger will provide weekly updates of Wilcox's play with the Cowboys this season.

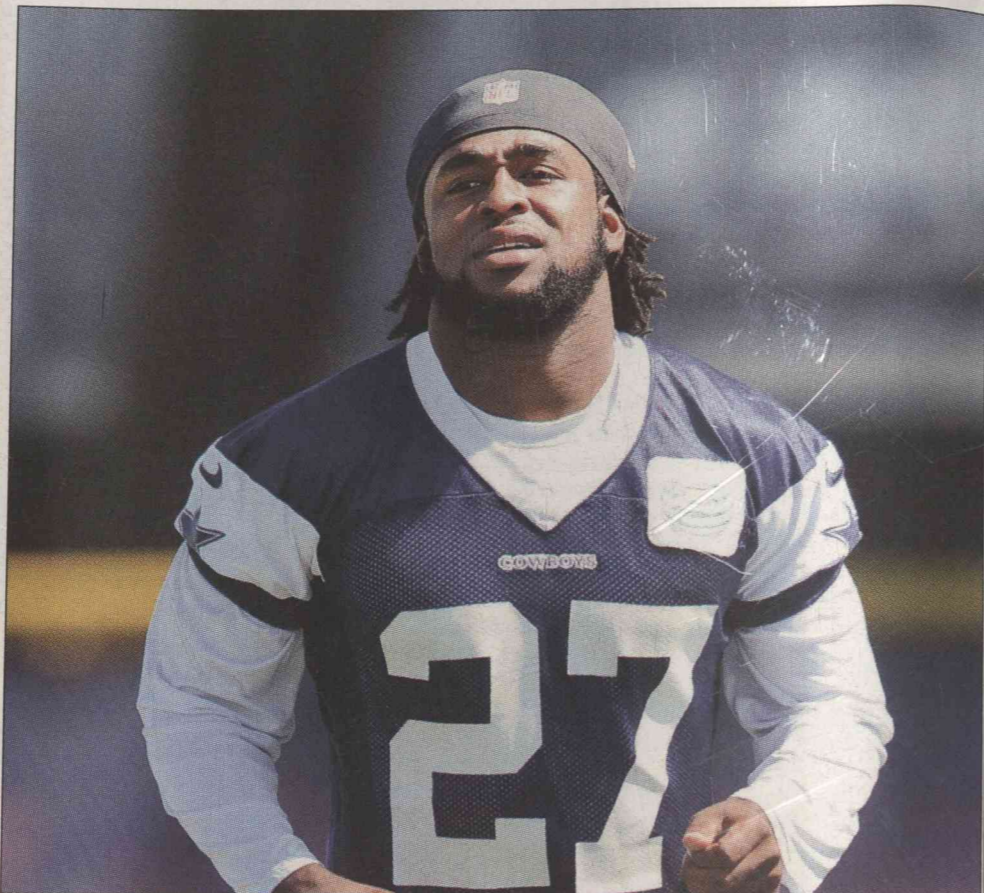


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Syrupmaker offense has new look this football season

Probably one of the most striking differences in the 2015 Syrupmaker football team will be the change in the offense. Under new coach Steve DeVoursney, the offense will be more fast paced, no huddle with different spread formations.

DeVoursney has hired Drew Willis as his offensive coordinator and Willis has installed the system over the summer. "This offense is pretty fast paced, the object is to get players in space and make plays," said Willis.

The change in offense has meant a change in terminology, formations, routes, responsibilities and tempo, but the new OC has liked what he has seen so far. The new offense will feature more passing, but also a mix with the run.

"There is obviously a learning curve with the new offensive philosophy, but I think our guys are making great strides. Initially there has been some adjustment, and there will be throughout the season, but we are catching

on pretty quick I think," Willis said.

Willis is excited about bringing in the new offense to Cairo. "I grew up and played at Worth County, so I know about Cairo. There is great tradition here, the fans love the game and I think we are improving and learning every day and hopefully we can make some things happen on offense," said Willis.

Along with the new offense are several new faces as graduation took away some key players in just about every position on the of-

fense. As the Syrupmakers put in place the new offense, they are looking at a new quarterback, new running backs, new receivers and three new offensive linemen.

As with anything new, there will be a time of learning and adapting, there will be growing pains as well, but with hard work and patience, the results will bring success in 2015.

Georgia High School Association tightens up on pregame activities

Alma Mater to be sung at the end of each game

The Georgia High School Association requires pregame festivities at football games to conclude no later than 10 minutes before kickoff. To fall in line with those requirements, Cairo High School will be trimming down their pregame activities to assure that the school doesn't violate any rules.

The only big change fans will notice is the playing of the Cairo High School Alma Mater,

traditionally done during the pregame, but will now be moved to the end of the game.

New head football coach Steve DeVoursney and new CHS Director of Bands John Scanling got together over the summer to discuss different things the team and the band can do together for the upcoming football season. One of those things will be the Alma Mater.

At the conclusion of every game, the football team will join the band for the playing of the Alma Mater as a show of support and school spirit. "We want to show the band how much we appreciate the work they do. Since we don't get to see the pregame or the halftime shows, we thought this would be a

good way to bring the two groups together," said DeVoursney.

"Since we will now be playing the Alma Mater at the end of each game, we decided that would be one thing we could move to assure we are within the GHSA pregame guidelines and cut some time," said Scanling.

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Quarterbacks adjust to new system and offense

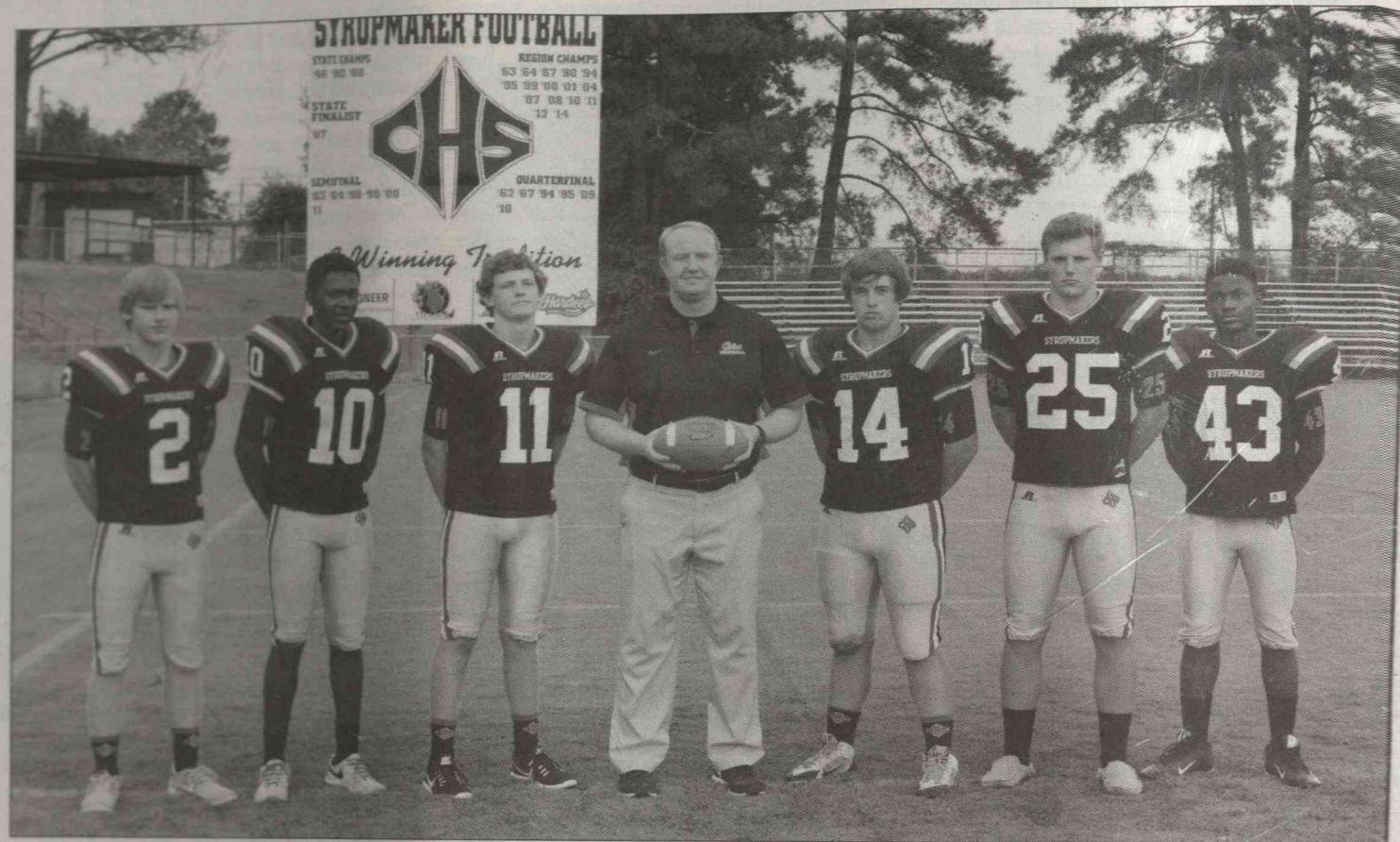
Last year, after a rash of injuries, the Syrupmakers found themselves playing their third string quarterback and still won the region championship to make it to the playoffs. This year, the position gets a fresh start in a new offense. "We have a couple of guys competing right now for the position in John Owens and Austin Shattles, both are working hard and have many of the qualities we are looking for at quarterback in this system," said offensive coordinator and quarterback coach Drew Willis.

According to Willis, both do a good job of taking care of the ball and managing the new offense, and both have the ability to make plays.

In the new spread offense, the Syrupmaker quarterback is called on to make decisions quickly, but with a very detailed system of checks and order. "Our quarterbacks have been working hard all summer to learn the new offense and get ready for the start of the season," said Willis.

Dillan Gilliard may also see some time at quarterback in certain situations, and Jackson Hand and Matthew Johnson are also working at the quarterback position as well.

As last year proved, you never know when your number might be called, so all of the quarterbacks are working hard to get themselves in a position to answer the call if needed.



QUARTERBACKS: l-r: Austin Shattles, Tahj Vicks, John Michael Owens, Coach Drew Willis, Dillan Gilliard, Jackson Hand and Matthew Johnson.

Offensive linemen are pushing each other daily

The Cairo Syrupmaker offensive linemen are pushing each other daily to improve as they learn a new system with a new coach. Under new head coach Steve DeVoursney, Greg Boyce has moved from quarterback coach to offensive line coach.

"They have really worked hard, in fact, they are doing a great job pushing each other to get better every day," said Boyce.

The line is anchored by returning starters Koby Pyrz and Tony Smith. Pyrz is the starting center and a senior, while Smith is a returning guard and a junior. Patrick Preston is the other guard who played a good bit last season and at the tackles are Khalil Frazier, a junior, and Dalton Newmons, a sophomore. Other linemen include senior Jerome Mollins, junior Hayden Wynn, and sophomores Riley Maynard, Micah Donaldson, Cooper Bass, Gabe Strickland, Jackson Reagan, Barrett Hester, Noah Key, Juan Jimenez and Malik Hayward. Freshmen linemen are Austin Asbell, Ethan Pickle and Nicholas Trull.

"With the change in the offensive style, new coaches and new terminology, I think our guys are doing a great job trying to put all the pieces together and get the job done," said Boyce.

These guys fight it out in the trenches every week and seldom get a lot of recognition, but all of them know the importance of their duties and making things happen up front every play.



OFFENSIVE LINEMEN: front row, l-r: Noah Key, Nicholas Trull, Barrett Hester, Gabe Strickland, Cooper Bass, Hayden Wynn, Austin Asbell, Juan Jimenez, Jackson Reagan and Malik Hayward; back row, Riley Maynard, Dalton Newmons, Tony Smith, Koby Pyrz, Coach Greg Boyce, Patrick Preston, Jerome Mollins, Khalil Frazier, Micah Donaldson and Ethan Pickle.

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New running backs set for the 2015 season

Two familiar names in the Syrupmaker offensive backfield graduated last year. Jeremiah Hill and Marcus Gaines, both all-region players, have moved on to college and with that comes a new set of names and faces with the responsibility to carry the ball on Friday nights.

Running backs coach Tommy York says this year's group is relatively new, but will be typical Cairo backs. "We have a couple of backs with speed and a couple that will bring power to the lineup, typical Cairo running backs," said York.

According to York, DeShawn Walker is one of those typical backs, small in stature but loaded with speed. Randolph Scott is another speedy back that will see playing time along with more powerful backs like Malik Taylor, Jaquez Ash and Ventabione Hubbard. Jamarcus Vicks, Jaquez James and Quay Edwards will also see time at running back.

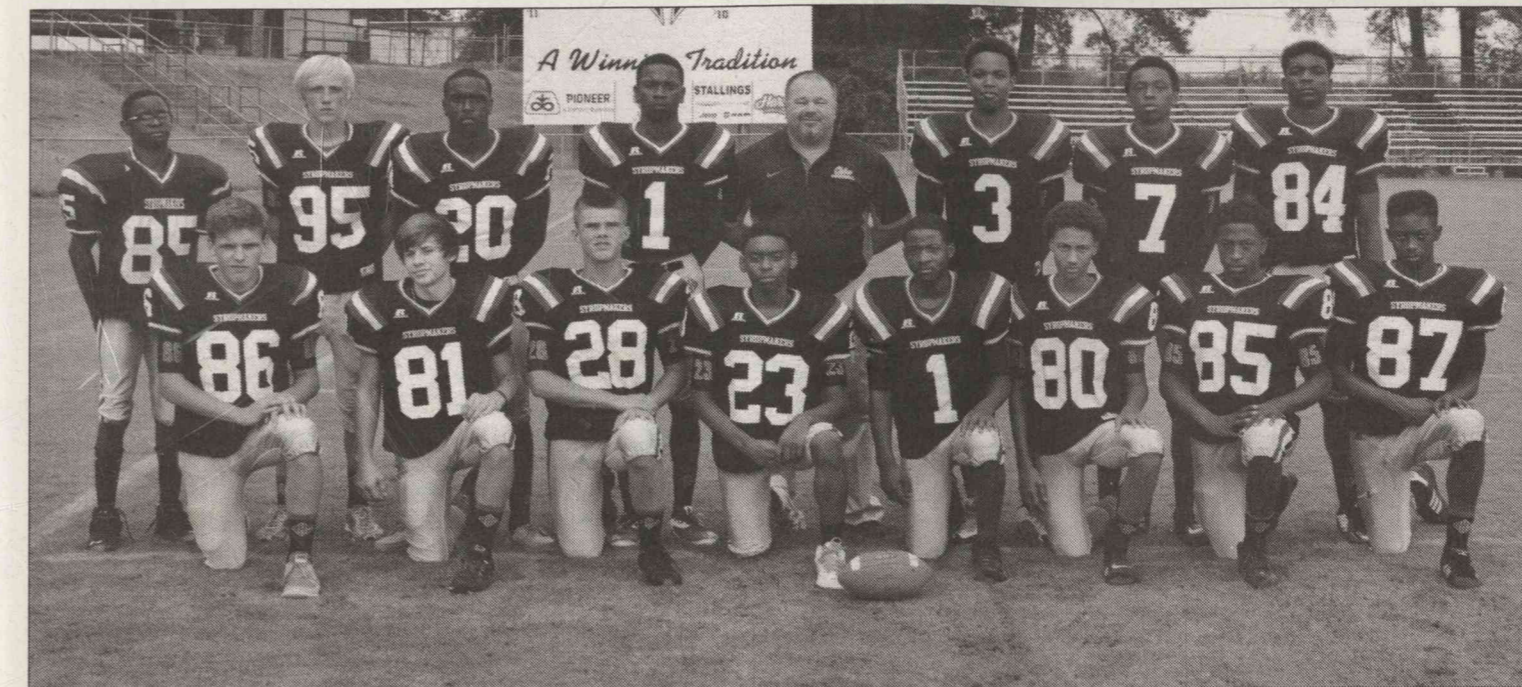
Other backs that will see playing time include Dillan Gilliard, Zacharius Anderson, D. J. James and Matt Cromer. "In the new system, the fullbacks could line up in the backfield in our "Heavy H" package, or they could line up at receiver and run routes. These guys will be called on to block, run the ball at times and run some pass routes as well," said York.

The success of the pass and the run feed off each other. Look for these backs to play a big part in the new Syrupmaker offense.



RUNNING BACKS: front row, l-r: DeShawn Walker, Jaquez James, Ventabione Hubbard, Jamarcus Vicks, Quay Edwards and Zacharius Anderson; back row, Randolph Scott, Matt Cromer, Dillan Gilliard, Coach Tommy York, Malik Taylor, Jaquez Ash and D.J. James.

Young receivers will get plenty of work



X&Z RECEIVERS: front row, l-r: Luke Bauldree, Parker Ellis, Slade Baggett, Cameron Goosby, Jaheem Hampton, Eric King, Shelwin McCree and Leon Reese; back row: Zachery Harrell, Ronnie Allen, Clarence Williams, D.J. Donaldson, Coach Kevin Elliott, Jaylon Jones, Jamel Chin and Tymothy Monroe.

This season fans will get a look at a Syrupmaker offense like never before as the Syrupmakers move to a fast paced, spread type offense that will still count on the run, but center heavily around the pass. The Syrupmaker receivers will be counted on to move the offense.

Cairo has two sets of receivers that have different responsibilities, the "H & Y" receivers, coached by Mike Owens and the "X & Z" receivers coached by Kevin Elliott.

Owens will be counting on Jaquez Oliver and Jaykevan Cooper at the "H" position, and Matt Cromer and Clifford Bell at the "Y" position. Also, look for Jamal Thomas and Walter Grant to come over from the defense to play some in the "H & Y" spots. Tahj Vicks, Jaylon Jones and D. J. Donaldson will also line up at times in the "H & Y" receiver positions.

"We are young at receiver and they are learning a new offense. They work hard every day to get better though, and are picking up the new system well," said coach Owens.

Coach Kevin Elliott is coaching the "X & Z" receivers in the new Syrupmaker offense. "Our group of receivers are young as well. They are working hard to learn the new system and with more reps will continue to improve," said Elliott. Jaylon Jones and D.J. Donaldson will start at the "X & Z" receiver positions and both have good hands and speed after the catch. Tymothy Monroe, a senior, will also see time at receiver along with freshman Cameron Goosby.

As the season moves along, look for these young players to adapt to the new system and get better each week.



H&Y RECEIVERS: front row, l-r: Branden Brown, Dillan Gilliard, Jaykevan Cooper, Jamal Thomas, Tahj Vicks, Mason Sanchez, Xavier Duncan and Curtis Washington; back row, l-r: Coach Mike Owens, Jaquez Oliver, Matt Cromer, Clifford Bell, Todd Brown, Walter Grant, Ricky Harrison and Coach Brandon Robinson.

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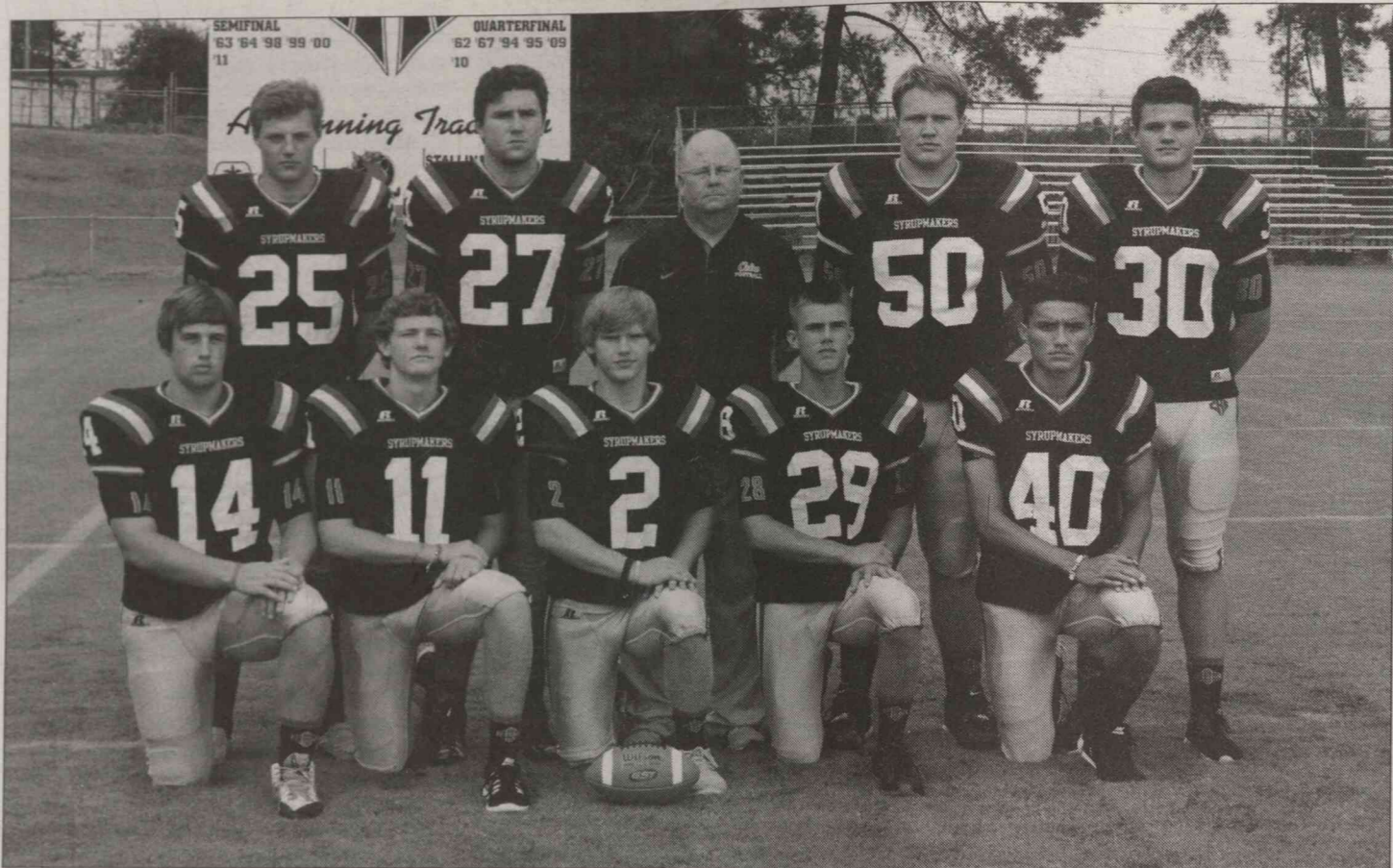
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SPECIAL TEAMS: front row, l-r: Dillan Gilliard, John Michael Owens, Austin Shattles, Slade Baggett and Aldair Cortes; back row: Jackson Hand, Parker Duncan, Coach Tommy York, Koby Pyrzs and Cole Phillips.

Last year at this time, the Syrupmakers had a lot of questions and were looking for some answers on special teams with no returning starters at any position in 2014. This season is a different story as Cairo returns all of their kickers and punters, and their long snapper.

"It's a different story this year. We feel a lot better going into the season with some experience. We return our kickers and punters and our long snapper who all had a very good season last year," said Special teams coach Tommy York.

Returning for Cairo is Aldair Cortes whose first year in football was quite impressive as he handled all the kickoffs, field goals and extra points. Also returning is Cole Phillips who stepped in for the first time during the region championship game at Worth County when Cortes could not be at the game. Phillips, in his first ever start at kicker, made three goals and kept the Rams deep on kickoffs.

"Both of those guys have strong legs and we look for them to do a great job for us this season," said York.

Parker Duncan and Austin Shattles will both be back at punter along with Jackson Hand and John Owens. "Parker stepped in to punt in the playoffs last year and his first punt ever was from the back of the end zone and he did a great job. Austin has a strong leg and before he was injured late in the season last year handled all of our punting duties," said York.

Shattles, Owens and Phillips will also be holders on field goals and extra points this season. Senior Koby Pyrzs, who had a great summer at several different snapping camps, returns as the Syrupmaker long snapper.



DEFENSIVE LINE: front row, l-r: Ced'Tavius Williams, JaKeyvan Jones, James Smith, Aaron Atkins, Reginald Jackson, Travis Anderson and MaKaylah Gurley; back row: Coach David Johnson, Ty Green, Quan Sherman, Jeremiah Gordon, Quintiar'ious Stinson, Antonio Wynn, Caleb Cooper and Coach Pete Corker.

Coaches have high expectations for the defensive line

Defensive line coach David Johnson is excited about his group of defensive linemen as they prepare for the 2015 season. "We have some experience coming back in Jeremiah Gordon and Quintiar'ious Stinson, who moved over from defensive end, and senior Antonio Wynn, who is coming back from an injury," said Johnson.

Johnson says he has very high expectations for Gordon. "He started 11 games for us

last year as a sophomore and gained a lot of experience. I'm looking for him to make a big impact for us on the line," said Johnson. Antonio Wynn played some last season and, according to Johnson, Wynn is one of those typical defensive linemen. "Antonio is one of those little, but fast guys we like on the line. He has the chance to make some big plays for us," said Johnson.

Stinson, who played a good bit last year at

defensive end, has made a smooth transition to the defensive line and will provide some depth at the position. "Caleb Cooper has been a pleasant surprise and Ty Green has been very solid, too, along with MaKaylah Gurley, who is learning the position and is very athletic," Johnson said of his back up players.

Freshmen JaKeyvan Jones, Aaron Atkins, James Smith and Ced'Tavius Williams have

been working hard as well, and will be counted on in the future.

With the Syrupmaker defense replacing so many starters from last season, the performance of the defensive line will be an important part of the success of the 2015 defense as a whole.

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Defensive ends need to be playmakers on the field



DEFENSIVE ENDS: I-r: Okendrick Bryant, Todd Brown, Daniel King, Jeremy Dragg, Coach David Coleman, Malik Taylor, Matt Cromer, Jahsearii Patterson and Shafford Gordon.

Cairo defensive ends coach David Coleman has one word to describe the task set before the Syrupmaker defensive ends heading into the 2015 football season. "Playmak-

ers, they need be playmakers out there," said Coleman.

Coleman has only one returning starter from last year, Malik Taylor. Taylor made a

big impact in his first year at the position last season and was, in fact, an all-region pick at the position.

Coleman also looks for Todd Brown and

Jahsearii Patterson to make large contributions this season as well.

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This year's linebackers have big shoes to fill



INSIDE & OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS: front row, l-r: Jacquez Oliver, Telly Fortner, Nicholas Smith, Tony Herring, Jarmarcus Vicks, Quay Edwards, Jaquez James, Leon Reese, Camerun Jones and Walter Grant; back row: Coach Jody Allen, Jahsari Patterson, Zacharius Anderson, Randolph Scott, Hunter Faircloth, Edward Morris, Randy Mayo, D.J. James, Aric Holmes, Tavares Hart and Coach Stacy Masten.

With the graduation of all-region linebackers Marcus Gaines and Jeremiah Hill and seniors Johntavion Jones, Quintarius McNeil Greene and Stacy Masten, the Syrupmaker defense is looking to fill some big shoes this season all over the field. Coach Jody Allen, who is making the move from secondary coach to linebacker coach this

season, is looking for his players to step up and fill some of those shoes. Allen, along with coach Stacy Masten, have the outside and inside linebackers this season, and Allen says he has been impressed with the group so far.

"They have some big shoes to fill, but their attitude is great, their effort has been incred-

ible, and now it's their turn to step up," says Allen.

Stepping in to fill the outside and inside linebacker spots are Walter Grant, a junior who sat out most of last season with a broken jaw, and other juniors, D.J. James, Jahsari Patterson and Zacharius Anderson with one lone senior, Ed Morris.

"Of course our responsibility is to play the run first, and pass second, our outside linebackers work on containment and our inside linebackers set their eyes on the inside run and anything else inside," said Allen.

Their time has come, so look for these guys to grow up in a hurry and make a difference on defense for Syrupmakers.

Good luck this football season.

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Regan Howell

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2015 Cairo High School Syrupmakers

Defensive secondary expected to step up this year



DEFENSIVE BACKS: front row, l-r: Keon Bogan, Johnny Doyle, Jamel Chin, Jamal Thomas, D'Kaylon Prophet, Tahj Vicks, Anthony James, Jerrell Hardy and Sharod Rishad; back row, l-r: Tavares Hart, Marqueece Jackson, Tymothy Monroe, Coach Jonathan Ross, Coach Daryl Jones, Malik Calloway, DeKimyn Jones and Malik Thomas.

The Syrupmaker defensive secondary was hit hard by graduation last year. In fact, the Syrupmakers lost just about everyone on the field in the defensive secondary.

The lone starter returning for the Syrupmakers is a good one though, Jamel Thomas. Thomas has speed, ability and game experience and coach Daryl Jones says those char-

acteristics will be a big plus in the secondary as other players step in and learn their roles.

In addition to Thomas, Jones and Jamarcus Vicks, D'Kaylon Prophet, Marqueece Jack-

son, Jamel Chin and Malik Calloway who will all be counted on to step up and make plays on Friday nights.

Mary Catherine Branch

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WMS Tigers 8th grade team has new coach

The Washington Middle School 8th grade Tiger football team has a new coach. CHS Athletic Director Tom Fallaw has hired veteran coach Jeff Caldwell to head the 8th grade team.

"Coach Caldwell has 28 years of head coaching experience in quality programs like Camden County and, most recently, Westover. We are very excited to have him working in our middle school program," said Fallaw.

Caldwell was an assistant at Colquitt County before coming to Washington Middle School this year. The 8th grade Tiger's former coach, Zack Wilson, is now an assistant principal at Washington Middle School.

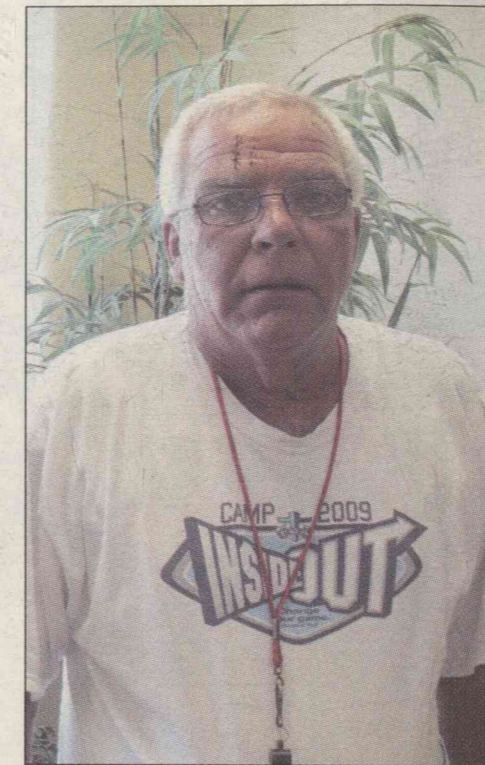
The 7th grade Tiger football team will once again be coached by Don Hancock, who led his team to the 7th grade championship last season. Hancock has been a part of high school state championship teams at Thomasville, Cairo and Bainbridge.

The 7th grade teams play their home games at West Thomas Stadium on Wednesdays and the 8th grade team plays their home games there on Thursday afternoon.

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Jeff Caldwell

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September 3	Thomasville	Away	5 p.m.
September 10	Central	Home	5 p.m.
September 17	Bainbridge	Away	5 p.m.
September 24	Thomasville	Home	5 p.m.
October 1	Central	Away	5 p.m.
October 15	Bainbridge	Home	5 p.m.

7th Grade

August 26	Thomasville	Home	5 p.m.
September 9	Central	Away	5 p.m.
September 16	Bainbridge	Home	5 p.m.
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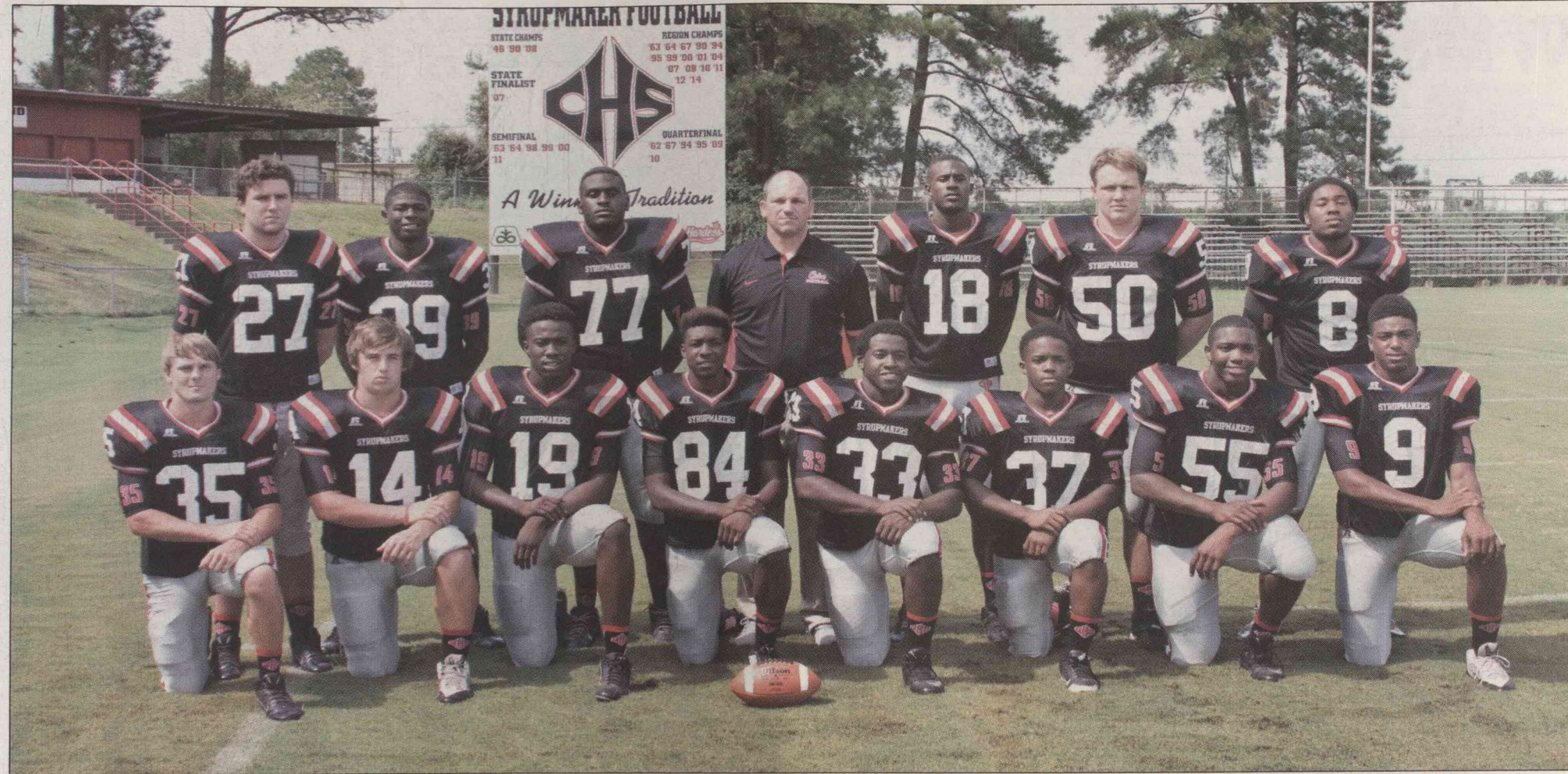
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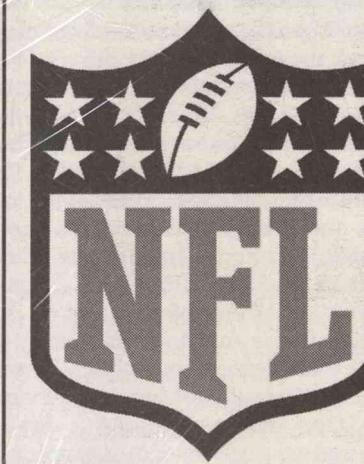
SENIOR SYRUPMAKERS: front row, l-r: Hunter Faircloth, Dillan Gilliard, Quintiarious Stinson, Timothy Monroe, Antonio Wynn, Marquese Jackson, Jerome Mollins and Edward Morris; back row: Parker Duncan, Jeremy Drags, Patrick Preston, Coach Steve DeVoursney, Clifford Bell, Koby Pyrz and Malik Taylor.

Former Syrupmakers playing college football

Cairo High School takes great pride in the number of former Syrupmakers continuing their education and continuing their athletic careers at the college level. Some of those former Syrupmakers include: P.J. Davis, a junior at Georgia Tech, Steven Bench, who will be a senior at the University of South Florida, T.J. Gurley, a senior at the University of South Carolina, Brian Walker, who enters his junior year at Fort Valley State and is a preseason All Conference selection, Anthony Mosely, a senior at Southern University, and Reese Wooten, a sophomore at Marshall. The Messenger will feature weekly updates of their games and performances throughout the football season.

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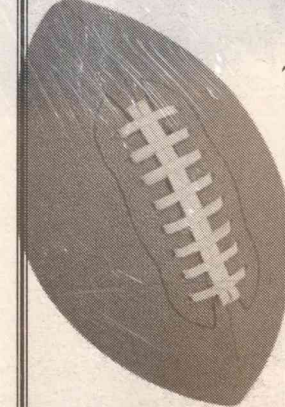


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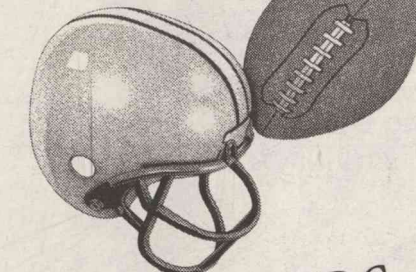
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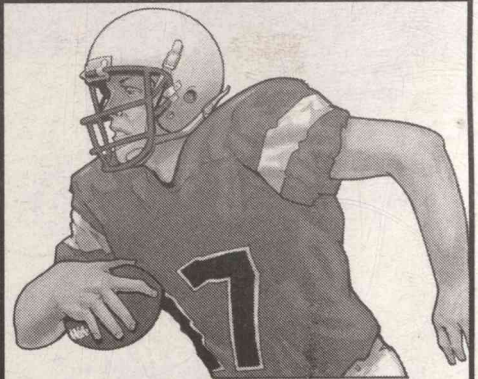
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2014 Syrupmaker football season in review

Syrupmakers bite Bulldogs

The Syrupmakers opened the 2014 season with a big win over their rival, the Thomasville Bulldogs 14-0, to bring the Syrup Pitcher back home to Cairo. The Syrupmakers have won the classic rival game nine out of the last ten years. "We had a lot of kids that were unblockable tonight and gave a great effort. There were a lot of red hats flying around tonight, it was good to see that speed out there," said Cairo coach Tom Fallaw.

Before the game, a special ceremony was held at midfield to officially name the football field after retired CHS principal Wayne Tootle. Tootle and his family, along with several former coaches, Grady County Superintendent Lee Bailey, and region and GHSA representatives were on hand for the presentation. The Grady County Board of Education approved the measure at their August Board Meeting. The official name of the facility is now "Wayne Tootle Field at West Thomas Stadium."

Syrupmakers down Bearcats

The Cairo Syrupmakers are probably the biggest rival on the Bainbridge Bearcats schedule. This year's game came right down to the wire as the Maker defense rose to the occasion in the final minutes to turn back the Bearcats and get out of Bainbridge with a 13-7 win in a nonregion contest

and their second win over another rival team. "We did another good job defensively. Bainbridge always brings their best game, they are well coached and will battle you right to the end, like they do every year," said Cairo coach Tom Fallaw.

West Florida hands Cairo first loss

"We knew they were good, they draw from the whole city of Pensacola, which is loaded with great athletes. Last year, they graduated 11 Division One athletes and obviously have a few on this team as well," said Cairo coach Tom Fallaw. West Florida was just as good in person as they were on film, handing the Syrupmakers their first loss of the year, 19-7. Not only did the Makers lose the game, but Cairo also lost starting quarterback Stacy Masten to injury on the first series of the game and called on 3rd string back up quarterback Chad Marshall to lead the offense the rest of the game and, as it would turn out, for the rest of the 2014 season.

Cairo slips by Westover in O.T.

The Cairo Syrupmakers went to Albany coming off their first loss of 2014 and the loss of their starting quarterback. Head coach Tom Fallaw talked to his team about overcoming adversity and the importance of staying the course and fighting through

it. Obviously, the Syrupmakers listened to their coach as they kept battling Westover, holding on for a win in overtime 20-19. "We talked about the importance of overcoming adversity, those things are going to happen in a season, even throughout a game, and it is important to keep fighting and work through the tough times. I thought we did that," said Fallaw.

Syrupmakers whip Worth

Cairo head football coach Tom Fallaw wanted to see his offense have a good night against the Worth County Rams and he saw them put up 29 points with 289 yards on the night, beating Worth County in a region cross-over game 29-6 at Wayne Tootle Field at West Thomas Stadium.

Defensively, the Syrupmakers shut down the Ram Wing-T attack in the first half, allowing the visitors just 2 first half first downs, 42 yards on the ground and just one pass for 4 yards. Cairo would meet the Rams again later in the season, this time for the region 1-AAAA title.

Cairo shuts out Crisp County

The Cairo Syrupmakers shut out the Crisp County Cougars 31-0 to pick up a very important subregion win. The Syrupmaker offense gained 376 yards, while the Maker defense held the Cougars to just 48 yards. With two turnovers inside the Cougar 10, the

scoring total could have been even higher. "It was nice to come out here and play well, we are getting better each week, and that's what we look for this time of the year," said Cairo coach Tom Fallaw. Cairo's Johntavis Johnson had the best night of his career as a Syrupmaker, rushing for 122 yards on 16 carries. Cairo's defense continued their dominance of their opponent's offenses, allowing the Cougars just 31 yards through the air and a negative four yards on the ground in the first half.

Syrupmakers swat Yellow Jackets

From the opening series to the final plays of the game, the Cairo - TCCHS game had all the excitement that comes with two big rivals going toe to toe. Mix in the fact that this year's game would also have region implications and the game gets even bigger. The Cairo Syrupmakers snapped a three-year losing streak and brought the Barnett's Creek Waterbucket back home, beating the Yellow Jackets 36-13, and they did it with a fierce, hard-hitting attack on defense, and an opportunistic offense that took advantage of everything their defense gave them. "It was a good game. We had a lot breaks that went our way. Our defense created a lot of turnovers and gave us a lot of opportunities," said Cairo head coach Tom Fallaw. "We got a lot of pressure. We hit, and did a great job of

taking down the quarterback. They got us a couple of times on the pitch and that is going to happen, you miss a tackle and they can go the distance, but if you keep doing your job, you can create turnovers," Fallaw added. Cairo's record improved to 6-1 and 2-0 in the region, with another win over another rival. TCCHS drops to 5-2 and 2-1 in the region.

Monroe trips up Cairo

After their big win over the TCCHS Yellow Jackets, the Syrupmakers were looking at a Thursday night game with Monroe. A win over the Tornados would give the Syrupmakers a first place finish in the Region 1-AAAA "A" and a chance to play for the region championship in game 10 of the season against Worth County. However, the Tornados put a kink in those plans with 21-14 win over the Syrupmakers to force a three-way tie in the subregion with Cairo, Monroe and TCCHS. "We can't worry about the different playoff scenarios right now, we need to concentrate on beating Albany Friday night. "We came off a very emotional high last week in our game with Central, and they just beat us," said Cairo coach Tom Fallaw.

Syrupmakers top Albany

After a slow start on Homecoming, the Syrupmakers picked up the pace in the second half and beat the Albany High Indians 28-6 to finish first in Subregion "A" and will now face Worth County for the Region 1-AAAA championship this Friday night. Along with a busy week of Homecoming last week, Cairo High School also honored their senior

football players, band members, cheerleaders, ROTC members and Syrup Boys during a special pregame ceremony prior to Friday night's kickoff. Cairo would then face a much improved Worth County team for the region championship. TCCHS played Bainbridge and Crisp County played Westover, the winners would be third and fourth in the region and the losers' will not make the state AAAA playoffs this season.

REGION CHAMPS!!

Syrupmakers hold off Worth County 27-20 The Cairo Syrupmakers beat Worth County for the second time this season to bring the Region 1-AAAA Championship back to Cairo. The Syrupmakers beat the Rams 27-20 as they cooled off the streaking Rams who had won five straight since the Syrupmakers beat them Sept. 26. The Syrupmakers have now won seven region titles under Coach Tom Fallaw and 16 region championships overall. However, the story of the night would be Cairo's special teams and two field goals of 29 and 26 yards by sophomore Cole Phillips. Phillips didn't even find out he would be playing in the region championship game until about 9 Friday morning. "You've really got to give Cole all the credit in the world. He had no idea he would be kicking until this morning and for him to come out and do what he did and make those kicks, that was difference for us tonight. He deserves the game ball," Fallaw said.

Syrupmakers ground Warhawks

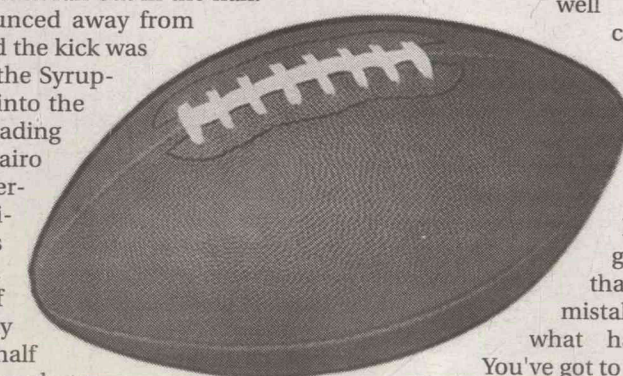
The Cairo High School Syrupmakers advanced to round two of the state AAAA playoffs with a 24-7 win over the Veterans Warhawks at Wayne Tootle Field at West Thomas Stadium. The Syrupmakers improved to 9-2 on the season. Just before the half, things got a little crazy as the officiating crew lost count of the downs, taking away a third down from the Syrupmakers and forcing them to try a long field goal on fourth down as the clock ran out in the half. The snap bounced away from the holder and the kick was no good and the Syrupmakers went into the locker room leading 10-0. Cairo quickly overcame the official's gaffe as Jeremiah Hill took a handoff on the first play of the second half and went 61 yards to give the Syrupmakers a 17-0 lead after Cortes' second extra point of the night. That lead would be short-lived, however, as the Warhawks took the ensuing kickoff and returned it 94 yards for their only score of the night, cutting the Syrupmaker lead to 17-7.

Titans stop Syrupmakers

The Cairo High School Syrupmakers saw

their 2014 season come to an end in the second round of the state AAAA playoffs as the North Oconee Titans edged the Syrupmakers 14-7. "It was a battle tonight, they made some big plays, and we made some big plays, but we missed some, too, and you have to give them the credit, they executed theirs and we missed some of ours," said Cairo head coach Tom Fallaw.

"I'm proud of our kids' effort, I was pleased with our preparation that our defense had. I thought our defensive coaches did an outstanding job this year, as



as well as our offensive coaches in getting our kids ready each week. We competed tonight. We made some mistakes, and that happens in big games, the team that makes the fewest mistakes wins and that's what happened tonight.

You've got to give North Oconee all the credit, the better team won tonight, and we just didn't get it done," said Fallaw.

Cairo finished the season with a 9-3 record and as the region 1-AAAA Champions.

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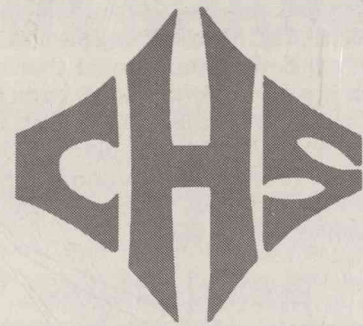
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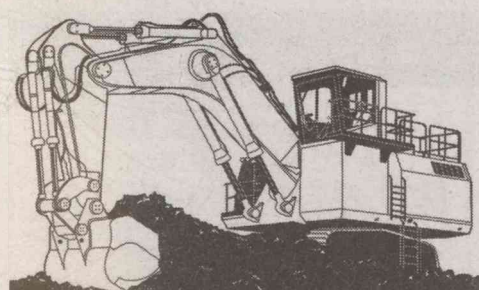
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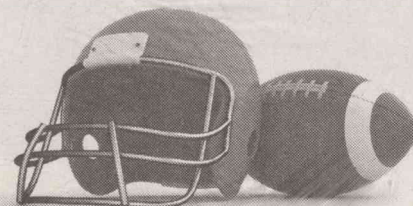


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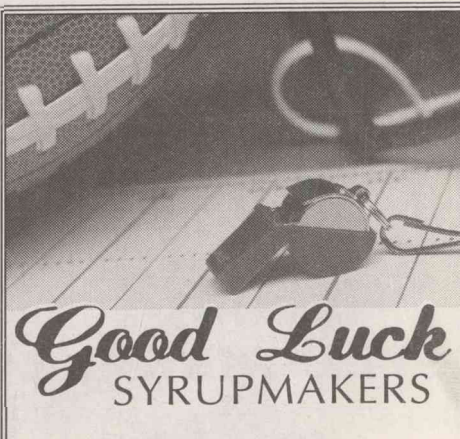
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Crisp County

Cairo High School FCA meets every Thursday

The Cairo High School FCA is one of the largest clubs on campus, and is again being sponsored by CHS teacher Whitney Brown.

"We will be meeting every Thursday morning in the old gym as usual. One of our plans this year is to focus on a different sports team each month and minister to the members and coaches of those teams, but we are not

just for athletes, the FCA is open to all of our students," said Brown.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is the largest Christian campus ministry in the world. It is on more campuses than the next three largest campus ministries combined.

The club meets in the old gym because its location is close to the school. One of the

goals of the club is to train young people to be witnesses for Christ.

"We are a non-denominational group that is open to everyone, we just want to help teach our kids to tell others about Christ. Some can do it by example, by telling others, or just getting their friends to follow them to the meeting on Thursdays," Brown said.

Whitney Brown also invites youth pastors to attend the weekly meeting. "It's a great opportunity for the area youth pastors to get to be with their kids," said Brown.

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It's easy to keep up with Syrupmaker football

The Cairo Messenger has followed the Syrupmakers since the very first games more than 90 years ago. The Messenger keeps its readers updated with stories, features and pictures every week. The hometown fans can also tune into WGRA, and CNS cable for full Syrupmaker football coverage. Social Media also highlights the Syrupmakers with fan pages on Facebook and Twitter.

The Cairo Messenger always features a complete wrap up of the previous week's game with a game story and photos, complete stats plus Players of the Week and special features about athletes, band members, cheerleaders and more. In addition to a complete wrap up of the week's game, readers can also get a preview and scouting report of the next week's opponent.

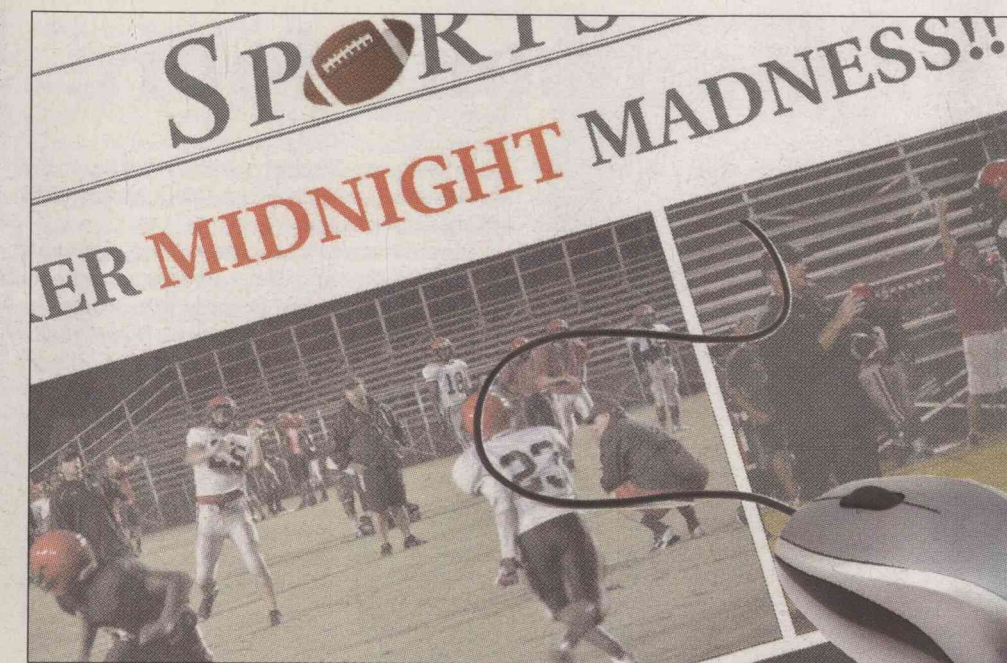
You can also catch all the Syrupmaker action "Live" on WGRA radio. The local radio station, found at 790 AM, has been covering the Syrupmakers for well over 40 years. Michael Best is entering his 34th year of radio play by play for the Syrupmakers and is joined by his longtime partner, HS social studies teacher Blair Dickinson. WGRA features a pregame show with Michael Best at 6:30 p.m. on game nights with in-depth features on the Syrupmakers, a look at scores from around the state, a preview of statewide games each week, interviews and features plus "Coaches Corner" with head Syrupmaker coach Steve Devoursney before kick-off each week.

The game can be heard "live" on WGRA on

game nights and also on the Internet world wide. The Internet broadcast can be accessed through wgra.net. With the Internet capabilities, fans from all over the world can tune in on Friday nights on computers and on smartphones and tablets. Listeners from all over the United States have tuned in, in addition to soldiers serving on foreign soils. WGRA has also announced the Internet streaming service will be available to Syrupmaker fans at no charge this season.

CNS cable television provides fans with a look at area high school football each week on their popular high school football show called "The Pressbox" on channel 6. The show features Michael Best, the Voice of the Syrupmakers, Randy Young, the Voice of the Thomas County Central Yellow Jackets, and Jim Rayburn from the Thomasville Bulldogs, plus an update each week on the Colquitt County Packers. Syrupmaker fans in the city of Cairo can watch a tape delayed rebroadcast of each week's game on channel 6. The talk show and football rebroadcast airs on Wednesdays and Thursdays each week.

Social media is another popular way for fans to keep up with Syrupmaker athletics. Facebook and Twitter offer fans realtime football scoring updates and news about Syrupmaker athletics. Just "like" the CHS Syrupmaker Athletics page on Facebook and you can keep up with up to date scores and news on the popular social networking website. You can also follow Michael Best on Twitter as well. Just follow



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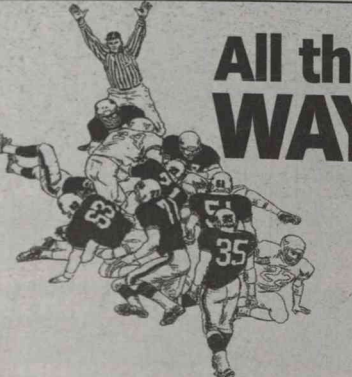

@CairoSyrupmaker for realtime scores from Cairo and other area games, and also catch up on any Syrupmaker news as well. "There are a lot of other news outlets and high schools that follow us on Twitter now, so keeping up with high school football scores during the course of the game is much easier

than ever before. We try to update fans on the radio during the radio broadcast and announce scores over P.A. at the games in the stadium," said Best.

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A dream come true for Madison Moore

When asked each season, most of the young ladies who earn the coveted spot as the Syrup Pitcher mascot will tell you it is the realization of a longtime dream. This year's mascot, Madison Moore is no different.

"Ever since I was little girl, I've dreamed of being the Syrup Pitcher mascot," said Moore about her position this season.

To be the most unusual and most unique high school mascot in the nation takes a lot of skill and practice as the tryout for the spot is the same rigorous try-out a cheerleader has to go through to make the cheer squad at Cairo High School. "I had to do all of the routines, all of the cheers and try out just like a cheerleader," the Cairo High School senior said.

Moore considers the position very "special" and looks forward to being on the sidelines helping lead the Syrupmakers to victory this season. Moore, a cheerleader since the 7th grade, remembers watching a

former Syrup Pitcher mascot, Ansley Lac,y and credits her as being a strong inspiration to try out her senior year.

Moore is already busy this school year with Dual Enrollment college classes and cheer-leading practice, but is ready to see the season get underway. "I am really excited about the football season, I can't wait for the pep rallies and the games and a chance to get the fans excited about Syrupmaker football," said Moore.

Madison plans to attend Valdosta State University after graduation this spring and will be working to obtain an early childhood teaching degree. Madison is the daughter of Michael and Nive Moore.

As for what the fans can look forward to this season from the 2015 Syrup Pitcher mascot, Moore just smiled and winked and said, "I can't reveal all my secrets!"



Syrupmaker band under the baton of new director

When the Cairo High School Syrupmaker Marching Band hits the field Friday night in Thomasville it will be the beginning of a new era in Syrupmaker Band history.

New director John Scanling and his band will make their debut at Veterans Memorial Stadium as the Syrupmakers take on the Thomasville Bulldogs.

The year 2015 will be one that Scanling, 43 will not soon forget. Not only did he change jobs but he and his wife Whitney welcomed a bouncing baby boy to their family in June with the arrival of Cody Frederick Scanling. "Cody" is his Coleman great-grandmother's maiden name. "Frederick" is his paternal grandfather's name.

"Becoming a father has been great! It's also challenging and humbling, but Whitney and I are enjoying spending time with Cody and seeing him grow, even over these short two months. We are looking forward to him attending his first football game this fall," Mr. Scanling says.

The new band director says his students are also looking forward to the first football game. "This year's band is a great group of students. They have high expectations for the Syrupmaker Band and are working hard preparing for the first football game. We are all looking forward to getting in front of an audience."

Working with a band program that has such a rich heritage has been a good experi-

ence, Scanling says. "It's great being a part of a community that wants the best for its kids. Having third-generation members of the Syrupmaker Band speaks highly of the school system's commitment to excellence," he says.

Scanling comes to Cairo from Westover High School in Albany where he served as the band director there for the last 12 years. The new CHS band director said he's known he wanted to be a band director since he was in junior high school.

A native of Columbus, he attended Hardaway High School and in 1989, his senior year, he was a member of the Hardaway High School Symphonic Band when it toured the former Soviet Union under the baton of Georgia Bandmasters Hall of Fame member William J. Pharris.

Scanling was a four-time member of the Georgia All-State Band and a member of the 1989 John Phillip Sousa National Honor Band.

He attended Florida State University, where he was a member of the Symphonic Band, Wind Orchestra and Marching Chiefs. He graduated from FSU in 1994.

Scanling began his teaching career that same year as band director at East Coffee Middle School and percussion instructor at Coffee County High School.

In 1996, he was named band director at Seminole County Middle/High School and

also coached tennis.

"I started playing tennis at a young age. I still play regularly, and am a certified member of the United States Professional Tennis Association. I have coached high school tennis for 18 seasons, accumulating 264 wins, six region titles and, in 2015, my first appearance in the Final Four of the AAAA state playoffs," Scanling said.

It was his love of tennis that led him to leave the classroom for a short time to serve as the assistant tennis professional at Callaway Gardens. Scanling worked at Callaway for five years before returning to the classroom as the interim band director at Harris County High School in the spring of 2003.

In the summer of 2003, he accepted the post of band director at Westover High School and has worked there until now.

Scanling is married to the former Whitney Coleman, daughter of Charlotte and Tommy Coleman of Albany.

Mrs. Scanling also has a music background. She has taught at Live Oak Elementary in Albany since the school opened in 2007. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees in vocal performance from Mercer University.

The Scanlings attend Cairo First United Methodist Church, where she is a member of the church's Chancel Choir.

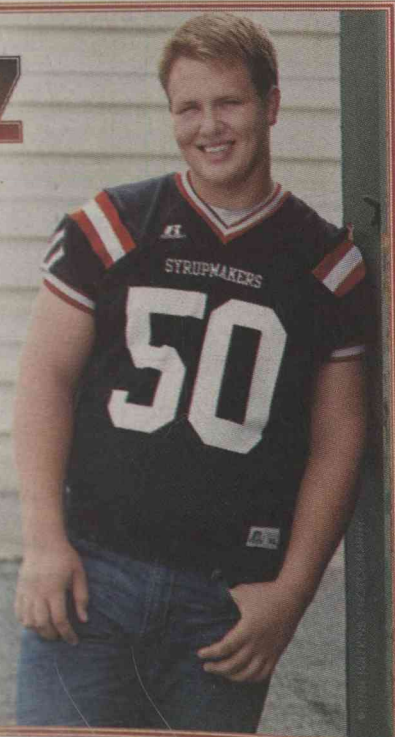


JOHN SCANLING is the new Cairo High School Band Director. Scanling comes to Cairo having directed the band at Westover High School in Albany for 12 years.

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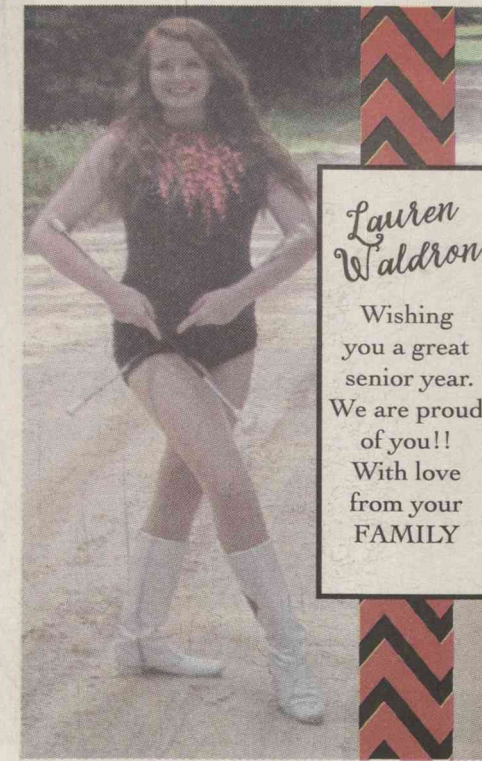
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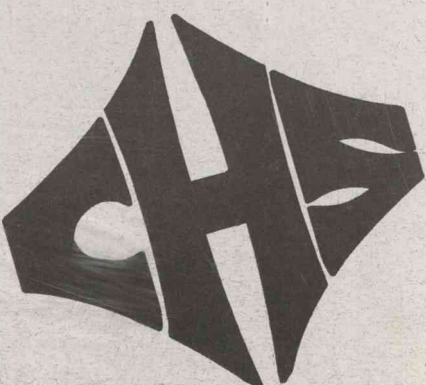
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Halftime show to feature "Pitch Perfect"

This is an exciting time of year for all Syrupmakers! The football team, cheerleaders and members of the Marching Syrupmaker Band are all preparing for what is sure to be another successful season.

For the 2015 halftime show, new Syrupmaker Band Director John Scanling has chosen to perform music from the two "Pitch Perfect" movies. The long list of songs included in the two movies gives the band an opportunity to perform a wide range of music, in the hope of connecting with 100% of the band's audience.

"We were able to tailor the music and drill to our needs and strengths," said Director John Scanling. "It's challenging on both fronts while giving our audience a unique experience."

The halftime show opens, just as all Universal Studios movies, with the "Universal Fanfare."

The second number in the show is "Trebble-makers Medley." The medley begins with "Please Don't Stop the Music," a hit from Rihanna's 2007 album "Good Girl Gone Bad." This song was co-written by Michael Jackson. The medley continues with Cee Lo Green's 2011 "Bright Lights, Bigger City," and concludes with "I Got the Magic in Me," a 2010 hit by B.o.B.

If you have not seen "Pitch Perfect," you should know that both movies revolve around a song choir competition and the members in the competing groups. The



MAJORETTES: l-r: Leigh Law, Hannah Maxwell, Lauren Cassels, Regan Howell, Elizabeth Watkins, Erin Connell, Katie Rathel, Lauren Waldron, Destiny Tise and Heather Singletary.

music in the Marching Syrupmaker Band's halftime show is not based on the original

music, but on the arrangements in the movies. The third number is a medley of two songs, "Light 'Em Up" and "All I Do is Win."

This is a clever compilation of the 2013 hit by Fall Out Boy and DJ Khaled's 2010 hit.

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The final "Pitch Perfect" number is "Bella's Medley." It includes "Price Tag," a 2011 hit by British singer-songwriter Jessie J., "Don't You Forget About Me," a 1984 hit by Simple Minds that was included in the "Breakfast Club" soundtrack, and "Give Me Everything" by American rapper Pitbull.

For the 40th consecutive year, the band will conclude the halftime show with everyone's favorite, "The Battle Hymn."

"Performing 'The Battle Hymn' is just one of the traditions that makes Cairo special," said Mr. Scanling. "I have been sitting across the field from the Cairo band for the last 12 years. I know how special the band is, and how lucky I am to be involved in such an important part of the community."

A new tradition that involves the band is playing the Alma Mater at the end of all home football games.

"Coach Devoursney brought the idea to us a couple of months ago," said Mr. Scanling. "We tried it at the Red & Black Game Aug. 7 and it was a huge success! It was exciting for the band, the football team, and the fans - a great bonding experience. It will be even better after a regular season game with a bigger crowd!"

The band staff is excited about the next few weeks. Assistant Band Directors Amy Amaro, Patrick Ballew and Brad Moore, along with new Majorette Sponsors Lawren Phillips and Brooke Reynolds, have been hard at work getting the band ready for the first performance.

Also helping with everything from lining



SENIOR SYRUPMAKER BAND MEMBERS: front row, l-r: Lauren Cassels, Regan Howell, Elizabeth Watkins, Rebecca Roberts, Katie Rathel and Lauren Waldron; second row: Macey Kesler, Shanita Williams, Destiny Lurry, Mackenzie Trim, Araseli Deleon, Marcellina Lopez, Kellie Coleman and Hilda Trejo; third row: Jared Stinnett, Madison Poitevint, Fredricka Williams, Jasmine Smith, Whitney Thursby, Danielle Carroll and Brittany Ruby; fourth row: Jeremy Thomas, Nazz Vandergriff, Siria Vasquez, Kady Taliaferro, Alexis Edwards, Tyler Brady and Garrison Courtney; fifth row: Akaylie Finberg, Mathew Freeman, Eldrick Harrison, Julia Bass, Ben Strickland and Connor Ezell; sixth row: Katelynn Bryan; seventh row: Josh Ward and Trevor Patten.

the practice field to moving equipment is Band Manager Randy Bearden.

The band is under the student leadership

of second-year Drum Major Rebecca Roberts, Majorette Captain Elizabeth Watkins, Majorette Co-captain Erin Connell,

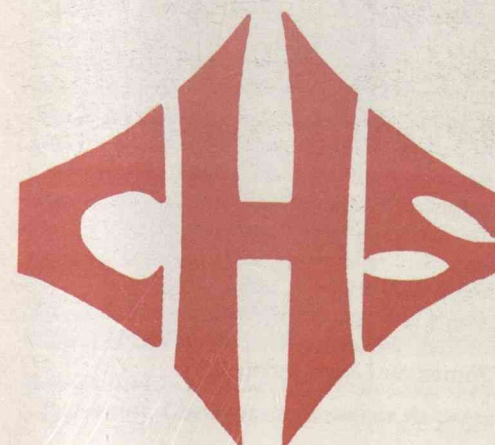
Woodwind Captain Trey Bentley, Brass Captain Jeremy Thomas and Percussion Captain Garrison Courtney. They are assisted by sev-

eral section leaders, the transportation officer, loading crew and quartermasters.

"We have a great staff, and we rely on our student leaders," said Mr. Scanling. "We need their leadership not only during rehearsals, but also when it's time to load the buses and travel to games and parades. We couldn't do it without them."

Behind the scenes, under the leadership of Band Booster President Jeffrey Cape, band parents also have been busy getting uniforms fitted, helping during band rehearsals, and making plans to fund the band program by selling calendars, staffing the concession stand at games and, new this year, selling spirit items. The Band Boosters will have items for all Syrupmaker supporters, as well as items for "band fans."

The band is looking forward to another great season. "With pride, we give our best!"



BAND LEADERSHIP: front row, l-r: Elizabeth Watkins, Rebecca Roberts and Erin Connell; second row: Lydia Mobley, Trey Bentley, Siria Vasquez, Camryn Patrizi, Brittany Ruby and Destiny Lurry; third row: Macey Kesler, Jacob Adams, Shelby Jordan, Julia Bass and Garrison Courtney; fourth row: Jeremy Thomas, Akaylie Finberg, Ben Strickland and Leigh Mobley; fifth row: Josh Ward.

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Grady County Sports Hall of Fame spotlights area's best

Seven years ago a group of local citizens came together to form the Grady County Sports Hall of Fame. The purpose of the group is to recognize outstanding local athletes, officials and citizens who have made a major contribution to the sports tradition of Cairo and Grady County. The Hall of Fame is located in the VanLandingham Center in Downtown Cairo, across from the Grady County Courthouse.

The goal of the Hall of Fame board is to recognize those athletes and others who have gone on to successful careers in and out of sports, have demonstrated good personal character throughout their lives and identify as positive role models. "There are a number of athletes in our county who have excelled in many sports and taken their abilities as far as a world wide stage. But not only that, we have many citizens and former citizens that helped on the local level to build, improve and support our local athletic teams and individual athletes," said board Chairman Richard VanLandingham.

The purpose and focus of the Hall, according to the Chairman, puts the spotlight on past area athletes. "We wanted to put together a group of local citizens who have a special interest in Grady County and our athletic programs and who could properly honor these athletes and other citizens who have contributed so much to our community and represented our schools, athletic programs and our way of life not only here, but



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Nominations for the Grady County Sports Hall of Fame will be accepted this fall for the seventh group of inductees in March. According to VanLandingham, it will be the primary responsibility of the Grady County Sports Hall of Fame Board of Directors, with the input of the citizens of Grady County, to nominate possible inductees. To be eligible for recognition, inductees must be at least 40 years of age, a current or past participant in

sports in Grady County, including athletes, coaches, referees, trainers, or citizens who have made exceptional contributions to sports in Grady County, and have been shown to be a positive role model for our community.

Also, a possible inductee should have met one or more of the following qualifications to be considered: be a native of Grady County or attended and participated in athletics in high school in Grady County; or

made their home in Grady County for a sufficient length of time to be considered a resident of Grady County.

Current inductees of the Grady County Sports Hall of Fame include CHS Syrupmaid and Olympic Gold medalist Teresa Edwards, CHS grads and former NFL greats Bill Stanfill and Bobby Walden, former CHS coaches Tommy Taylor, West Thomas and Ralph Jones, sports benefactors Julien B. Roddenbery, and Art Williams, former Washington Consolidated High School standout basketball player the Rev. Dr. Perry Simmons, Professional Boxer Joe Knight, CHS stars Larry Green, Lewis Gainey and Melvin Ray, Whigham standout Stephanie Hines-Smith, former Whigham High School coach Aubrey Corbitt, CHS track star Dick Crane, CHS grad and NFL player Frank Richter, and CHS track star Billy Maxwell. Other members include, Syrupmaker, FSU Seminole and Dallas Cowboy David Ponder, the late coach Gazyette McCord, and Whigham basketball great Stacy Butler, the late Howard Thrower, Jr., Charles Prince, Thomas "Tommy" Taylor and Duke Donaldson.

This past year, Cairo High School track athlete Wayne Thomas, Syrupmaid basketball player Janet Dixon, and retired Cairo High School Principal Wayne Tootle were inducted into the Grady County Sports Hall of Fame.

The Grady County Sports Hall of Fame will be accepting nominees again this fall for the next induction to be held in March 2016.

2015 Cairo High School JV Football Schedule

September 3	Thomasville	Home	5 p.m.
September 10	TCCCHS	Away	5 p.m.
September 17	Bainbridge	Home	5 p.m.
September 24	Thomasville	Away	5 p.m.
October 1	TCCCHS	Home	5 p.m.
October 15	Bainbridge	Away	5 p.m.



2015 C Team Football Schedule

September 21	Bainbridge	Away	4:30 p.m.
September 28	Bainbridge	Home	4:30 p.m.

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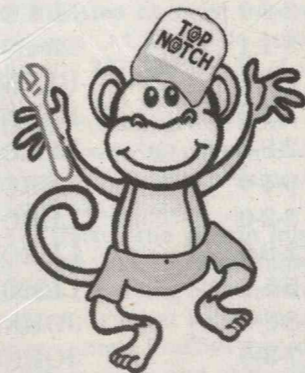
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2015 Syrupmaker Roster

1 D.J. Donaldson11	WR	34 Zacharius Anderson11	RB/LB
1 Jaheem Hampton .....9	WR	35 Hunter Faircloth .....12	LB
2 Austin Shattles .....11	QB/P	36 Malik Calloway .....11	DB
3 Jaylon Jones .....11	WR	37 Marquece Jackson .....12	DB
4 Ventabione Hubbard .....10	RB	38 Aric Holmes .....11	LB
5 DeShawn Walker .....11	RB	39 Jeremy Draggis .....12	DE
7 Jamel Chin .....10	WR/DB	40 Aldair Cortes .....11	K
8 Malik Taylor .....12	RB/DE	40 DeKimyrn Jones .....9	DB
9 Edward Morris .....12	LB	41 Quay Edwards .....9	RB/LB
10 Tahj Vicks .....10	WR/DB	42 D.J. James .....11	LB
11 John Owens .....11	QB/P	43 Matthew Jackson .....9	QB
12 D'Kaylon Prophet .....10	RB/DB	44 Tony Herring .....9	LB
13 Todd Brown .....11	REC/DB	45 Randy Mayo .....11	LB
14 Dillan Gilliard .....12	RB/QB	46 Johnny Doyle .....9	DB
14 Dylan Carroll .....9	QB	47 Tavares Hart .....9	LB
15 Jaquez Ash .....11	RB	48 Jamarcus Vicks .....9	RB
15 Curtis Washington .....10	WR	49 Branden Brown .....9	REC
16 Jaquez Oliver .....11	WR/LB	50 Koby Pyrz .....12	C/LS
17 JayKevian Cooper .....10	WR	51 Ty Green .....10	DL
18 Clifford Bell .....12	WR	52 Nicholas Smith .....10	LB
19 Quintiar'ious Stinson .....12	DL	52 Aaron Atkins .....9	DL
20 Clarence Williams .....11	WR	53 Jahsearii Patterson .....11	DE
21 Randolph Scott .....11	RB/LB	54 Hayden Wynn .....11	OL
22 Walter Grant .....11	WR/LB	55 Jerome Mollins .....12	OL
23 Cameron Goosby .....9	WR	56 Riley Maynard .....10	OL
24 Jamal Thomas .....11	WR/DB	57 Tony Smith .....11	OL
25 Jackson Hand .....10	QB/P	58 Dalton Newmons .....10	OL
26 Anthony James .....10	DB	59 MaKaylah Gurley .....10	DL
27 Parker Duncan .....12	P	60 Cooper Bass .....10	OL
28 Slade Baggett .....10	WR/LS	61 James Smith .....9	DL
29 Malik Thomas .....10	DB	62 Quan Sherman .....11	DL
30 Cole Phillips .....11	K	63 Austin Asbell .....9	OL
30 Camerun Jones .....9	LB	64 Ced'Tavius Williams .....9	DL
31 Ricky Harrison .....11	WR	65 Khalil Frazier .....11	OL
32 Jahsari Patterson .....11	LB	65 Travis Anderson .....9	DL
33 Antonio Wynn .....12	DL	66 Gabe Strickland .....10	OL


66 JaKeyvan Jones .....9	DL
67 Juan Jimenez .....10	OL
68 Caleb Cooper .....10	DL
69 Tavares Hart .....9	DB
70 Sharod Rashid .....9	DB
71 Jackson Reagan .....10	OL
72 Ethan Pickle .....9	OL
74 Barrett Hester .....10	OL
75 Micah Donaldson .....10	OL
76 Nicholas Trull .....9	OL
77 Patrick Preston .....12	OL
78 Noah Key .....10	OL
79 Malik Hayward .....10	OL
80 Eric King .....10	REC
81 Parker Ellis .....10	REC
82 Mason Sanchez .....10	REC
83 Justin Baggett .....10	DE
84 Tymothy Monroe .....12	WR/DB
84 Xavier Duncan .....10	WR
85 Shelwin McCree .....10	WR
85 Zachery Harrell .....9	WR
86 Luke Bauldree .....10	WR
87 Leon Reese .....10	WR/LB
88 Matt Cromer .....11	RB/DE
89 Okendrick Bryant .....10	DE
90 Jeremiah Gordon .....11	DL
91 Keon Bogan .....9	DB
92 Shafford Gordon .....10	DE
93 Jerrell Hardy .....9	DB
94 Jacquez James .....9	RB
95 Ronnie Allen .....11	WR
96 Reginald Jackson9	DL
97 Luis Gomez9	K
98 Telly Fortner10	LB
99 Daniel King9	DE

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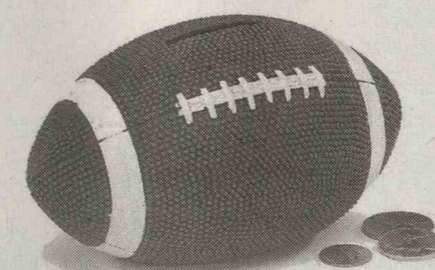


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Cairo Football Through The Years

YEAR	RECORD	COACH
1921	0-1-0	HADDOCK
1922	2-7-0	EGGERS
1923	8-2-0	SCOTT
1924	3-4-2	BLAKLEY
1925	4-1-5	HIXON
1926	2-3-2	WIGHT
1927	3-5-0	ESKEW
1928	5-2-0	HERNDON
1929	8-0-1	HERNDON
1930	4-5-0	HERNDON
1931	6-1-3	HERNDON
1932	5-3-0	HERNDON
1933	3-5-0	HERNDON
1934	5-4-0	HERNDON
1935	6-2-0	HERNDON
1936	6-1-2	HERNDON
1937	4-3-1	HERNDON
1938	3-5-0	HERNDON
1939	4-4-1	HERNDON
1940	4-4-0	HERNDON
1941	5-4-0	HERNDON
1942	7-3-0	HERNDON
1943	3-6-1	WILLIAMS
1944	5-5-0	WILLIAMS
1945	5-3-1	WILLIAMS
1946	11-1-0	WEST
1947	2-6-2	WEST
1948	2-7-0	WEST
1949	4-5-1	MILLER
1950	1-8-0	NUNNALLY
1951	6-4-0	SHIVER
1952	7-3-0	SHIVER
1953	5-5-0	SHIVER
1954	6-4-0	THOMAS
1955	5-5-0	THOMAS
1956	9-1-0	THOMAS
1957	7-1-2	THOMAS
1958	9-1-0	THOMAS
1959	5-4-1	THOMAS
1960	8-1-1	THOMAS
1961	6-2-2	THOMAS
1962	9-2-0	THOMAS
1963	10-2-0	THOMAS
1964	9-2-1	THOMAS
1965	6-3-1	THOMAS
1966	7-2-1	THOMAS
1967	6-3-2	THOMAS



YEAR	RECORD	COACH
1968	8-2-0	THOMAS
1969	7-3-0	THOMAS
1970	2-6-2	McCORD
1971	8-1-1	McCORD
1972	3-6-1	REYNOLDS
1973	3-7-0	REYNOLDS
1974	2-8-0	LEROY
1975	6-4-0	LEROY
1976	8-2-0	LEROY
1977	2-8-0	LEROY
1978	5-5-0	LEROY
1979	8-3-0	JOHNSON
1980	7-3-0	JOHNSON
1981	11-1-0	JOHNSON
1982	7-3-0	JOHNSON
1983	6-4-0	JOHNSON
1984	9-3-0	HELMS
1985	8-3-0	HELMS
1986	6-4-0	HELMS
1987	2-8-0	HELMS
1988	6-4-0	JONES
1989	6-5-0	JONES
1990	15-0-0	JONES
1991	6-4-0	JONES
1992	9-1-0	JONES
1993	7-4-0	JONES
1994	12-1-0	JONES
1995	11-2-0	SHEPERD
1996	6-4-0	SHEPERD
1997	8-4-0	HODGES
1998	9-5-0	HODGES
1999	11-3-0	HODGES
2000	12-2-0	FIELD
2001	8-4-0	FIELD
2002	3-7-0	FIELD
2003	5-6-0	FALLAW
2004	10-2-0	FALLAW
2005	7-4-0	FALLAW
2006	10-2-0	FALLAW
2007	13-2-0	FALLAW
2008	14-0-0	FALLAW
2009	9-4-0	FALLAW
2010	12-1-0	FALLAW
2011	11-3-0	FALLAW
2012	9-3-0	FALLAW
2013	7-4-0	FALLAW
2014	9-3-0	FALLAW

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NJROTC cadets play a part on football Friday nights

The Cairo High School NJROTC is really stepping up their game this year. Cadet Lieutenant Commander Raymond Sullivan took over in May as the unit's new commanding officer and has set the goal of winning the Navy JROTC Area 12 most improved unit award, as well as the Unit Achievement Award for the 2015-2016 school year. Assisted by the unit Executive Officer Lieutenant Latika Spivey, an excellent cadet staff and a total of over 100 cadets, Cadet LCDR Sullivan will have plenty of superb help to make that vision a reality.

The unit started the year in July with an amazing "New Cadet Indoctrination Class" in which the incoming NS1 cadets learned many new things that will help us on our long journey ahead. The five day camp, held on the CHS campus and at the Boy Scout camp in Whigham, gave the new cadets to the unit the opportunity to experience a small segment of each of the NJROTC areas of competition: Drill Teams, Rifle Team, Orienteering and Academics. The attending cadets have already earned their first promotion and are already taking a leadership role in their daily NJROTC classes and will be the leaders of the unit in the very near future.

The unit's cadets are looking forward to many activities and events scheduled for this year. One of these events is our own Cairo Triathlon Challenge on Sept. 12. Cairo will be hosting 11 Navy JROTC units from schools from Jacksonville, Florida, to Gainesville,

Georgia. The event will consist of an air rifle match, a team oriented - Jeopardy type academic competition and an athletic competition consisting of push-ups, sit-ups and a three-quarter mile relay run. Last year's event was well received by all the NJROTC teams that attended and really put the Cairo NJROTC on the map. This year's event will be even better.

Cairo's NJROTC has, since its inception in 2000, been a part of the school's Friday night football tradition. Each year, the cadets provide assistance to the Red and Black fans in parking their cars in a quick, orderly and, hopefully, less stressful fashion so they can be on their way to the game.

Once in the stadium, the NJROTC cadets are there to provide the Syrupmaker faithful with the opportunity to show respect for and honor our American values by raising the national flag at the south end of the West Thomas Stadium for everyone to see while the Syrupmaker Band plays the national anthem.

Members of the Cairo NJROTC Color Guard will also be there to present the colors. Led by the Color Guard Commander Cadet LCDR Raymond Sullivan, the cadets will march on the field and present the colors in a show of respect for our country and those who have given their lives in its defense.

The Cairo High School Navy Junior ROTC will be there every game this season to back the Red and Black.



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Cheerleaders are ready to fire up the crowd

The Cairo High School cheerleaders are set to cheer on their Syrupmakers for another season at Wayne Tootle Field at West Thomas Stadium. This summer, the girls began with conditioning in early June and then the varsity cheerleaders once again attended the UCA Cheer camp in Panama City.

The camp is a great tool for bonding and learning to work together as a team. On day one and two of the camp, the cheerleaders learned lots of new cheers, chants and

dances to bring back to use at Syrupmaker pep rallies and football games. During day three of the camp, All-American cheer try-outs were held, where the girls are judged on sharp motions, jumps, clean choreography and showmanship. For the second year in a row, Syrupmaker cheerleader Meredith Mitchell was named an All-American Cheerleader. She received a medal and an opportunity to go to London for the New Year's Day Parade.

On day four of the camp, the CHS cheerleaders competed in Game Day Evaluations. Game Day Evaluations are judged on sharp motions, choreography and showmanship. As a result of the evaluations, the girls came back with a second place trophy in Extreme Routine and the overall Superior Award.

To wrap up a busy summer, the Syrupmaker cheerleaders taught a camp for the Varsity Cheerleaders and WMS cheerleaders from the material they learned at summer

camp.

The 2015 Varsity Captain is Meredith Mitchell and the Co-Captain is Keren Wilson.

The teams are coached again this football season by Cheryl Cruel Simmons and Lynlee Barrett.

The Cairo High School Syrupmaker cheerleaders are excited about another football season and cannot wait to be on the sidelines cheering on their Syrupmakers.

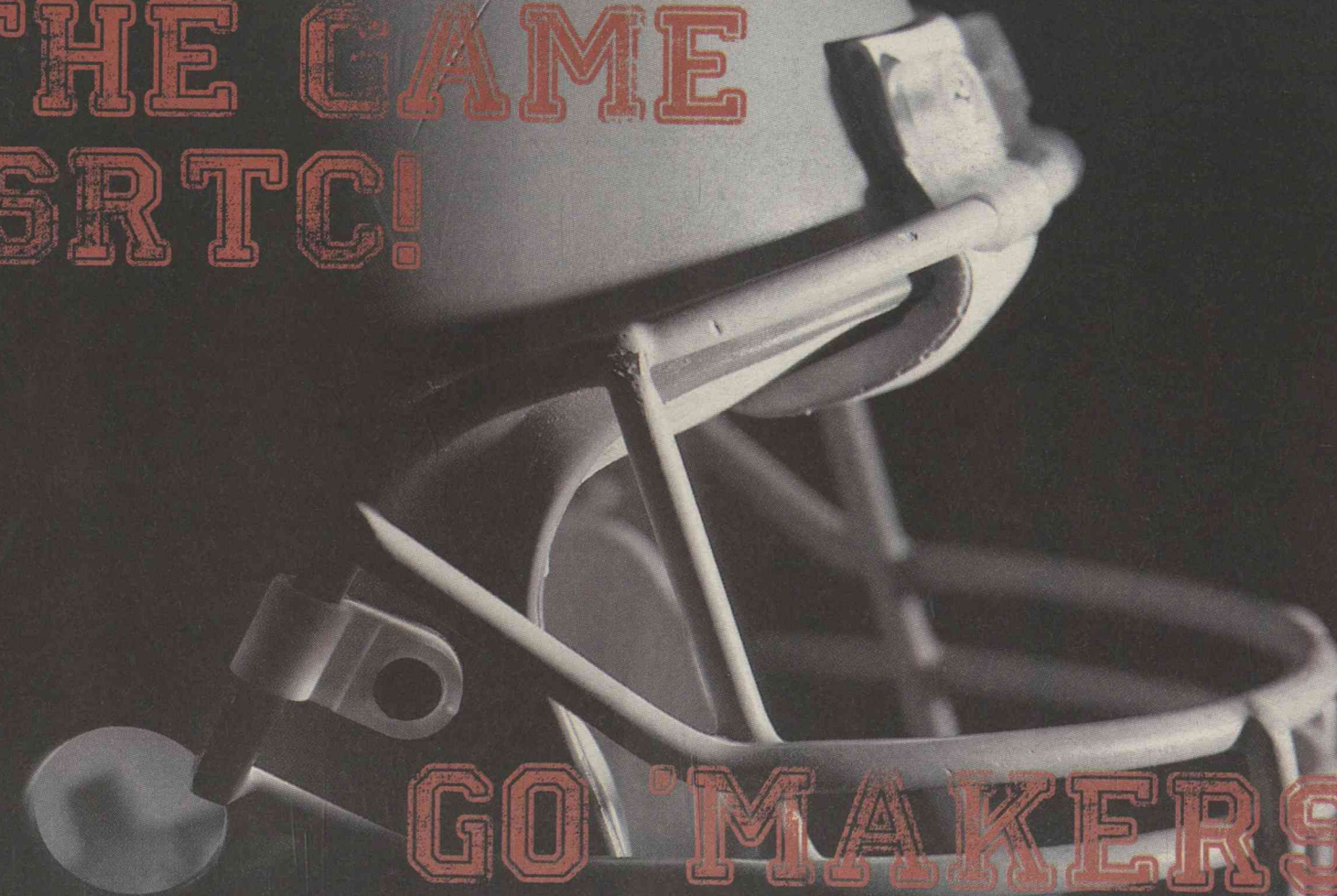


JV CHEERLEADING SQUAD, l-r, Kaylee Nelson, Kelsey Taylor, Nestle Butler, Jocelyn Wood, Anna Hester, Maitlyn Freeman, Tatum Puckett, Taylor Lee, Madison Nelson, Madison Davie, Iris Brimm, Jayla Kelly, Cambrea Augusta and Baylee Schafer.



SENIOR CHEERLEADERS, l-r, Keyanna Thomas, Carlee Nelson, Keren Wilson, Madison Moore, Tanner Starr, Kellyn Taylor, and Meredith Mitchell.

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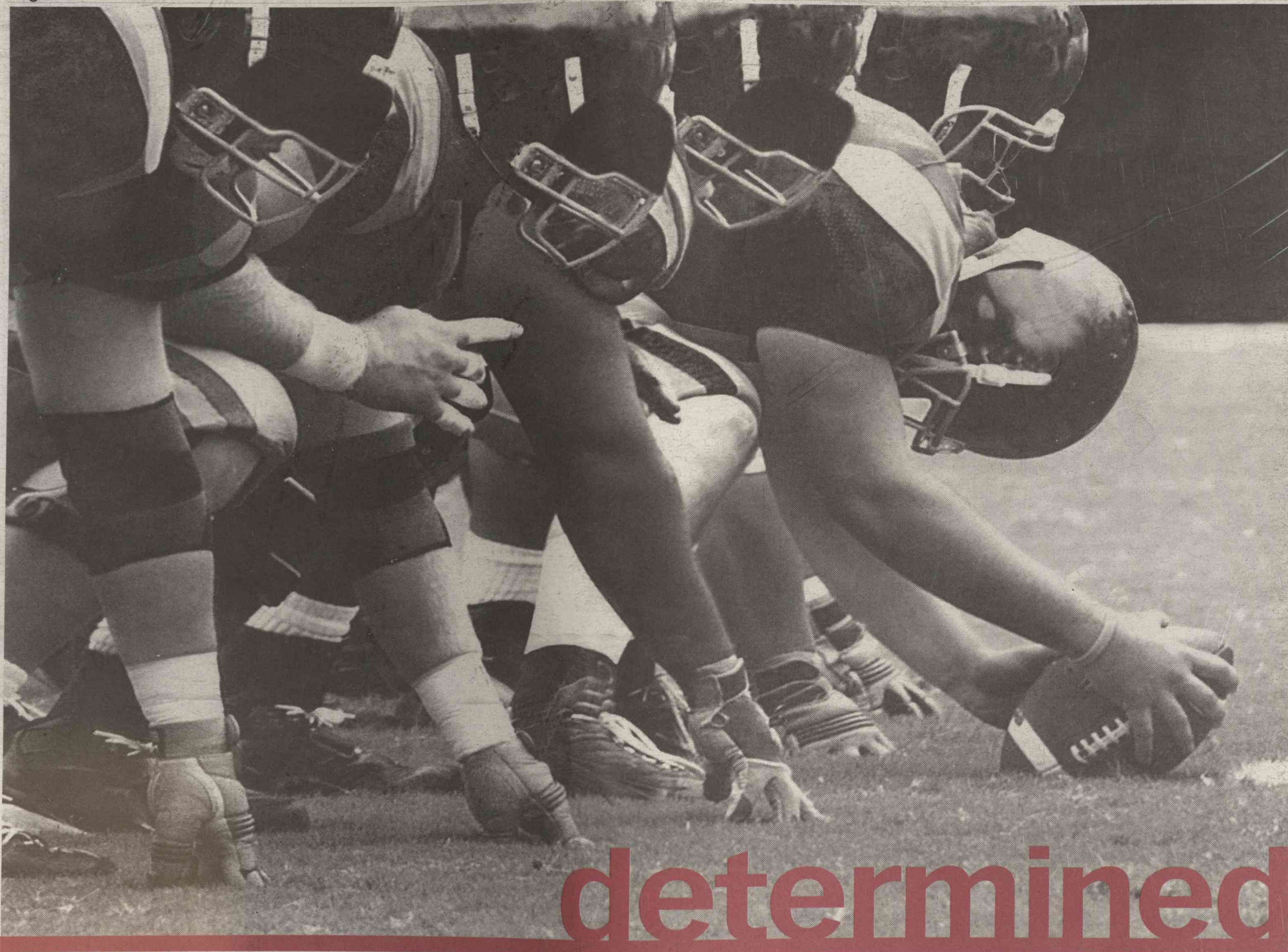
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RANDY RHEA

began constructing equipment to hear voice transmissions from the Apollo spacecraft and by 1972, as a part of my Master's thesis at Arizona State, I finally succeeded with Apollo 16 and Apollo 17. As far

as I know, I was one of only two private citizens to do so.

Why was America successful while no other country has succeeded even 50 years later? First of all, the Cold War gave impetus to retaining technological superiority, and President Kennedy provided a clear mandate. A German scientist, Dr. Wernher Von Braun, had developed the V-2 rocket that terrorized London during WWII. At the end of the war, he surrendered to Americans, became a U.S. citizen, and developed the Saturn 5 rocket for NASA. A massive rocket to lift the heavy spacecraft to the Moon was required. The Saturn 5 had significantly more thrust even than the later Space Shuttle. To this day, the Saturn 5 remains the most powerful rocket ever built. Von Braun also demanded back up for all critical systems. There is no pulling to the side of the road to fix parts in a space mission.

A day later, they lifted off the Moon and rendezvoused with the Command Module. The two Moonwalkers then joined Collins, and the Lunar Module was undocked and crashed into the Moon. The currently running film, Apollo 11, uses historical footage to chronicle the mission.

One year later, Apollo 13 bound for the Moon suffered a major Service Module explosion, shortening the life of the Command Module support systems to only a few hours. All three astronauts climbed into the Lunar Module and used it as a lifeboat for a four-day coast around the Moon and return to Earth. The Lunar Module could not survive reentry, so the astronauts transferred back to the Command Module minutes before reentry.

From youth, I had kept a scrapbook of Russian and American activity in space. In August, one month after the landing of Apollo 11, I graduated from engineering school. I

This summer is meaningful to my wife and me because it is our also our 50th anniversary. During the 50th anniversary of this historic event (the landing, not the wedding), there will be many televised specials. I plan to use this opportunity to relive this unique moment in American history.



MEMBERS of the Cairo High School Class of 1959 are pictured in the CHS gymnasium.



10th Reunion (November 1969)

THE CHS CLASS OF 1959 were photographed in the CHS cafeteria during the tenth class reunion held in 1969.

Cairo High School Class of 1959 to celebrate 60th reunion

The 1959 Graduation Class of Cairo High School will be celebrating its 60th reunion on Friday, July 19, and Saturday, July 20. Classmate Hampton Ward will be hosting the Friday night gathering at 6 p.m. at the Grady County Histori-

cal Museum and sharing the history of trains and, particularly, the history of the Pelham & Havana Railroad. He will also discuss the train exhibit he donated to the museum.

On Saturday, the class will meet at the First United

Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m.

The theme for the 60th class reunion is "I Remember When." Classmates will be asked to share something they remember during their years at CHS.

Deceased members will

also be remembered in a special ceremony.

It is not too late for class members to make plans to attend. To make arrangements call 229-377-4177.

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◆ "COACH'S COMMENTS"

DeVoursney ready to get season underway

Another season of Syrupmaker football has arrived and with that comes the hope and excitement of new challenges. Head Syrupmaker coach Steve DeVoursney is ready to kick off the season.

Because of the Covid-19 virus, to say this season is different would be a huge understatement. The Syrupmakers have followed the Covid-19 list of protocols since coming back together this summer. Each player is questioned about possible exposures and temperatures are taken every day. For many weeks the team could only work out in groups of 20 and no one could use the locker room.

Once the team was able to move into helmets and shorts, the restrictions were changed and, eventually, the team was able to go to full pads. However, shortly after moving to full pads, the team was quarantined for 14 days after two coaches and two players tested virus positive.

The team will have only about a week of practice before starting the season. "It's been a different year, we are taking all the precautions and keeping our players as safe as possible. We are ready to get the season started, but the lack of practice time is a concern. We will do what we have to do, and take care of our kids and staff," said DeVoursney.

The 2020 season is also different than others because of the region realignments. Gone are the Columbus schools and back in the region are Bainbridge, Monroe and TCCHS. The nonregion schedule has a new look, too,

one that brings back memories of past decades with Brooks County, Dothan, Fitzgerald, Pelham and, of course, Thomasville.

"This is a tough schedule. There are no weeks that we can have a letdown. With Bainbridge and TCCHS back in the region our travel will be down, but the competition level will be up," said DeVoursney.

Cairo has had to fill some holes on both sides of the ball due to graduation. "The limited time we have had to practice has been a challenge, but several players are stepping up and we are looking to see what it will look like under the lights on Friday night, Noah Jones, our kicker, is back, he's one of the best in the nation, I know he will be a big weapon. We have some folks back on defense who can lead us and our offense is rebuilding," said DeVoursney.

The Syrupmakers have made the state playoffs 17 years in a row. In those 17 years,

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Coach Steve DeVoursney

CAIRO SYRUPMAKERS

2020 Football Schedule

September 4, 2020HOME 7:30 p.m.Fitzgerald
September 11, 2020	.....AWAY 7:30 p.m.	.....Brooks Co.
September 18, 2020	.....HOME 7:30 p.m.	.....Thomasville
September 25, 2020	.....AWAY 7:30 p.m. CST	.....Dothan
October 2, 2020	.....AWAY 7:30 p.m.	.....Pelham
OCTOBER 9, 2020 OPEN		
October 16, 2020	.....AWAY 7:30 p.m.	.....Bainbridge*
October 23, 2020	.....HOME 7:30 p.m.	.....Monroe*
OCTOBER 30, 2020 OPEN		
November 6, 2020	.....AWAY 7:30 p.m.	.....TCCHS*
November 13, 2020HOME 7:30 p.m.Dougherty*
November 20, 2020HOME 7:30 p.m.Westover*

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◆ "ATHLETIC DIRECTOR NOTES"

Fallaw is focused on safety for players and fans

Cairo High School Athletic Director Tom Fallaw has spent the summer searching for ways to safely offer sports in light of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Not only is Fallaw looking at the safest way for sports to be played, he's also been researching and gathering input on ways to safely allow fans to enjoy the games as well.

"No one wants to cancel any sport, but we also have to find a way to protect our student athletes and the community. I want to give kids an opportunity to play, but tough decisions are being made," said Fallaw.

The GHSA has given the go ahead for Fall sports to take place, but the association has not given a lot of guidance in terms of protocols for social distancing and safety procedures in the stands and on the field, leaving any decisions of that nature to local authorities.

"As a small town high school athletic pro-



Athletic Director
Tom Fallaw

gram, we are dependent on football for money. It has to be self-sustaining, and it must also generate money to run other sports," added Fallaw.

Right now, the plan is to allow a limited number of fans in the football game, sitting in groups of two and social distancing between those groups. There will be no season tickets sold because tickets will be sold on a game-to-game basis based on local numbers. Also, fans will be required to wear masks in the stands.

Cairo could also have just a few home games this season. Fitzgerald and Thomasville will be home games, but the other three home games are Monroe, Dougherty and Westover. Those schools have postponed their seasons until October and the postponement could be extended, which would affect Syrupmaker home games.

As with just about any plans, these plans are subject to change, as well, but Fallaw and

the CHS administrators will continue to monitor the situation, making safety a top priority, but also exploring every possibility

to continue with sports through the rest of the year.

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Coach shares thoughts on season

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they have hosted a first round home playoff game 16 times. That impressive record would make any team proud and it is a tradition that the Syrupmaker head coach wants to maintain.

"That playoff record is a tradition we want to keep alive, there aren't many programs that can claim those numbers," said coach DeVoursney.

Attendance at the games will be limited and each week will be touch and go as teams

face challenges with the COVID-19 virus. But for now the season is a go.

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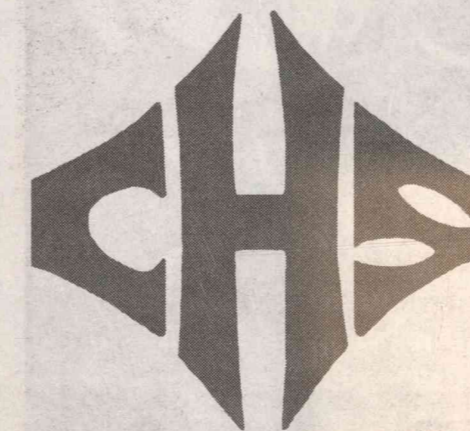
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MICHAEL BEST

It is time for another season of Syrupmaker football! It really is the most wonderful time of the year. Eventually, the nights will get cooler, Fall will be in the air and my weekends will be filled with football. It has been a different year already, and I suspect things will change even more as we navigate through this pandemic.

Honestly, there were times I thought we would not be able to kick off this season at all, so I am very excited about the chance to play, even if it isn't a full schedule.

Over the past 39 years, I have called 464 consecutive football games on the radio, I have been a part of two state championships and called 73 playoff games. Those numbers don't include all the scrimmages and preseason games. I have worked with eight different coaches over the last 38 years and each one was always very helpful. This Friday night, I begin year 40.

Many years ago, we recorded the games on a cassette tape player and played the game

back on Saturday mornings on WGRA. Now we are live every Friday night on 790AM and on the Internet at www.wgraradio.com. I am excited to announce that this season we will be on FM for the first time ever. WGRA is now on 95.9 FM, as well as the AM station and the Internet.

I have collected so many great memories in these past 39 years, and I can recall so many great games, great moments, and even many of the names that made football Friday nights so special in Cairo. I have been around long enough now to see the children of many of the former players from my early years play the game and even a couple of grandchildren.

I am excited about the new season. Coach Steve DeVoursney is in his sixth year as the head of the Syrupmakers and this year will be another exciting journey.

I am proud to announce that, once again, this year's Pigskin Preview is packed full of Syrupmaker news. The special edition also

highlights every position on the team, plus articles on our band, cheerleaders, and ROTC. This special edition to The Cairo Messenger is packed with everything you would want to know about Syrupmaker football - and more.

I know because of COVID-19 precautions, we can't have as many fans at the game as would like to come. However, we have to do what is best and safest for our community.

I invite you to tune in on the radio or the Internet each week if you can't make it to the game. It will certainly be safe and, hopefully, entertaining.

Let's get things kicked off! I'm ready for Syrupmaker football!!!

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REGION 1-AAAA

Cairo High School
Bainbridge High School
Thomas Co. Central High School
Dougherty Comprehensive High School
Westover Comprehensive High School
Monroe Comprehensive High School

Here's what to expect for the 2020 football season

The 2020 Cairo High School football season will go down in the record books as one of the most challenging and ever changing schedules in school history.

With the COVID-19 Pandemic still wreaking havoc on communities and schools, the GHSAA High School football season will be playing out literally week to week.

The new season also means a new region and a new schedule. Gone from the Syrupmaker schedule are all of the Columbus teams and Americus-Sumter. Added to the Region 1-AAAA schedule are familiar foes Monroe, Bainbridge and Thomas County Central.

Remaining in Region 1-AAAA are Cairo, Dougherty and Westover. Cairo has also added some teams to the nonregion schedule that will take fans back to the early days of Syrupmaker football. Cairo has added Pelham, Fitzgerald and Dothan and, of course, we will continue to play Thomasville.

It's going to be an exciting season with a lot of great changes and challenges. Here is a look at the Syrupmakers 2020 season schedule.

Nickname: Purple Hurricane
Colors: Purple and Gold
Coach: Tucker Pruitt

History with the Syrupmakers - (13-15-1)
Last Year: Did not play
Last season's record: 8-4

Season Opener: Cairo, Sept. 4 - Away
Last year the Fitzgerald Purple Hurricane finished the season 8-4 and finished third in region 1-AA. Fitzgerald had wins over Bacon County, Dooly County, Upson-Lee, Dodge County, Worth County, Berrien County, Early County and Bleckley County. Fitzgerald lost to Irwin County, Thomasville and Brooks County. They ended their season with a second round playoff loss to Callaway, who lost in the semifinals to Brooks County. The last time the two teams met was in 2003 and Cairo won 12-8. Cairo has a four-game winning streak currently over the Purple Hurricane.

Brooks County High School
Sept. 11 - Away - 7:30 p.m.

Region- 1-A
Nickname: Trojans
Colors: Red, White and Blue
Coach: Maurice Freeman
History with the Syrupmakers - (4-12-0)
Last Year: Did not play

Fitzgerald High School
Sept. 4 - Home - 7:30 p.m.

Region - 1-AA

Last season's record: 10-5
Season Opener: Thomasville - Sept. 4 - Home

The Brooks County Trojans enjoyed one of their most successful seasons in school history last year, playing for the state championship for the first time since their inaugural season in 1959. The Trojans finished 10-5, losing to Dublin 42-32 in the state championship. Brooks County beat Mitchell County, TCCHS, B.E.S.T. Academy, Early County, Fitzgerald and Berrien. The Trojans reeled off four wins in the state playoffs with wins over Washington County, Rockmart, Metter, and Callaway. The last time Cairo and Brooks County met was 2001 and Cairo won 23-8. The Syrupmakers have an 8 game winning streak over the Trojans. All reports indicate the Trojans are set to have another great season this year.

Thomasville High School
Sept. 18 - Home - 7:30 p.m.

Region- 1-AA
Nickname: Bulldogs
Colors: Red and Gold
Coach: Zach Grage
History with the Syrupmakers - (41-28-6)
Last Year: Cairo 45 Thomasville 21
Last season's record: 9-5

Season Opener: Brooks Co. - Sept. 4 - Away
Last season, the Bulldogs opened the 2019 season with three straight losses to Cairo, TCCHS and Colquitt County before righting the ship and going 9-2 over their last 11 games, losing to Dublin in the semifinals 55-45. Thomasville also won the Region 1-AA region championship last season. With several returning starters back in 2020, look for the Bulldogs to make another deep run in the playoffs. Last year, the Syrupmakers handled the Bulldogs, finishing the game with a running clock and reclaiming the coveted Syrup Pitcher.

Dothan High School
Sept. 25 - Away - 7:30 p.m. (CST)

Region 2-AAAAAAA
Nickname: Wolves
Colors: Cardinal, Black Vegas Gold
Coach: Smitty Grider
History with the Syrupmakers - (4-2-0)
Last Year: Did not play
Last season's record: 8-3
Season Opener: Enterprise - Sept. 4 - Home
The Syrupmakers had originally scheduled to play Chiles High School of Tallahassee on

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Season features new slate of opponents in 2020

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this date, but a last minute cancellation by Chiles sent the Syrupmakers scavenging for another game. Finally, coach Steve DeVoursney was able to land Dothan High School. In 2019, Dothan High School and Northview High School combined schools. In their first year together, the team finished 8-3, losing in the first round of the Alabama state playoffs to Spanish Fort in overtime. Now known as the Wolves, the team looks to go even deeper in the playoffs this season with most of their starters returning. The Wolves are ranked in the preseason top 10 in Alabama. The last time Cairo played the old Dothan High School was 2001, losing 24-3. Cairo has lost the last four meetings between the two teams.

Pelham High School
Oct. 2 - Away - 7:30 p.m.

Region 1-A
Nickname: Hornets
Colors: Blue and Gold
Coach: Dondrial Pinkins
History with the Syrupmakers - (3-19-1)
Last Year: Did not play
Last season's record: 11-2
Season Opener: Mitchell Co. - Sept. 4 - Home

The Pelham Hornets under coach Dondrial Pinkins have had a lot of success over the last couple of years. The team finished 11-2 last season and 12-1 in 2018. Last year's only regular season loss came to Mitchell County in game 10, losing 36-28. The Hornets made it to the semifinals in 2018 and 2019, losing to Marion County last year 42-25 after wins over Wilcox County and a revenge win over Mitchell County 31-20. Coach Pinkins will have his team ready to make another run this season as well. Cairo will face the Hornets on Oct. 2 in the final nonregion game of the season. Cairo has not faced the Hornets in a regular season game since 1951, winning 51-0. Cairo has not lost to the Hornets since 1924.

Bainbridge High School
Oct. 16-Away - 7:30 p.m.

Region 1-AAAA
Nickname: Bearcats
Colors: Purple and Gold
Coach: Jeff Littleton
History with the Syrupmakers - (33-35-7)
Last Year: Bainbridge 14 Cairo 10
Last season's record: 7-4
Season Opener: Coffee Co. - Sept. 11 - Home

The Bainbridge Bearcats are picked by many media sources to win the Region 1-

AAAA championship after moving down from Region 1-AAAAA this year. By all indications, those sources seem to be right on target as the Cats enter the 2020 season loaded with talent. Two years ago Bainbridge won the state AAAAA title and last year they were eliminated in the first round of the pay-offs by Griffin High School. The Bearcats return their All-State quarterback and most of the offense and defense. This will be the first region game of the season for both teams.

Monroe Comprehensive High School
Oct. 23 - Home - 7:30 p.m.

Region 1-AAAA
Nickname: Tornadoes
Colors: Green and Gold
Coach: Charles Truitt
History with the Syrupmakers - (5-21-0)
Last Year: Did not play
Last season's record: 4-7

Season Opener: TCCHS - Oct. 15 - Home
The Monroe Comprehensive High School Tornadoes are making their move up to Region 1-AAAA and will be joining the other two Albany schools, Westover and Dougherty. The Tornadoes beat Jordan, Terrell County, Dougherty and Worth County, losing to Benedictine in round one of the state playoffs. The Tornadoes have defeated

the Syrupmakers the last two times the teams met, 21-14 in 2014 and 16-14 in 2015. All of the Dougherty County schools have postponed their seasons until October and will only play region schedules.

Thomas County Central High School
Nov. 6 - Away - 7:30 p.m.

Region 1-AAAA
Nickname: Yellow Jackets
Colors: Blue and Gold
Coach: Ashley Henderson
History with the Syrupmakers - (24-20-1)
Last Year: Did not play
Last season's record: 5-5
Season Opener: Sept. 11 - Thomasville - Away

The Thomas County Central Yellow Jackets make their return to region 1-AAAA, dropping down one classification this year. Last year, the Jackets went 5-5, winning five of their first six games and dropping all four region games to end the season and not making te playoffs for the second year in a row. However, this is coach Ashley Henderson's third year as the head Yellow Jacket. After accepting the head coaching position, he told the Jacket faithful to be ready for year three, as he feels the program will take a major step forward. From the looks of things, the coach

is right on time of making a huge turn around. The Jackets return just about all of their offense and almost as many on defense. Moving down to AAAA may prove to be an added bonus as well. Cairo and TCCHS have met a couple of times in scrimmages, but have not officially played since 2017 when the Makers shut out the Yellow Jackets 24-0. This year's "Battle for the Barnett's Creek Water Bucket" has all the making of being another great match up between the two rivals.

Dougherty Comprehensive High School
Nov. 13 - Home - 7:30 p.m.

Region 1-AAAA
Nickname: Trojans
Colors: Maroon & Silver
Coach: Johnny Gilbert
History with the Syrupmakers - (7-24-0)
Last Year: Cairo 41 Dougherty 0
Last season's record - 2-8
Season Opener: Oct. 2 - Turner County - Home

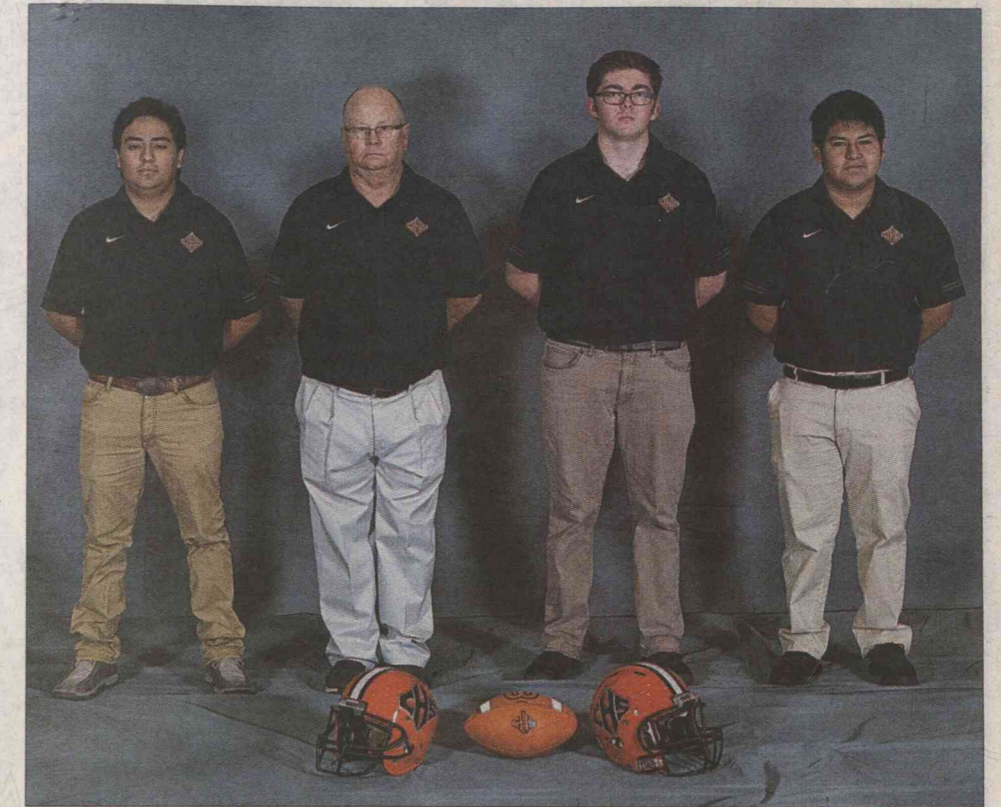
The Dougherty Trojans have struggled to find success over the last few yews. However, second year coach Johnny Gilbert was able to pick up a couple of wins last season after the team went 0-10 the previous season. Dougherty beat Northside Columbus and Columbus last season. This season, the team has postponed games until October and will open with nonregion opponent Turner

County, before entering region play. The last time the Trojans defeated Cairo was 2005.

Westover Comprehensive High School
Nov. 20 - Home - 7:30 p.m.

Region 1-AAAA
Nickname: Patriots
Colors: Red, White and Blue
Coach: Olten Downs
History with the Syrupmakers - (4-25-0)
Last Year: Cairo 49 Westover 14
Last season's record: 6-4
Season Opener: Oct. 2 - Early County - Away

Last season, the Westover patriots opened the 2019 with four wins, beating Cook County, Monroe, Columbus and Northside Columbus, before losing their first game of the season to the Syrupmakers. They then lost three of their last five games and missed the playoffs. Westover always seems to be loaded with athletes and usually play Cairo tough each season. The Patriots have an explosive offense and can score a lot of points if their opponent allows them to stay in a game.



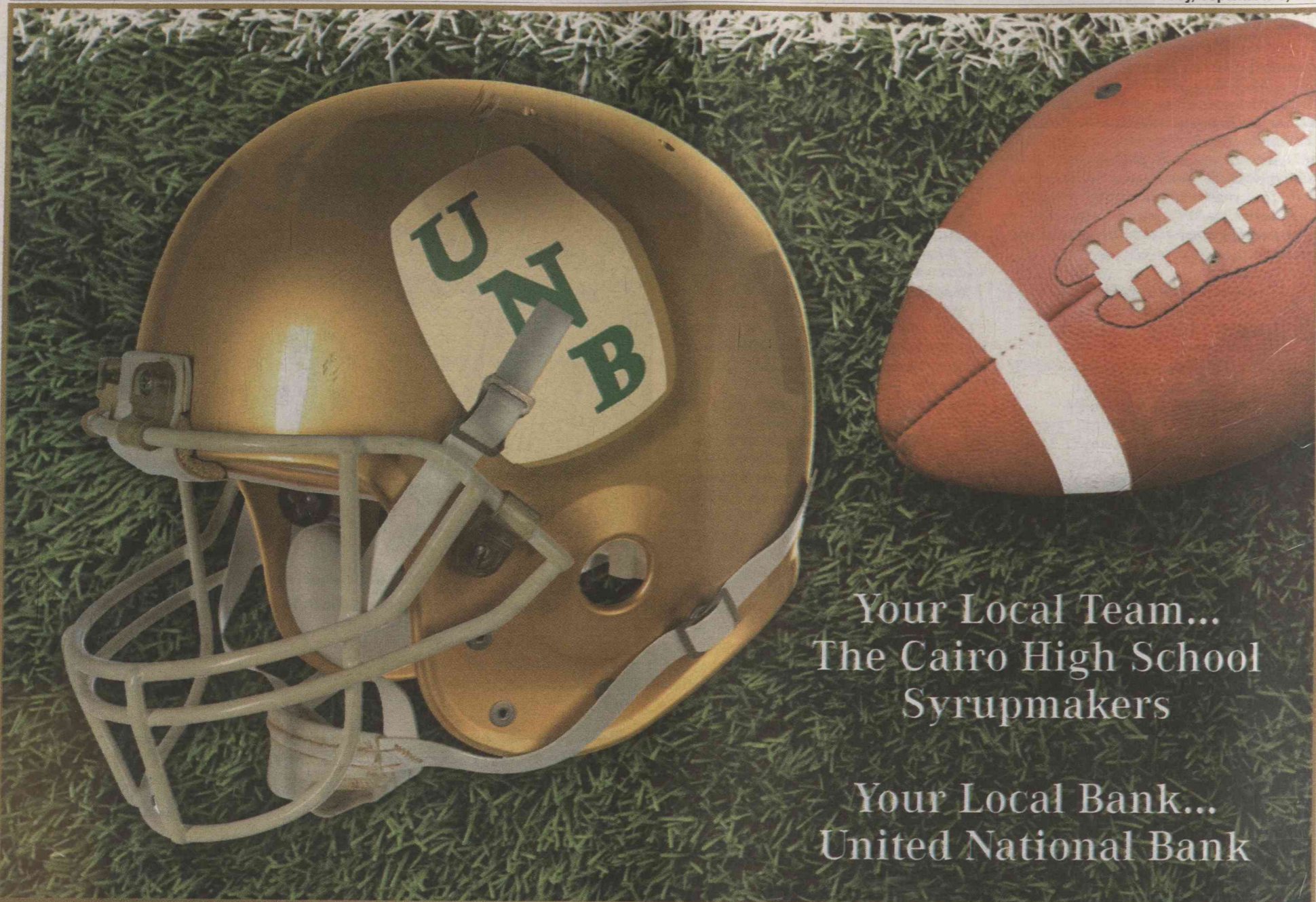
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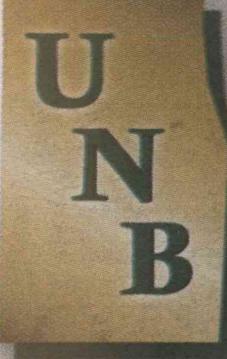
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Plans for the future
Attend a 4-year college



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Jersey #: 4
Position: K/P
Parents: William and Ashley Jones
Plans for the future
Attend a 4-year college on a scholarship, major in accounting



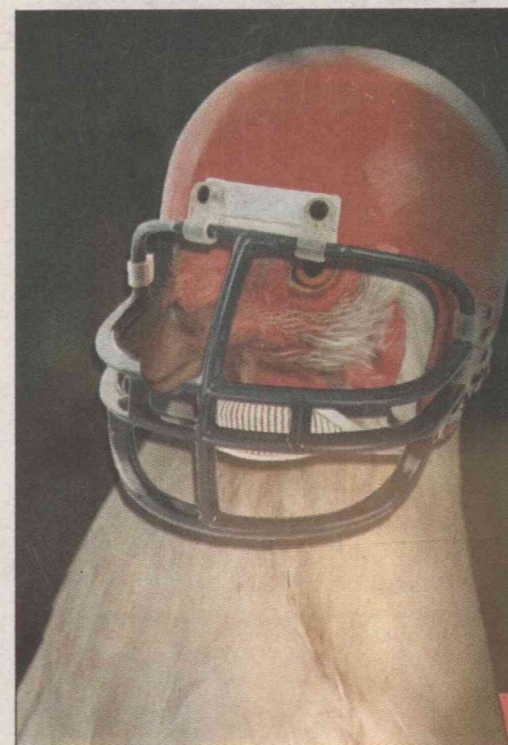
RAYLEN BROWN

Jersey #: 7
Position: LB
Parents: Shata Brown and Todd Brown
Plans for the future
Play football in college, major in sports medicine



JEFFERY JONES

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Position: WR
Parents: Sherry Clark
Plans for the future
Go to college,
major in engineering



TEQUAN LATIMORE

Jersey #: 12
Position: ATH
Parents: TeQuan Johnson,
Shenkia Johnson
Plans for the future
Attend college



KILIJAH THOMAS

Jersey #: 13
Position: WR
Parents: Christal Thomas and
Marcus Thomas
Plans for the future
Go to college, major in technology



JOHN CARTER

Jersey #: 24
Position: LB
Parents: Jon Carter Sr. and
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JUSTYN SHERMAN

Jersey #: 28
Position: TE
Parents: Kisha Bell and
Kelvin Sherman
Plans for the future
College



KENNISON CLARK

Jersey #: 36
Position: TE
Parents: Greg and
Barbara Clark
Plans for the future
Go to college



RICKY WALKER

Jersey #: 49
Position: LB
Parents: Theajuana Walker
Plans for the future
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Position: OL
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Plans for the future
Get a degree in 3D drafting and design



MICHAEL MOBLEY

Jersey #: 68
Position: OL
Parents: Diane and Jeff Mobley
Plans for the future
Go to College and play football



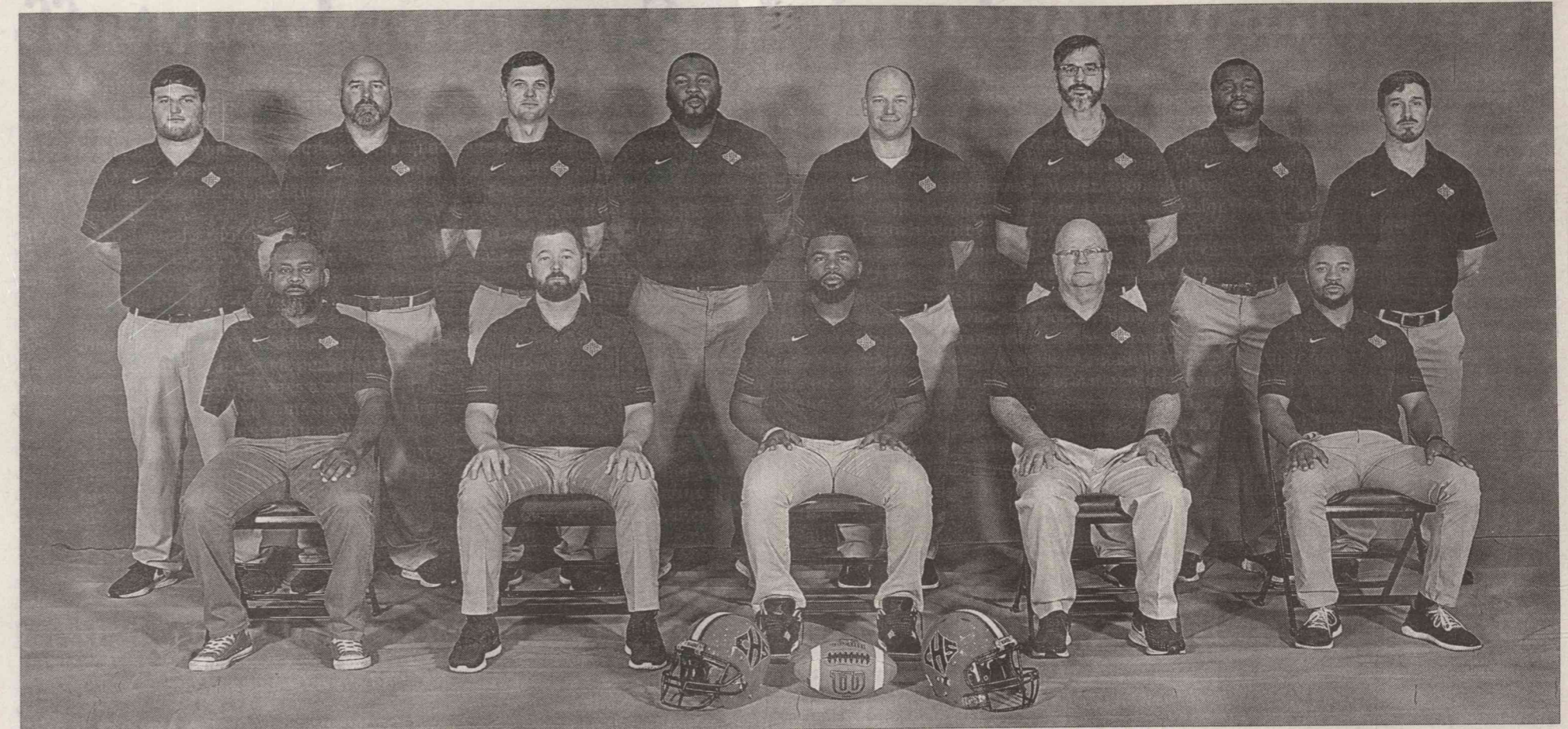
SABRYCE BROWN

Jersey #: 75
Position: OL
Parents: Bobby Blackwell and Latoya Brown
Plans for the future
College and be a real estate agent



TY GLENN

Jersey #: 99
Position: DT/DE
Parents: Dorothy Evans
Plans for the future
Play football in college and enter the NFL draft



SYRUPMAKER COACHING STAFF: front row, l-r, Mike Anderson, Brandon Byram, Jonta Cooper, Tommy York and Steve Figueroa; back row: Jess DeVoursney, Jimmy Dudley, Brett Montgomery, Brandon Robinson, Steve DeVoursney, David Coleman, Shaun Smith and Daniel Coleman.

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Four new coaches join Syrupmaker staff

The 2020 football season has brought some changes to the Syrupmaker football coaching staff. Cairo has a new offensive and a new defensive coordinator, plus two other additions to the staff. The new offensive coordinator is Jimmy Dudley, the defensive coordinating position will be handled by current Syrupmaker coaches David Coleman and Johnna Cooper, and coach DeVoursney has also added Daniel Coleman, Brandon Byram and LShaun Smith.

Coach Jimmy Dudley

Coach Jimmy Dudley is the Syrupmaker's new offensive coordinator and offensive line coach. He is coming from Colquitt County where he was also the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach. He also served as the OC and OL coach at Jones County prior to that for five years. Dudley has also coached at Harris County and in Florida in his hometown of Bonifay. Coach Dudley is a graduate of Troy State University and also has a Specialist Degree from West Georgia. Coach Dudley and his wife Casey have one young daughter. Dudley will be the ISS teacher at Cairo High School.

Coach Brandon Byram

Coach Brandon Byram will be the new quarterbacks coach for the Syrupmakers. Coach Byram has spent many years coaching at Griffin High School, Lovejoy High School and Spalding High School. Coach Byram coached for several years with Syrupmaker head coach Steve DeVoursney. He will teach physical education at Cairo High School. Coach Byram and his wife Lyndsey have one daughter who is nine months old. Coach Byram is from Roberta, Ga.

Coach LShaun Smith

Coach LShaun Smith will be coaching wide receivers for the Syrupmakers. Coach Smith is from Coffee County and previously coached quarterbacks at Americus-Sumter High School. Coach Smith played quarterback in high school and college. He will be teaching Special Education at Cairo High School. He and his wife Anna are expecting a child soon.

Coach Daniel Coleman

Coach Daniel Coleman will be coaching defensive ends for the Syrupmakers. Daniel is a 2010 graduate of Cairo High School. Daniel, along with his brother David

and fellow coaches Johnna Cooper and Brandon Robinson are all former Syrupmakers. Coach Coleman coached at Valdosta High School while going to school at Valdosta State University, then coached at Lowndes Middle School prior to landing his first var-

sity coaching job at Pelham High School and before returning home to Cairo to coach. Coach Coleman will teach Physical Education at Northside School.



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Touchdown Club solicits community support

A message from the Syrupmaker Touchdown Club:

Football has been a constant pillar in our community going on 100 years. This year will hopefully be no different, but as of now we do not have an answer. What we are sure of is our players have been practicing GHSA guidelines since June and the program continues to incur cost associated with preparing to play a season as set forth by the GHSA. We are preparing to play a full season and a normal 5 rounds in the playoffs, again based on GHSA. The players and coaches have been working hard despite all the difficult conditions in the world. We understand that our community has suffered and continues to suffer economically but our team NEEDS your support now more than ever for those that can give. Our fans and business community are loyal to our football team and knowing the current struggles, if you have purchased a booster board that is displayed in the stadium in the previous year it will remain for the current season whether you renew it or not. We want to get through this time together and appreciate all you have done in the past and will do in the future. This year the STC has been asked to facili-

tate the football program . . . "Friday Night Lights 2020" . . . in conjunction with CHS Athletics. This program will be slightly revamped and introduce new opportunities for relatives, family and businesses to show support for the team and students at CHS. The program will be a smaller, more user-friendly size but will be FULL COLOR. This will provide a great memento for years to come. As always, we will have the business ads but really want to emphasize the students and focus on adding a section that allows individuals to provide well-wishes to students. Each business or individual who purchases an ad will receive a copy of the program and they will be available for purchase at the games as well.

In addition to the traditional program we will have a "Game Day" publication for each home game that show that week's game sponsor, highlights from the previous games, players of the week and rosters for both teams. This will be an awesome advertising opportunity, as it will be distributed for free to fans at each home game. We feel that these two combined are a great way to highlight the students and student athletes that make Cairo such a great community.

Given the time frame and current situation we will publish the program regardless if

games are played and will have incurred cost to publish it along with costs to support the football team during practices and preparation for the season. Due to these factors, if you buy an advertisement in the program we cannot offer a refund due to the cancellation of the season or games. "Game Day" publication refunds will be based on the season. Unfortunately the STC was unable to hold our annual golf tournament fundraiser, which has been hard on our program. We hope you consider supporting these students through one of the opportunities shared. We mailed our first packets today so please watch for them and respond asap. We are also working with the CHS cheerleaders on individual program ads as a way to support them as well. If you haven't been contacted in the previous years please reach out to us here or by email at syrupmakertdclub@gmail.com

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Speed looks to make his mark as quarterback

The Syrupmakers faced a big challenge finding a quarterback to replace their three-year starter, Matthew Peters, who graduated last year and is now in the Navy.

They found Kevin Speed, a junior who moved from defense to take over at signal caller. Quarterback coach Brandon Byram had plenty of good things to say about the new QB. "Kevin Speed is an outstanding young man. He has done a great job this summer making the transition from defense. He is very coachable and does all the right things," said Byram.

Backing up Speed is Braylon Robinson who, coach Byram says, has all the intangibles with a good arm. Sophomore Donovan Thomas and freshman Juderek Gee Simmons are both working hard as well. "Thomas is probably the most improved of the group, he accepts coaching well and tries very hard, and works hard as well. Gee Simmons has a lot of potential for a freshman, great physical abilities and is a great kid, he has a bright future," said Byram.

The Syrupmakers are confident in their new quarterback and that the offense has the opportunity to make big things happen under the Friday night lights.



QUARTERBACKS: front row, l-r, Mo Wilson, Donovan Thomas, Kevin Speed, Braylon Robinson, and Juderek Gee-Simmons; back row: coach Brandon Byram.

Tayy Solomon leads running backs for Cairo

While the Syrupmaker offense lost a lot of experience to graduation last year, one position that is settled for 2020 is runningback. Tayy Solomon returns for his senior year and is set to lead the offense to big things. Tayy is being recruited by several colleges.

"Tayy is a playmaker, he's our leader and he has speed, he knows how to find the open field and he is a very dangerous weapon for us," said coach Tommy York.

Sophomore Josh Wyatt will also see some playing time when Solomon needs a quick breather. Coach York says Wyatt had a good summer and has earned his chance to have some carries this season. Eric Swatts and Keiwan Battles will also see some time at runningback.

Another sophomore, Amarion Byrden could also see some playing time. We are pretty solid in depth at runningback with those young guys. We also have John Carter who stepped in for Tayy during the Americus-Sumter game and Ricky Walker. Both can get the job done, Ricky is like a bull, he can run through a wall," said York.

Unfortunately, the injury bug has bitten two runningbacks in Kamaree Perry and Tyler Cleveland, who may miss most of the season. "That's a tough blow, you never know when it can happen. Those are two fine young men who are hoping to get well quickly," York said.

The runningback position looks solid and ready to lead a young offense in 2020.



RUNNING BACKS: front row, l-r, Amarion Byrden, Kamaree Perry, Tayy Solomon and Josh Wyatt; standing: coach Tommy York.



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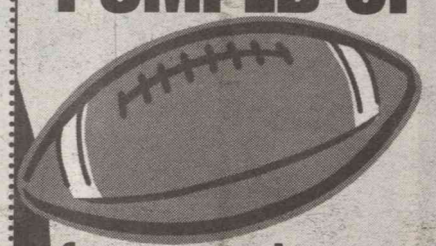
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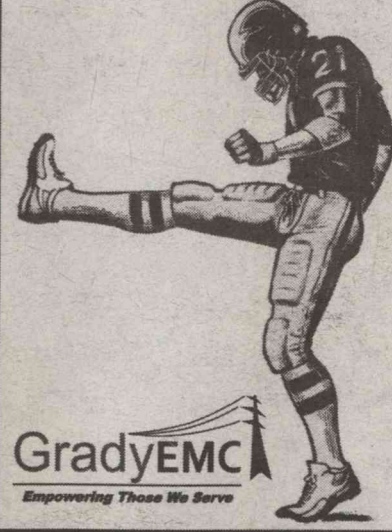
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OFFENSIVE LINE: front row, l-r, Baylor Glasure, Will Walden, Jayven Jenkins, Sabryce Brown, Michael Mobley, Brandon McClendon and Pistol Burkes; back row: Quadar Williams, Cade Puckett, Collins Cooper, coach Jimmy Dudley, Conner Welch, Austin Hester, and Ave Womble.



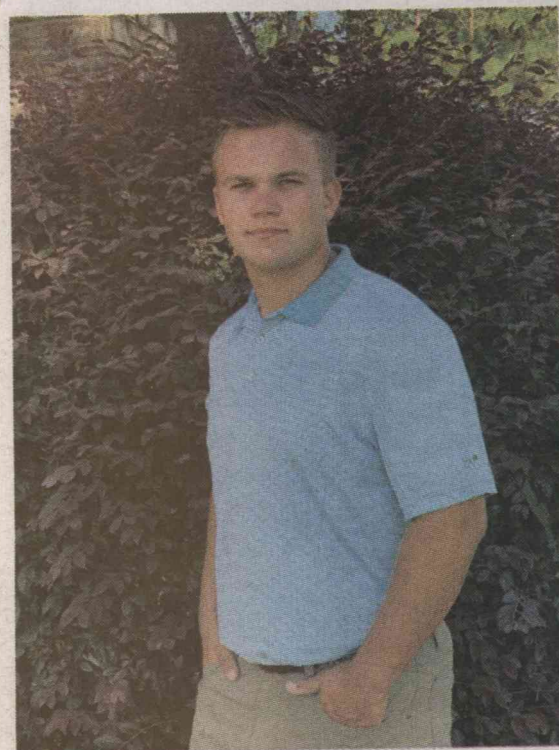
Young offensive line showing progress

The Cairo Syrupmaker offensive line lost four of five starters last season and they have a new coach. But in spite of the challenges,

the young group is showing progress. "I have been very impressed with their progress. We are learning each other and

they are learning their roles, and they have been working very hard to get ready," said coach Jimmy Dudley.

Brandon McClendon is the lone returning starter and has stepped up to lead the group. Will Walden, Jayven Jenkins and Mike Mobley



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Tight ends will be more involved in passing game, Montgomery says



Y RECEIVERS: front row, l-r, Justyn Sherman, Mo Wilson, Raylen Brown and Cedric Brown; back row: Kennison Clark, coach Brett Montgomery and Palmer Harrell.

Through the years, Syrupmaker tight ends have often been used mainly as an extra-offensive lineman. While one of the responsibilities includes blocking, tight ends coach Brett Montgomery says fans will see more of them involved in the passing offense.

Junior Mo Wilson will get the start at tight end for the Syrupmakers. Wilson proved his toughness and ability last year stepping in at quarterback several times. At tight end, those characteristics will make the junior a big part of the offense. "Mo is a hard-nosed player, very physical and smart, he has adapted quickly and has worked hard," said coach Brett Montgomery.

Senior Kennison Clark will also see a lot of playing time at tight end. Montgomery says Clark is fast, a great receiver and does whatever is asked of him.

Cedric Brown, a junior, will also see some playing time. "Brown has really paid his dues, he spent a lot of time on the practice squad last year and now he's ready to play. Kennison does everything you ask, he's fast with good hands, so I am excited about our group as a whole," Montgomery said.

will be starters and transfer Baylor Glasure will be the new center.

"Walden will play guard and sometimes step in at center, Mobley is a senior and has really come along, Jenkins has really looked good this summer, Glasure is a big guy who can step in at center, and McClendon has shown a lot of leadership, returning from last season," said Dudley.

Some younger players, like Cade Puckett, Collis Cooper, Connor Welch, Pistol Burkes and Austin Hester, may get some time up front. "This freshman group is the best group of young players I have ever had, I look forward to big things out them in the future," Dudley said.

Offensive linemen are seldom mentioned in the newspaper or on the P.A. system during a game. Their job in the trenches is physical and demanding with little or no recognition. However, offensive linemen understand their role and their importance to the success of the team, and they just show up every day and go to work.

These guys fight it out in the trenches every week and seldom get a lot of recognition, but all of them know the importance of their duties and making things happen up front every play, every Friday night. When you see the Syrupmakers move the ball down the field or score, remember the guys in the trenches making it all happen.



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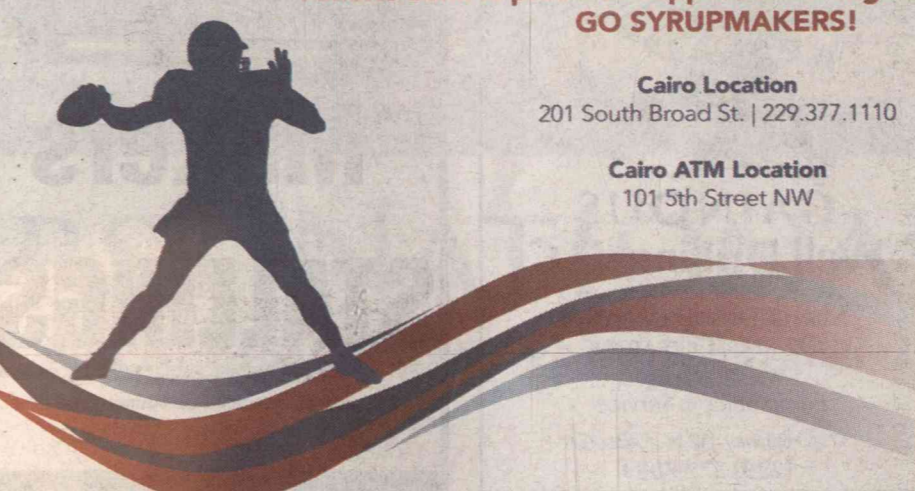
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H,X,Z RECEIVERS: front row, l-r, Cory Baker, Amarion Byrden, Xavian Grant, Samuel Harris, Kilijah Thomas, Jaylon Spence and Tequan Latimore; back row: Michael Lemon, Anthony Zuniga, Drew Owen, coach Shawn Smith, coach Brandon Robinson, Tyreek Kelly, Jerome Williams and Zakary Elkins.



Watch for this corps of receivers to be Cairo's playmakers

The 2020 edition of the Syrupmaker receivers will feature two new starters who saw playing time last year between two seniors. Kilijah Thomas and Samuel Harris will have a chance now to step up. Coaches Brandon Robinson and LShuan

Smith say they both like what they see in their group. "Thomas has strong hands and a big body so he can make things happen after the catch," said Smith. "Samuel Harris is a jitterbug after he makes a catch and he is always

capable of making a big play," said Robinson. Other receivers who may see action on Friday nights include Xavian Grant and TJ Kelly. The Syrupmakers are looking to spread the field next year and make some plays through the air. The Syrupmaker receivers have the

ability to make some big things happen when they get the ball.

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Many new faces on Syrupmaker offense

Graduation hit the Syrupmaker offense hard but created plenty of opportunities for players to step up. The Syrupmakers must replace four of the five linemen, two receivers, and their quarterback.

Kevin Speed is the new Syrupmaker quarterback, replacing three-year starter Matthew Peters. Speed will have Tayy Solomon returning at runningback which will provide a lot of juice for the offense. At receiver, Cairo has Samuel Harris and Kilijah Thomas returning and both are capable of making big plays through the air. Mo Wilson will be at tight end and will provide a weapon there as well.

The biggest challenge will be replacing four starters on the offensive line, but offensive coordinator Jimmy Dudley likes what he sees so far. "We have some linemen who have really stepped up. Brandon McClendon returns to anchor the line, then we have Will Walden, Mike Mobley, Jayvin Jenkins and Baylor Glasure, who have had a really good summer," said Dudley.

According to Dudley, because he is just settling in as the new offensive coordinator, he will need time to evaluate personnel early in the season, but fans can expect to see the familiar spread offense as before with some new additions and wrinkles.

The offense will have plenty of new faces, but a solid group of returning starters that will help the others grow and become more productive each week.

“We have some linemen WHO have stepped up ... who have had a really good summer”

- Coach Dudley-



THE 2019 SYRUPMAKER quarterback, Matthew Peters, left behind big shoes to fill, but Kevin Speed is up to the task. File photo

Syrupmaker defense will be tested early

The Cairo High School Syrupmaker defense has two new, but familiar faces, heading up the defense this season as Co-Defensive Coordinators. Coaches Johnta Cooper and David Coleman will both direct the defense. Both have been CHS coaches for several years and both are Cairo High School graduates who played for the Syrupmakers.

Both coaches are excited about the chance to lead the defense. "Cairo plays defense, they arrive at the ball violently, they get all eleven to the ball when possible and they play hard every game," said coach Coleman. "Those red hats have a reputation of hitting you and we will continue that reputation. We want our guys to play disciplined football, but play with excitement as well and fly to the ball," said coach Cooper.

Both coaches are excited about the Syrupmaker defense and their personnel. "It's an interesting mix this year, we have a lot of players that are upperclassmen, but will not have a lot of game experience on defense. This will be an opportunity

for them to step up, it's their turn now," said Coleman.

Seniors John Carter, Gary Davis, Ty Glenn, Ricky Walker, TeQuan Latimore, Ricky Walker and Raylen Brown return on defense and will provide leadership and game time experience to the defense. "These guys can play, they know what to do, and we will count on them to lead the others on Friday nights," said Cooper.

Dorian Thomas and Quan Willis make the move from offense to defense. Jacquez Brown and Jaylin Davis will also see their share of playing time on defense. Eric Thomas and Emmanuel Wilson are both juniors and will start in the secondary, and Chaz Johnson will start at safety, this is his first time playing football.

With a tough nonregion schedule to start the season, the Syrupmaker defense will be tested early. However, there is no doubt they will answer the call.



NOWHERE TO RUN...The speedy Syrupmaker defense is a team trademark. Co-Defensive Coordinators Johnta Cooper and David Coleman are optimistic that the defensive unit will make their presence known to the dismay of the opposing offense. File photo

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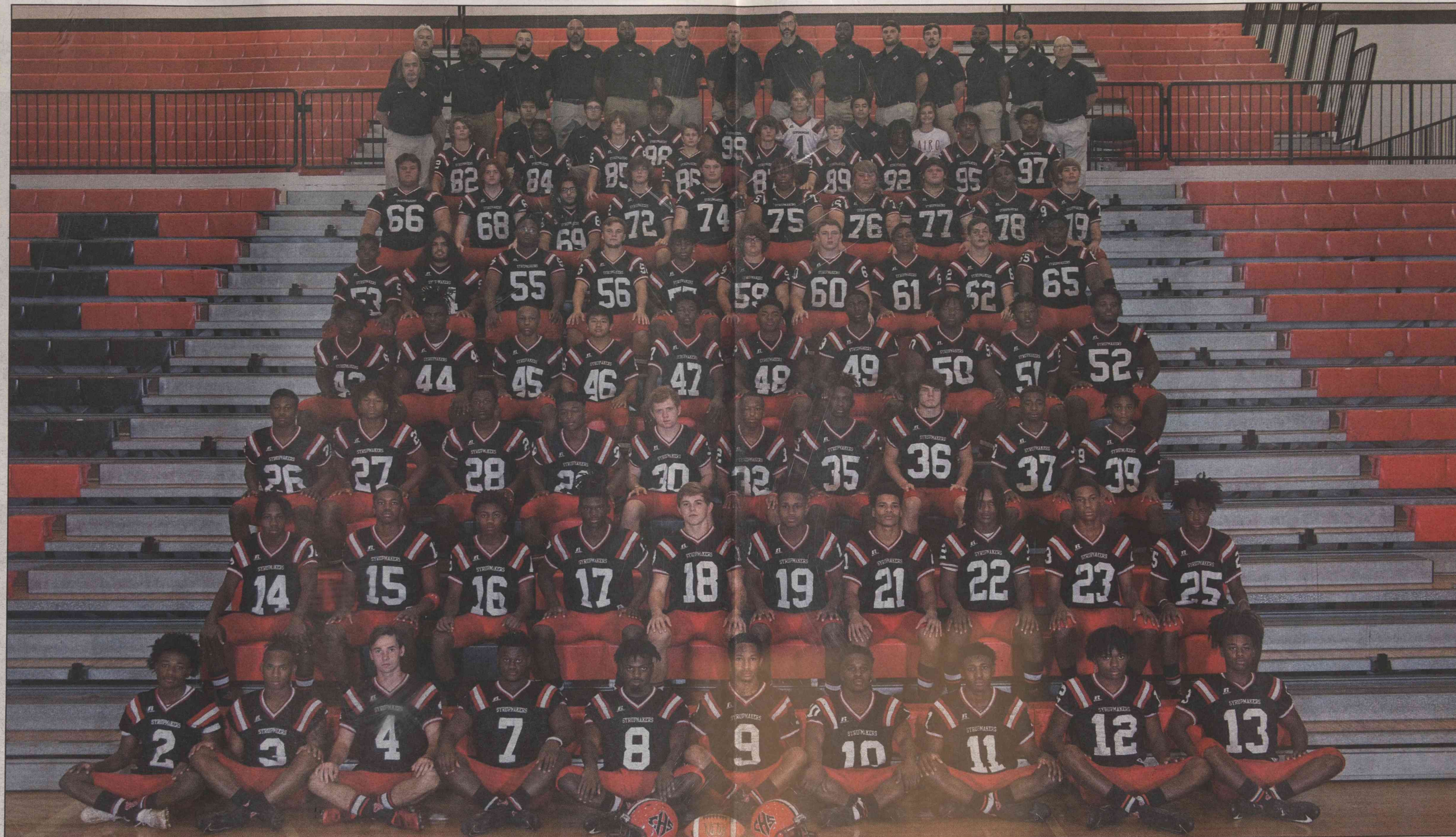
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DEFENSIVE LINE: front row, l-r, Phillip Hurst, Raylen Brown, Jalen Davis, Dorian Thomas, Jacquez Brown, Quan Willis and Andrew Sigler; back row: Miguel Fred, Tanner Ramm, Jaylin Evans, Cedtron Brown, coach Daniel Coleman, coach Jess DeVoursney, Ty Glenn, Nathan Keen and Bryante Kelly.

Senior Ty Glenn anchors Cairo's defensive line

Senior defensive tackle Ty Glenn has been getting a lot of attention from college scouts, and for good reason. The big lineman has proven to be a force up front for the Syrupmakers.

"Ty Glenn played a lot last year, he creates a lot of havoc up there and is hard to get around," said defensive line coach Jess DeVoursney.

Next to Glenn will be another big lineman in Quan Willis. Willis has experience and will make plays as well. Glenn and the Syrupmaker front line will be physical and hard to get around or through.

"These guys are very physical, they will come after you up there," added DeVoursney.

According to DeVoursney, Jacquez Brown, a junior, has shown lots of improvement over the summer and will see playing time, and Freshman Cedtron Brown has come on strong as well.

Games are won and lost in the trenches, and there is no doubt the Syrupmaker defensive line will win the battles in the trenches when the lights come on.

Defensive ends are ready to make a stop

The secret to a good offense is a defense that can control the opponent's offense and make a big stop when needed to give the ball back to the offense. Ready to help the Syrupmaker defense make that happen is the defensive ends.

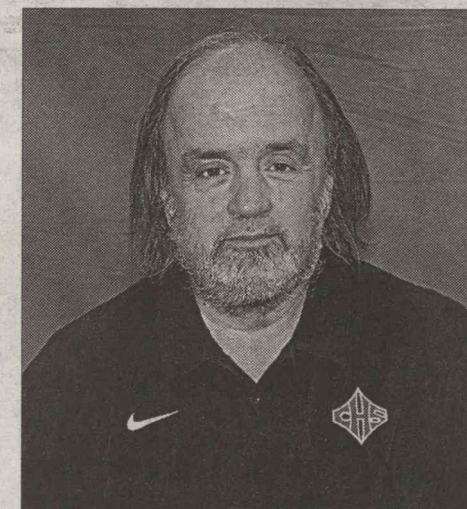
"Our guys come off the ball hard, attack

the offense and will make a stop when we need them," said coach Daniel Coleman.

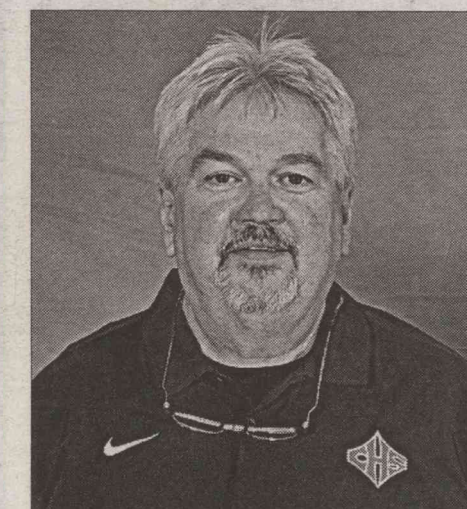
Juniors Dorian Thomas and Jacquez Brown and senior Raylin Brown will all see action at defensive end for the Syrupmakers this season. Jaylin Davis, sophomore, may also see some time on the

field. "Davis has a high motor, he works hard every day," said Coleman.

The Syrupmaker defensive line will be solid from end to end and will make opposing offenses take notice.



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Figueroa wants more production from corners

Cornerback coach Steven Figueroa wants his corners to provide more production this season. It looks like he has the right players to make that happen.

Senior TeQuan Latimore returns at corner for the Syrupmakers. He has size and strength and experience. Also at corner will be several other players who have a chance to play. Junior Emmanuel Wilson, senior Jeffery Jones, and junior Eric Thomas will all see playing time.

"I'm excited about the possibilities at cornerback, we have the talent and speed back there to make things happen. I am looking for more production this year with cornerbacks making some plays and providing some spark in the secondary when the ball is in the air," said Figueroa.

Jveon Jones, Jamarion Bryan and Antroveno Hadley are some young guys who could develop to make a contribution in the future, as well.

CORNERBACKS: front row, l-r, Antroveno Hadley, Artice Jones, Jamarion Bryant, Mario Blough and Jveon Jones; back row: Donovan Thomas, Emmanuel Wilson, coach Steve Figueroa, Tequan Latimore and Jeffery Jones.



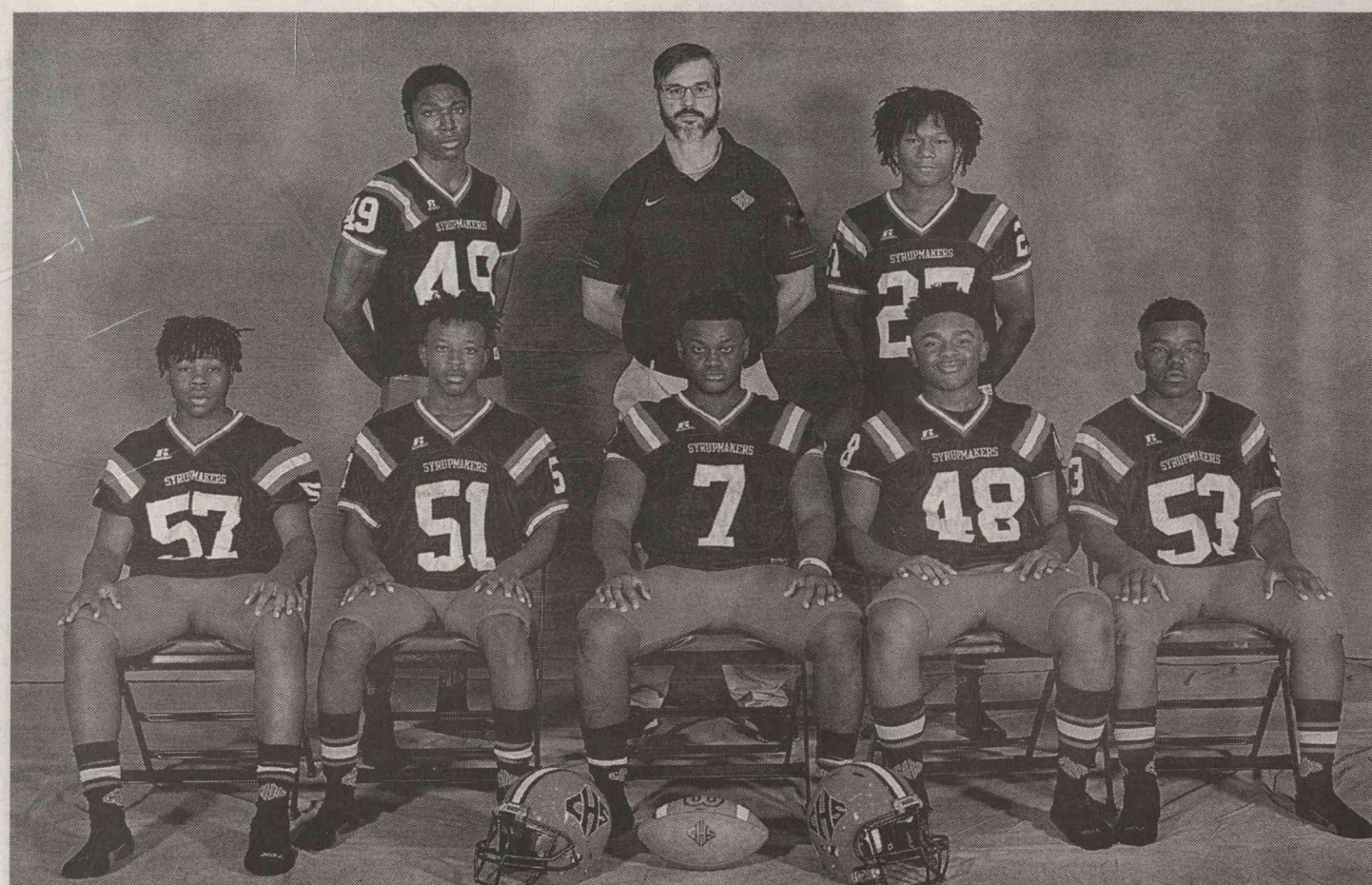
Inside linebackers are ready to lead

Coach David Coleman could not say enough about the leadership his two inside linebackers, Ricky Walker and Raylen Brown, provide for the Syrupmakers.

"These are two seniors who have played a lot of football and are great leaders for us. They both do the right things, say the right things and lead every day and that is going to be important to this team," said Coleman.

Both Brown and Walker will be found at the football on almost every play this season. "Both of these guys have a great nose for the football and they will be there. They are willing to play wherever we need them, and I know they will be a big part of what we do this season, I'm excited to see them get in there," said Coleman.

The secret to successful teams is solid leadership, and seniors Raylen Brown and Ricky Walker are ready for the challenge.



INSIDE LINEBACKERS: front row, l-r, Malik Williams, Shawn McNeil, Raylen Brown, Jeremiah Williams and Daylen Hines; back row: Ricky Walker, coach David Coleman and Gary Davis.

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Carter is back!

Speed and ability at the corners and safety position will be the mark of 2020. Coach JJ Cooper is excited about his players and look for big things out of them, but the coach is also concerned about the group's lack of playing experience.

"Senior John 'J Baby' Carter is the only starter returning with any experience. He will do a great job on the outside for us and will also be on the roof at times," said coach Cooper. Chaz Johnson, who is new to football, will be at the safety position and Cooper is looking for big things from him as he grows into the position. Sophomores Jacob Manlius and Terrance Peoples will see some playing as well.

"Our guys come out and work hard every day. Everyone is competing for a spot every day, so we can put the best players on the field," said Cooper.

As these guys gain some game experience, look for big things from the Syrupmaker secondary as they compete in the 2020 season.

SAFETIES & OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS: front row, l-r. Jeffery Jones, Kilijah Thomas, Raylen Brown, Tequan Latimore and Jason Manlius; back row: Kaleb Owens, Ricky Walker, coach Johnta Cooper, coach Mike Anderson, Elijah Anderson and Terrance Peoples.



Syrupmakers have one of nation's top kickers

All coaches know that special teams can change the outcome of any game. The Syrupmakers are fortunate to have a game changer in senior Noah Jones, kicker and punter. Jones, considered one of the top kickers in the nation has gotten a lot of attention from Division I schools.

"We really are blessed to have Noah, he is a game changer, he can flip the field on a punt and force a team to drive the field, which is tough on any offense. He is also a weapon on kickoffs, most of his kicks are not returnable, which means a team most go 80 yards, which is a big plus for us. His leg on field goals is also a game changer, he was about one inch away from the Carver game in a kick over 50 yards," said coach Tommy York.

Noah's back up is sophomore Landon Vick-



SPECIAL TEAMS: front row, l-r, Cade Puckett, Mo Wilson, Braylon Robinson, Will Walden and Terrance Peoples; back row: Landon Vickers, coach Tommy York and Noah Jones.

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A look back at the 2019 football season

The Cairo Syrupmakers finished the 2019 football season with an 8-3 record including a scrimmage win over TCHS and a win over Thomasville High School to bring the Syrup Pitcher back to Cairo.

Here now is a look back at the Syrupmaker season

Syrupmakers swatt Yellow Jackets in preseason scrimmage

It may have just been a preseason scrimmage for the Syrupmakers and the Thomas County Central Yellow Jackets, but that did not lower the level of intensity on the field at the Jacket's Nest in Thomasville. The Syrupmakers came out on top 42-12 in three quarters of varsity action and one quarter of JV play. The Syrupmaker varsity dominated their three quarters of play 28-12 with the JV adding two scores in the final quarter. In their three quarters of varsity play Cairo rushed for 123 yards on the ground and 83 through the air. Matthew Peters scored first on a 65-yard run and Noah Jones gave the Makers a 7-0 lead in the first quarter.

Syrupmakers whip Bulldogs to bring Syrup Pitcher home

Last year, the Cairo Syrupmakers led the Thomasville Bulldogs for most the game at West Thomas Stadium, but ran out of gas late

in the fourth quarter, losing 15-14. This year, the Syrupmakers made sure there would be no late disappointments as the Makers poured on 28 third quarter points, defeating the Bulldogs 45-21. Tay Solomon had 17 carries and 97 yards, including a long touchdown run that was called back to the fifty when an official said he stepped out of bounds. Taylor had 2 catches for 109 yards and Nick Gosier had 3 for 32 yards.

Cairo gave up 103 yards on the ground and 185 through the air. Gary Davis had 9 tackles and 5 assists, John Carter had 7 tackles and three assists. Devario Smith had an interception, and Earnest Taylor and John Carter both had fumble recoveries.

Bearcats hold off Syrupmakers

The Bainbridge Bearcats and Cairo Syrupmakers battled for 48 minutes in front of a near capacity crowd at West Thomas Stadium at Wayne Tootle Field with the Bearcats coming out on top 14-10. The Syrupmakers had 98 yards on the ground and 80 through the air. Matthew Peters was 13-23-2 on the night passing for the Syrupmakers. Tay Solomon had 43 yards on 12 carries and Peters had 35 yards on 12 rushes. Johnathan Herring had 3 catches for 33 yards, Marquii Lovejoy had 22 yards off of a "flea flicker" from Nick Gosier. Cairo's defense held the

Bearcats in check with the exception of the two big plays. Gary Davis led the defense with 15 tackles, Raylon Brown had 11 tackles and Devario Smith had 10. Noah Jones averaged 43 yards a punt and helped flip the field with those kicks several times. The Bearcats winning touchdown, a 53-yard pass reception, was not without controversy as the Bearcat receiver appeared to fumble the ball before crossing the goal line and the Syrupmakers fell on the loose ball for an apparent touchback. However, the officials ruled the play a touchdown and the score gave the Bearcats the lead and the win.

Syrupmakers pound Patriots

The Cairo Syrupmakers got a little wake up call after an open week and responded with a win. The Syrupmakers hosted the Northside Patriots in a region 1-AAAA match up. Northside scored first to take a 7-0 lead, but the Syrupmakers responded with 53 unanswered points, to pick up the region win 53-7. Matthew Peters was 8-14-0 for 123 yards passing, he also led the team with 7 rushes and 107 yards. Solomon had 69 yards on 11 carries and had three yards on 2 receptions. Earnest Taylor had 3 catches for 73 yards as well. Cairo had 267 yards of offense on the ground and 123 through the air. Freshman DJ Oliver led the defense with 5

tackles and 7 assists, Raylon Brown had 8 tackles and three assists, Gary Davis had 5 tackles and 5 assists and Derrick Simmons had 4 tackles and 6 assists. John Carter had an interception, Daniel Thomas had a fumble recovery. The Syrupmaker defense gave up 166 yards of offense, just 54 yards in the second half. Noah Jones was 6-6 on extra points and 1-1 on field goals. The junior kicker punted 3 times for a 46.6 yard average.

Syrupmakers hold off Hawks

For the second week in a row, the Cairo Syrupmakers found themselves down a touchdown in the opening minutes of a region game. Cairo fell behind 7-0 on the first play from scrimmage against the Hardaway Hawks at Memorial Stadium in Columbus. However, just as the case the week before, the Syrupmakers responded quickly, scoring 21 unanswered points this week, to win 21-7 and move to 2-0 in region play. Cairo had an interception from DeVario Smith. Derrick Simmons led the Makers with 8 tackles, Dylan James and Calvin Issac had 7 tackles each and Raylen Brown had 6 tackles. Tay Solomon was the leading rusher for the Syrupmakers with 81 yards on 16 carries. Matthew Peters had 73 yards on 20 carries. Peters was 9-11-0 passing for 72 yards. Noah

Jones averaged 64.2 yards a punt on 4 punts and was 2-2 on field goals for 42 and 39 yards.

Syrupmakers "Wipe Out" Westover

The CHS cheerleaders chose the theme "Wipe Out Westover" for their region 1-AAAA match up between Cairo and Westover, and the Syrupmakers followed through with the plan. Last year at Hugh Mills Stadium, the Syrupmakers built a sizable lead over the Westover Patriots, only to see the home team storm back with the Syrupmakers having to make a play on defense in the end zone to win the game 27-25 in the final minute. This year, Cairo made sure there would be no late game heroics by the Patriots as Cairo pulled away for a 49-14 win over previously unbeaten Westover. Cairo improved to 4-1 on the season and 3-0 in Region 1-AAAA with the win. Tay Solomon had a stellar night with four touchdowns in the first half including a brilliant 51-yard sprint down the heart of the Patriot defense. Solomon finished with 140 yards of offense with 139 in the first half. Matthew Peters had runs of 45, 37 and 27 for the Syrupmakers and threw two touchdown passes in the first half, one to Solomon for 31 yards and one to Marquii Lovejoy for 8 yards and had a 45-yard run himself for a touchdown in the second half. Solomon also led the team in receiving with 106 yards on three receptions. Freshman DJ Oliver led the defense with 10 tackles, Raylen Brown and Gary Davis each had 8 tackles and DeVario Smith

finished with 7 tackles. Noah Jones missed his first extra point, but made the next five in a row and punted for a 40.5 yard average with two punts.

Syrupmakers shut out Blue Devils

The Cairo Syrupmakers moved to 4-0 in the region and 5-1 overall with a 39-0 shutout of the Columbus Blue Devils in Columbus. Cairo scored in a variety of ways, in addition to three scores on offense, Cairo had four scores on Special Teams, including a field goal, a safety on a bad snap on a Columbus punt, a return for a touchdown on a missed field goal and kickoff return for a score. Cairo finished with 328 yards of offense, 191 on the ground and 137 through the air. Matthew Peters was 6-10 with one interception. He also led the team in rushing yards with 76 on 6 carries. Marquii Lovejoy had 3 catches for 64 yards and Johnathan Herring had 2 for 61 yards. Cairo's defense held the Blue Devils to just 16 yards on the ground and 126 through the air. Gary Davis led the team in tackles with 12, DJ Oliver had 11 tackles and Lattimore had a touchdown on a returned field goal. Cairo was penalized 9 times for 105 yards and Columbus was flagged 10 times for 65 yards.

Cairo loses to Carver in Double overtime heartbreaker

The Cairo High School Syrupmakers saw their chances of repeating as the Region 1-AAAA champion slip away some after drop-

ping a double overtime thriller to Carver Columbus 52-46 at Kinnett Stadium in Columbus. Both teams combined for over 900 yards of offense and neither team committed a turnover. Both teams were tied 38-38 at the end of regulation after Cairo's Noah Jones had a 51-yard field goal hit the crossbar of the goal post and bounce out with two seconds left in the game. Both teams scored and made their two point conversions in the first overtime to remain tied, this time 46-46. Carver's Khairi McCoy then scored in the second overtime and missed the two point conversion giving the Syrupmakers a chance to win the game. However, an apparent game-tying touchdown catch on fourth down for Cairo was first ruled a completion for a touchdown, then ruled incomplete, giving the Tigers the win in a wild game. Carver finished with 546 yards of offense, Carver runningback Khairi McCoy had 28 carries and 309 yards. Maurice Chin led the Syrupmaker defense with 9 tackles, Raylen Brown and Devario Smith both had 8 tackles on the night. Cairo had 403 yards of offense, 249 in the air and 154 on the ground. Tay Solomon led the team in rushing and receiving with 86 yards on the ground and 85 through the air. Cairo had 65 yards and 8 penalties and Carver was penalized 4 times for 48 yards.

Syrupmakers finish long road trip with a win over Americus-Sumter

The Cairo Syrupmakers finished up a month long absence from West Thomas Sta-


dium with a 39-19 win over the Americus-Sumter Panthers. Senior running back Tay Solomon came off the bench to spark a fourth quarter burst to lead his team to the win. Cairo is holding on to the second seed in Region 1-AAAA and a chance to host their 16th first round state playoff game at home in a row. The Syrupmakers are now 5-1 in region play and 6-2 overall. Americus-Sumter drops to 4-2 in the region and 4-4 overall. After a rain drenched pregame warmup, the clouds parted and the rain stopped just before kickoff for the Syrupmakers and Panthers to battle in a region match up. Cairo racked up 405 yards of offense, 219 on the ground and 186 in the air, Solomon led Cairo with 98 yards on 8 carries and Lovejoy led Cairo in receptions with 3 catches for 84 yards. Cairo had 16 first downs and had two turnovers. The Panthers scored 19 points but had 479 yards of offense, 264 on the ground and 215 in the air. The Panthers had 14 first downs had one turnover, a Devario Smith interception. Cairo was penalized 9 times for 80 yards and the Panthers were penalized 14 times for 132 yards. Gary Davis led Cairo in tackles with 8, Maurice Chin had 7 tackles, and Dylan James, Devario Smith and Kevin Speed all had 6 tackles. Noah Jones punted 3 times for a 45 yard average.

Syrupmakers rout the Raiders

The Cairo Syrupmakers returned to the friendly confines of home at West Thomas

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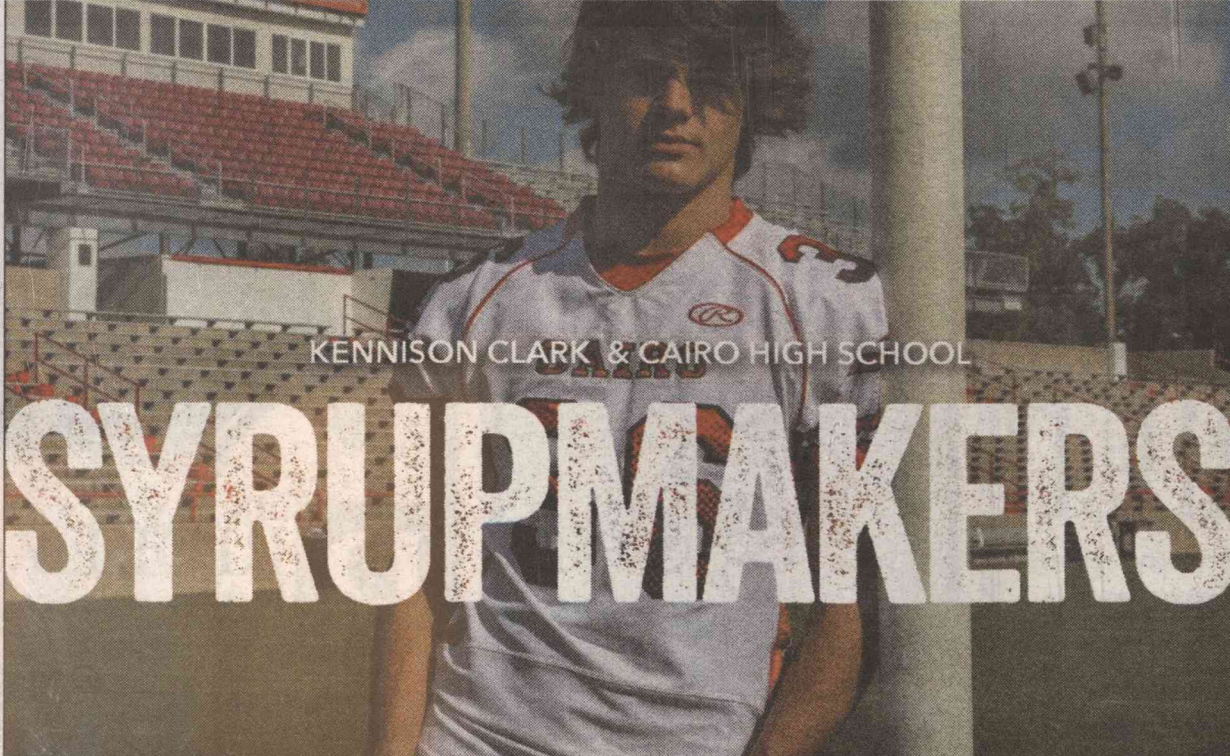
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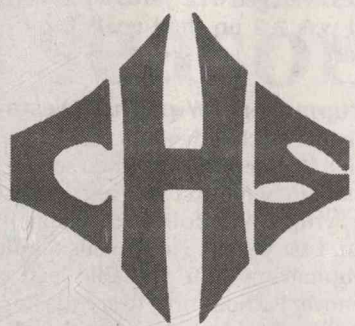
Stadium after a month away, and celebrated Senior Night with a 31-0 shutout over the Shaw Raiders. Cairo played without their starting quarterback and starting runningback as sophomore Mo Wilson got his first start at quarterback and Ricky Walker filled in for Tay Solomon. The Syrupmakers had 266 yards of rushing with 11 different runningbacks on the night. Walker led the group with 18 carries and 88 yards, both Gosier and Thomas had 36 yards rushing on 6 and 4 carries respectively. Wilson was 0-2-1 passing and Gosier was 2-4-0 for 13 yards. Marquii Lovejoy caught both passes for 13 yards. The Syrupmaker defense held the Raiders to just 80 yards of offense, with just 7 total yards in the second half. Freshman DJ Oliver led the defense with 19 tackles, four for a loss. Raylen Brown had the fumble recovery for a touchdown and 7 tackles. Gary Davis had 10 tackles, John Carter had 9, Calvin Issac had 8 and Kevin Speed had 6 tackles. Cairo did not punt on the night and committed just 4 penalties for 25 yards. Shaw had 5 punts for 27.2 yard average and was penalized 5 times for 40 yards.

Cairo trounces the Trojans

The Cairo High School Syrupmakers celebrated Homecoming with a 41-0 shutout over the Dougherty Trojans at West Thomas Stadium. The Syrupmakers made quick work of the Trojans as they scored on their first three possessions and never looked back in

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SYRUPMAKER CHAMPIONSHIPS



STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1946, 1990, 2008

STATE FINALIST

2007

STATE SEMIFINALS

1963, 1964, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2011

STATE QUARTERFINALS

1962, 1967, 1994, 1995, 2009, 2010, 2016, 2018

REGION CHAMPIONSHIPS

1963, 1964, 1967, 1990, 1994, 1995, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2004, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018

Fellowship of Christian Athletes is open to all students

The Cairo High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes is designed for all students at Cairo High School, not just athletes.

The FCA was founded in 1954 by Eastern Oklahoma A&M basketball coach Don McClanen, who later resigned to become its full-time director. After watching sports stars use fame to endorse and sell general merchandise, McClanen wrote to 19 prominent sports figures asking for their help in establishing an organization that would use the same principle to share the Christian faith. Among the first supporters were Baseball Hall of Famer Branch Rickey, who was best known for breaking the MLB color barrier by signing Jackie Robinson to the

Brooklyn Dodgers in 1945, and professional athletes including Otto Graham, Carl Erskine and Don Moomaw. FCA held its first advisory board meeting in September 1954 and was officially incorporated as a not-for-profit organization in November.

After more than 60 years of operation, FCA has developed into a global Christian sports ministry reaching more than two million people per year at the professional, college, high school, junior high and youth sports levels.

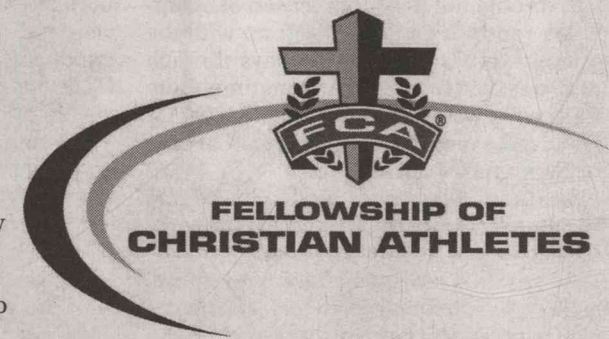
Fellowship of Christian Athletes operates according to an internally written statement of faith. This statement consists of seven points based on Bible teachings and Christian principles. Each point has a cor-

responding scripture. All staff and leaders agree with and operate according to the FCA statement of faith.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes lists four core values for its ministry: Integrity, Serving, Teamwork and Excellence.

As a part of their on campus ministry, Cairo High School FCA members provide the pregame prayer at all Cairo High School football games.

Due to COVID-19, the club may not be able to meet on a regular basis this school year, but FCA leaders will be looking for ways to come together in small groups.



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a 41-0 blowout of Dougherty finishing the regular season with an 8-2 mark. The Cairo defense smothered the Trojans allowing just 64 yards of offense in the first half and one yard total in the second half. Gary Davis led the team on defense with 14 tackles, and an interception for a touchdown. Raylen Brown had 11 tackles and a fumble recovery. Tequan Latimore also had an interception. Dougherty had just 2 first downs on the night and committed three turnovers. Cairo's of-

fense finished with 273 yards of offense, 189 on the ground and 84 through the air. Gosier led the offense in rushing with 53 yards on 7 carries and Herring had two catches for 32 yards. Gosier was 4-11-0 passing for 84 yards.

Syrupmakers fall short to Baldwin in first round of playoffs

Syrupmaker head football coach Steve DeVoursney warned everyone that Baldwin was not your average third seeded team, and the

visiting Braves proved their worth as they defeated the Syrupmakers 38-30 on a cold blustery night, for only their second first round playoff loss in 16 years. Gary Davis led the defense with 26 tackles on the night, including five for a loss, Raylen Brown had 15 and John Carter had 11 tackles. Peters led the team with 128 yards on 11 carries and Sam Harris had 51 yards receiving including at touchdown. Peters finished 11-19-0 138. Cairo was penalized 15 times for 112 yards and Baldwin was flagged 15 times for 128 yards. Cairo punted twice for a 35-yard

average.

"Anytime you win eight ball games and you make the playoffs, that's something to be proud of," said head coach Steve DeVoursney. "We wanted to win the region and that didn't happen. We wanted to host a playoff game and we did, keeping that streak alive. To do that 16 straight years is huge, but obviously we wanted to get past the first round.

Cairo finished second in the region with an 8-3 record.

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Cairo High School NJROTC unit is making history

To say it has been an eventful year for the NJROTC would be a huge understatement. Of course, with COVID-19 being the driving force behind so much of what has happened to all of us over the past six months, it has been eventful for everyone.

The NJROTC began the 2019-2020 school year with high hopes for success in all areas of our many areas of operations. In our first competition of the year, we finished in first place for the very first time in unit history in any event, winning the Bainbridge Inter-service Drill Meet.

It was a great day for our senior leadership, Unit Commanding Officer Cadet Lieutenant Commander Kaylie Boyett and Unit Executive Officer Cadet Lieutenant Commander Peyton Smith, who had been working extremely hard getting our cadets ready for the competition.

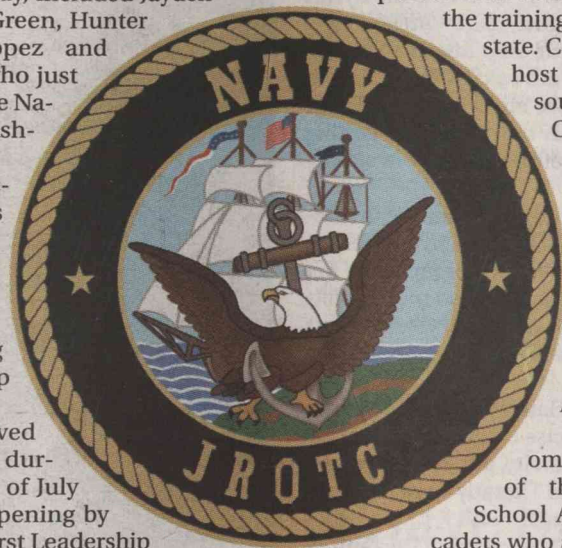
Both Miss Boyett and Mr. Smith have decided to dedicate the next phase of their lives to serving our country. Miss Boyett earned a Navy ROTC scholarship to the University of Maine on her way to a commission as an officer in the United States Navy and Mr. Smith is currently at the United States Marine Corps Recruiting Depot at Parris Island, South Carolina, going through 13 weeks of boot camp.

Our Academic Team performed extremely well again this past year as we were one of

only four units in our NJROTC area to qualify for the second level of the National Junior Leadership Academic Bowl Championship. Our team of cadets led by new Unit Commanding Officer Cadet Lieutenant Commander Alexis Gray, included Jayden Twyman, Aiden Green, Hunter Rowan, Jodi Lopez and Kayleana Reed, who just missed a trip to the National Finals in Washington, D.C.

While the accomplishments above are something to be proud of, the completion of our new NJROTC building has to be at the top of the list.

The unit moved into the building during the first week of July and marked its opening by hosting the very first Leadership Academy Cluster for NJROTC Area 12. Leadership Academy is usually held at the Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville, Ga., with over 220 top cadets from the 59 schools from Georgia and northeast Florida that make up NJROTC Area 12. But, as with



many events, it had to be cancelled. Rather than give up and let an invaluable opportunity for cadet leadership training be lost, the NJROTC Area 12 manager decided to have schools that were willing and had the support of their school districts to host the training in areas across the state. Cairo was selected to host the training for southwest Georgia. Coffee County, Lee County and Valdosta High School NJROTC units traveled to Cairo July 7-10, 2020, with a small number of cadets each day to attend the Leadership Academy.

Following the recommended guidelines of the Georgia High School Association, the 29 cadets who attended the training maintained social distancing and wore masks during the time they were in the building for the classroom portion of the training.

"It was an honor to be the host school for Leadership Academy and great way to open

our new building," said Lieutenant Commander Alex Baker, the Senior Naval Science Instructor.

There are still a few final touches that are being made to the building. The electronic scoring system for the rifle range has yet to be installed. The system, built in Norway, was delayed due to the COVID-19 restrictions but is scheduled for delivery and should be installed in September, just in time for the Cairo rifle team to begin practice.

The NJROTC is still looking for cadets to join the unit. Any freshman or upper classman who may be interested in the NJROTC program is encouraged to contact the NJROTC at 378-1235 or come by the building and talk with LCDR Baker or Master Chief Youngblood, the Naval Science Instructor about joining the program.

The Cairo NJROTC is looking forward to getting back to school and Friday nights providing parking assistance and proudly presenting the colors on the field before each game. The cadets of the Cairo High School Navy Junior ROTC want to wish our football team, cheerleaders, majorettes and band all the best for upcoming season.

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- 1964 RONNIE WALDEN, BILL STANFILL
- 1966 DON STRINGER
- 1967 STEWART CHASTAIN
- 1971 RICKY JOHNSON, MARVIN GOAR
- 1979 DAVID PONDER
- 1980 SPENCER TEAL, CHRIS SHEFFIELD, NICKY PAIGE
- 1981 SPENCER TEAL, JOHN POWELL
- 1982 TREY GAINOUS, DUKE DONALDSON
- 1983 DUKE DONALDSON
- 1984 JOEY HESTER, VINCENT BOSTICK
- 1985 JOHN GARDENER, WILLIAM EVERS, SHAWN BOOKER
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- 1989 VINCENT NORRIS
- 1990 LERON WHITE, RAYMOND TAYLOR, TERRY SOLOMON, MICHAEL SANDERS, VINCENT NORRIS, HERMAN GARLAND
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- 1995 JAMICHAEL WILLIAMS, WILLIE HARRIS

- 1997 JODY PERRY, OSCAR HUMPHRIES, DANIEL HAMMOND, CHANCE GWALTNEY
- 1998 ANTONIO MITCHELL, ALPHONZO HOPKINS, NAT HESTER
- 1999 JAIRAM QUEEN, ALPHONZO HOPKINS
- 2000 JAIRAM QUEEN, JONATHON GEE, MIKE ANDERSON
- 2001 JAKE BUNDRICK
- 2002 TOMMY GAINOUS, BLAKE FIELD
- 2003 RICO BROOKS
- 2004 MONTERIOUS MOORE, DECARIS LEEKS
- 2005 ROBERT THORNTON, DERRICK JOHNSON, FABIAN COOPER
- 2006 CLYDE BEATTY, REGINALD BRYANT
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- 2009 SCOOPY BODIFORD
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2020 Syrupmaker Marching Band



75th edition of Syrupmaker Band to take the field

This fall marks the 75th edition of the Syrupmaker Band. While the pandemic will put a dampener on any plan to mark the occasion, the band will still take the opportunity to reflect on the special place the band has in the Grady County community and what it has meant to the several generations of band members who have passed through.

The band started rehearsing earlier than normal to compensate for the lost rehearsal time since March 13. Sectional music rehearsals started in early June, following social distancing guidelines and recommended health precautions. This gave the band the opportunity to regain "chops" and get a head-start on the halftime music.

Band Director John Scanling is in his twenty-second year in education and sixth year leading the Syrupmaker Band. He is assisted by veteran band directors Patrick Ballew and Amy Amaro, as well as band directors Cody Ray and Johnny Brown who are both new to Grady County. CHS majorette alum Brooke Reynolds is also in her sixth year as majorette sponsor, along with CHS majorette alum Eryn Pritchett Carpenter.

The band is under the student leadership of senior Drum Major Bryce Perry. Bryce is the 43rd drum major of the Syrupmaker



MAJORETTE CORPS: l-r, Lanie Roberts, Anna Kesler, Eryn Anderson, Kaylynn Brinkley, Co-Captain Grace Gainous, Co-Captain Alexia Washington, Keondra Wright, Marian Sallee, Megan Roberts and Jae Long.

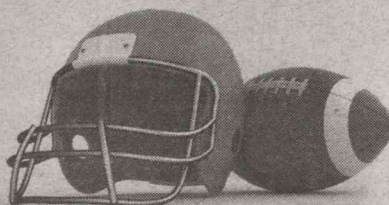
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Band. Captains of the band include majorette co-captains Grace Gainous and Alexia Washington, woodwind captain Michelle Morales, brass captain Trinity Crego, and percussion captain Jeremiah Chandler. They are assisted by several section leaders, the transportation officer, loading crew and quartermasters.

"We are lucky to have a great staff and hardworking student leaders," said Mr. Scanling. "Preparing the band to perform in these circumstances is challenging. We are constantly thinking of additional precautions to make this safe for everyone, and hoping that the season will resemble normal, especially for the seniors."

Behind the scenes, the band parents also have been getting uniforms fitted, providing water during band rehearsals and making adjustments to our procedures for every aspect of game days. To social distance, the band will sit in the south end zone of West Thomas Stadium. This will also allow the athletic department to sell more seats in the bleachers.

"It takes a great deal of support and behind-the-scenes work to make the band go," said Band Director John Scanling. "We are very lucky to have so many involved parents."

For the 2020 halftime show, the band has chosen to perform the music of Chuck Mangione. Chuck Mangione is a



SENIOR BAND MEMBERS: front row, l-r, Keondra Wright, Grace Gainous, Alexia Washington and Kaylynn Brinkley; kneeling: Kaleana Washington, Michelle Ponce, Bree Turner, Kayden Dowdy, Jamiah Burns and Susanna Smith; back row: Bria Oliver, Michelle Morales, Trinity Crego, Nate Hester, Bryce Perry, Gavin Garland, Sadie Scott, Jadah Cason and Cassidy Strickland.

jazz trumpeter who attended the Eastman School of Music. He played with several notable bands before achieving success leading his own bands and composing music for the 1976 Olympics and multiple movie soundtracks.

The opener is "Children of Sanchez," a song composed for the 1978 movie with the same name. It was originally written for jazz band featuring Chuck Mangione on flugelhorn. Our arrangement doesn't have flugelhorn, but it does stay true to the original as well as shares the melody with all of the sections of the marching band, including the woodwinds and mellophones.

The themed part of halftime concludes with "Land of Make Believe," the title song from Mangione's eighth album. The title track is sung by Esther Satterfield and features Mangione's older brother Gap Mangione and jazz trumpet player Jon Faddis. The Syrupmaker Band's arrangement features trumpet soloist, senior Trinity Crego.

The show will end with a Cairo tradition, "The Battle Hymn." This is the 45th consecutive year the Syrupmaker Band's halftime show will conclude with "The Battle Hymn." This streak began in 1976 as it was first performed as part of a patriotic-themed halftime show under Band Director Joe A. David.

"Performing 'The Battle Hymn' is just one of the traditions that makes Cairo special," said Mr. Scanling. "We knew that regardless of how 'abbreviated' our halftime show is this year, 'The Battle Hymn' must be included.



BAND LEADERSHIP: seated, l-r, Grace Gainous and Alexia Washington; kneeling: Kayden Dowdy, Cassidy Strickland, Briana Turner, Brian Bosely, Georgia Barham-Taylor and Merritt Helton; standing: Michelle Morales, Madison Logue, Trinity Crego, Nathaniel Wells, Taylor Holley, Harrison Maige, Bryce Perry, Nathaniel Hester, Jeremiah Chandler, Gavin Garland, Kyle Boyett, Jamiah Burns and Jadah Cason.

We will take advantage of every opportunity to perform it this season."

The band held its first White Shoe Rehearsal on Thursday, Sept. 3 and performed at the first home game of the season the fol-

lowing night, playing Fitzgerald High in West Thomas Stadium.

The band is looking forward to making the most of every opportunity this season. It won't be a normal season, but it will be a sea-

son that includes moments we will all cherish. "We pride, we give our best!"

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2020 Syrupmaker Band Roster

Drum Major
Bryce Perry

Majorette Corps
Eryn Anderson, Kaylynn Brinkley, Co-Captain Grace Gainous, Anna Kesler, Jae Long, Lanie Roberts, Megan Roberts, Marian Sallee, Co-Captain Alexia Washington, and Keondra Wright

Flutes

Cinthya Baldovinos-Sanchez, Jermiyah Bowden, Kailiyah Bowdry, Kaylynn Brinkley, Ariel Bustamante, Kayden Dowdy, Jennifer Godinez, Kynnedi Hopkins, Claire Humphries, Rebeca Jimenez, George Jimenez, Brooke Odum, Alicia Orozco, Susanna Smith, Janecia Thomas, and Aushjua Walden

Clarinets

Lauren Beckwith, Corrine Carrillo, Jadah Cason, Shanda Coronado Matias, Makayla Crawford, Maci Dawson, Kwuneccei Godwin, Erika Gomez Gomez, Emma Harvey, Ixcaret Hernandez, Grace Hunziker, Ta'liyah Jackson, Kennedi Kerbo, Madison Logue, Sara Logue, Sara Lokey, Michelle Morales, Naya Palafox, Carmen Perez Velasques, M'Kenzie Prater, Anna Rinker, Ella Singletary, Kaleana Washington, Bredasia Washington, Madison Welch, Aliyah Wells, Callie Whigham, and Georgia Wise

Saxophones

Sania Brown, Montanna Carroll, Aidan Green, Ti'yona Greene, Merritt Helton, Taylor Holley, Jada Owens, Hailey Powell, Hunter Sanders, and Olivia Wind

Melophones

Caylynn Norton, Alondra Ortiz, Hailey Russo, Iversyn Session, Cassidy Strickland, and Hayden Tatum

Trumpets

Brianna Addison, Georgia Barham-Taylor, Bryan Bosely, Johnathan Calhoun, Logan Collier, Trinity Crego, William Daughtry, Gavin Garland, Carson Hair, Aaron Hudson, Ta'cara Huntley, Michelle Ponce, Ryland Prince, Carly Reaves, Laramée Smith, Cross Tilley, and Riley Upton

Trombones

Aidan Baird, Kyle Boyett, Rory Brown, Andrew Cumbaa, Keya Hunter, Coen Jester, Harrison Maige, Bria Oliver, Sadie Scott, and Ashley Serrano

Baritones

Jamiah Burns, Marcus Cook, Cole Crego, Bree Turner, and Justin Williams

Tubas

Nijzey Corker, Addysen Curtis, Braydon Glover, Isaiah Harrison, Nathaniel Hester, Jodi Lopez, Jose Martinez-Bautista, and Danashya Sanders

Percussion

Noah Aldridge, Leviticus Bunion, Jeremiah Chandler, Brooke Dalton, Clyde Gray, Jacob Harrison, Ellis Hendrix, Jack Jones, Payton Josey, Bryan Loyd, Jonathan Miller, Jake Mills, Andrew Mobley, Gary "Pearson" Parker, Connor Patrizi, Alani Pope, Katie Roberts, David Velasquez, Nathaniel Wells, Monquarius Williams, and Malik Williams

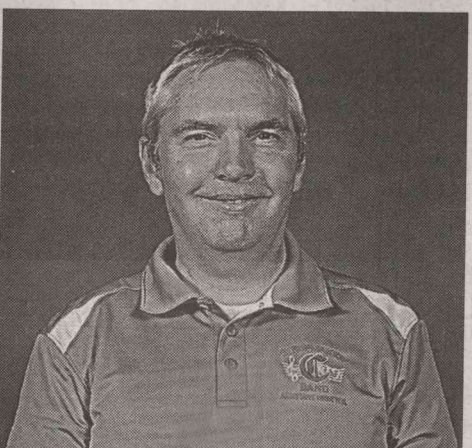
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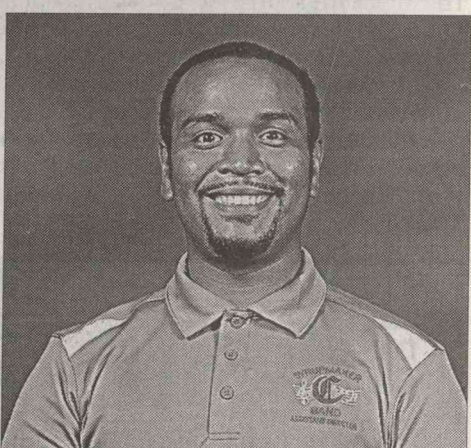
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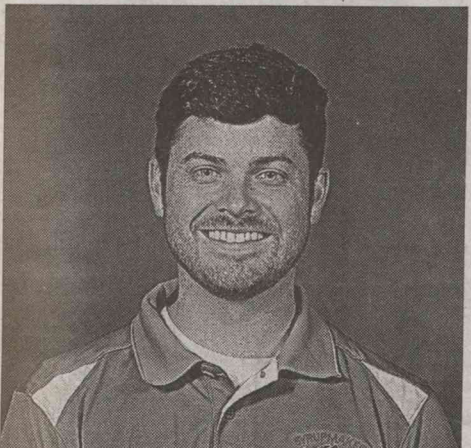
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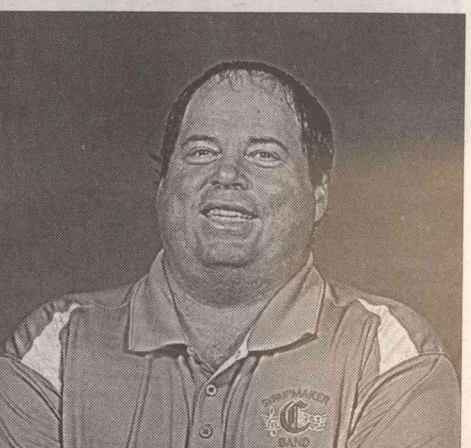
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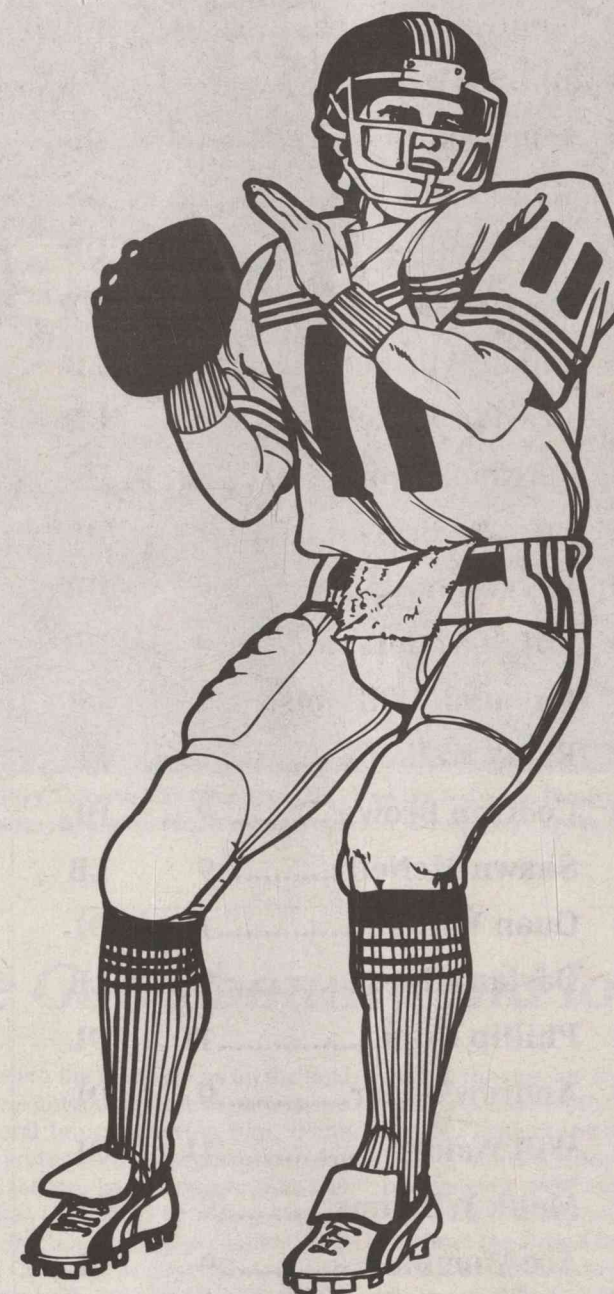
Majorette Co-Sponsor Eryn Carpenter



Band Manager Randy Bearden

Cairo Football Through The Years

YEAR	RECORD	COACH
1922	2-7-0	EGGERS
1923	8-2-0	SCOTT
1924	3-4-2	BLAKLEY
1925	4-1-5	HIXON
1926	2-3-2	WIGHT
1927	3-5-0	ESKEW
1928	5-2-0	HERNDON
1929	8-0-1	HERNDON
1930	4-5-0	HERNDON
1931	6-1-3	HERNDON
1932	5-3-0	HERNDON
1933	3-5-0	HERNDON
1934	5-4-0	HERNDON
1935	6-2-0	HERNDON
1936	6-1-2	HERNDON
1937	4-3-1	HERNDON
1938	3-5-0	HERNDON
1939	4-4-1	HERNDON
1940	4-4-0	HERNDON
1941	5-4-0	HERNDON
1942	7-3-0	HERNDON
1943	3-6-1	WILLIAMS
1944	5-5-0	WILLIAMS
1945	5-3-1	WILLIAMS
1946	11-1-0	WEST
1947	2-6-2	WEST
1948	2-7-0	WEST
1949	4-5-1	MILLER
1950	1-8-0	NUNNALLY
1951	6-4-0	SHIVER
1952	7-3-0	SHIVER
1953	5-5-0	SHIVER
1954	6-4-0	THOMAS
1955	5-5-0	THOMAS
1956	9-1-0	THOMAS
1957	7-1-2	THOMAS
1958	9-1-0	THOMAS
1959	5-4-1	THOMAS
1960	8-1-1	THOMAS
1961	6-2-2	THOMAS
1962	9-2-0	THOMAS
1963	10-2-0	THOMAS
1964	9-2-1	THOMAS
1965	6-3-1	THOMAS
1966	7-2-1	THOMAS
1967	6-3-2	THOMAS
1968	8-2-0	THOMAS
1969	7-3-0	THOMAS
1970	2-6-2	McCORD



1971	8-1-1	McCORD
1972	3-6-1	REYNOLDS
1973	3-7-0	REYNOLDS
1974	2-8-0	LEROY
1975	6-4-0	LEROY
1976	8-2-0	LEROY
1977	2-8-0	LEROY
1978	5-5-0	LEROY
1979	8-3-0	JOHNSON
1980	7-3-0	JOHNSON
1981	11-1-0	JOHNSON
1982	7-3-0	JOHNSON
1983	6-4-0	JOHNSON
1984	9-3-0	HELMS
1985	8-3-0	HELMS
1986	6-4-0	HELMS
1987	2-8-0	HELMS
1988	6-4-0	JONES
1989	6-5-0	JONES
1990	15-0-0	JONES
1991	6-4-0	JONES
1992	9-1-0	JONES
1993	7-4-0	JONES
1994	12-1-0	JONES
1995	11-2-0	SHEPERD
1996	6-4-0	SHEPERD
1997	8-4-0	HODGES
1998	9-5-0	HODGES
1999	11-3-0	HODGES
2000	12-2-0	FIELD
2001	8-4-0	FIELD
2002	3-7-0	FIELD
2003	5-6-0	FALLAW
2004	10-2-0	FALLAW
2005	7-4-0	FALLAW
2006	10-2-0	FALLAW
2007	13-2-0	FALLAW
2008	14-0-0	FALLAW
2009	9-4-0	FALLAW
2010	12-1-0	FALLAW
2011	11-3-0	FALLAW
2012	9-3-0	FALLAW
2013	7-4-0	FALLAW
2014	9-3-0	FALLAW
2015	4-6-0	DEVOURSNEY
2016	11-2-0	DEVOURSNEY
2017	8-4-0	DEVOURSNEY
2018	10-3-0	DEVOURSNEY
2019	8-3-0	DEVOURSNEY

TOTAL: 653-339-37

2020 Syrupmaker Roster

1 Chaz Johnson.....11	DB	31 Austin Perry .....10	WR	66 Baylor Glasure.....11	OL
2 Xavien Grant .....11	WR	32 Artice Jones .....10	DB	68 Michael Mobley .....12	OL
3 Tayy Solomon .....12	RB	33 Kentravion Peeks .....10	LB	69 Miguel Fred .....9	DL
4 Noah Jones.....12	K/P	34 Jerome Williams.....10	WR	72 Austin Hester.....9	OL
5 Eric Thomas .....11	DB	35 Jamarion Bryant.....10	DB	74 Cade Puckett.....9	OL
7 Raylen Brown .....12	LB	36 Kennison Clark .....12	TE	75 Sabryce Brown.....12	OL
8 Jeffery Jones .....12	DB	37 Antroveno Hadley .....11	DB	76 Connor Welch .....9	OL
9 Emanuel Wilson .....11	DB	39 Corey Baker .....9	WR	77 Collis Cooper .....9	OL
10 A'Marion Byrden .....10	WR	40 Elijah Williams.....10	LB	78 Jayven Jenkins.....11	OL
11 Sam Harris.....12	WR	41 Braylan Butler .....9	DB	79 Tanner Ramm .....10	DL
12 Tequan Latimore .....12	DB	43 Terrance Peoples .....10	DB	80 Brandon Parries .....9	WR
13 Kilijah Thomas.....12	WR	44 Jacquez Brown.....11	DL	81 Amari Powell .....9	WR
14 Jaylen Spence .....11	WR	45 Jveon Jones .....9	DB	82 Drew Owen .....9	WR
15 Tyree Kelly.....10	WR	47 Elijah Anderson .....9	DB	84 Justin Bryant .....10	WR
16 Braylon Robinson.....10	QB	48 Jeremiah Williams .....9	LB	85 Anthony Zuniga.....9	WR
17 Kevin Speed.....11	QB	49 Ricky Walker .....12	LB	86 Michael Lemon.....9	WR
18 Mo Wilson.....11	TE	50 Cedtron Brown .....9	DL	87 Palmer Harrell.....9	TE
19 Jalen Davis .....10	DL	51 Shawn McNeil .....9	LB	88 Jakavein Smith .....9	DL
20 Donovan Thomas.....10	QB	52 Quan Willis.....11	DL	89 Zakary Elkins .....9	WR
21 Jacob Manlius.....10	DB	53 Daylan Hines .....9	LB	90 Mario Blough.....9	DB
22 Cedrick Brown.....11	TE	54 Phillip Hurst.....11	DL	92 Jaylin Evans .....9	DL
23 Juderek Gee Simmons 9	QB	55 Andrew Sigler.....9	DL	94 Keiwan Battles.....9	RB
24 John Carter .....12	LB	56 Will Walden .....11	OL	95 Kaleb Owens .....9	DB
25 Eric Swatts.....9	RB	57 Melik Williams.....9	LB	96 CJ Robinson .....9	WR
26 Kamaree Perry.....11	RB	59 Ace Womble .....9	OL	97 Dorian Thomas .....11	DL
27 Gary Davis .....11	LB	60 Nathan Keen .....9	DL	98 Bryante Kelly .....9	DL
28 Justyn Sherman.....12	TE	61 Quadar Williams 9	OL	99 Ty Glenn .....12	DL
29 Josh Wyatt.....10	RB	62 Pistol Burkes .....9	OL		
30 Landon Vickers .....10	K	65 Brandon McClendon ...12	OL		



SYRUPMAKER SENIORS: front row, l-r, Kilijah Thomas, Tayy Solomon, Ty Glenn, coach Steve DeVoursney, Tequan Latimore, Noah Jones and Samuel Harris; back row: Jeffery Jones, Raylen Brown, Sabryce Brown, Michael Mobley, Ricky Walker, Brandon McClendon, Kennison Clark, Quan Willis and Justyn Sherman.

Local churches share God's bounty and love with the Syrupmakers

Athletic success takes extreme focus on the physical aspect of the game. A relevant and important aspect of an athlete's growth is the spiritual side of the game.

Head Syrupmaker coach Steve DeVoursney makes sure his football players are allowed an opportunity to sharpen all three sides of a player's efforts. "Obviously you have to be strong physically and mentally to play at your highest level, but the spiritual part is just as important. Athletes face a lot of challenges and their sports life prepares them for the rest of their life, so we want to give our guys a chance to strengthen the physical, the mental and spiritual part of their lives," said DeVoursney.

In addition to the many hours on the field and in the weight room, football players also spend several hours studying film, doing homework and going to after school tutoring during the season. In addition to that, DeVoursney has continued to have a time of spiritual reflection during pregame meals with Team Chaplain Michael Best, as past head coaches have done and has moved the location of the pregame meals to local churches. "The response from the churches has been tremendous. All we have to do is ask and our area churches respond during the season, and even during the offseason," DeVoursney said.

The partnership with the area churches

during the regular season is just as important. "Because football games are played at 7:30 or 8 at night and usually aren't over until after 10 p.m., it's important to be sure our players get a good meal before going out to play. With area churches providing the meal, the boys get a good home cooked meal and we have a chance to get our players out in the community," said DeVoursney. "Last year was so successful that we had no problem getting those churches to volunteer and feed our players," DeVoursney said.

This year, several churches and families have also agreed to provide the team a Game Day Breakfast each Friday.

Churches that have volunteered to feed the

Syrupmakers this year are: Faith Christian Center, First Baptist Church, Gordon Heights Baptist Church, Eastside Baptist Church, Family Worship Center, Providence Baptist Church, Whigham Baptist Church, Pine Hill Baptist, Pine Level Baptist and Bethlehem AME. The CHS Culinary Arts Program at the high school, Johnny and April Hester and the William Jones Family also pitch in to provide pregame meals.

"It's an outreach for the church or organization and a way to help our program so it's a win-win for everyone, and we appreciate all of the churches and the members for doing this for us," said DeVoursney.



SENIOR CHEERLEADERS: front row, l-r, Hailey Jones; second row: Jesslyn Jones and Alexis Gray; third row: Faith Gurley and Jamiracle Mayo; fourth row: Kaitlyn Donalson and Lily Mckenzie; fifth row: Lexi Maxwell and Anna Cooper.

These girls truly have the spirit!

The Cairo High School Cheerleaders got a late start to their preparation for the 2020-2021 football and basketball seasons, but

they have worked hard to make up for lost time. While the squad has not had any in person practices until this week, they have been utilizing technology in order to prepare for the season.

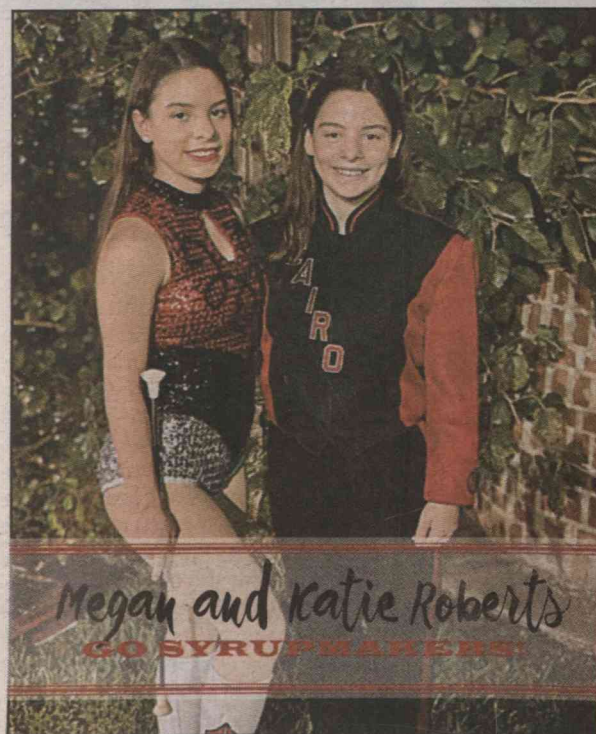
This year, Cairo High School Cheerleading is taking on a new dynamic in that there will only be one squad. It is comprised of seven

freshman, four sophomores, fourteen juniors and nine seniors. This year's squad only has eight new cheerleaders with the rest being returnees.

Coach Lynlee Barrett feels that having a large group of returnees will help strengthen the program. All the girls are excited to show their Syrupmaker spirit for all football and

basketball games this year.

The Cairo High School Cheerleaders are under the leadership of coach Lynlee G. Barrett. Barrett has welcomed a new coach to assist with the squad this year, coach Lynlee Poppell. Barrett is excited about adding Poppell to the coaching staff.



Megan and Katie Roberts
GO SYRUPMAKERS

We are so proud of you girls!



Love,
Mom, Dad,
Rebecca, Anna
Ottie & PaPa
Grandma & Grandpa

We can't wait to see you under those FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS!

You both make us so proud!
GO 'MAKERS!

We Love You,
Mama & Daddy

Palmer & Haddyn Harrell

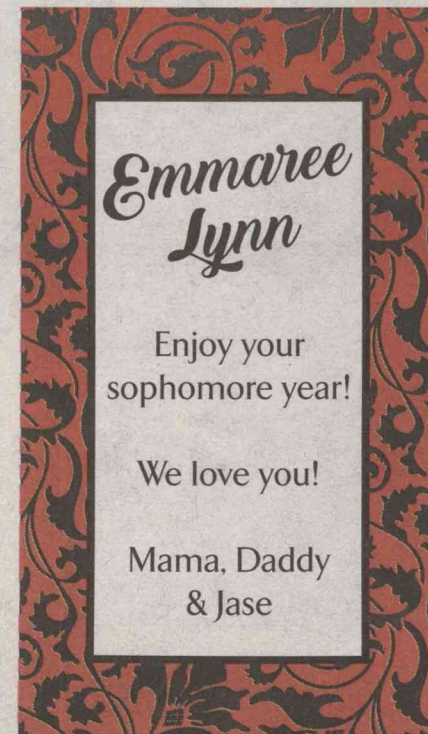


2020 CHEERLEADING SQUAD: front row, l-r, Hailey Jones; second row: Lexi Maxwell, Kaitlyn Donalson, Jesslyn Jones, Alexis Gray, Lily Mckenzie and Anna Cooper; third row: Macie Freeman, Braeden Puckett, Faith Gurley, Taylor MacNeil, Mollie Grace Meredith, Jamiracle Mayo, Mekenzie Wilbourn and Sara Pearce; fourth row: Anslee Owen, Haddyn Harrell, Gracie Tuggle and Shanbreka Hardy; fifth row: Madison Devoux, Emmarie Lynn, As'Jha Thomas, Nikiyah Brown, Kristen Robinson, Kennedi Kerbo and Ti'yana Bogan; sixth row: Ellie Knight, Kinsley Brinkley, Bailey Daughtry, Jada Owens, Emalee Ryan Phillips and Sara Michael Dowdy; seventh row: Layla Tuggle and Farrar Bass.



Macie Freeman
GO CAIRO!

Love,
Aunt Terrie, Uncle Chad,
Colby, CJ, Chaney, Malone,
Zach & Sunree

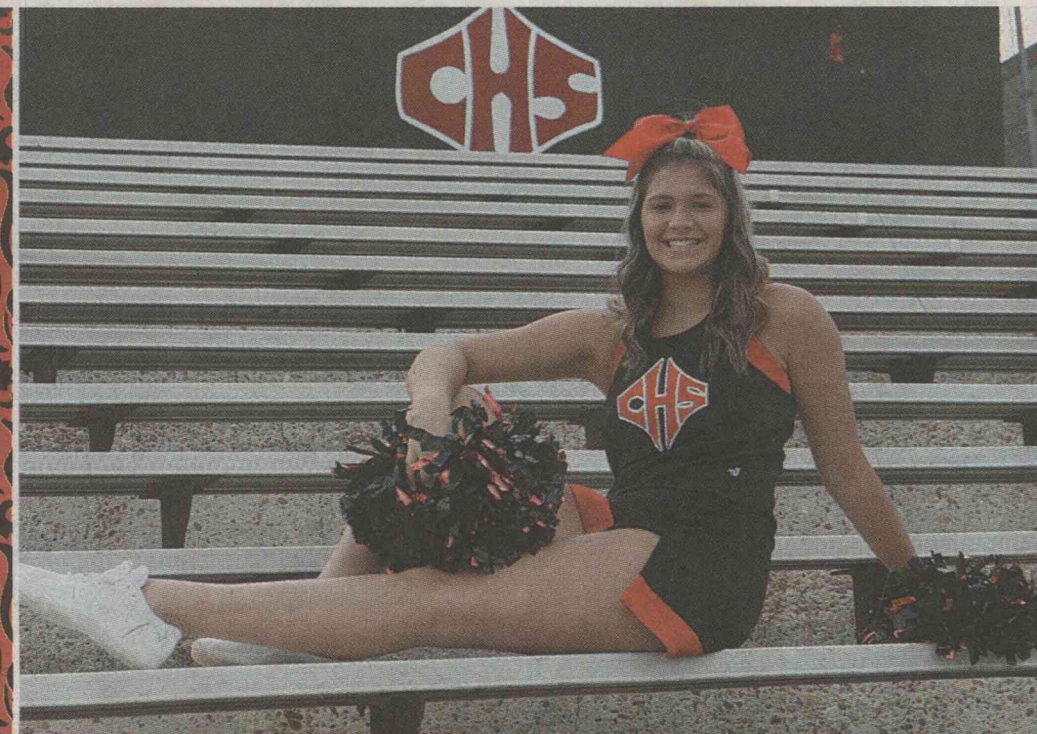


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Mama, Daddy
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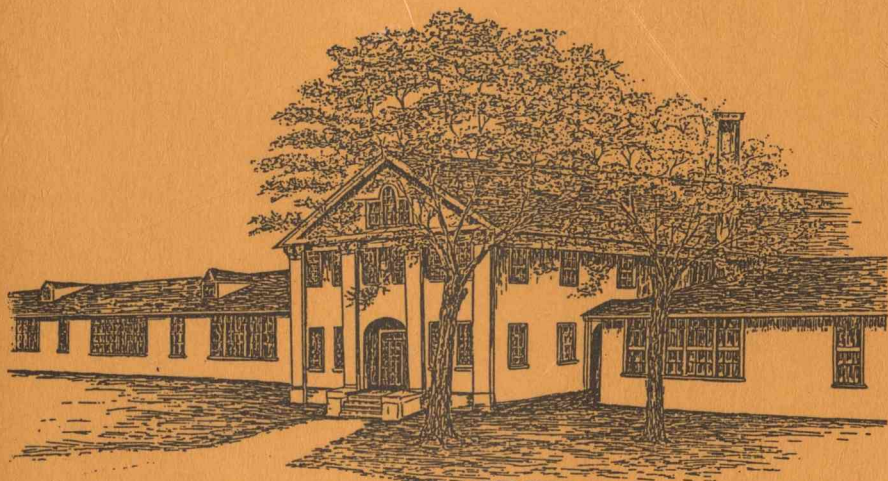
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Cairo, Georgia

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Adolyn Cone Sholar

Lavern Dalton Tompkins

Leonard and Elizabeth Lee Maxwell

Amy Gilliard Dixon

Marion and Elizabeth Maxwell

Kenneth and Elizabeth Thompson

Ellen Ferrell Ward

Ruby Peacock

James and Jean Rogers

Lois Barrett Wilcox and Herman Wilcox

Mamie Wilson Sadler

Ida Mae Halstead Maroney

Adele Chason Whitfield and J. W. Whitfield

West and Elsie Thomas

Leland and Martha Thomas

Edgar Stringer, Jr.

Frances Sadler (Visitor)

Homer and Anne H. Reddick

Maye de Lois Summerlin White and Franklin White

Marguerite Jones Williams and Jack Williams

Maurice and Blanche Vickers

Geraldene Montgomery Stedman

Edith Maxwell Ellinor

Posey Weathersby Shealy

Alice Stringer Huegel

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Maurice Lee Connell

Bill Connell

H. Stanaland Jones

Ruby Griner Harrison

Hazel White Harvey

Virginia Allen

Pansy Jones

Hazel Barrett Comer

Margaret Underwood Joyner (Visitor)

Floyd and Vivian Childs

Zelma Carter Adams and Willard Adams

Martha Pope Herring and Joe Herring

Carolyn Blanton Lewis and Robert Lewis

Valda Ragan Johnson

Naomi Norman Earley and Alvin (Bob) Earley

William E. and Beth Barrineau

Ava Collins Fussell and Bill Fussell

Irvin and Mary Croy

Archie and Peggy McNeill

Buddy and Jane Connell

William D. and Edna McDaniel

Jane Sewell Ashley and Richard Ashley

Kathryn Ham Herig

L. Cuy and Evelyn Broome

Raenell Jones

Daughter of Hazel White Harvey (Visitor)

This memory book is dedicated to
our classmates who died in service during
World War II.

Samuel Pinckney Cain, Jr.

Carl Raymond Harrell

Robert Lee Norman

John David Pelham

Jacob Arthur Reddick

SAM CAIN, JR.

Lieutenant, B-25 Bomber Pilot, U.S. Army Air Corp. He received his wings early in 1944. After considerable special training, Lt. Cain went overseas in September 1944. He completed 10 or more missions as a B-25 bomber pilot - his were dive-bombing missions, usually, and they make parachuting to safety less likely. He had been in the Mediterranean area, based on Corsica, only a few months when he was reported missing in action in the Italian area November 11, 1944. On April 20, 1945, his family was officially notified that he was killed in action November 14, 1944.

CARL HARRELL

Private First Class, Gunner in Air Corp. Pfc. Harrell was missing in action from May 1942 until May 1943 when he was officially reported to be a Prisoner of War in the Phillipines. He had been in the hands of the Japanese since fall of Corregidor in May 1942. He was drowned while a Prisoner of War when the Japanese prison ship was sunk by submarine action off Chinese coast on October 24, 1944. He had been in service since September 1939. He was declared dead June 1945.

JOHN PELHAM

Second Lieutenant. He completed training March 12, 1944 at Douglas Army Air Field, Douglas, Arizona as twin engine pilot. He received silver pilot's wings and commission. Later he took considerable advanced training in western states and became assigned to aerial photo reconnaissance duties. Lt. Pelham went overseas in Pacific. He died of injuries received in plane crash on Biak Island in the Pacific on May 25, 1945.

R. L. NORMAN

Lieutenant, Army Air Force. He signed in as Cadet in August 1942. On February 16, 1943 he received commission as Second Lieutenant Pilot. He could fly P-47 or P-51. In September 1943 he was sent overseas; reported to Eighth Air Force in England. In February 1944 he was promoted to First Lieutenant. He was shot down over France April 24, 1944. A Frenchman was first one to his plane. He must have died instantly. The Frenchman got in touch with his wife (Wilma Eubanks Norman) and he arranged for R. L. to be buried in Catholic Cemetery in France. After the war, he was moved to cemetery on coast of France. He shot down 4 or 5 German planes. He lacked 5 hours before coming home on rotation.

JACOB REDDICK

Flight Officer, Glider Pilot, U. S. Army Airborne Unit. He volunteered for service and then volunteered for assignment to an airborne outfit. He received his commission as Flight Officer at Lubbock, Texas. Later, he received advanced training at Louisville, Kentucky, and Maxton, North Carolina. He went overseas to North Africa in February 1944. Afterward, he saw further service in Italy and joined invasion of southern France shortly after it began. After liberation of France he joined in drive to liberate the Low Countries. He was reported missing in action over Holland on September 14, 1944. Official notice of death was received by his family on September 11, 1945 listing date of death as September 14, 1944. Jacob was found buried in a civilian cemetery in Holland. It was in 1947 that he was brought back to Cairo. He received the Purple Heart.

MEMORIAL

We salute our former classmates who have passed on and we dedicate Longfellow's beautiful poem to their memory.

George W. Bass	Ruth Romell Harvin
Mary Frances Rushin Bell	Raymond Oscar Kelly
Jacquelyn Blackman	Iris Coppage Norman
Leon Bryant	Robert Lee Norman
Samuel Pinckney Cain, Jr.	Kenneth Eugene Pearce
Agnes Cook	John David Pelham
Nancy Ruth Dixon	Mildred Anne Pelham
Gertrude Kathryn Gainous	Jacob Arthur Reddick
Roy Hall, Jr.	Edward Aldredge White
Carl Raymond Harrell	Jack Williams

The Day Is Done

The day is done and the darkness
Falls from the wings of Night,
As a feather is wafted downward
From an eagle in his flight...

And the night shall be filled with music,
And the cares, that infest the day
Shall fold their tents, like the Arabs,
And as silently steal away.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Superintendent John S. Herndon - Deceased

Principal William J. Dickey - Deceased

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Roselle Hatcher - (Mrs. R. A. Bell, Sr.) - Deceased

Eli Hill - Church Street, Dawson, GA 31742

Mary Jeffords

Virginia Ingram

Virginia Joiner

Edril Lott - Deceased

William "Bill" Lowe - Deceased

J. M. "Pepper" Martin - Dr. John M. Martin
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Esther Prickett

Mazie Rast

Chessie Rehberg - Rt. 2 Box 215, Hendersonville, N.C.
27536 (704-877-4665)

Lorraine Sikes

Maye de Lois Summerlin - Mrs. Frank C. White
214 9th Ave. N. W.
Cairo, GA (912-377-1765)

Nell Wood - Deceased

Mildred Wynn

BAND DIRECTOR

Ralph Carlisle - 25 Lakeshore Drive
Avondale Estates, GA 30002

Name Virginia Allen

Spouse's Name --

Address 420 First St. S. E.
Cairo, GA 31728

Telephone Number (912) 377-4211

Occupation Retired as Staff Accountant, Joseph
Campbell Company (Division of Campbell Soup
Company) - formerly owned by Mr. R. V. Crine)

Children's Names _____

Number of Grandchildren _____

Number of Great-Grandchildren _____

Hobbies Reading, needlework, ceramics, aerobics,

Accomplishments of which you are proud Good re-
lationship with extended family. Nearly 43 years
with Joseph Campbell Company.

Additional Information Much of my time is spent in
work with United Methodist Church/United Methodist
Women and Woman's Club. I have thoroughly enjoyed
participation in this Reunion!

Name Hazel Barrett Underwood Comer

Spouse's Name Charles F. Comer

Address Rt. 1 Box 249
Monticello, Fla. 32344

Telephone Number (904) 997-4253

Occupation Executive Director
Taylor County Senior Citizens Center 904-584-4924

Children's Names Debbie Rushing
Jack M. Underwood
Sue Bigbie
Beau Underwood
Melanie Bennett

Number of Grandchildren 13

Number of Great-Grandchildren 1

Hobbies Shopping, Visiting, Crocheting, and
loving grand children.

Accomplishments of which you are proud The
leading of the Lord into my present position-
working with the elderly.

Additional Information I lost the father of my
children-Solon Underwood, in 1969. Married Mr.
Comer in 1973. Appreciate so much the planning and
work done in putting our reunion together.

Name Lais Barrett Wilcox
Spouse's Name J. Herman Wilcox, Sr.
Address 510, 7th Ave. S.E.
Cairo, Ga.
Telephone Number 377-1284
Occupation Home Maker

Children's Names Jimmy Wilcox
Wanda Wilcox Spiess
(Deceased)
June - 1988

Number of Grandchildren 3
Number of Great-Grandchildren None
Hobbies Going to Different
Places.

Accomplishments of which you are proud I've
had a good life with a Good
Husband for almost 50 years.

Additional Information _____

Name WILLIAM E BARRINEAU
Spouse's Name BETH
Address Rt 2 Box 237
CAIRO, GA. 31728
Telephone Number (912) 377-5574
Occupation Retired Col - USMC

Children's Names Lindsey B. Jackson
Patricia B. Singer
Bill Jr

Number of Grandchildren ONE
Number of Great-Grandchildren _____

Hobbies GARDENING, FISHING, HUNTING

Accomplishments of which you are proud TO HAVE
HAD OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE COUNTRY
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Additional Information _____

(Mixon)

Name Carolyn Stanton Lewis

Spouse's Name Robert D. Lewis

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Cairo Ga. 31728

Telephone Number (912) 377-4231

Occupation retired

Guidance Director - Pallet Mfg.

Children's Names Michael C. Mixon
Priscilla Ann Mixon
Kim Lewis
Jeanne Lewis Kelly

Number of Grandchildren 4 (3 boys 1 girl)

Number of Great-Grandchildren none

Hobbies Gardening, traveling
Auction Sales

Accomplishments of which you are proud _____

Children & grand children
(my children, his children, now our children)

Additional Information _____

Name Myrtle Annette Broome Dunning

Spouse's Name Joseph Anthony Dunning (Deceased)

Address RFD
Cairo, GA 31728

Telephone Number _____

Occupation Retired from Civil Service

Augusta, Georgia

Children's Names -0-

Number of Grandchildren _____

Number of Great-Grandchildren _____

Hobbies Reading

Accomplishments of which you are proud _____

Additional Information Ill and unable to
attend Reunion.

Name L. Cuy Broome

Spouse's Name Evelyn Barfield Broome

Address 406 12th Ave. N. W.

Cairo, Georgia 31728

Telephone Number 912-377-3894

Occupation Senior Area Manager Franklin

Life Insurance Company

Children's Names Joy Broome

Diane B. Garver

Cuy Broome, Jr.

Number of Grandchildren 5 - 2 girls, 3 boys

Number of Great-Grandchildren -0-

Hobbies _____

Accomplishments of which you are proud Earned national recognition for service with Franklin Insurance Company. Rank in top 1% of company leaders. Been with Company 38 years.

Additional Information Member First Baptist Church. Deacon 35 years. Director Preschool Department 35 years. Member and Past President of Cairo Rotary Club. Member and Past President Cairo-Grady County Chamber of Commerce. Charter member Grady County Economic 100. Past President Grady County Unit American Cancer Society. Worked with Boy Scouts.

Name Samuel U. Bulloch

Spouse's Name Christine Adams Bulloch

Address Rt. 1 Box 264

Ochlocknee, Georgia 31773

Telephone Number (912) 683-3107

Occupation Farming

Children's Names Janice B. Elliott

Samuel Bulloch, Jr. (Deceased)

Number of Grandchildren 2 Girls - Sammi

Kelli

Number of Great-Grandchildren -0-

Hobbies Fishing, Football

Accomplishments of which you are proud _____

Additional Information Samuel, Jr. (Sammy)

killed in service Vietnam War.

Name Zelma Carter Adams

Spouse's Name Willard Adams

Address 4922 Radium Springs Road
Albany, Georgia 31705

Telephone Number 912-432-2635

Occupation Housewife

Children's Names Paula Adams Goodin

Number of Grandchildren (2) Amy and James

Number of Great-Grandchildren None

Hobbies Garden Club, Crocheting, and

Traveling

Accomplishments of which you are proud _____

President of Federated Garden Clubs

President of Sunday School Class

Additional Information Trip Coordinator for Senior Citizens of First Baptist Church. Red Cross Volunteer. Willard retired from Georgia Power Company in 1980 and we have traveled U.S.A., Mexico and 5 other countries overseas.

Name O. B. Cassels, Jr.

Spouse's Name Eleanor Allen Cassels

Address 610 Coleman Street
Hapeville, GA 30354

Telephone Number 404-767-7604

Occupation Retired

Children's Names Nancy C. Perkins

Robert B. Cassels

Lou Anne C. McFadden

Florence C. Kosloski

Number of Grandchildren 2 - Elise, Joshua

Number of Great-Grandchildren -0-

Hobbies _____

Accomplishments of which you are proud _____

Additional Information _____

Name A. J. Chason Whitfield
Spouse's Name J. W. Whitfield
Address Route # 2
Whigham, Ga. 31797
Telephone Number 762-4334
Occupation Housewife

Children's Names Wesley
Roger
Ronald
Dwight
Sharon

Number of Grandchildren 9

Number of Great-Grandchildren _____

Hobbies _____

Accomplishments of which you are proud _____

Additional Information _____

Name George Floyd Childs, Jr.
Spouse's Name Vivian Mary (Reynolds) Childs
Address 530 1st Street SW
Cairo, Ga.
Telephone Number 377-4684
Occupation Farmer

Children's Names George Floyd (Buddy) Childs II
Mary Patricia Moyer
Stanly Carl Childs

Number of Grandchildren 4 boys 1 girl

Number of Great-Grandchildren none

Hobbies Golf, Fishing, Hunting, Gin Rummy

Accomplishments of which you are proud To
have survived despite me is a
distinct accomplishment

Additional Information _____

Name Ava Collins Fussell
Spouse's Name Lewis W. Fussell (Bill)
Address 24 21 E. 16th St.
Panama City, Fla. 32405
Telephone Number 904-763-8060
Occupation Retired Teacher

Children's Names William C. Fussell
(Betsy) Elizabeth Fussell Shepherd

Number of Grandchildren 4

Number of Great-Grandchildren _____

Hobbies Plant Culture, some hand work,
Creating seashell pictures

Accomplishments of which you are proud Rearing
two well adjusted productive children

2. 30yrs. in the classroom, loving and
teaching other peoples children.
Additional Information Since retirement we
have served as mission volunteers
for the Southern Baptist Convention
in Nevada, Idaho and Jamaica.

Name Adolyn Cone Sholar
Spouse's Name Robert L. Sholar (Deceased)
Address 107 Oriac Ave. S. W.
Cairo, GA 31728
Telephone Number 912-377-2782
Occupation Retired

Children's Names Wallace Sholar
Wanda Sholar Halstead
Faye Sholar Yawn

Number of Grandchildren 7

Number of Great-Grandchildren 2

Hobbies Cooking, Travel, Working crossword
puzzles

Accomplishments of which you are proud My 3
children, 7 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren

Additional Information _____

Name S.A. "Buddy" Connell

Spouse's Name Jane

Address Rt# 3, Box 81
Cairo Ga 31728

Telephone Number 872-3238

Occupation Retired

Children's Names David A. Connell
B. Leslie Connell

Number of Grandchildren 2

Number of Great-Grandchildren 0

Hobbies Fishing, Camping &
Travelling

Accomplishments of which you are proud _____

Being in the Insurance Business
for 32 yrs. in Gady County.

Additional Information _____

Name C. Irvin Croy

Spouse's Name Mary McGraw Croy

Address 115 Town Court P.O. Box 407
Thomasville, Georgia 31790

Telephone Number 912 226 0880

Occupation Mortician

Children's Names Linda Croy Faircloth

Number of Grandchildren Two - Lori & Judd Faircloth

Number of Great-Grandchildren None

Hobbies Fishing - Traveling

Accomplishments of which you are proud Have been in
the Funeral Business for 38 Years (Partner and Owner
for 30 yrs., having sold business 2 yrs. ago (Oct. 1, 1987)

Additional Information Am still actively working
in Funeral Service

Name Lavern Dalton Tompkins

Spouse's Name David

Address 4021 McLeod Drive

Tallahassee, Florida 32303

Telephone Number 904-562-3888

Occupation Real Estate Sales

Children's Names Robert L. Laing

Shirley Kay Patarini

Number of Grandchildren 6

Number of Great-Grandchildren 0

Hobbies Football and Fishing

Accomplishments of which you are proud _____

Additional Information _____

Name Ellen Ferrell WARD

Deceased Spouse's Name A.B Collins - L.AWARD

Address Rte 2 Box 460

CAIRO, GA. 31728

Telephone Number 377-3495

Occupation Retired From

Clothing MAN - Industry

Children's Names _____

Bob Collins

Douglasville, GA -

Richard Collins

CAIRO, GA.

Steve Collins, CAIRO

Number of Grandchildren 3

Number of Great-Grandchildren _____

Hobbies Quilting, CERAMICS

Accomplishments of which you are proud _____

Heirloom quilts - Family
and Friends

Additional Information _____

Name Gilliard
Amy G. Dixon

Spouse's Name J. Marion Dixon

Address 6628 S. Lagoon Drive
Panama City, FL 32407

Telephone Number (904) 234-3076

Occupation Real Estate and Investments

Children's Names _____

Number of Grandchildren _____

Number of Great-Grandchildren _____

Hobbies Fishing and gardening

Accomplishments of which you are proud Work in the government sector of the economy in various positions. I have been associated and a part of numerous business ventures in the resort community where I live. I have professional standing as a Real Estate Broker.

Additional Information _____

Name Grace Griffin Walker

Spouse's Name Harry Walker (Deceased)

Address Star Rt. 2 Box 9283
Tallahassee, FL 32310

Telephone Number (904) 576-4242

Occupation Retired

Children's Names Richard Bragg

Charles Bragg

Number of Grandchildren 4

Number of Great-Grandchildren 0

Hobbies Yard Work and Travel

Accomplishments of which you are proud _____

Additional Information I am very sorry but

I will not be able to attend.

Name Ruby Griner Harrison
Spouse's Name E. E. (Gene) Harrison - deceased
Address Route #2, Box 187
Cairo, Georgia 31779
Telephone Number 377-1705
Occupation Food Service Manager

Children's Names Voncile (Mrs. Duane Davis) Connected
with Trust Company Bank of
Pelham
William Dexter Harrison - Owns
Harrison Associates
Deborah Ann (Mrs. George Newman)
Deborah and George are in
construction business
(Newman Construction Com-
pany, Port St. Joe, Fla.

Number of Grandchildren 5
Number of Great-Grandchildren 0
Hobbies Fishing, crocheting, ceramics

Accomplishments of which you are proud
Been with School Food Service 33 years. Planned
and purchased over 2 million lunches for Grady
County children.
Additional Information _____

Name Ida Mae Halstead Maroney
Spouse's Name John F. Maroney (Dec.)
Address 400 N. Sunrise #128
Palm Springs, Calif. 92262
Telephone Number 619-327-4141
Occupation Retired

Children's Names Mary Beth (Adopted)
George (Adopted)
Kathryn (Adopted)

Charlie (Poodle)
Bowser (CAT)

Number of Grandchildren Three (3)
Number of Great-Grandchildren NONE
Hobbies TRAVEL - working with
Handicapped children

Accomplishments of which you are proud
Adopting & raising three
wonderful children
Additional Information _____

Name KATHRYN HAM HERIG

Spouse's Name RICHARD C. HERIG (Deceased)

Address 850 Mallory Street H-15
St. Simons Island, GA 31522

Telephone Number 912/638-3547

Occupation Real Estate Secretary

Children's Names Ty Herig

Scott Herig

Pamela Herig Knight

Number of Grandchildren 2

Number of Great-Grandchildren

Hobbies Reading, gardening, listening to
music

Accomplishments of which you are proud
Mainly that I am still here.

Additional Information

Name Jewel Hawthorn Kinney

Spouse's Name H. D. Kinney

Address 1025 26th Street, N. W.
Winter Haven, Florida 33881

Telephone Number 813-293-8700

Occupation Housewife

Children's Names Ilene Kinney Ard

Wylene Kinney Hughes

Number of Grandchildren 5

Number of Great-Grandchildren 0

Hobbies

Accomplishments of which you are proud
Twin daughters

Additional Information

(Stanaland)

Name HENRY S. JONES

Spouse's Name LUCILE

Address 1718 MADISON RD. #12
COLUMBIA, S.C. 29204

Telephone Number (803) 782-3186

Occupation TOOL DESIGNER
(RETIRED)

Children's Names JANE J. BADER

Number of Grandchildren 1

Number of Great-Grandchildren _____

Hobbies METAL WORK AND
WOOD CRAFT.

Accomplishments of which you are proud THIS
50 YRS. HAS BEEN AN ADVENTURE,
WITH CHALLENGES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

Additional Information _____

Name Marguerite Jones Williams

Spouse's Name Jack A. Williams

Address 1605 Oakley Avenue

Fort Myers, Florida 33901

Telephone Number (813) 936-2775

Occupation Retired from Lee Memorial Hospital

Jack is a retired produce broker.

Children's Names Ronald J. Williams resides in

Lakeland, Florida

Dennis E. Williams resides in

Asheville, North Carolina

Number of Grandchildren 4 - Trina, Summer

Leanna, Selina

Number of Great-Grandchildren 0

Hobbies I presently belong to various organizations
in my community where I spend most of my free time,
such as The Garden Club, The First Baptist Church
Flower Committee, The Antique Collectors Club,
and I am a Volunteer for the Cancer Society.
I'm also interested in growing orchids. My most
favorite hobby is traveling which I have done

extensively.

Name Pansy Jones

Spouse's Name _____

Address P.O. Box 112

Cairo, Ga. 31728

Telephone Number 377-1928

Occupation Retired from Florida

Department of Transportation

Children's Names _____

Number of Grandchildren _____

Number of Great-Grandchildren _____

Hobbies Reading

Accomplishments of which you are proud _____

Being able to retire, my good health,

Additional Information I enjoy doing my own

yard work and raising tomatoes. I

enjoy my part-time job as a school

crossing guard and especially enjoy

, the children.

Name Vicy Raenell Jones

Spouse's Name _____

Address Rt 2 - Box 48

Cairo, Ga.

Telephone Number 912 - 377-1476

Occupation Retired Dairy Farmer

Children's Names _____

Number of Grandchildren _____

Number of Great-Grandchildren _____

Hobbies Pets - Reading - Cooking

Accomplishments of which you are proud _____

Additional Information _____

Name Maurice Lee Connell

Spouse's Name Bill Connell

Address Rt. 3

Cairo, GA 31728

Telephone Number 912-872-3424

Occupation Farmer - Produce Buyer, Pecan Buyer

Children's Names Julia Ann C. Fulford

Mary Ellen C. Morrissey

Brenda C. Clotfelter

Number of Grandchildren 5

Number of Great-Grandchildren 1

Hobbies Working with flowers and in yard

Accomplishments of which you are proud I have several accomplishments of which I am proud, but to have a good home, and be able to educate our 3 girls, to me is a great accomplishment.

Name William Dawson McDaniel

Spouse's Name Edna Elizabeth McDaniel

Address 29 MIAMI DRIVE

LAKE PLACID, FLA. 33852

Telephone Number 813-465-4038

Occupation RETIRED - FRESH FRUIT PACKING HOUSE FOREMAN

Children's Names 1 Judy Angela STEVERSON

JOURNALISM TEA. TALLAHASSEE

2 William D. McDaniel Jr.

STATE FIRE MARSH. FT. MYERS

3 Bobby E. McDaniel

SHIPP. FOREMAN - L. PLACID.

4 PATRICIA A. ELKINS

HOUSE WIFE - ATLANTA.

Number of Grandchildren TWO

Number of Great-Grandchildren 0

Hobbies MECHANICS - BUILDING - GARDENING

FISHING - WORKING - TRAVELING

Accomplishments of which you are proud Being Able

to graduate from C.H.S., To find a good

CHRISTIAN girl for a good wife of 47 yrs,

To REAR 4 fine children all to finish

High School, some college, all to find

good jobs and homes, serve 39 mo

IN U.S. AIR FORCE, ALWAYS HAVE A

good job and home. Be a CHRISTIAN,

HAVE GOOD HEALTH, see Age 67, and REUNION

CLASS,

Name Archie McNeill
Spouse's Name MARGARET (Peggy)
Address P.O. Box 389
CAMILLA, GA 31730
Telephone Number 912-336-5208 off.
0727 Home
Occupation M.D.

Children's Names Arch III
JAMES
Peggy
NORA
MARY
John
PAT
KATHleen

Number of Grandchildren 4

Number of Great-Grandchildren 0

Hobbies Fishing - Hunting
woodwork - Flying

Accomplishments of which you are proud Family

Physician of year 1985-86
Mayor Camilla 10yr.

Additional Information _____

Name Edith Maxwell Ellinor
Spouse's Name Joseph DORMAN Ellinor
Address 827 Edgewood Street
Tallahassee Florida.
Telephone Number 222-3234

Occupation Retired FROM NURSERY
Which was SELF EMPLOYED

Children's Names MICHAEL DORMAN Ellinor
MAICOLM BENSON Ellinor.
MAYWELL JOSEPH Ellinor
DOROTHY GAIL Ellinor. VICK

Number of Grandchildren 6 4 girls 2 boys

Number of Great-Grandchildren 0

Hobbies GARDENING, Fishing
TRAVELING, READING, SEWING
COOKING

Accomplishments of which you are proud _____

REARING THE CHILDREN
GROWING PLANTS (NURSERY)

Additional Information _____

Name Leonard Maxwell

Spouse's Name Elizabeth Maxwell

Address P.O. Box Calvary Ga

Telephone Number 872-3396

Occupation Farming

Children's Names Wanda Maxwell

Wayne Windham

Elizabeth Maxwell

Leonard W. Maxwell Jr.

David Maxwell

Number of Grandchildren 4

Number of Great-Grandchildren _____

Hobbies Hunting + Fishing

Accomplishments of which you are proud _____

Additional Information _____

Name Marion W. Maxwell

Spouse's Name Elizabeth H. Maxwell

Address 605 North Court St., P. O. Box 362

Quitman, GA 31643

Telephone Number 912-263-5065

Occupation Retired Funeral Director

Elizabeth is a licensed funeral director for State of Georgia

Children's Names _____

(Son) Darlow A. Maxwell

Number of Grandchildren 2 (Twins - Boy and Girl)

Number of Great-Grandchildren _____

Hobbies Fishing

Accomplishments of which you are proud Buying

Chamber of Commerce first home. Served as

President of Chamber for four years.

Served as Brotherhood Presi-

Additional Information dent for eleven years in the

Mercer Association. Lay speaker from First Bap-

rist Church. Member of Rotary Club. Served as

President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chaplain of
Second District Funeral Directors Association.
Graduated from Emory School of ophthalmology and
Gupton-Jones College, Nashville, Tn. BS from
Tehran University, Tehran, Iran. Economics from
Beirut University, Beirut, Lebanon.

Name Geraldene Montgomery Stedman

Spouse's Name John C. (deceased)

Address 2886 Belaire Circle

Doraville, Georgia 30340

Telephone Number 404-457-3810

Occupation Staff Specialist, Centers for

Disease Control, Atlanta, Georgia

Children's Names John C. Stedman

Janne Livings

Carol Kelien

Suzanne Stedman

Alan Stedman

Number of Grandchildren 8

Number of Great-Grandchildren None

Hobbies Gardening, needlework, bridge,
travel, reading

Accomplishments of which you are proud _____

Five very fine children and 8 grandchildren

also a 33-year career with the Federal
Government.

Additional Information Married a Royal Air Force
pilot in 1943 in Cairo. Lived in England from
1944 to 1947. Returned to the U.S. in 1947.
Most of time since 1947 spent in Atlanta.
Planning to retire in December 1989 and spend
some time traveling.

Name NEll NAZWORTH BALL

Spouse's Name WAYNE BALL

Address ROUTE 1, Box 900

TALLAHASSEE FL 32312

Telephone Number 893-7899

Occupation Retired 1/1/88

Children's Names SUSAN BALL CRAVENER

Number of Grandchildren 1 (Amy CRAVENER) 17 yrs

Number of Great-Grandchildren None

Hobbies Buying & Selling Jewelry,
GARDENING, COOKING

Accomplishments of which you are proud _____

DEALING IN REAL ESTATE (recently obtained
15 1/2 ACRES ON Beth Page Rd., So. Grady Co.)

Additional Information AFTER GRADUATION: 2 yrs. AT
Univ. of FLA., 2 yrs. in private flying, then 3 yrs.
with EASTERN AIRLINES, then employed by Dept. of
TRANSPORTATION, where I retired 1/1/88.
(During this time buying and selling real estate.)
Now living on 6 acres, N. Meridian Rd., & super-
vising daughter's house being built ON LAKE
IAmmonia.

Name Naomi Norman Earley

Spouse's Name Alvin F Earley

Address Rt 4 Box 73

Nauvoo, Al 35578

Telephone Number 205-697-5725

Occupation Housewife

Children's Names Bobby J Earley

Olivia Sherer

Gioia Weldon

Number of Grandchildren 5

Number of Great-Grandchildren

Hobbies Music, Church Activities, All Types
of Crafts.

Accomplishments of which you are proud

We will be Celebrating our 50th Wedding
Anniversary the 10th June, 1989.

Additional Information

Name RUBY E. PEACOCK

Spouse's Name NONE

Address Rt. 1, Box 224

QUITMAN, GA. 31643

Telephone Number 263-4706

Occupation RETIRED TEACHER, 31 YRS.

Children's Names NONE

Number of Grandchildren NONE

Number of Great-Grandchildren NONE

Hobbies FISHING, TRAVELING,
SPOILING MY GREAT-NIECES & NEPHEWS.

Accomplishments of which you are proud

Additional Information

I am proud that I was able to get a college degree! (With the help of family and loved ones.) I attended Sue Bennett Junior College, London, Kentucky, graduated and taught school (1941-42 term) in Ochlocknee, GA. In July 1942, I began work as a Civilian for the U. S. Quartermaster Supply Depot, Jeffersonville, Indiana. I returned to Grady County in 1946 and taught two terms at Union School. In 1948 I began teaching in Morven, GA. In 1951, I went to Valdosta State College and got my B.S. Degree, taught school in Dixie, GA in 1953-54 term. I joined the Quitman school faculty, Quitman, GA in 1954 and taught until 1970, took a year's leave of absence, went to Valdosta State College and earned my Masters Degree. I resumed teaching (Math) in Quitman, GA in 1971 and remained there until I retired in 1978.

I continue to live on the farm in Brooks County and love every minute of it.

I so appreciate My Family and My American Heritage
It Is Great To Be An American!!

Name Virginia Phillips Dunlap

Spouse's Name Roy

Address 84 Lester Ave., Apt. #235
Nashville, TN 37210

Telephone Number (615)244-8704

Occupation Retired after being at Warners for
19 years as a sewing machine operator and serving
11 1/2 years as unit secretary at Grady Gen. Hospital.

Children's Names Rebecca Niece

David Dunlap

Number of Grandchildren 5

Number of Great-Grandchildren 0

Hobbies Sewing, Quilting, Baking, Reading

Accomplishments of which you are proud Reared 2
fine children who are Christians and active in
their churches. Our daughter, Rebecca, received
an M.A. in Business Education, taught 8 years at
Trebecca Nazarene College
and is presently serving as Office Manager at a
Church in Nashville. Our son, David, is a CPA
and has served as an accountant at three Nashville
businesses. Currently, he is with Benson Publish-
ing company serving as controller.

Additional Information After living in South Georgia
(Primarily Cairo) for 63 years, we moved to Nashville
in late November 1988 to be near our children and
grandchildren.

Name Martha Pope Herring

Spouse's Name Joe T. Herring

Address RT 2
Whigham, GA 31797

Telephone Number (912) 762-4391

Occupation Housewife

Children's Names Tom Herring
Roseleen H. Salinas

Number of Grandchildren 4

Number of Great-Grandchildren 0

Hobbies _____

Accomplishments of which you are proud _____

I served two years in the armed services

in the Women's Army Corp (WAC) from November 1943
to December 1945. I was assigned to Adjutant
General's Office, Air

Service Command, Patterson Field, Ohio. (Now
Wright-Patterson)

Name Valda Ragan Johnson

Spouse's Name Thomas Johnson (Deceased)

Address Route 2, Box 315
Whigham, Georgia 31797

Telephone Number 912-762-4599

Occupation Accounts Receivables and
Switchboard Operator - Grady General Hospital

Children's Names Susan J. Croft
Kenneth T. Johnson

Number of Grandchildren 0

Number of Great-Grandchildren 0

Hobbies Fishing

Accomplishments of which you are proud _____

Additional Information Full Time Employed
Grady General Hospital

Name Homer Reddick
Spouse's Name Anne Hardwick Reddick
Address 2485 Kingsley Drive
Macon, Georgia 31204
Telephone Number 912-743-8694
Occupation Retired Director of Social Services

Children's Names Walker
Andy (Deceased)

Number of Grandchildren 2
Number of Great-Grandchildren _____
Hobbies Tennis, Fishing

Accomplishments of which you are proud Charter
Member National Association of Social Workers.
Historian 121st Infantry Regiment Association.
Fellow, Royal Association of Health
Member Who's Who in the World - Marquis
Mason Lodge #45
Approved by the Medical Association of Georgia
as a CHAMPUS PROVIDER

Name James V. Rogers
Spouse's Name Jean C. Rogers
Address 1715 Silver Hill Rd.
Stone Mountain, Ga. 30087
Telephone Number (404) 493-7017
Occupation MD Radiologist

Children's Names Rebecca Jean (Phrydas)
James V. III
Jaret Marie (Munson)
Susan Margaret (Valauri)

Number of Grandchildren 7
Number of Great-Grandchildren 0
Hobbies Golf, Fishing,

Accomplishments of which you are proud _____
Professor of Radiology (Emory Univ.)
Chief Diagnostic Radiology - Emory Clinic
Additional Information Recently remarried
(3/18/89) - Expect to retire in 1991

Name JANE SEWELL ASHLEY

Spouse's Name RICHARD C. ASHLEY

Address 901 W. BELLAMY DRIVE

QUINCY, FLORIDA 32351

Telephone Number 904/627-6581

Occupation RETIRED SECRETARY

Children's Names RICHARD C., JR.

ARTHUR C.

MARY JANE MATTSON

JOHN H.

Number of Grandchildren SIX

Number of Great-Grandchildren 0

Hobbies TRAVELLING, READING AND PIDDLING

AROUND IN THE KITCHEN AND YARD.

Accomplishments of which you are proud _____

REARING OUR FOUR CHILDREN WHO HAVE BROUGHT
MUCH PLEASURE TO US.

Additional Information _____

Name ^{Silver} Madeline S Horton

Spouse's Name Alton L. Horton

Address Route 1 Box 238

Caro, Ga 31718

Telephone Number 377-1823

Occupation Farming and

Lunch room worker

Children's Names _____

Glenda H Murray

Janice H Bennett

Nelda H Snelgrone

Gloria H Kerr

Roger L. Horton

Lenoir H Ezell

Number of Grandchildren 6

Number of Great-Grandchildren 7

Hobbies Fishing, Flowers

Accomplishments of which you are proud _____

Additional Information _____

Name ALICE STRINGER HUEBEL
Spouse's Name Arthur C. Huebel (deceased)
Address RT 3, Box 186-B
Thomasville GA 31792
Telephone Number (912) 377-3154 day
377-4987 after 6
Occupation Social worker Dept. of
Family + Children Services
Children's Names Elsie H. Thomas
Kathleen H. Stinson

Number of Grandchildren 3

Number of Great-Grandchildren 0

Hobbies Fishing, Gardening, Reading

Accomplishments of which you are proud _____

Additional Information _____

Name Edgar Stringer, Jr.
Spouse's Name Frances Lee (TOBE)
Address Rt. 4 Box 1600
Cairo, Ga. 31728
Telephone Number 226-4483
Occupation Farmer + Tax
Assessor
Children's Names Don
Andy

Number of Grandchildren 4

Number of Great-Grandchildren 0

Hobbies Fishing, Gardening
Football Baseball

Accomplishments of which you are proud _____

Serving in several positions
in the Grady County Baptist Assoc.

Additional Information Have always lived
in Grady County, in Pine Park.

Name Harbome Stringer White
Spouse's Name Divorced
Address P.O. Box 634
Thomasville, Ga - 31799
Telephone Number 912-226-1867
Occupation Retired

Children's Names John F. White, Jr.
Jusan R. Futch
Timothy White

Number of Grandchildren 6

Number of Great-Grandchildren 0

Hobbies Sewing, Fishing &
fishing & fishing

Accomplishments of which you are proud I am
proud of my children - my years in
the fabric world.

Additional Information _____

Name Leland C. Thomas
Spouse's Name Martha C. Thomas
Address 2343 Kings Point Drive
Dunwoody, GA. 30338
Telephone Number 404-457-5935
Occupation Retired from
Dekalb County School System

Children's Names Janet
Leland, Jr.

Number of Grandchildren None

Number of Great-Grandchildren None

Hobbies Reading, yard work,
Church work

Accomplishments of which you are proud _____

To be alive and well 50 years
later

Additional Information _____

Name West H. Thomas
Spouse's Name Elsie Maxwell Thomas
Address Rt 3 Box 22A
Cairo, Ga. 31728
Telephone Number 912-377-5665
Occupation Retired

Children's Names Gail Thomas
Kay Foley

Number of Grandchildren 1

Number of Great-Grandchildren 0

Hobbies Traveling, Hunting
and Fishing

Accomplishments of which you are proud Having
had the opportunity to work
with young people for 36 years

Additional Information as Coach and
Teacher

Name Kenneth Thompson
Spouse's Name Elizabeth
Address 606 N. Court St.
Telephone Number 912 263 4922
Occupation Retired teacher

Children's Names Michael
Donald

Number of Grandchildren 3

Number of Great-Grandchildren _____

Hobbies Fishing, yard work,
Home repair

Accomplishments of which you are proud _____

Additional Information _____

Name Jimmie Maurice Vickers

Spouse's Name Blanche Vickers

Address 1351 Mayfair Road
Jacksonville, Florida 32207

Telephone Number 904-398-1010

Occupation Retired

Children's Names James David Vickers

Nancy Lea Vickers

Number of Grandchildren 3

Number of Great-Grandchildren -

Hobbies _____

Accomplishments of which you are proud Having
lived to attend this Reunion, in reasonably good
health with a loving wife

Additional Information Living daily, same needs,
same people, hanging out at camp we own in Ocala
National Forest at Salt Springs, Florida.

Name Lesly Weathering Stealy

Spouse's Name deceased (William M.)

Address 510 N. Main
Cobburn, Ga. 31714

Telephone Number 567-2123

Occupation retired Cosmetology
Teacher & Shop owner

Children's Names Mason Matthew Stealy
(deceased)

Number of Grandchildren none

Number of Great-Grandchildren none

Hobbies sewing, participating in
Community Affairs, being caring
for people

Accomplishments of which you are proud for people
Married an unusually fine man.
together for 21 years.

Additional Information was Assistant Manager
of Ocala College in O. Fla. for 12 years
Very active in church
Speaker at schools on Career day.
Am working for racial harmony
in our community & schools.

Name Hazel White Harvey
Spouse's Name Deceased
Address Rt. 5 Box 2253
Crawfordville, Fl 32327
Telephone Number 904-926-7920
Occupation Home Maker
Children's Names Henry J. Harvey
Allen H. Harvey
Lettie M. Waites
Bettye E. Pitman
Pamela L. Mollica
Number of Grandchildren 8
Number of Great-Grandchildren 4
Hobbies Reading
Accomplishments of which you are proud My
church, my family and friends, also my work in
Extension Home Maker Clubs
Additional Information One of my children is
coming with me.

Name Mamie Wilson Sudder
Spouse's Name Cliff Sudder
Address 124 - 3rd Ave. S.W.
Cairo, Ga. 31728
Telephone Number 377-7346
Occupation Retired from Civil Service
Children's Names Barbara S. Arnold
Barbara Jean S. Saturday
Judy S. Wheeler
Number of Grandchildren 6
Number of Great-Grandchildren 1
Hobbies Crocheting - church
activities - traveling ~~etc~~
Accomplishments of which you are proud 3 children - Retired with an
annuity check. So I grow flowers
and sit back and enjoy life
Additional Information I have a pacemaker.

Margaret Dorothy Brady (Mrs. Lynn Womble)
Rt. 1 Box 202
Cairo, GA 31728 912-377-1889

Luke L. Draffin, Jr.
2708 N. Midway
Enid, Oklahoma, 75701

Walter Colton Dodson
890 Hillcrest Ave.
Titusville, FL 32780

Agnes Easom (Mrs. C. H. Lewis)
5309 Thornton Lane
Panama City (Parker) FL 32404 (904-871-4440)

Tyson Hazel Eddings (Dollar)
P. O. Box 143
Meigs, GA 31765

Bernice Godwin (Mrs. J. C. Bulloch)
Rt. 3 Box 556
Pelham, GA 31779

Ila Mae Harvey (Cooper)
906 W. 54th
Zephyrhills, FL 33599

Merle Laverne McRory (Mrs. James A. Bartlett)
Rt. 6 Box 388
Quincy, FL 32351

Evelyn Pope (Simmons)
2512 Oxford Road
Raleigh, NC 27608 (919-832-8116)

Jessie Lashley Vanduzee (Mrs. Walter H. Cone)
201 Edison Drive
Albany, GA 31507 (912-439-0383)

Alsace Lorraine Waters (Mrs. L. B. Smith)
Sapp Avenue
Pelham, GA 31779

Emory Warren Whitfield
Rt. 3
Cairo, GA 31728 (912-872-3693)

Blanche Woolfolk (Hughes)
University of South Carolina
800 Cartenet St.
Beaufort, SC 29901-1007 (803-524-7112)

Ladd Maxwell
Havana, Florida 32333

ADDRESS UNKNOWN

Jessie Leona Hitchcock

Mary Smith

CLASS SONG (Written to tune of "Trees")

Now graduation day is here
But our hearts are sad and drear
We face a life of bitter toil
Or either one that has no moil.

"Tis hard to bid our friends adieu
But we will gain true friends anew
But then, why dread what is to be
We still will sail on life's spur sea.

Adieu, my friends, adieu, adieu
Always our hearts will be for you.

Class Flower: Gladiola

Class Colors: Orchid and Pink

PROGRAM

CAIRO HIGH SCHOOL

COMMENCEMENT SUNDAY

MAY 29TH, 1939

11 A. M.

Processional	Senior Class
Doxology	Congregation
Prayer	Rev. Leland Moore
Pastor, Cairo Methodist Church	
Hymn—"Come Thou Almighty King"	Congregation
Scripture Reading	Rev. Wilburn S. Smith
Pastor, Cairo Baptist Church	
Anthem	Choir
Hymn—"Take My Life"	Congregation
Sermon	Rev. Wilburn S. Smith
Pastor, Cairo Baptist Church	
Benediction	Rev. Leland Moore
Pastor, Cairo Methodist Church	

COME THOU ALMIGHTY KING

I.

Come thou almighty King Help us thy name to sing, Help us to praise
Father all glorious O'er all victorious Come and reign over us Ancient
of days!

II.

Come thou Incarnate Word Gird on thy mighty sword Our prayer attend;
Come, and thy people bless And give thy word success Spirit of holiness
On us descend!

III.

Come, Holy Comforter Thy sacred witness bear In this glad hour,
Thou who almighty art Now rule in every heart And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power!

IV.

To the great One and Three Eternal praises be Hence, evermore,
His sovereign majesty May we in glory see And to eternity
Love and adore!

TAKE MY LIFE

I.

Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise;
Take my hands, and let them move At the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beautiful for thee.

II.

Take my voice, and let me sing, Always, only, for my King
Take my lips, and let them be Filled with messages from thee;
Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect, and use Every power as thou shalt choose.

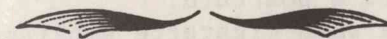
III.

Take my will, and make it thine; It shall be no longer mine,
Take my heart, it is thine own; It shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love; my Lord, I pour At thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for thee.

PROGRAM
 CAIRO HIGH SCHOOL
 CLASS DAY
 MONDAY, MAY 29TH, 1939
 10 A. M.

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| Awarding of Attendance Certificates . | Supt. John S. Herndon |
| Music | Ava Collins |
| History | Ruby Peacock |
| Poem | Kathryn Ham |
| Prophecy | Leland Thomas |
| Last Will and Testament | Archie McNeill |
| Gifts | Jane Sewell |
| Class Song | Class |
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PROGRAM
 CAIRO HIGH SCHOOL
 GRADUATION
 MONDAY, MAY 29TH, 1939
 8 P. M.



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| Invocation | Rev. Wilburn S. Smith
Pastor, Cairo Baptist Church |
| Salutatory | James V. Rogers, Jr. |
| Valedictory | Evelyn Pope |
| Literary Address | Rev. J. A. Thomas
Pastor, Pelham Methodist Church |
| Delivery of Diplomas | Dr. J. V. Rogers
Chairman, Board of Trustees |
| Benediction | Rev. Leland Moore
Pastor, Cairo Methodist Church |
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CLASS OF 1939

We Are Survivors

It is said there are three stages of man (1) Youth (2) Middle (3) You haven't changed a bit. But change is the name of the game - consider:

We were before T.V., before polio shots, frozen food, Zerox, contact lenses, frisbees and the "Pill". We were before credit cards, split atoms, laser beams.

In our time, closets were for clothes, not for coming out of. Bunnies were small rabbits and Rabbits were not Volkswagons. We thought a deep cleavage was something a butcher did. Designer Jeans were scheming girls named Jean or Jeanne and having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with your cousin. We thought fast food was something you ate during Lent and Outer Space was the balcony at the picture show.

In our time you could buy something for a nickel or a dime in a 5 and 10¢ store. For a nickel you could make a phone call, buy a newspaper, or buy enough stamps to mail a letter and a postcard.

We hit the scene when cigarette smoking was fashionable. Grass was mowed. Coke was something you drank and pot was something you cooked in.

If anyone in those days asked us to explain CIA, NATO, UFO, SAT's, JFK, ERA, or IUD, we would have said alphabet soup. We were before Alaska and Hawaii were states. Before men wore long hair and earrings, and women wore tuxedos.

We were before day care centers, jet planes, helicopters and interstate highways. "Made in Japan" meant junk, and the term "making out" referred to how you did in your exams.

We were not before the difference between the sexes was discovered but we were before pre-marital sex (it says here) and sex changes. Anyway we got married first and then lived together. How quaint can you be. We also were the last generation that was so dumb as to think you needed a husband to have a baby.

"It was the best of times: it was the worst of times", wrote Charles Dickens in "A Tale of Two Cities". But we made do with what we had and some how or another...

WE SURVIVED!

The new site on Bunn Lane, just west of Whigham, is now complete and Elkins said his department will be moving dumpsters from the outlying area to the new fenced-in, manned site at Bunn Lane.

Elkins says there are about eight unmanned sites that will be closed by today or

Road.

County officials are attempting to locate suitable sites for two additional manned sites, one in the Beachton area and the other in the northeast section of the county.

"We are going to clean up this county," Commission Chairman Phillip Drew said.



STANLEY ELKINS is the county road superintendent and solid waste director.

zens and businesses for doing a good job each and every day.

If your favorite did not win, don't forget to cast ballots for the 2022 Best of Grady County beginning in January 2022.

Phillip H. Drew

Cairo High School Class of 2021 earns more than \$1.7 million in scholarships

The Cairo High School seniors preparing to graduate in a matter of weeks kicked off the spring awards season with a big start Monday evening during the annual honors night program. Held in the school auditorium beginning at 6:30 p.m., 71 honor graduates were announced, along with the class valedictorian, salutatorian, and recipients of various scholarships and awards of excellence.

Principal Chris Lokey announced that 148 seniors

are eligible for the HOPE Scholarship, and the class will receive over \$1.7 million in scholarship money.

The high school educators revealed the class honor graduates during the program, beginning with class valedictorian Camille Alyssa Dukes and salutatorian Michelle Jamelid Morales. These top two students have the first and second highest grade point average on both the 4.0 and weighted scale.

Honor graduates have kept a weighted G.P.A. of 6.0

or better and a non-weighted G.P.A. of 3.5 or better their entire four years of high school.

Class honor graduates are: Yoatzi Alba Uriostegui; Kenna Rose Anderson; Graci Macayla Bishop; Ta'Kyah Michelle Bradshaw; Kaylynn Ruth Brinkley; Destiny DeAnn Brown; Jessica Resendiz Chavez; Anna Christine Cooper; Jy'Nijah Jakilah Cooper; Trinity Nicole Crego; Jasmine Gomez

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TOP TWO SYRUPMAKERS for the class of 2021 are valedictorian Camille Dukes, right, and salutatorian Michelle Morales, pictured with C.H.S. principal Chris Lokey.

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A GRAND TOTAL of 136 women enjoyed a lunch catered by the Cairo High School Culinary Arts program under the shade of the Davis Park pavilion and an additional tent on Tuesday afternoon.



STUDENT CHEFS under the tutelage of Culinary Arts program director Whitney Brown, foreground, prepared and served the luncheon Tuesday.



MOTHER NATURE cooperated for Tuesday's Women in the Workforce luncheon held at Davis Park and sponsored by First National Bank. More than 100 women enjoyed a catered lunch and a panel of speakers.

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First National Bank is proud to support Grady County youth and by investing in them we can help make our community better and stronger. During the Senior Honors Night at Cairo High School this week Market President Barry Pollock presented two deserving seniors with \$1,000 scholarships on behalf of FNB. This year's recipients are Amaya McCullough and Lexi Maxwell!




FNB Scholarship recipients Amaya McCullough and Lexi Maxwell

Congratulations to these two outstanding young ladies and our very best wishes for a bright, prosperous future!



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much attention as they came into range of the WCTV cameras.

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There were three winners of cash prizes from The Messenger in the recent coloring contest for children, which developed more than 300 entries, including one from as far away as Texas. Lisa R. Harrison, 12, of Rt. 4, Box 164A, Cairo, who won the top prize of \$15 and who turned her entry in at the Strawberry Patch. Trang Nguyen of 403 1st Ave., N.W., Cairo who won \$10 and who turned her entry in at TG&Y. Stacy Wacaser, 7, of 1492 Lullwater Circle, Cairo, who won \$5 and who turned his entry in at Bracewell Shoes. The Messenger thanks everyone for their participation.

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YEARS
ago

April 28, 1961

The trustees of the Grady County Hospital Authority, at their monthly meeting at Grady General Hospital last Tuesday night, individually signed and sent a strongly-worded letter to Gov. Ernest Vandiver urging him to find state funds to activate the contingency appropriation "medicare program" to aid aged, indigent Georgians. Providing needed hospital care for the aged and indigent people of the state is becoming increasingly burdensome on hospitals, it was pointed out in the letter.

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Cairo High School ran up a total of 47 points to win first place in the State Literary Meet held in Macon, Friday, April 21. This makes Cairo the winner for three out of the last four years. Cairo was in seven events and placed first in two, second in four and fourth in one.

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Members of the Cairo Country Club, Inc., at a called meeting Thursday evening in the courthouse, voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Board of Directors and build a clubhouse and swimming pool costing approximately \$75,000. President Julien Roddenbery Jr. opened the meeting . . . He explained that the bids on the clubhouse here were all in the neighborhood of \$90,000, and that the building committee had negotiated with the lowest bidder, Arthur Fixil, Quincy, Fla., with the following results: A complete and beautiful clubhouse including heating and air conditioning and a pool can now be built according to the architect's specifications for \$75,000.

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YEARS
ago

April 28, 1921

Several Are Injured By Kicking Fords. Three people have been injured here during the past few days by being kicked by a Ford automobile when they attempted to crank them. Mr. G. B. Godwin, rural mail carrier had both bones of his right arm broken . . . by being kicked by his Ford . . . Mr. Dennis Blackman happened to the same misfortune . . . Mr. Louis McManeous suffered a badly sprained wrist when the Ford kicked. All three will recover within a short time, it is believed, and no complications are looked for. (Editor's note: early autos did not have starting motors and had to be hand-cranked. A "kick" (or "backfire") was when the crank suddenly rotated backward. Injuries like these were not unusual.)

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Among those from Cairo attending the Metropolitan Grand Opera in Atlanta this week is a party which left Sunday by auto, composed of the following: Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Roddenbery, Mrs. A. C. Roddenbery, Mrs. W. H. Robinson and Mrs. P. C. Barkley. Another party which left Thursday morning to attend the closing attraction consisted of Mrs. W. A. Walker, Mrs. and Mrs. Albert Walker and Miss Agnes Walker.

A SIZABLE CROWD, including members of eight youth groups, gathered near the C.H.S. band practice field for "Fields of Faith" last Wednesday. (photos by Danny Hendrix)

"Fields of Faith" held at Cairo High School April 21

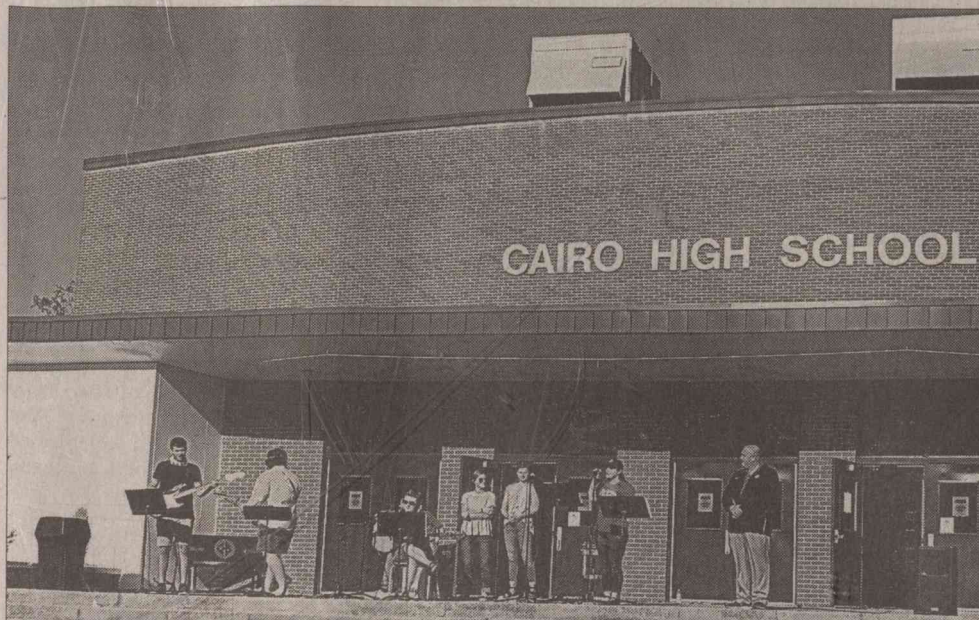
The Cairo High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes hosted its annual "Fields of Faith" community worship service last Wednesday evening, April 21, in front of the C.H.S. auditorium.

The student-led event, planned by the F.C.A. chapter's leadership team, included testimonies by two high schoolers and songs led by the youth praise team from Pine Level Baptist Church.

Youth from at least eight local churches attended the interdenominational night of worship, according to club president Mary Harrison, in addition to individuals from around the county. Eastside Baptist, Pine Level, Pine Hill, Gordon Heights, First United Methodist, Family Worship Center, First Baptist and Providence Baptist were all represented.

At 6 p.m., C.H.S. Principal Chris Lokey welcomed the crowd, explaining that Fields of Faith is "one of [his] favorite events each year."

Cairo High junior Sara Pearce of Pine Level Baptist and senior Alexis Gray of Family Worship Center next shared their testimonies with fellow students. Their messages centered on their belief that, as Pearce put it, "I wouldn't be here speak-



THE YOUTH PRAISE TEAM from Pine Level Baptist Church, l-r: Harrison Maige, Austin Mobley, Hannah Powe, Ellis Hendrix, Sara Pearce and Haddyn Harrell, led attendees in worship songs. Also pictured are F.C.A. Sponsor Casey Asbell (speaking) and C.H.S. Principal Chris Lokey.

ing in front of you today without God's grace and consistency in staying involved in my life."

Matt Vickers, youth pastor at Pine Level Baptist Church, also shared with the crowd and presented an invitation for response.

F.C.A. sponsor Casey Asbell, a social studies teacher at Cairo High School, said she is "very proud" of her student leadership team for organizing the service, saying they "worked hard to make it happen." In addition

to Harrison, students on the team include junior Hunter Sanders (vice president), sophomore Sara Lokey (secretary), senior Camille Dukes (treasurer), and sophomore Ellis Hendrix.

The Syrupmaker F.C.A. began hosting Fields of Faith in 2017 under the leadership of 2018 graduate Ragan Cook. Only slightly modified due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the chapter has organized the event each consecutive school

year since, although Harrison says it is typically held during the fall semester.

An initiative started in the Midwest 17 years ago, according to the event's website, Fields of Faith is F.C.A.'s nationwide call for Christian young people "to stand together [and] share their faith." The yearly meetings are intended to be held on school sports fields to encourage unity among local churches.

Family and friends are life's treasures

► VOICES, from Page A4

took his place in the Georgia House of Representatives. During his 32 years of service, he had but two opponents. Larry did the legislative heavy lifting for several governors. Few under the Gold Dome were

closer to legendary Speaker of the House Tom Murphy.

Larry, the visionary statesman, gets things done. Not many believed Perry was the right location for the Georgia National Fair. Larry made it happen. Annual fair attendance sur-

passes 500,000. Add another half-million visitors for livestock shows and special events.

Larry and I are a two-man book club. He's authored two books, with more in the works. Larry and I share multiple interests: UGA,

quail hunting, fishing, books, history and, of course, family. We also share an irreplaceable friendship with Jim Minter.

Family and friends. What treasures. I'll drink to that. Sweet tea, that is.

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EDUCATION

SYRUPMAKER SCOOP

Personnel Profile:
Landrie Bock,
theatre and
English teacher

By Alondra Ortiz and
Mary Harrison
Staff Writers,
The Red & Black,
C.H.S. student newspaper

Meet Ms. Landrie Bock,
theatre and English teacher
at Cairo High School.

The daughter of Lynn and
Ron Martin, Landrie Bock
grew up in Milledgeville, Ga.,
before moving to Cairo in
1986. During her time at
C.H.S., the 1990 alumna was
senior drum major of the
1989 Syrupmaker marching
band under Mr. Joe David; a
member of the theatre and
choral programs; and in-
volved in the French, Inter-
act and Beta clubs. Ms. Bock
graduated from Valdosta
State University with a Bach-
elor of Fine Arts in 1995.

After leaving V.S.U., the
arts lover says she traveled
around the country working
in the theatre industry, in-
cluding as director of educa-
tion and managing director
at WaterTower Theatre in
Dallas, Texas, and general
manager of the Adirondack
Theatre Festival in upper
New York state. During that
time, Ms. Bock also earned a
Masters of Nonprofit Admin-
istration from North Park
University.

Ms. Bock returned to her
alma mater in 2018 to be-
come theatre teacher and di-



MS. LANDRIE BOCK has
directed the C.H.S. theatre
program since 2018.

rector of the Syrupmaker
theatre program, which in-
cludes producing the high
school's musical and One Act
Play each year.

In addition to being a
School of Fine Arts faculty
member, she began teaching
English to her classroom
"babies" last fall.

The arts education advo-
cate says that she enjoys
watching movies and read-
ing books in the psychologi-
cal thriller and horror genres
during her free time, as well
as listening to music by
American jazz trumpeter
Miles Davis. For her fiftieth
birthday, she plans on travel-
ing to Greece.

Ms. Bock shares that
working at Cairo High has
taught her, "No matter the
challenges with each gener-
ation, a teacher and student
bond is just as important as
the knowledge shared."



SHIVER SCHOOL March 2021 Top Dogs are pictured, front row, l-r: Lainee Braswell, Eli Allen, Emmanuel Perez-Hernandez, Lexi Jo Vickers, Emma Gullion, Brian Clark, Trinity Johnson, Turner Bearden, Zoe Woolum, Dominic Valdez-Lara and Addison Grant; middle row, Dakota Cowart, Stacey Dozier, Remington Thompson, Nancy Jimenez-Godinez, Colton Kelley, Kiler McGee, Edgar Chavarria Resendiz and Logan Batchelor; back row: Felipe Gomez, Olivia Simpson, Amberly Fowler, Kiersten Hill, Kailey Phelps, Gracie Horne, Scott Crow and Emily Barrett; not pictured: Adrianna Morrell and Noah Johnson.

Shiver's "Top Dogs" are reaching for the stars

Shiver School leaders
say the school is "Boldly
Going Where No School
Has Gone Before" as they
find creative solutions to
the changes schools have
faced due to the COVID-

19 pandemic.

Shiver Principal Todd
Jones has recently an-
nounced March's Top
Dogs, students chosen by
their teachers because of
their character, work

ethic, and commitment to
being their best every
day.

"Each month we rec-
ognize these outstanding
students who have made
it a point to 'reach for the

stars,'" states Jones. "This
group of students exem-
plifies what we strive to
instill in every single stu-
dent, every single
day. They are a blessing to
our Shiver family."

Brookwood students earn excellent rating in language contest



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Thursday, April 22, 2021
 Anthony Russell Davis, 46, Whigham - aggravated stalking. Statutory rape - Cairo male, 19. DUI, illegal parking - Columbus female, 31. Obstruction of officer, driving while license w/drawn, suspended tag, no insurance - Pelham male, 34. Shoplifting - Cairo male, 38. Expired driver's license - Tallahassee, FL, male, 30.

Friday, April 23, 2021
 DUI, marijuana possession less than ounce - Albany female, 38. Criminal trespass, littering - Cairo male, 57. Simple battery - Cairo female, 45. Driving w/o license, minor restraint law - Cairo male, 27. Driving while license w/drawn - Cairo male, 35. Driving w/o license - Cairo male, 20. Driving w/o license - Cairo male, 39. Driving w/o license - Tallahassee, FL, female, 40. Driving w/o license - Cairo male, 18. Driving w/o license - Thomasville male, 29.

Saturday, April 24, 2021
 DUI, endangerment of child under 14, marijuana possession, suspended tag - Moultrie male, 38. DUI - Thomasville male, 22. DUI - Fort Walton Beach, FL, male, 58. Operation of commercial vehicle w/o valid license - Nuevo Laredo, MX, male, 40. Operation of commercial vehicle w/o valid license - Juarez, MX, male, 36. Driving while license w/drawn, child restraint violation - Cairo male, 30. Driving while license w/drawn - Thomasville male, 49. Driving while license w/drawn - Cairo male, 41. Driving w/o license, bench warrant - Thomasville female, 32. Driving w/o license - Wehatchka, Fla, male, 31. Driving w/o license - Pelham male, 17. Driving w/o license - Tallahassee, Fla, female, 30. Hold for Lowndes County - Cairo male, 33.

Sunday, April 25, 2021
 John Henry Ware IV, 27, male, Bainbridge - driving while license w/drawn, fleeing or attempting to elude, lighted headlights required at certain times, open container, reckless driving, speeding. Hit & run, driving w/suspended license, duty upon striking fixture - Thomasville male, 26. Shoplifting - Boston, Ga, female, 21.

SEX OFFENDERS
 The following is a list of previously convicted sex offenders who registered their address with the Grady County Sheriff's Office as required yearly by law. Dale Robert Allen, 59, male, 943B Hall Rd, Cairo.

Ricky DeCarlos Howard, 41, male, 1230 Ramble Cir, Cairo.
 Jason Langston Mercer, male, 43, 104 Maxwell St, Cairo.

John Thomas Wilkinson, 86, male, 1876 Gainey Rd, Cairo.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GRADY COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF ROBERT ROY SMITH, DECEASED.
 ESTATE NO. 2021-ES-4639

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF GRADY

All creditors of the estate of Robert Roy Smith, deceased, late of Leon County, Florida, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.

This 26th day of April 2021.
 Name: Georgia Annette Smith
 2411 Clemons Road
 Tallahassee, FL 32303

Personnel Profile:
Landrie Bock,
 theatre and
 English teacher

By Alondra Ortiz and Mary Harrison
 Staff Writers,
 The Red & Black,
 C.H.S. student newspaper
 Meet Ms. Landrie Bock, theatre and English teacher at Cairo High School.



MS. LANDRIE BOCK has directed the C.H.S. theatre program since 2018.

The daughter of Lynn and Ron Martin, Landrie Bock grew up in Milledgeville, Ga., before moving to Cairo in 1986. During her time at C.H.S., the 1990 alumna was senior drum major of the 1989 Syrupmaker marching band under Mr. Joe David; a member of the theatre and choral programs; and involved in the French, Interact and Beta clubs. Ms. Bock graduated from Valdosta State University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in 1995. After leaving V.S.U., the arts lover says she traveled around the country working in the theatre industry, including as director of education and managing director at WaterTower Theatre in Dallas, Texas, and general manager of the Adirondack Theatre Festival in upper New York state. During that time, Ms. Bock also earned a Masters of Nonprofit Administration from North Park University. Ms. Bock returned to her alma mater in 2018 to become theatre teacher and di-

rector of the Syrupmaker theatre program, which includes producing the high school's musical and One Act Play each year.

In addition to being a School of Fine Arts faculty member, she began teaching English to her classroom "babies" last fall.

The arts education advocate says that she enjoys watching movies and reading books in the psychological thriller and horror genres during her free time, as well as listening to music by American jazz trumpeter Miles Davis. For her fiftieth birthday, she plans on traveling to Greece.

Ms. Bock shares that working at Cairo High has taught her, "No matter the challenges with each generation, a teacher and student bond is just as important as the knowledge shared."



SHIVER SCHOOL March 2021 Top Dogs are pictured, front row, l-r: Laine Braswell, Eli Allen, Emmanuel Perez-Hernandez, Lexi Jo Vickers, Emma Gullion, Brian Clark, Trinity Johnson, Turner Bearden, Zoe Woolum, Dominic Valdez-Lara and Addison Grant; middle row, Dakota Cowart, Stacey Dozier, Remington Thompson, Nancy Jimenez-Godinez, Colton Kelley, Kiler McGee, Edgar Chavarria Resendiz and Logan Batchelor; back row: Felipe Gomez, Olivia Simpson, Amberly Fowler, Kiersten Hill, Kailey Phelps, Gracie Horne, Scott Crow and Emily Barrett; not pictured: Adrianna Morrell and Noah Johnson.

Shiver's "Top Dogs" are reaching for the stars

Shiver School leaders say the school is "Boldly Going Where No School Has Gone Before" as they find creative solutions to the changes schools have faced due to the COVID-

19 pandemic. Shiver Principal Todd Jones has recently announced March's Top Dogs, students chosen by their teachers because of their character, work

ethic, and commitment to being their best every day. "Each month we recognize these outstanding students who have made it a point to 'reach for the

stars," states Jones. "This group of students exemplifies what we strive to instill in every single student, every single day. They are a blessing to our Shiver family."

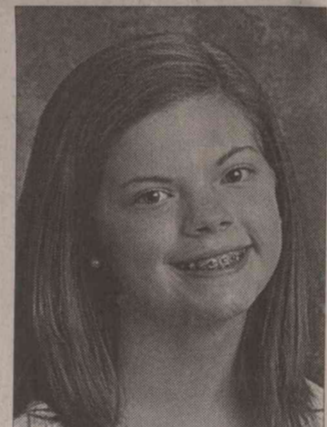
Brookwood students earn excellent rating in language contest

Ninth graders further their Spanish proficiency

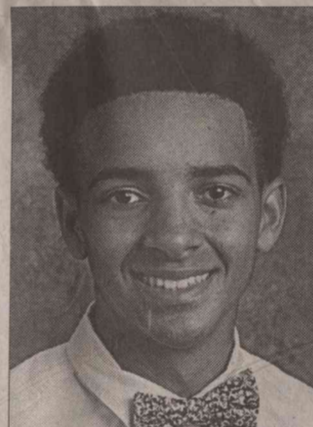
On Friday, March 27, two Grady County ninth grade Spanish 1 students joined their 21 classmates at Brookwood in participating in the Virtual Spoken Language Contest sponsored by the Foreign Language Association of Georgia. Students had a conversation in Spanish with a Georgia teacher/judge online that ranged from five to 15 minutes, and they talked about

themselves, their friends and family, school schedule and leisure activities. The contest provided an opportunity for students to practice their speaking skills outside of the classroom and fostered confidence in their Spanish proficiency.

Elizabeth Cohen and Jaevyn Salter, both of Grady County, received a rating of excellent.



ELIZABETH COHEN is the daughter of Mollie and Eric Cohen of Whigham.



JAEVYN SALTER is the son of Amanda Salter of Cairo.

Georgia Lottery enjoys record third quarter

1.9 million students have received a HOPE scholarship thanks to Lottery

By Dave Williams
 Bureau Chief
 Capitol Beat News Service

The Georgia Lottery is coming off the most successful quarter in its 27-year history.

The lottery raised more

than \$415.8 million in profits for education during January, February and March, an all-time record for a quarter, the Georgia Lottery Corp. reported Thursday.

"The Georgia Lottery's extraordinary results have a wide-reaching impact on Georgia's students, families and communities," Gov. Brian Kemp said.

"Lottery-funded Pre-K prepares our youngest students with a foundation for

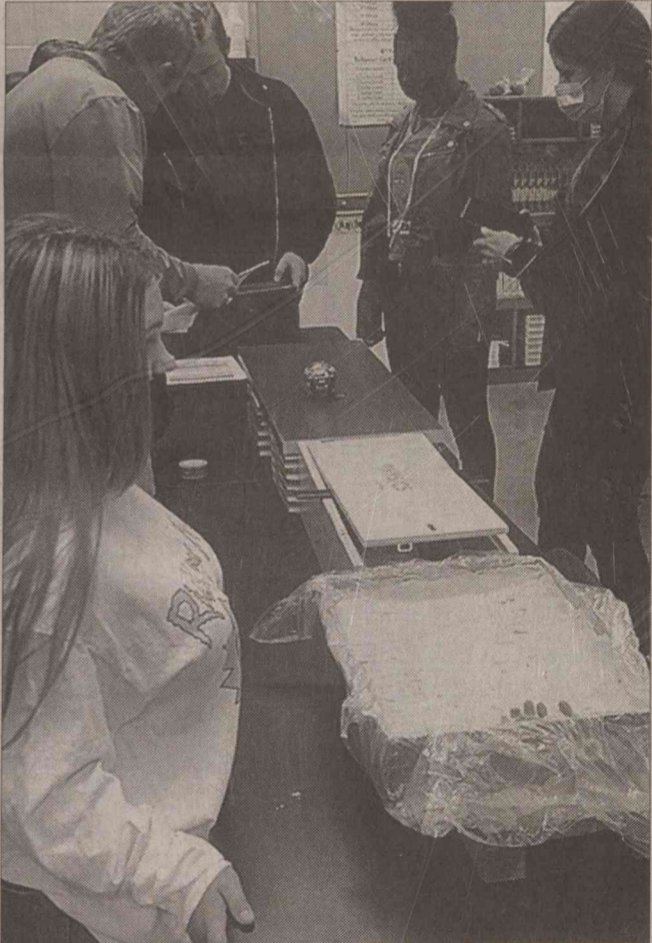
learning, while HOPE keeps our best and brightest students in state, building a strong workforce and driving economic development in Georgia."

The lottery also set a record for the first three quarters of a fiscal year, transferring \$1.47 billion to the Lottery for Education Account between last July and the end of March.

Third quarter sales were driven by large Mega Mil-

lions and Powerball jackpots that began growing late last year and extended into January.

The lottery has returned more than \$23.4 billion to the state since its inception in the mid-1990s. More than 1.9 million students have received a HOPE scholarship, while more than 1.6 million 4-year-olds have attended the voluntary pre-kindergarten program.



TALENT SEARCH STUDENTS at Shiver work on a computer science lesson. Pictured, l-r, Gracie Powell, Steve Harrison (teacher), Logan Carroll, Mariona McCook and Michael Singletary (Grady County Schools).

Bringing science to life at Shiver School

Eighth grade Talent Search students at Shiver School participated in a computer science lesson recently to illustrate how technology relates to everyday activities.

Mrs. Amy Starr, Grady County Schools instructional technology specialist, and Mr. Steve Harrison, Shiver eighth grade science teacher, collaboratively planned the lesson to introduce students to coding using Sphero Programmable Robots.

First, students watched a short video on how Olympian Bryan Clay used technology to maximize his

long jump. Then, students were challenged with the task of how to win a long jump competition by testing three different variables: speed, takeoff angle, and the starting distance of the Sphero programmable robot.

Students recorded data after each test jump and adjusted their coding to reach maximum distance.

The Sphero Robots were funded by the Southern Regional Technical College's (SRTC) Talent Search CollegeMAKERS grant awarded through the Department of Education TRIO Programs.



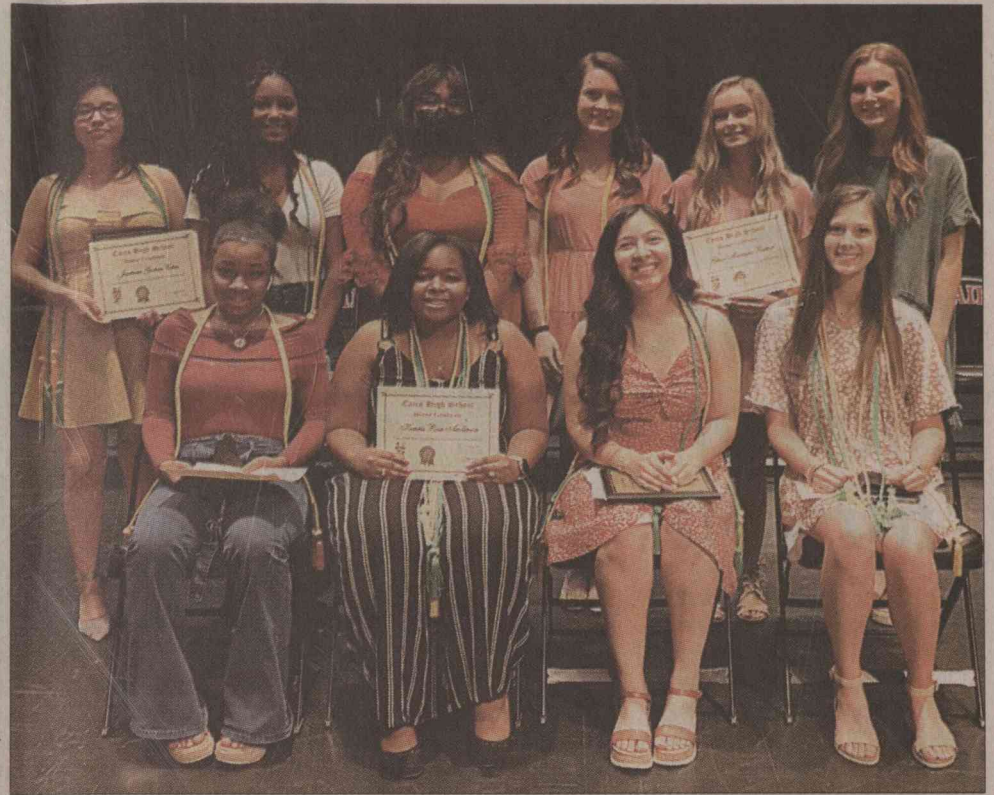
Grady County Elementary Breakfast and Lunch Menu May 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Breakfast Mini Donuts Fresh Fruit Chilled Fruit Choice of Milk Lunch Pulled Pork BBQ Sandwich Meatball Sub Baked Beans Fruit Juice & Chilled Fruit Choice of Milk	Breakfast Good Gravy Breakfast Pizza Fruit Juice Fresh or Chilled Fruit Choice of Milk Lunch Beefy Cheese Nachos Ham & Cheese Sandwich Rice Krispie Treat Whole Kernel Corn Fresh & Chilled Fruit Choice of Milk	Breakfast Confetti Pancakes Fresh Fruit Chilled Fruit Choice of Milk Lunch Chicken Alfredo / Breadstick PB&J Sand./Sunflower Seeds Steamed Broccoli Fresh & Chilled Fruit Choice of Milk	Breakfast Cereal Bar / Yogurt Cup Fruit Juice Fresh or Chilled Fruit Choice of Milk Lunch Cheeseburger Ham & Cheese Sandwich Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Fresh & Chilled Fruit Choice of Milk	Breakfast Cinnamon Roll Chilled Fruit Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk Lunch Hot Dog PB&J Sand./Sunflower Seeds Garden Peas Fresh & Chilled Fruit Choice of Milk
3	4	5	6	7

Cumbie to graduate from Cairo, later this month.



HONOR GRADUATES, pictured, l-r, front row, Brianna Turner, Jasmine Nix, Paige Ponder and Kasey Taylor; back row, Bryce Perry, Michelle Morales, Camille Dukes and Bre'ljaha Swain-Garland.



CLASS OF 2021 students graduating with honors include, l-r, front row, Jy'Nijah Cooper, Kenna Anderson, Yoatzi Alba and Kaylynn Brinkley; back row, Jasmine Cruz, Destiny Brown, Jessica Chavez, Grace Gainous, Graci Bishop and Anna Cooper.



MORE TOP SENIORS recognized as honor graduates were, l-r, front row, Caison Faircloth, Camille Strickland, Jewell Gammill and Robert Edwards; back row, Ethan Ulmer, Kaitlyn Donalson, Lauryn Howell, Nathaniel Hester and Bryan Godinez-Jimenez.



GRADUATING WITH HONORS in the C.H.S. class of 2021 are additionally, l-r, front row, Esperanza Gomez Jimenez, Diane Gomez, Alexis Gray and Amari Young; back row, Kyle Hawthorne, Rainey Thompson, Hannah Powe, Jack Strickland, Kade Godwin and Jorge Hernandez.



NINE MORE of the 71 Syrupmaker honor graduates are, l-r, front row, Amaya McCullough, Mariana Matias Lopez, Lily McKenzie and Lexi Maxwell; back row, Elias Lopez Gomez, Noah Majors, Cynthia Whitfield, Mary Harrison and Eliceo Lopez Gomez.



HONOR GRADUATES recognized at Cairo High School Monday night included, l-r, front row, Michelle Ponce, Amelia Pharis, Hailey Jones and Jesslyn Jones; back row, Lily Norton, Peyton Pearson, Brandon Green, Roberto Perez and Keondra Wright.



SENIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS in various subjects were bestowed upon, front row, l-r, Yoatzi Alba (early childhood education), Bryce Perry (band), Michelle Morales (math), Esperanza Gomez Jimenez (social studies), Camille Dukes (science), Hailey Jones (healthcare science) and Zoe Watson (theatre); back row, Alexis Gray (N.J.R.O.T.C.), Mary Harrison (business technology), Jasmine Cruz (English), Bre'ljaha Swain-Garland (chorus), Kaitlyn Donalson (dance, Spanish), Kade Godwin (art, architectural drawing and design), Ricky Walker (boys athletics). Not pictured: Hannah Powe (work based learning), Lily Norton (agricultural education), Justin Palmer (culinary arts), Tanner Todd (welding), Josue Ambriz (construction), Zachary Holloway (automotive services), Ethan Ulmer (information technology) and Ambria Vicks (girls athletics).

SPORTS

◆ "FROM THE PRESSBOX"

I've got a good one for you!

This year marks four years since I lost one of my closest friends, Carlton Gainous.

The bond we had extended over our work relationship to everyday life. Carlton was always right there beside me on the mountain top experiences of my life, but he was also walking with me through the valleys. We shared so many good times together, and we went through some tough times, we laughed together, we got mad together, and, yes, at times we cried together. It wasn't hard to be good friends with Carlton, lots of people considered him a close friend because that's the kind of man he was, a great friend to many.



MICHAEL BEST

I miss the random phone calls or texts to come see him. He would be grinning ear to ear and say, "Hey I've got a good one for you!" For over 25 years that opening line always meant a great story was coming from my good friend. Carlton always found humor in just about every situation. He loved to find something that gave him a good laugh and he couldn't wait to share it with others. I had the pleasure of working with "Coach Gainous" for almost half my life, and every day we found something to laugh about.

Even four years later, I must say not a day goes by that the thought doesn't pass through my



THE CAIRO HIGH SCHOOL SYRUPMAKER Baseball team recognized their senior players and their parents before the Worth Co. game Friday night. In the top photo are, l-r: Mandy Godwin, Ethan Godwin, Jeff Godwin, Connor Morrell, Mark Morrell, Kelly Crosby, Ben Crosby, Wendy Faircloth, Caison Faircloth, Joey Faircloth, Maxwell Jowers, and Larry Jowers. IN THE BOTTOM PHOTO are, l-r: Lynley Carraway, JW Knight, Joe Knight, Kim Johnson, Darrell Johnson, Darrell Johnson, Theajuana Walker, Ricky Walker, and girlfriend May Hardwick.

Cairo won four straight last week

The Cairo Syrupmakers picked up four wins as they finished the 2021 regular season last week. Cairo beat North Florida Christian 2-1, swept Monroe in a double header 15-0 in both games and beat Worth County for Senior Night on Friday 13-3.

The Syrupmakers recognized their seniors last Friday night before their final home game of the season and then defeated Worth County 13-3. Led by senior Ethan Godwin, who had 4 hits including a home run and also scored 4 runs and had 4 RBIs in the game. Caison Faircloth, another senior, had three hits including a double. Senior Ricky Walker and junior Max Windham both doubled and Walker had an RBI. Seniors Connor Morrell and Darrell Johnson both singled. As well, Morrell had 3 RBIs. Senior JW Knight also had an RBI. Ben Crosby, also a senior, pitched 4 innings, giving up 5 hits, 2 runs and 2



walks and striking out 4 batters. Cannon Waters came on in relief, going 2 innings, giving up 1 hit, 1 run, walking 2 and striking out 2.

Last Tuesday, Cairo beat North Florida Christian 2-1 in a non-region game. Cairo took a 1-0 lead in the third inning, NFC tied it up with a run in the 4th inning and Cairo's Cannon Waters drove in the winning run in the 6th. Cairo had three hits, Faircloth, Morrell and Waters all singled. Faircloth and Waters both had RBIs. Cairo used 4 pitchers in the game. Will Prince

started the game and left with an injury after three pitches. Morrell came on and went 4 innings. He gave up 7 hits with 4 strikeouts and one run with no walks. Waters went 2 innings with 2 walks and one strikeout and Faircloth went one inning and struck out one.

On Wednesday night, Cairo hosted Monroe in the last region games of the regular season. Cairo blanked the Tornados 15-0 in both games. Cairo scored 15 runs on 7 hits in game one. Christian Maige led the Makers with 2 hits

and 3 RBIs. JW Knight had 2 RBIs. Maige pitched all 3 innings with a no hitter, 8 strikeouts and a walk. In game two, Cairo shut out the Tornados 15-0 again. Mo Wilson went all 4 innings on the mound, striking out 10 batters with one walk and one hit. Cannon Waters had 2 of Cairo's 10 hits on the night.

Cairo will face Perry in round one of the state AAAA baseball playoffs on Wednesday at 4:30 and 7:30 in Perry. Game three, if necessary, will be played on Thursday at a time to be announced.

thought doesn't pass through my mind to pick up the phone and share some crazy story with him. I realize that death is a big part of life and I have lost some people who have been very near and dear to my heart, but this one still hurts every day.

He loved his job and he loved kids. He was one of the few administrators I ever knew that could punish a student for misbehavior only to have them shake his hand before leaving his office. His secret was no secret at all, he treated people with respect, he loved them and built relationships with them, even the most incorrigible ones.

I can't count the number of times through the years I have thought, "Carlton would have loved this story," and I almost picked up my phone. It took me a while to stop doing the same with my dad. Even though Carlton is not physically here any more, we still have our moments, and I just look up and smile.

There is a belief that the red cardinal is a sign that an angel is visiting us from time to time. I don't know how true it is, but I know I have seen a lot of Cardinals since he passed. Maybe I'm just looking harder.

You are missed, my friend, I hate you are missing spending your retirement days with your wife, watching those pretty girls of yours grow up and, of course, being with those grandkids. You left us way too early because I have a lot of great stories to share with you. But then again, somehow, I think you know them all.

"Finish Strong"

"See you on the radio"

Syrupmakers advance in playoffs as Syrupmaids season ends

The Cairo High School Syrupmaker soccer team advanced to the Sweet Sixteen Round of the state AAAA playoffs with a 3-2 win over Perry last Friday night. The Syrupmaid soccer team came up short in their first round game with Rutland on Thursday night, losing 6-1.

"We were out played. They started the game with a goal scored in the first 5 minutes. We responded, but it was tied for only a short time. I thought we had a solid season. We are a very young team that has lots of growth opportunity," coach Jennifer Donalson said.

The Syrupmakers played the Panthers of Perry High School on Friday Evening at the Thomasville High School Field where Cairo has

played all of their home games this season.

The Perry Panthers started out quickly, pressuring the Syrupmaker defense. In less than six minutes, the Panthers had 2 shots on goal and had scored on a penalty kick giving them a 1-0 lead early in the first half. The Syrupmakers would settle down and begin executing the plan they have been practicing. This led to the Syrupmakers possessing the ball more and starting to get quality shots on goal.

The Syrupmakers evened the score 7 minutes later when Ismael Ponce made a nice pass to Jeison Diaz, who placed the ball out of the reach of the goalie. Six minutes later, Syrupmaker goalie Greyson Blair made a save and punted the

ball pass the midfield. It bounced above the heads of the Panther defense and Elias Miguel sprinted pass them and found himself one on one with the opponent's goalie, and he made the most of his opportunity by scoring the second goal of the game for the Syrupmakers.

The Panthers would only have one more shot on goal in the first half due to the excellent defense and wise decisions when to attack and when to play it back. This allowed the Syrupmakers to possess the ball for most of the first half. The Syrupmakers built up an attack with 4 minutes left and made one of the Panther defensemen touch the ball with his hand. The mistake led to a penalty kick due to the handball happening in the box.

Elias Miguel took the penalty kick and put the Syrupmakers up 3-1 going into the half.

In the second half, the Syrupmakers continued to control the pace of the game and keep possession of the ball. The Panthers would only have two opportunities to test the Syrupmaker goalie and he would come up strong with the assistance of his back line. The Panthers would add a goal with 17 seconds left in the game when they were awarded a free kick right outside the box.

The Syrupmakers will be on the road in the second round, traveling to Savannah this Thursday, to play Islands High School at 6 p.m.

Big fishing tourney at Tired Creek Lake is Saturday

The Cairo Rotary Club first annual fishing tournament will be held at Tired Creek Lake this weekend and it is not too late for you to register.

The 2021 edition of the tournament to be held on Saturday, May 1. The tournament will be managed by Wes Meadows of Reel Money Team Trail and the tournament director is Rotarian Chip Wells.

"This will be a professionally managed tournament and the Cairo Rotary Club is fortunate to

have someone like Wes Meadows as a partner in this effort," Wells said.

Cairo Rotary Club President Todd Harrell said, "We are very excited about this fundraising event and appreciate the participation of our club members and community."

Competition will be divided into four divisions: High School; Bream Division; Perch/Crappie Division; and Bass Division.

The entry fee for the high school division is \$50 with two fishermen per boat. Two fishermen 16 years of age or younger must be accompanied by an adult. Entry fees for the other divisions will be \$30 for the bream division; \$50 for the perch/crappie division; and \$100 for the bass division. All divisions have a per boat limit of two fishermen.

Participants will have the option of purchasing tickets for a Luncheon Pot, three chances for \$10.

Check-in will be between 5 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. with boats out at 7 a.m. Bream Division participants must be in line by 1 p.m. with Crappie Division fishermen due back at 2 p.m. and High School and Bass Division fishermen due back at 3 p.m.

According to Wells, there will be a 100 percent cash payback to winners. The Rotary Club is soliciting

sponsorships for the event and

anyone interested in a sponsorship is asked to contact Wells at (229) 377-3543 or Harrell at (229) 377-

7200.

Proceeds from the event will be used by the Cairo Rotary Club to benefit local charitable causes.

COLLEGEupdate

College updates of former Syrupmakers

Mackenzie Puckett - UGA Bulldog softball-Infielder
This Week: No Stats to report
Season Batting Avg. .217

Garrett Gainous - Troy University Baseball - Pitcher
Vs Appalachian State - Won 2-0
Season Record 6-3
Friday 4/23/2021 - 7.1 innings, 3 hits, 0 runs, 2 walks, 7 strikeouts

Calvin Issac-Reinhardt University - Defense
Lost to Keiser - 42-14
NAIA Football National Championships Quarterfinals
1 assist
Season over

Jaheem Hampton - Iowa Wesleyan - Defense
Next Game - @ Westminster College, Saturday, May 1

Carson Sapp - University of the Cumberlands - Archery
Next Competition - May 20-23 -
USA Outdoor Nationals - Richmond, Va.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

DUE TO COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS AND PRECAUTIONS THESE DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

CAIRO HIGH SCHOOL
VARSITY BASEBALL

Wednesday, April 28 Perry - Away
5/7 - - Thursday if needed TBA -
1st round State AAAA Playoffs

VARSITY SOCCER

2nd Round State playoffs
Thursday, April 29
Islands High School - Away
6 p.m.

VARSITY TRACK AND FIELD

Saturday, May 8
AAAA State Sectional
@ Kinnett Stadium - Columbus

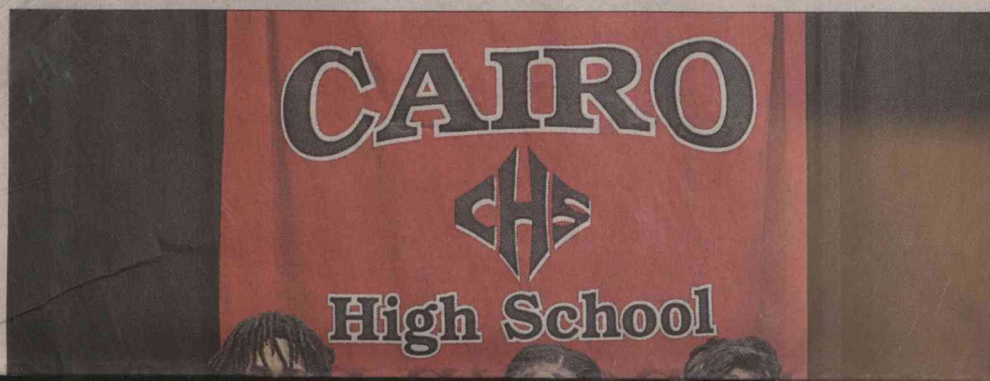


Cairo High School seniors sign on the dotted line

STUDENT ATHLETES at Cairo High School who will be participating in sports at the collegiate level were signed Thursday to play at several institutions of higher learning. C.H.S. hosted signing ceremonies for Leah Perry, Rainey Thompson and Caison Faircloth and their families and loved ones last week. "We are extremely proud of these two young ladies and gentleman and wish them much success," said Principal Chris Lokey.



RAINEY THOMPSON inked papers to play softball for South Georgia State College. She is pictured with David Thompson, left, and Monica Thompson, right; standing are Andrew Thompson and Anna Rae Thompson.



THE SYRUPMAKER RIFLE TEAM, l-r, junior Gavin Hawthorne (team captain), sophomore Aidan Green, junior Hunter Rowan, junior Dominic Miller (team co-captain), and junior Jonathan Amaya.

Syrupmaker Rifle Team competed for state title

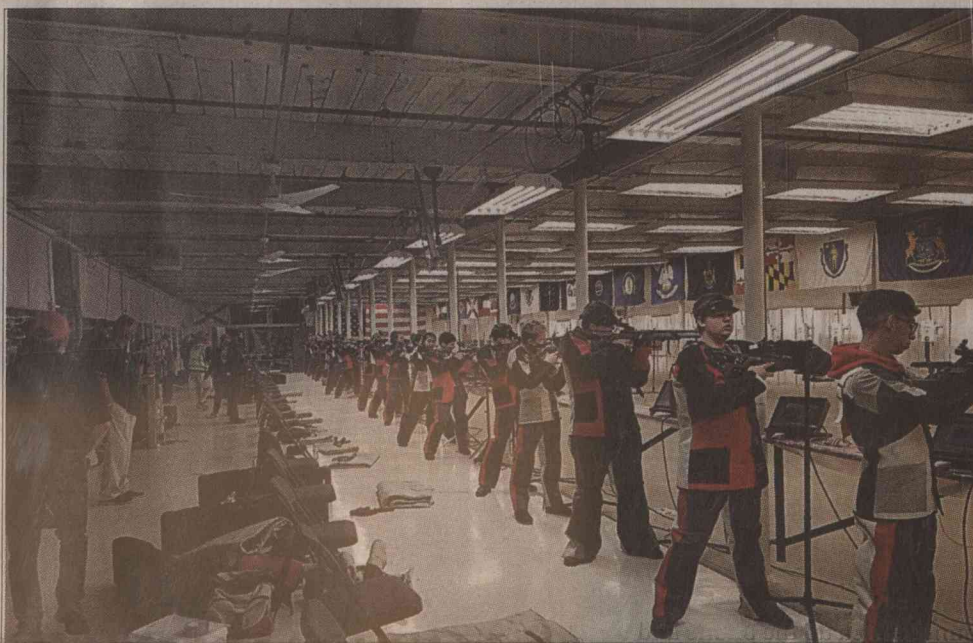
The Syrupmaker rifle team traveled to Griffin to shoot in the 2021 GHSA State Rifle Championship on Saturday, April 24. The team includes Jonathan Amaya, Aidan Green, Gavin Hawthorne, Dominic Miller, and Hunter Rowan.

Team coach, LCDR Alex

Baker, said he was proud of the team's positive showing, even without a state championship.

Baker said, "While the team did not come away with the state title, they finished their season knowing that they had reached their goals of winning the Area

Championship and making it to the State Championship, both firsts for the program. The team is already looking forward to next season when all seven of the team's top shooters will return for another run at a state title."





CAIRO High School

Home of the SYRUPMAKERS

LEAH PERRY signed to play basketball with the University of Central Arkansas. She is pictured here with Darrie Stephens and Tarsha Addison.



CAIRO High School

Home of the SYRUPMAKERS

CAISON FAIRCLOTH signed with Middle Georgia State University to play baseball. He is shown with Abby Faircloth, left, and Wendy Faircloth, right; standing is Joey Faircloth.

SHOOTING FROM THE STANDING POSITION of the 3-position rifle competition are, l-r, Jonathan Amaya, Dominic Miller, Hunter Rowan, Aidan Green and Gavin Hawthorne. With their scores being posted over their heads as soon as they shoot, the Syrupmakers take careful aim at a target the size of the period at the end of this sentence from over 32 feet away.

Four thinclads advance to state sectional

Cairo High School competed in the region 1-AAAA track meet last week in Albany at Hugh Mills Sta-

dium. Advancing to the state sectional to be held in Columbus on Saturday, May 8, are Leah Perry, Ter-

rance Peoples, Octavian Teal and Jacob Manlius.



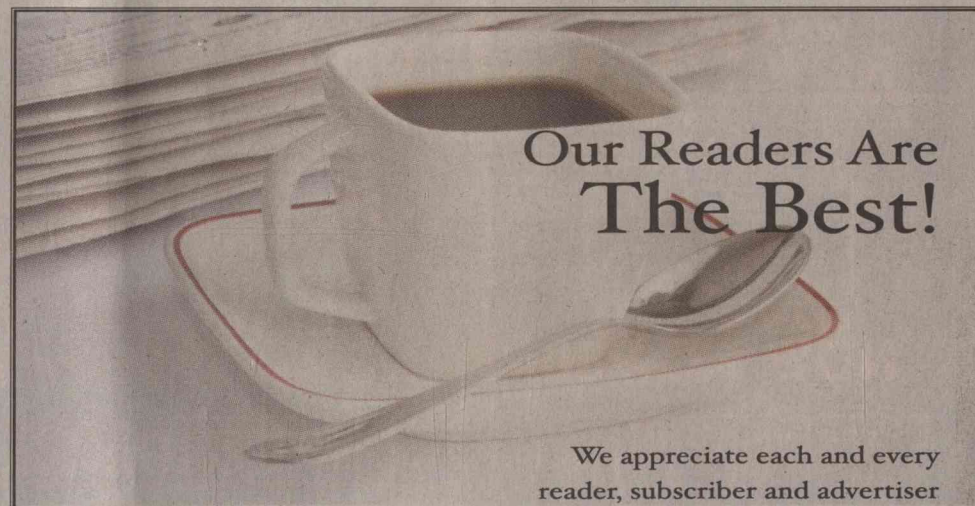
TERRANCE PEOPLES won second place in boys Long Jump.



LEAH PERRY won third place in girls Long Jump. Not pictured is Jacob Manlius who won fourth place in boys 110 Meter Hurdles.



OCTAVIAN TEAL took third place in boys Long Jump.



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◆ "COACH'S COMMENTS"

DeVoursney is ready for the challenges of a new season

Last season, the Syrupmakers were about to kick off the season with limited preparation time due to COVID precautions. Then the Georgia High School Association delayed the start of the 2020 season and practice time was limited due to COVID precautions and quarantines. The Syrupmakers played their first game on three days of contact practice.

"We are better prepared this year due to more practice time, but the schedule is just as tough. We open up with three top five teams that have a load of talent returning," said coach Steve DeVoursney.

In fact, according to the Syrupmaker head coach, there is little room on the schedule to have a let down. "We have to come out and play our best every week. We were to open with Fitzgerald but that was postponed, then Brooks County comes to town and they were both state champion contenders last season and look stronger this season. Then we have Thomasville and all of those teams are Top 5 teams in the state," said DeVoursney.

Cairo has two new teams on the schedule this season, Merritt Island and Escambia County. Merritt Island is returning most of their starters from last year and has the top defensive end in the country. Meanwhile, Escambia County appears pretty strong as well, and no stranger to great players including former NFL great Emmitt Smith.

Region 1-AAAA doesn't have many weak spots either. Bainbridge and Thomas County Central are loaded and coach DeVoursney says don't overlook Dougherty.

"They have a great quarterback who is just a sophomore and is also the top runningback in the country, they will be a force in the region," said DeVoursney.

Westover and Monroe are rebuilding but always seem to be a threat on any given Friday night.

Cairo has a great home schedule this year with Brooks County, Bainbridge, TCCHS, Merritt Island and Escambia County. Cairo's road games are Fitzgerald, Thomasville, Dougherty, Monroe and Westover.

Coach DeVoursney says he is also excited his team will be able to play on the newly installed turf for the centennial season of Syrupmaker football. "The new turf is great, we would have missed practice days because of bad turf conditions this summer without it. It looks great and really makes the whole stadium look amazing. I want to thank CHS Athletic Director Coach Tom Fallaw, CHS



Coach Steve DeVoursney

► See COACH, Page 5

CAIRO SYRUPMAKERS

2021 Football Schedule

August 27, 2021	.....HOME 7:30 p.m.	.....Brooks Co.
September 3, 2021	.....AWAY 8:00 p.m.	.....Thomasville
September 10, 2021	.....HOME 7:30 p.m.	.....Escambia Co., Fla.
September 17, 2021	.....AWAY 7:30 p.m.	.....Fitzgerald
September 24, 2021	.....HOME 7:30 p.m.	.....Merritt Island, Fla.
October 1, 2021	.....HOME 7:30 p.m.	.....Bainbridge*
October 8, 2021	.....AWAY 7:30 p.m.	.....Monroe*
OCTOBER 15, 2021 OPEN		
October 22, 2021	.....HOME 7:30 p.m.	.....TCCHS*
October 30, 2021AWAY 7:30 p.m.Dougherty*
November 4, 2021AWAY 7:30 p.m.Westover*

*Region Games

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◆ "ATHLETIC DIRECTOR NOTES"

New field and 100 years of football is something to celebrate

Cairo High School Athletic Director Tom Fallaw says he is excited about the new season and the celebration of 100 years of football on the newly installed turf at Wayne Tootle Field at West Thomas Stadium.

"Any time a program has been around for a century that is certainly something to celebrate, this is a program rich in tradition that is known around the state," said Fallaw.

The CHS athletic director is also looking forward to the games that



Athletic Director Tom Fallaw

will be played on the newly installed turf. "I want to thank Dr. Kermit Gilliard and the Board of Education for their support of our athletic program and the newly installed turf. The new turf really looks great and is a great addition to our campus. That field is used by the middle school soccer and football programs and high school football and soccer teams so this new turf will cut down on maintenance and wear and tear during the seasons," said Fallaw. The Syrupmaker Touchdown

Club and Athletic Department has recently completed a major fund-raising effort around the 100 year celebration of Syrupmaker football which could not have happened without the support of local businesses and fans.

"Our program depends on community support, from businesses to fans to churches, past Syrupmakers and supporters in other places, we appreciate everything they do to make it possible to run a quality program," said Fallaw.

The Athletic Department was able to once again offer season tickets this year. The seating arrangements in the stadium are a little

different because of new Georgia High School Association seat width requirements, but sales have gone well. "We have changed some things with season tickets, the GHSA required us to increase our seats from 18 to 24 inches which changed some of the placement of seats. We also moved all of our reserved seats to the center sections, along with the upper deck chair back seats to allow for more General Admission seats in the stadium," said Fallaw.

The athletic director says he looks forward to seeing the fans back in the stadium, cheering on the Syrupmakers this year.

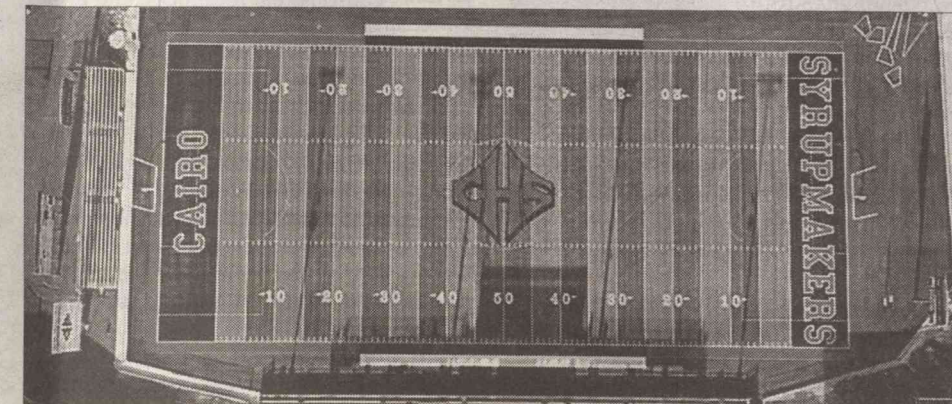
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Principal Chris Lokey, Grady County School Superintendent Dr. Kermit Gilliard and the Grady County Board of Education for making the new turf a reality," said DeVoursney.

This season, Cairo celebrates 100 years of football. "When you think about it, that is pretty amazing. One hundred years of football is special. There have been a lot of great football players that wore the Syrupmaker uniform in those years and many amazing teams as well. I am just honored to be a part

of this 100 year celebration," DeVoursney said.

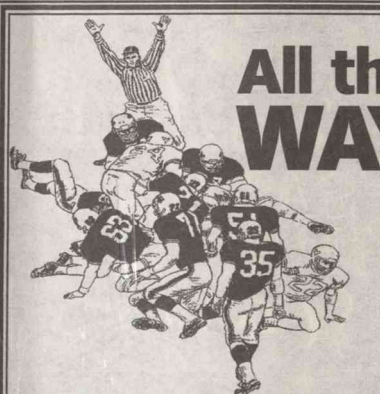
The head football coach says he is looking forward to the challenges of a new season. "We have a mix of experience and youth this year. Of course no team can replace a weapon like Noah Jones. We have some experience coming back and we will depend on those guys to lead us. We also have some young guys who will have to step up early. It will be a big challenge, but I think we are ready for it," said DeVoursney.




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MICHAEL BEST

I have been a part of Syrupmaker football for 40 of those 100 years, I have called 474 consecutive football games on the radio, I have been a part of two state championships and called 75 playoff games.

Those numbers don't include all the scrimmages and pre-season games either. I have worked with eight different coaches over the last 40 years and each one was always very helpful. This Friday night, I begin year 41.

There have been many changes in our methods of broadcasting Syrupmaker football. In the beginning, we recorded the games on a cassette tape player and played

the game back on Saturday mornings on WGRA. Now we are live every Friday night on 790AM and now on the FM dial at 95.9 as well as on the internet at www.wgraradio.com

I have collected so many great memories in these past 40 years, and I can recall so many great games, great moments, and even many of the names that made football Friday nights so special in

Cairo.

I have been around long enough now to see the children of many of the former players from my early years play the game and even a couple of grandchildren.

As always, I am excited about the new season. Coach Steve DeVoursney is in his seventh year as the head of the Syrupmakers and this year will be another tough, but exciting journey.

I am proud to announce that once again, this year's Pigskin Preview is packed full of

Syrupmaker news. This special edition also highlights every position on the team, plus articles on our band, cheerleaders, and ROTC. This special edition of The Cairo Messenger is packed with everything you would want to know about Syrupmaker football and more.

I know once again this season, COVID precautions will be on everyone's mind and could affect some games. As of now, there are no restrictions on fan attendance, so hopefully Wayne Tootle Field at West Thomas Stadium will be packed with the red and black.

Let's get things kicked off! I'm ready for Syrupmaker football!!!

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REGION 1-AAAA

Cairo High School

Bainbridge High School

Thomas Co. Central High School

Dougherty Comprehensive High School

Westover Comprehensive High School

Monroe Comprehensive High School

Two new Florida opponents are on the 2021 schedule

The 2020 Cairo High School football season will go down in the record books as one of the most challenging and ever changing schedules in school history. The Syrupmakers started the season 0-4 and had two cancellations due to COVID. Each week could have possibly been the last game of the season, but fortunately, Cairo was able to 10 games, winning 5 in a row after dropping their first four games to top rated teams.

This season, the challenge will be just as great as the Syrupmakers open with Fitzgerald and Brooks County, both who played in the state championship last season and are topped ranked again this season. It doesn't get any easier as Cairo faces Thomasville who is in the top five in AA and Bainbridge, the defending region champion.

Cairo will have two new faces on the schedule with Merritt Island and Escambia High School.

The Syrupmakers face Thomasville on the road and go to Fitzgerald and three trips to Albany, with TCCHS and Bainbridge at home.

It's going to be an exciting season with a lot of great challenges. Here is a look at the Syrupmakers 2021 season schedule.

Fitzgerald High School
Aug. 20 - Away-7:30 p.m.
Region - 1-AA
Nickname: Purple Hurricanes
Colors: Purple and Gold
Coach: Tucker Pruitt
History with the Syrupmakers (14-15-1)
Last Year: Fitzgerald 21 Cairo 17
Last season's record: 13-1
Season Opener: Irwin Co. -Aug. 27 - Away

Last year the Fitzgerald Purple Hurricanes won their first 13 games after opening the season with a 21-17 win over the Syrupmakers. The Purple Hurricanes came up short in the state championship, losing to Callaway 22-17 to finish the season 13-1. The Purple Hurricanes lost 9 of 11 starters off offense from last year, including AA Player of the Year Chance Gamble. Although the Purple Hurricanes will be looking to fill many holes this season, they are still ranked at the top of AA in Georgia as they enter the season. Once again this season, this game will be a tough opener for the Syrupmakers.

Brooks County High School
Aug. 27 - Home-7:30 p.m.
Region- 1-AA
Nickname: Trojans

Colors: Red, White and Blue
Coach: Maurice Freeman
History with the Syrupmakers (5-12-0)
Last Year: Brooks County 26 Cairo 24
Last season's record: 13-2
Coach: Maurice Freeman
Season Opener: Thomasville-Aug. 20-Away

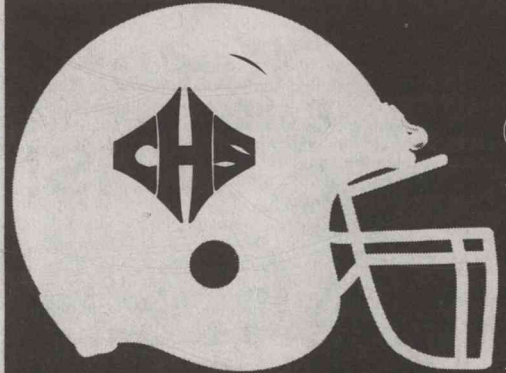
The Brooks County Trojans made it to the state finals for the second year in a row last season, but came up short again, losing to Irwin County 27-19. The Trojans beat the Syrupmakers in a close game last season 26-24 with Cairo missing the winning field goal in the final seconds. The Trojans lost their quarterback to graduation this season but return several key starters on offense and defense including senior runningback Omari Arnold who has rushed for over 4,000 yards in his career at Brook County. There are many reports that the Trojans are favored to make their third trip to the state finals this season. This year, the Trojans will travel to Cairo for the Syrupmakers' home opener which will be another tough game for the Makers.

Thomasville High School
Sept. 3 - Away - 8:00 p.m.

Region- 1-AA
Nickname: Bulldogs
Colors: Red and Gold
Coach: Zach Grage
History with the Syrupmakers (42-28-6)
Last Year: Thomasville 30 Cairo 7
Last season's record: 8-5
Season Opener: Brooks Co.-Aug. 20-Home

The coveted Syrup Pitcher traveled back across the river last season as the Bulldogs handed the Syrupmakers a 30-7 loss in Cairo. Thomasville, despite losing four regular season games, made it the third round of the state playoffs, losing to Callaway 34-21. The Bulldogs will have a new quarterback with the graduation of AA Offensive Player of the Year Ronnie Baker. Baker threw for over 4000 yards and had 44 touchdowns. The Bulldogs also lost Bakers' number one target Ricardo Johnson. The Bulldogs will also enter the 2021 season as one of the top ranked teams in AA and will be favored to go deep in the playoffs. This game is always a big rival game for the Syrupmakers and this year will be no different.

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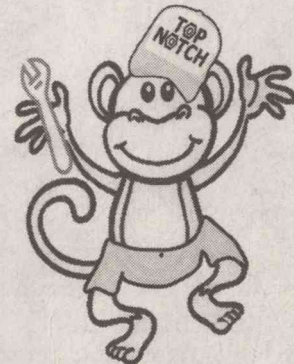
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Season features new slate of opponents in 2021

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Escambia High School (AL)
 Sep. 10 - Home - 7:30 p.m.
 Region 4A-RI
 Nickname: Blue Devils
 Colors: Blue & Silver
 Coach: Scott Mason
 History with the Syrupmakers (0-0-0)
 Last Year: Did not play
 Last season's record: 2-8
 Season Opener: Bayside Acad. - Aug. 20 - Away

This will be the first meeting between the Syrupmakers and the Escambia County Blue Devils from Atmore, Alabama. Last year the Blue Devils finished 2-8 with wins over St. Michael and Monroe County.

Merritt Island High School (FL)
 Sept. 24 - Home - 7:30 p.m.
 Region 1-A
 Nickname: Mustangs
 Colors: Black and Gold
 Coach: Hurlie Brown
 History with the Syrupmakers (0-0-0)
 Last Year: Did not play
 Last season's record: 5-2
 Season Opener: Sebastian River - Sept. 3 - Home

This will also be the first meeting for the Syrupmakers and Mustangs. Merritt Island finished last season 5-2. The Mustangs graduated just 7 seniors from last season so look for the Mustangs to be a strong opponent for the Syrupmakers.

Bainbridge High School
 October 1 - Home-7:30 p.m.
 Region 1-AAAA
 Nickname: Bearcats
 Colors: Purple and Gold
 Coach: Jeff Littleton
 History with the Syrupmakers (34-35-7)
 Last Year: Bainbridge 21 Cairo 0
 Last season's record: 11-3
 Season Opener: Coffee Co. - Aug. 27-Away

The Bainbridge Bearcats are picked by many media sources to win the Region 1-AAAA championship again this season despite losing several key starters on both sides of the ball. Gone are quarterback Quadye Hawkins and runningback Rashad Broadnax. Broadnax rushed for almost 1400 yards last season and 3000 yards in his career. Hawkins was a team leader at quarterback and will be missed as well. The Bearcats return a lot of talent including Smoke Bouie

who was injured last year. The Bearcats shutout the Syrupmakers last year 21-0 and made it all the way to the semi-finals before falling to Marist 42-0. This year's senior class were all freshman when the Cats last won the state title, so coach Jeff Littleton is looking for them to be great leaders. The Cairo-Bainbridge games are always exciting, and this year should be no different.

Monroe Comprehensive High School
 Oct. 8 - Away - 7:30 p.m.
 Region 1-AAAA
 Nickname: Tornadoes
 Colors: Green and Gold
 Coach: Lacey Herring
 History with the Syrupmakers (5-22-0)
 Last Year: Cairo 41 Monroe 18
 Last season's record: 0-4
 Season Opener: Appling Co. - Aug. 20 - Away

The Monroe Tornadoes played only a partial schedule last year due to COVID. The Tornadoes played only four games last season, losing all four games. Two games, Dougherty and Westover were canceled due to COVID. The Tornadoes always have plenty of talent and can beat anyone on any given night.

Thomas County Central High School
 Oct. 22 - Home - 7:30 p.m.
 Region 1-AAAA
 Nickname: Yellow Jackets
 Colors: Blue and Gold
 Coach: Ashley Henderson
 History with the Syrupmakers (24-21-1)
 Last Year: Cairo 25 TCCHS 13
 Last season's record: 4-6
 Season Opener: Florida High School - Aug. 20 - Away

The Yellow Jackets and Syrupmakers returned to regular season play last season with the Syrupmakers keeping the "Barnett's Creek Bucket" in a 25-13 over the Jackets. The Yellow Jackets finished 4-6 on the year losing to Baldwin in the first round of the State Playoffs. TCCHS may be the most talented team in Region 1-AAAA this season with several key starters returning including Persean Taylor, Gabe Harris, Adam Hopkins, Javion Revels and Marcus Christian. The TCCHS defensive may be one of the best in the state as well. Coach Ashley Henderson likes his chances of making a run deep in the playoffs. The Cairo-TCCHS is always a fan favorite, so look for a great game at West Thomas Stadium.

Dougherty High School
 Oct. 28 - Away - 7:00 p.m.
 Region 1-AAAA
 Nickname: Trojans
 Colors: Maroon & Silver
 Coach: Johnny Gilbert
 History with the Syrupmakers (7-25-0)
 Last Year: Cairo 32 Dougherty 20
 Last season's record - 0-5
 Season Opener: Randolph-Clay - Aug. 20 - Away

The Dougherty Trojans have struggled to find success over the last few years and 2020 was no different as a COVID shortened sea-

son saw the Trojans go 0-5. Third year coach Johnny Gilbert has several very talented young players on this year's squad. Look for the Trojans to pick up some wins this year and maybe surprise a few people.

Westover High School
 Nov. 4 - Away - 7:30 p.m.
 Region 1-AAAA
 Nickname: Patriots
 Colors: Red, White and Blue
 Coach: Adam Miller
 History with the Syrupmakers (4-26-0)
 Last Year: Cairo 49 Westover 14
 Last season's record: 1-5

The Westover Patriots, along with all Dougherty County Schools played a short season due to COVID. Westover's only win was over winless Dougherty. The COVID Pandemic really took its toll on the county

and the school system suffered as well. Westover has a new coach this season, Adam Miller, and will be looking for improvement. This will be the last regular season game of the year and the last region game as well. The Patriots return six seniors this year. With a new offense and an aggressive defense, the Patriots could show big improvement.



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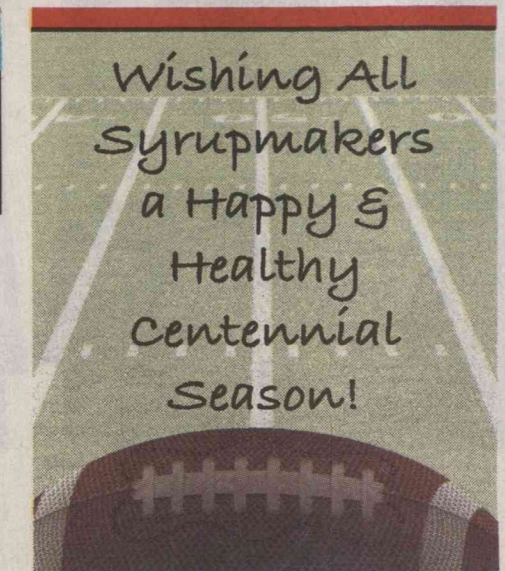
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Position: DB
Parent: Shawn Thomas
Plans for the future
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GARY DAVIS, JR.
Jersey #: 2
Position: LB
Parent: Katinea Davis
Plans for the future
Go to college



DK WILLIAMS
Jersey #: 4
Position: RB
Parents: April Williams & Sheddric Hardy
Plans for the future
Plan to attend a four year college



ERIC THOMAS
Jersey #: 5
Position: Receiver
Parent: Katrina Washington
Plans for the future
To be the best man I can be

★ Senior Spotlight ★



JACOB MANLIUS
Jersey #: 8
Position: LB
Parent: Temesha Evans
Plans for the future
Go to college, play football



EMANUEL WILSON
Jersey #: 9
Position: DB
Parents: Patricia Kinsler & Freddie Wilson
Plans for the future
Join the Navy and go to college to study Criminal Justice and Real Estate



ANTROVENO HADLEY
Jersey #: 11
Position: Cornerback
Parent: Valerie Hadley
Plans for the future
Go to college on a wrestling scholarship, and be the first state champion wrestler in CHS history



JALON SPENCE
Jersey #: 14
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KEVIN SPEED
Jersey #: 17
Position: DB
Parent: Kevin Speed
Plans for the future
College



MO WILSON
Jersey #: 18
Position: TE
Parents: Zack & Gina Wilson
Plans for the future
Go to Georgia Southwestern University and earn an accounting degree



KAMAREE PERRY
Jersey #: 26
Position: WR
Parents: Lee Perry & Angelita Perry
Plans for the future
Go to college, major in Physical Therapy and live life to the fullest



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Parent: Lakeshia Moorehead
Plans for the future
Work hard and live life



CEDRICK BROWN
Jersey #: 51
Position: OL/TE
Parents: Sharon Solomon & Cedrick Brown
Plans for the future
To earn a Bachelor's Degree in Cybersecurity, Film or Broadcasting



WILL WALDEN
Jersey #: 56
Position: OL/Deep Snapper
Parents: Tracy & Janet Walden
Plans for the future
Attend a four year college and earn a Bachelor's Degree in General Forestry or related field



JAYVEN JENKINS
Jersey #: 78
Position: OL/DL
Parents: Litisha & Prashant Jenkins
Plans for the future
Play college football



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ZADDERRICK LURRY

Jersey #: 79
Position: OL

Parent: Lanesha Hammonds
Plans for the future
Play football and study
Photography



BRANDON MCNEIL

Jersey #: 91
Position: DE

Parent: Barbara McNeil
Plans for the future
Moving away



DORIAN THOMAS

Jersey #: 97
Position: DE/TE

Parents: Pat Thomas and
Janice Gainor
Plans for the future
Culinary Arts



ERIQ ATENCIO

Jersey #:
Position: Filmer
Parent: Amy Atencio
Plans for the future
To be a mechanic



SYRUPMAKER COACHING STAFF: front row, l-r, Seth Sloan, Brandon Byram, David Coleman, Deonte Dismuke, Steven Figueroa, and Daniel Coleman; back row: JJ Cooper, Jess DeVoursney, Steve DeVoursney, Jimmy Dudley, William Huff, and Brandon Robinson.

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Three new coaches join Syrupmaker staff

There are some new faces to the Syrupmaker football coaching staff for the 2021 season. Joining Coach Steve DeVoursney's staff for 2021 are coaches William Huff, Deonta Dismuke, and Seth Sloan.

presented itself, and what better place to do it than back at home," he said. Coach Dismuke will teach Physical Education at Northside Elementary School.

COACH SETH SLOAN

Coach Seth Sloan is coming to Cairo from

Navarre Beach, Florida. He was the defensive line coach at Navarre Beach High School and will coach wide receivers for the Syrupmakers. Coach Sloan played for coach DeVoursney while in high school at Griffin High School.

"I am really excited about this opportunity to work for coach DeVoursney," said coach

Sloan. Coach Sloan is here alone for now but his family will join him later in the fall. Coach Sloan will be teaching physical education at Southside Elementary School.

COACH WILLIAM HUFF

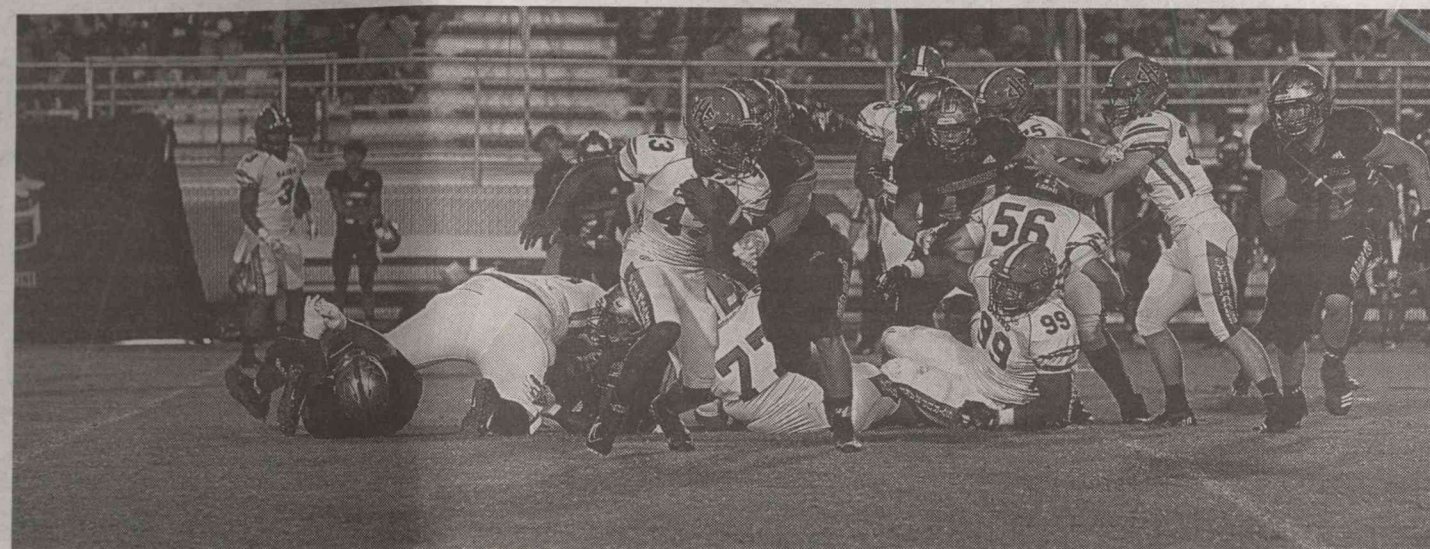
Coach William Huff comes to Cairo from Terrell County. Coach Huff will coach the offensive line and tight ends. He and his wife, have two daughters and a granddaughter. Dr. Huff is also an assistant principal at Cairo High School.

"To work at a place like Cairo High School has always been a dream of mine. In my opinion, there is not a better place to coach football and I am very excited about the opportunity," said Coach Huff.

COACH DEONTE DISMUKE

Coach Deonte Dismuke is no stranger to Cairo. The new coach is a 2013 graduate of Cairo High School and played football for the Syrupmakers. He is one of five Syrupmaker coaches that played here at Cairo in high school. Coach Dismuke is married and has two sons. He will be coaching running backs.

"It feels great to be back home, I have always wanted to coach, and the opportunity



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Touchdown Club solicits community support

A message from the Syrupmaker Touchdown Club:

Welcome to the 2021 football season! This year is special for Syrupmaker football as we will celebrate 100 years of our historic program. We can all remember special moments throughout Syrupmaker football history... winning state championships in 1946, 1990 and 2008 are among the best. The memories of home games played to the smell of pickles, mascots from a chicken to a syrup pitcher, trying to catch a football thrown by the cheerleaders into the stands, trips across the state in the middle of the night, games played in the Georgia Dome, shaking syrup bottles filled with corn like your life depended on it, lines that formed five or more hours in the rain before kickoff of a playoff game, monumental wins, comeback victories, and even a few heartbreaking losses.

The tradition and program have helped define who we are as a community. When you tell people you are from Cairo, you often get the response "Oh, you're a Syrupmaker!"

We often hear it's just a game, but Syrupmaker football is so much more. Syrupmaker football is about hard work, dedication, friendships, competition and opportunities.

It is not just the football players but the coaches, band, cheerleaders, parents and community that participate in the experience. Each year provides new opportunities, new goals and new dreams. As we reflect on 100 years of football, think about the impact it has had from not only producing players like Bobby Walden, Bill Stanfield and JJ Wilcox, but also the kids who have received opportunities to go to college which would not have happened without football. Think about the work ethic and mentoring children received from participating in football, cheerleading, and band. Without a doubt, Syrupmaker football has made our community a better place.

Not only is 2021 the 100-year celebration, but it will be the first season played on the new turf field. From traditional regional rivalries, renewing historic matchups and playing new opponents, the 2021 football season is one you do not want to miss. We invite you to be a part of this year by not only attending games, but helping to provide the necessary funding for the program. Let's make the next 100 years of Syrupmaker football better than the last!

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Quarterbacks show great improvement in off season

Speed is back for 2021

Cairo quarterback coach Brandon Byram says he has been impressed by the off season work of all of the quarterbacks. "Kevin Speed and Braylon Robinson have shown great improvement and they are both set to lead us this season," said Byram. Juderek Gee Simmons, Noah Morrell and Jykortnee Brown have also made great strides during the off season, according to the Syrupmakers' quarterback coach. Speed and Robinson are the starting varsity quarterbacks and will both see playing time. Speed, last year's starter, will also play a lot of defense this year according to Byram, but will step in at quarterback in certain situations. "Any time you have a player as talented as Kevin Speed, you want him on the field as much as possible," said Byram. Robinson, who had a couple of starts last year due to COVID-19, has matured and is more confident and will be under center when Speed is not. The Syrupmakers are blessed with a solid group at quarterback and the future looks bright.



QUARTERBACKS: l-r, Coach Brandon Byram, Juderek Gee-Simmons, Braylon Robinson, Kevin Speed, Jykortnee Brown, and Noah Morrell.

Syrupmaker running backs show promise

The Syrupmakers lost the stellar Tayy Solomon to graduation last year and are looking at several players to fill his shoes at the runningback position.

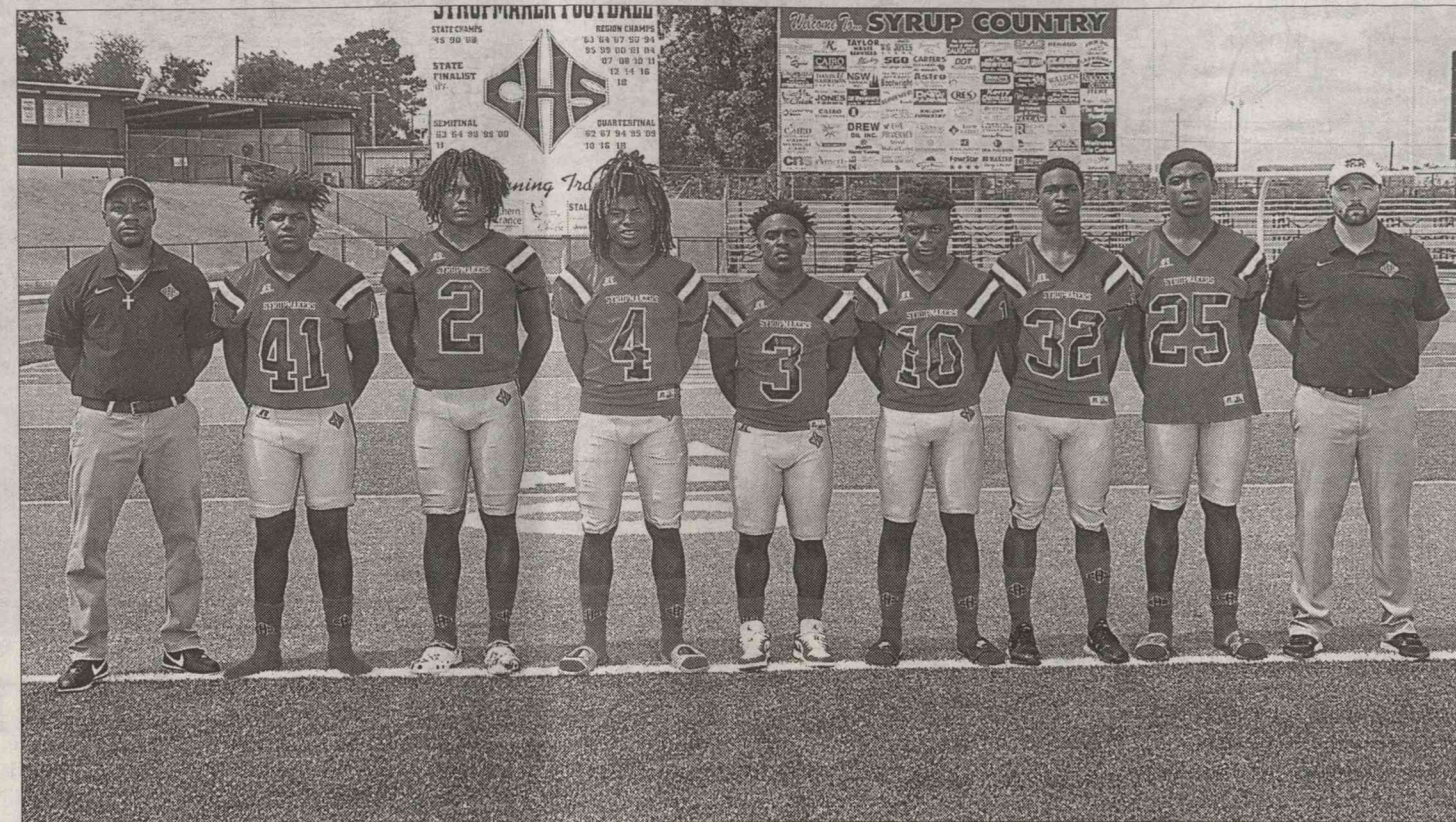
"I am excited about our group of runningbacks, I think they are going to be special," said coach Deonte Dismuke.

Looking to step up this season are DK Williams, Amorian Byrden and Josh Wyatt. "All three of those guys play hard every day," Dismuke added.

Offensive coordinator Jimmy Dudley is also impressed, "Those guys are solid runners, no doubt they can tote the mail," said Dudley.

Senior Gary Davis can step in if needed as well as junior Austin Perry, sophomore Eric Swatts, along with freshman Chris Stewart.

The Syrupmaker offense should have several solid options at runningback this season.



RUNNING BACKS: l-r, Coach Deonte Dismuke, Khris Stewart, Gary Davis, DK Williams, Amorian Byrden, Josh Wyatt, Austin Perry, Eric Swatts, and Coach Brandon Byram.

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Depth is needed on the offensive line

The Cairo Syrupmaker offensive line has three returning starters who played in almost every game last season, but Coach Jimmy

Dudley says the line's lack of depth is a concern. "We have no juniors on the offensive line.

They are all seniors, sophomores and freshman and that is concerning when it comes to depth," said coach Dudley.

The offensive line does return some solid players in sophomore Cade Puckett and seniors Jayven Jenkins and Will Walden. Cedric

Brown, a converted tight end, will play a lot, and Connor Welch and Collis Cooper will be fighting it out for the other spots on the offensive line.

"I have been very impressed with their progress. We are learning each other and they are learning their roles, and they have been working very hard to get ready," said coach Dudley.

Offensive linemen are seldom mentioned in the newspaper or on the P.A. system during a game. Their job in the trenches is physical and demanding with little or no recognition. However, offensive linemen understand their role, and their importance to the success of the team and they just show up everyday and go to work.

When you see the Syrupmakers move the ball down the field or score, remember the guys in the trenches making it all happen.



WIDE RECEIVERS: front row, l-r, Jayquan Edwards, Cory Baker, Drew Owen, Cam Brown, Jacarish Williams, Michael Lemon, and Jacquez Washington; back row: Coach Seth Sloan, Eric Thomas, Justin Bryant, Jaylen Spence, Tyree Kelly, Amari Powell, Kamaree Perry, Braylen Butler, and Coach Brandon Robinson.

Receivers make up for lack of experience with hard work

The Syrupmaker receiving group lost several players to graduation last year, but return seniors Kamaree Perry, Eric Thomas and Jalon Spence.

"Kamaree brings physicality to the group and Jalon saw a lot of game time last year and is building on that for this season," said coach Brandon

Robinson.

Another player returning with experience is TJ Kelly. Kelly is a big play threat and has great potential. Others looking to see some playing time include Amari Powell, Cori Baker and Justin Bryant.

"This group works really hard to get better everyday and they understand their role, not only catching the ball, but the importance of helping us by running good routes and blocking when needed," said coach Robinson.

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TIGHT ENDS: l-r, Coach William Huff, Dorian Thomas, Melik Williams, Cederic Brown, Mo Wilson, Jahkeith Moorehead, R.W. Jones, Jalen Davis, and Coach William Dudley.

Coaches to utilize tight ends more in the passing attack

Through the years Syrupmaker tight ends have often been used mainly as an extra offensive lineman, but this year the coaching staff plans for them to be more involved in

the passing attack.

Senior Mo Wilson will get the start at tight end for the Syrupmakers. Wilson proved his toughness and ability last year at tight end.

"Mo is a hard-nosed player, very physical and smart, and always works hard," said coach Jimmy Dudley.

"Jalen Davis and Dorian Thomas will also

see some playing time at tight end. Freshman R.W. Jones is working hard and will come over from defense and see some snaps throughout the year," said Dudley.

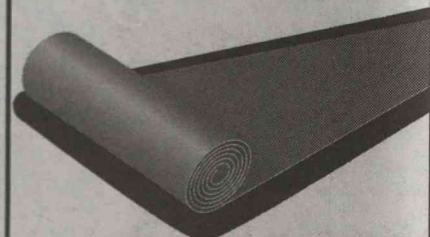
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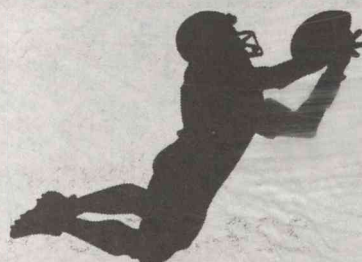


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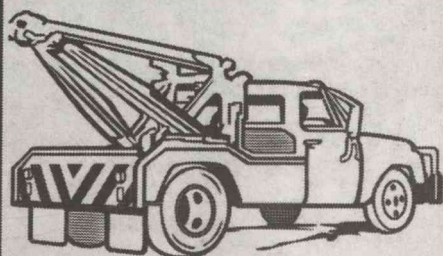
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Fans can expect a much improved offense

The Syrupmakers have three solid runningbacks. DK Williams, Amariyon Byrden and Josh Wyatt that offensive coordinator coach Jimmy Dudley is looking to for big things this season for the Syrupmaker offense.

Cairo to challenge them back and put up some nice numbers.

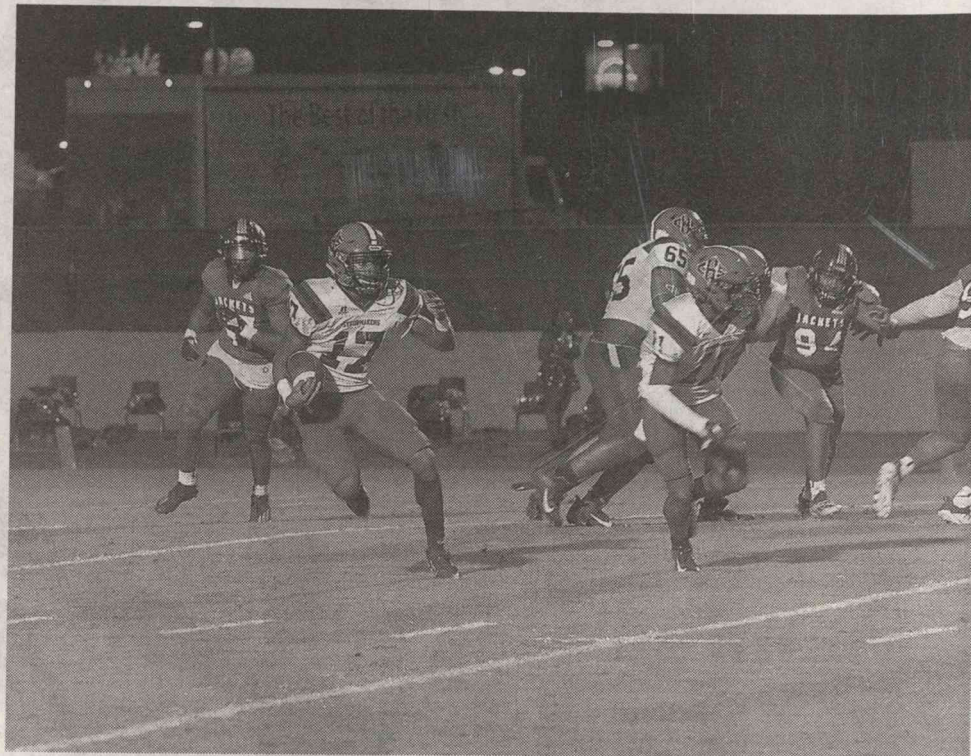
“We are GOING to try and mix it up ... we will try to throw it and run it.”

- Coach Jimmy Dudley -

Cairo's two quarterbacks are back, Kevin Speed and Braylon Robinson. "Both contribute with their own strengths, Braylon throws it well and Kevin is an elusive runner so they will both play, Kevin will be playing a lot of defense this year as well," said Dudley. The Syrupmaker quarterbacks will have good targets to throw to with Jaylon Spence, TJ Kelly, Kamaree Perry and Eric Thomas. The offensive line returns Cade Puckett, Jayven Jenkins and Will Walden, all who started almost every game last year. Cedric Brown will play a lot at tight end and Connor Welch and Collis Cooper will be fighting it out for the other spots on the offensive line. In his second year as the Syrupmaker offensive coordinator, Dudley says he feels like the offensive players have improved greatly since last year.

"We are going to try and mix it up, we will try to throw it and run it, according to what the defenses give us," Dudley said.

The Syrupmaker offense will be challenged by several great defenses this season, look for



SYRUPMAKER QUARTERBACK Kevin Speed returns for his senior year and once again will be a powerful weapon for the Cairo offense. File photo

Defense has a mix of talent and experience

The Cairo High School Syrupmaker defense is led this season by Co-Defensive Coordinators. Coaches Johnita Cooper and David Coleman. Both have been CHS coaches for several years and both are Cairo High School graduates, who played for the Syrupmakers in high school.

The defensive leaders say they are fired up about the 2021 defense.

"You know Cairo likes to plays defense, they arrive at the ball violently, they get all eleven to the ball when possible and they play hard every game," said coach Coleman. "Those red hats have a reputation of hitting you and we will continue that reputation. We want our guys to play disciplined football, but play with excitement as well and fly to the ball," said coach Cooper.

"Our kids have had a good time to prepare. We have a good mix of players coming back that have real game time experience and some that will make their first start this season. They have all worked really hard and I'm excited to see those guys under those Friday night lights," said Coleman.

Kevin Speed will be playing multiple positions on defense along with Gary Davis at linebacker, Emmanuel Wilson is back, who also was a starter last year, and Dorian Thomas will be on the defensive line.

"These guys can play. They know what to do, and we will count on them to lead the others. We are looking for the younger play-

ers to step up as well," said Coleman.

With a tough non-region schedule to start the season, the Syrupmaker defense will be

challenged early. Look for the "Gnats" to be swarming on Friday night.



THE SUFFOCATING SYRUPMAKER defense makes a stand against the Valdosta Wildcat offense during the scrimmage on Aug. 13.

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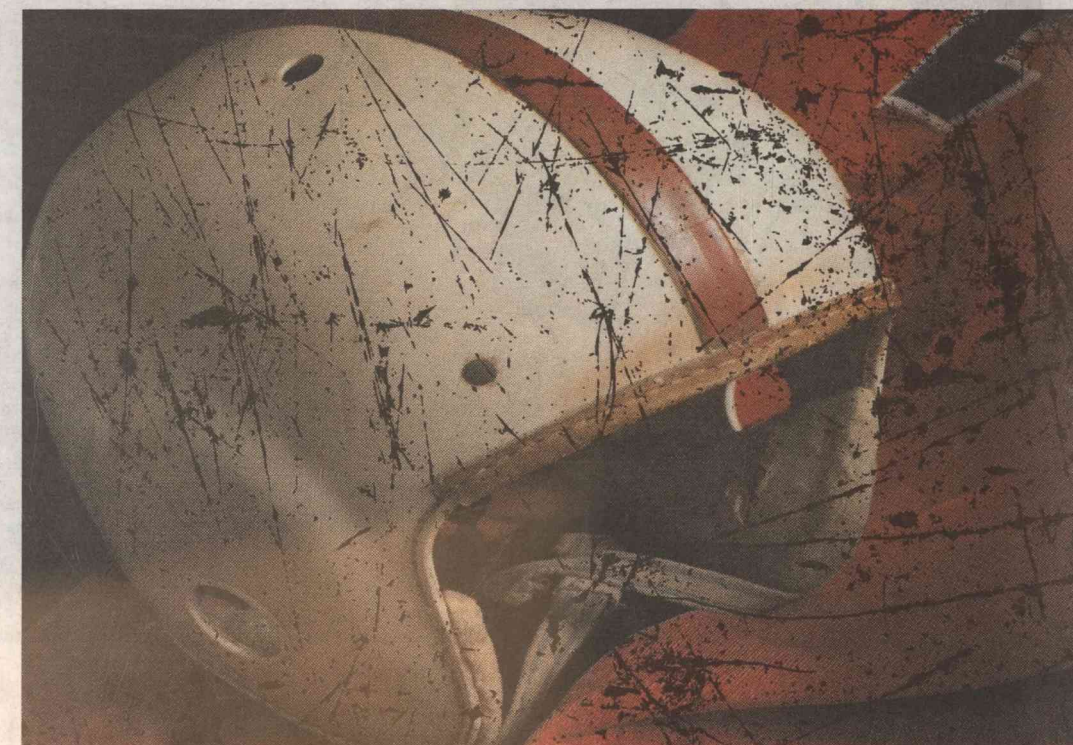
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DEFENSIVE LINE: front row, l-r, Cade Puckett, John Moore, Nathan Keen, Quadar Williams, Bryante Kelly, Andrew Sigler, and Cedtron Brown; back row: Coach Daniel Coleman, Jayden Willis, Tanner Ramm, Dorian Thomas, Jayven Jenkins, Brandon McNeil, Jalen Davis, Zadderick Lurry, and Coach Jess DeVoursney.

D-line looks to be versatile as well as physical

Coach Jess DeVoursney says this year's defensive line will be led by two returning starters and will be counting on some young players to step up. The coach is also looking for the lineman to be very physical.

Jalen Davis will be the strong side starter, and he is very physical and understands the defense. Cedtron Brown will be stepping in too, along with Bryante Kelly, both of whom are sophomores.

Dorian Thomas is back and he should be a big difference maker on the front line, according to DeVoursney.

"Dorian has really worked hard and comes in this year a lot bigger and a lot stronger," said DeVoursney. "This year's group is very coachable, and they work hard, they don't complain, they just go out and get the job done every day," he added.

The Syrupmaker defensive will be challenged early as the Makers open the season with several top ranked teams in the state with high scoring high-powered offenses.

Defensive ends will be ready to play, coaches say

The Syrupmakers are looking forward to strong play from their defensive ends this season. Dorian Thomas, who will be a force on the line and will play at the defensive end position and slip down inside on the line.

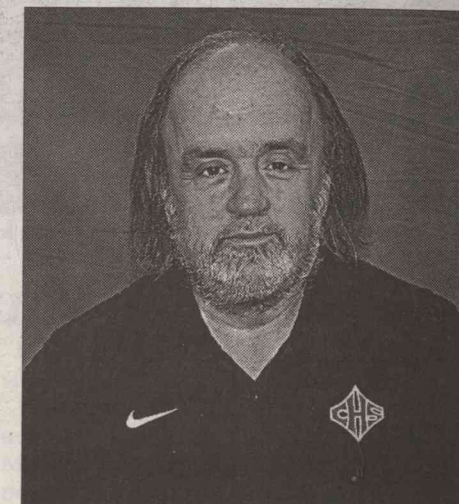
Jaylen Davis will be at defensive end

but could also play at linebacker from time to time. Bryante Kelly, a sophomore will also see some playing time at defensive end.

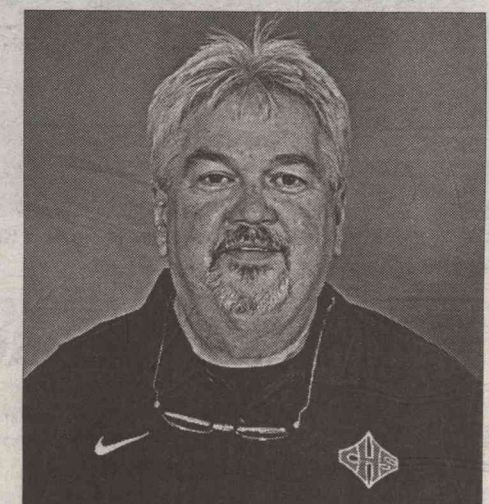
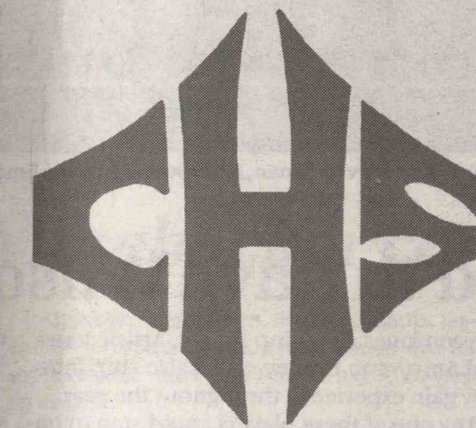
"Our guys bring a lot of energy to practice and game time on every play, I am excited to see them step up and play,"

said coach Daniel Coleman.

The Syrupmaker defensive line will be solid from end to end and look to make opposing offenses take notice.

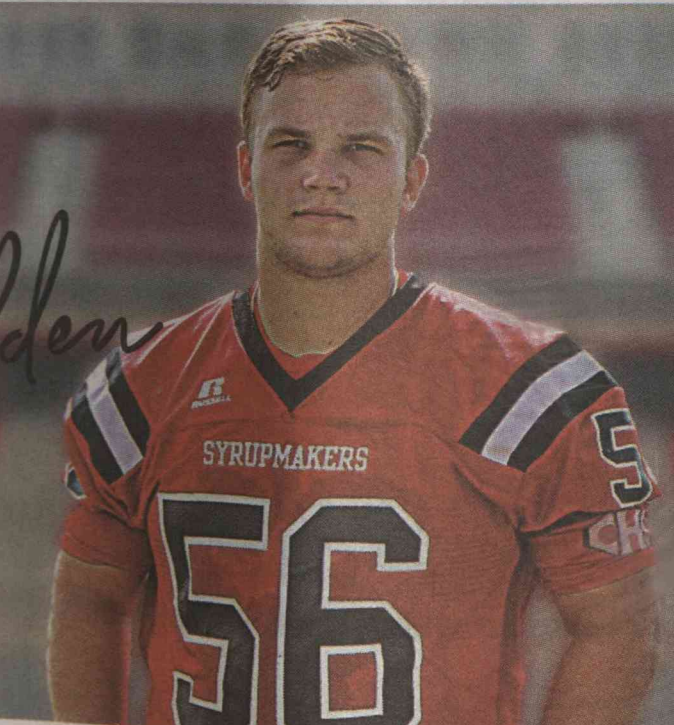


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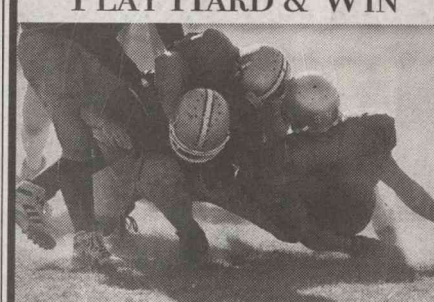


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Figueroa pleased to have Wilson and Thomas back this year

The Syrupmakers are looking for big things from returning starters Emmanuel Wilson and Eric Thomas at cornerback. Both players are seniors and will be called on to lead both on and off the field.

Jveon Jones, Jamarion Bryant, Article Jones and Antroveno Hadley could also step in as they gain experience throughout the year. "Any one of these players could step in on a Friday night and play and that adds valu-

able depth to the position," said Coach Steven Figueroa. "I am really excited about our players and seeing what they will be able to do on Friday night, this is a good group that has worked

very hard this summer," said coach Figueroa.



LINEBACKERS: l-r, Elijah Swatts, D'Mauri Wooden, Daylen Hines, Cam Wildgoose, Jeremiah Williams, Coach David Coleman, Gary Davis, Melik Williams, Jalen Davis, Jacen Manilius, and Josh Jones.

Coaches say younger players on linebacker corps must step up

The Cairo High School Syrupmaker defense has always had the reputation of hard-nosed play with quickness and a nose for the football. The Syrupmaker linebackers this season fit that description well, the coaching

staff says.

Kevin Speed who will step in there some and Gary Davis are back along with Jacob Manilius, who has played a lot of different positions.

Josh Jones, a freshman, Malik Williams, Jeremiah Williams and Daylen Hines are all sophomores, and they will be asked to step up as well.

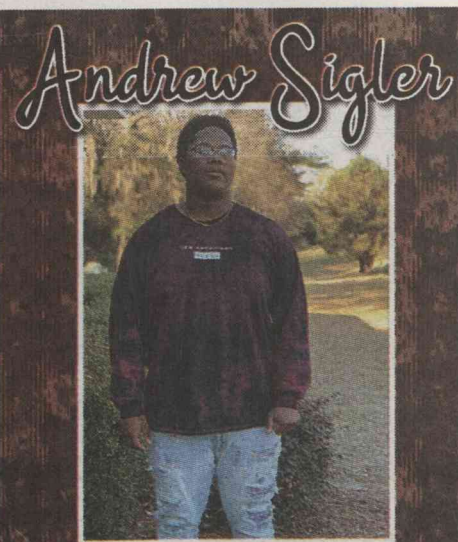
"Our guys have worked hard this off season

and have really grown, I am excited to see what they can do on a Friday night," said coach David Coleman.

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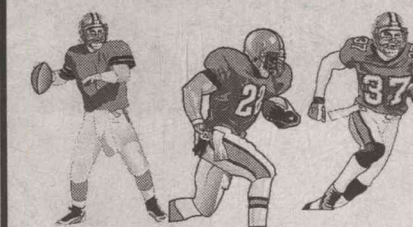
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The daunting task of trying to replace Noah Jones

The battle is on to replace Noah Jones at kicker. Jones, who was regarded as one of the nation's best kickers, has moved on to the University of Georgia. Now, coach Brandon Robinson must find a replacement. Special teams are one-third of the game

and Cairo has always worked hard on this phase of the game. In a close game, special teams can be the difference between field position and winning or losing the game. According to coach Robinson there is an open kicking competition going on between Mo Wilson, Landon Vickers and recent addition

Ethan Daughtry. "All three kickers are working hard to win the position, it's a great competition. Finding a replacement for a kicker like Noah is tough, but these guys are working hard to take the position," said Robinson. One position that is settled is punter. Mo

Wilson has won that job and will be handling the punting duties on Friday nights. Senior Will Walden is returning to the all important position of deep snapper.



SPECIAL TEAMS: l-r, Coach JJ Cooper, Cade Puckett, Drew Owen, Ethan Daughtry, Mo Wilson, Landon Vickers, R.W. Jones, Will Walden, and Coach Brandon Robinson.



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FREE SAFETIES: l-r, Jacob Manilius, Jakavian Cotton, Shawn McNeil, OJ Teal, Fred Hill, Coach JJ Cooper, Kevin Speed, Jerome Williams, Fabian Yarbrough, and Terrance Peoples.

Several young players will start at outside linebacker and defensive back

The Syrupmaker outside linebackers and defensive backs will be called on to grow up in a hurry this fall. Overall, the group is younger than last year based on games played and playing time.

OJ Teal will start at free safety as a sophomore, junior Terrance Peoples will start at rover, his first year as a starter. Kevin Speed, who will split time at quarterback and in the defensive secondary is the squad's only senior.

"We will be looking for Kevin to be the leader back there. He is being looked at by some Division one schools and hopefully he will have a great year," said coach JJ Cooper.

Fabian Yarbrough is another young player who will get some playing time throughout the season, he is a junior and coach Cooper wants to get him ready as well.

A look back at the 2020 football season

The 2020 football season will go down as one of the craziest years of Syrupmaker football. First, the COVID-19 pandemic caused the season to be delayed two weeks. Summer camps, practices, 7 on 7 competitions, padded camps, were all canceled. All preseason scrimmages were scratched and practice in pads was very limited leading up to the start of the season.

Just before the season was scheduled to start, the entire Syrupmaker football team was put under a 14-day quarantine. In addition, Cairo's regular season was cut to just eight games after two games were canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

With everything going on, the season got off to a rocky start as Cairo dropped their first four games for the first time since the early 70s. However, Coach Steve DeVoursney and the team was able to right the ship, winning their next five games in a row. Cairo finished second in the and hosted a first round play-off game for the 17th season in a row.

Cairo finished the season the second round of the playoffs with a 5-5 record. Here now is a look back at the 2020 Cairo High School football season.

Cairo comes up short in season opener

It was a warm and muggy night at West Thomas Stadium, the American Flag laid

motionless against the flagpole all night, further emphasizing the lack of any breeze at all on opening night that left fans trying to find ways to stay cool in the thick night air. The home crowd, socially distanced in groups of two, and evenly spaced throughout the stands, saw their Syrupmakers come up short to the Fitzgerald Purple Hurricane as the visitors made two second-quarter scores in the final minute and a half and held on for a 21-17 victory over the Syrupmakers. Because of COVID 19 restrictions, neither team had any spring practices and no pre-season scrimmages. Cairo was quarantined for 14 days just before the start of the season and played Friday night with just three days in pads. "I thought with our limited practice time we did a pretty good job, we made some mistakes, but we played hard and hung in there, just came up short," said Cairo coach Steve DeVoursney. The Syrupmaker defense held the Purple Hurricane scoreless in the second allowing no yards passing, and 125 on the ground. The Syrupmaker offense was also held scoreless in the second half. Noah Jones kicked a 30 yard field goal 6:50 to play in the game, to cut the lead to 21-17. The Syrupmaker defense also came up with a huge 4th and one stop late in the game, but three incomplete passes and a fumble on a flea flicker on fourth down ended the Syrup-

maker last minute come back. Kevin Speed in his first start at quarterback, was 10-21-1 for 102 yards and two touchdowns, and also led all rushers with 84 yards. Syrupmaker running back Tayy Solomon was held out the first half rest an injury, but came in the second and rushed for 26 yards on six carries. Defensively, Gary Davis had 7 tackles and 7 assists, Dorian Thomas had 4 tackles and 5 assists, and Raylen Brown had 5 tackles and 6 assists. Ty Glenn had 4 tackles, 2 for a loss, and Jeffery Jones had a fumble recovery.

Syrupmakers fall short to Brooks County on the road

The Cairo Syrupmakers fell short to the Brooks County Trojans 26-24. The Syrupmakers, who trailed the Trojans all night, mounted a furious 4th quarter come back, scoring 14 points in the final two minutes. The Trojans went up 13-0 in the first half on an 80 yard run by Omari Arnold and a blocked punt for another score. However, Cairo cut the lead to 10 on a 54 yard field goal by Noah Jones with 49 seconds left in the half. Cairo, which had no first downs and just 33 yards of total offense in the first two quarters, wasn't done. With Brooks trying to burn the final seconds off the first half clock, Cairo coach Steve DeVoursney used all of his timeouts and kept Brooks backed up inside

its own 20 and forced a punt. As time expired, Cairo's Ricky Walker blocked Brooks' punt attempt and Kilijah Thomas recovered the ball in the end zone for a score. After Jones' extra point attempt, the Syrupmakers had battled back to 13-10 at halftime. Brooks added 13 points in the second half when Cairo started their furious comeback. Cairo quarterback Kevin Speed found receiver Sam Harris down the sidelines for a 60 yard pass play that set up a three yard score by Tayy Solomon, the successful two point conversion to Braylon Robinson, cut the lead to 26-18 with 1:49 to play in the game. Brooks County took the ensuing kickoff and tried to run the clock out but fumbled a handoff and Cairo's John Carter scooped up the loose ball and scored, after a failed two point conversion, the score was now 26-24 with 1:30 to play. The Syrupmaker defense then held the Trojans and forced a punt. With time running out, Cairo drove down to the Brooks County 20 yard which set up a 36 yard field goal try. With no time outs and the ticking down, Cairo ran the field goal team on the field and got the kick off but the ball sailed left as the clock expired.

Thomasville uses strong second half to upend Syrupmakers

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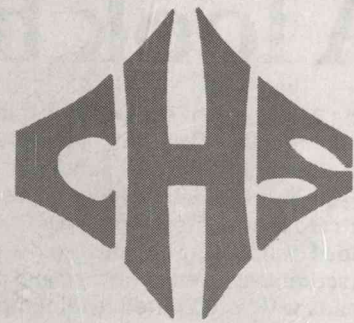
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For the first 23 minutes of the Cairo-Thomasville football game, the Syrupmakers and Bulldogs battled to a 0-0 tie in a huge defensive stalemate. Both teams attempted fake punts to try and gain an advantage. Thomasville's failed due to a delay of game, and Cairo's worked, but to no benefit. Then in the final minute of the half Thomasville put together two quick scores, a 3 yard touchdown pass and 27 yard field goal after a Syrupmaker turnover to take a 10-0 lead to locker room at halftime. "That's two games now where have given up points just before the half that we could not overcome," said Cairo head coach Steve DeVoursney. Cairo cut the Bulldog lead to 3 on their second possession of the half on an 11 yard run by Tayy Solomon, who finished with 103 yards on 18 carries. The touchdown was set up by a nice throw and catch by Cairo quarterback Kevin Speed to Sam Harris. Noah Jones added the extra point and the Syrupmakers trailed 10-7 with 8:16 to play in the quarter. However, Thomasville answered back on a 6 yard pass to Ricky Felton from Ronnie Baker to make it 17-7 with 3:41 to play in the 3rd quarter. Cairo struggled to find any positive ground in the second half and were hampered by ill timed penalties and mistakes. "We are committing too many penalties, turnovers and unforced mistakes that are killing us, we have got to get that cleaned up," said DeVoursney. Thomasville hit their stride in the second half, as they added two more scores in the fourth quarter to pull away for the final

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1963, 1964, 1967, 1990, 1994, 1995, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2004, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018

30-7. Cairo finished with 182 yards of offense with 124 on the ground and 58 through the air, Quarterback Kevin Speed was 5-11 with no interceptions. Senior running back Tayy Solomon accounted for 113 yards of the Syrupmaker's offense with 103 on the ground and two catches for 10 yards. Sam Harris had 2 catches for 39 yards. With the loss, the Syrupmakers fall to 0-3 for the first time since 2001.

cluding an impressive 25-yard grab by Tyree Kelly. Kelly had two catches for 32 yards, and Tayy Solomon had 4 catches for 19 yards, Kilijah Thomas had a pair of receptions for 21 yards. Noah Jones averaged 39.1 yards on 7 punts. Cairo dropped to 0-4 on the year and 0-1 in the region.

Syrupmakers pick up first win of the season

The Cairo High School Syrupmakers picked up their first win of the 2020 season, 41-28 over Monroe High School. The Syrupmakers had dropped their first four games of the season, losing to Fitzgerald, Brooks County, Thomasville and Bainbridge. Cairo, moved to 1-4 and 1-1 in Region 1-AAAA after the victory.

Despite 6 turnovers and over 100 yards in penalties, the Syrupmakers found the win column. "A win's a win. We'll take it. It wasn't the prettiest, but we'll take it," said head coach Steve DeVoursney. After recognizing senior football players, band members, cheerleaders and NJROTC members, the Syrupmakers wasted little time getting on the board. On Cairo's second possession of the night, Tayy Solomon scored on a 6 yard run and Noah Jones added the extra point to give the Makers a 7-0 lead with 6:41 to go in the first quarter. On Monroe's next possession, Jeffery Jones intercepted a Tornado pass and went 47 yards for the touchdown, Cairo went up 14-0 after Noah Jones added the extra point. Braylon Robinson threw his first touchdown pass as starter, finding Jay-

lon Jones in the back of the endzone for a 17 yard touchdown reception. Landon Vickers made the first of his three extra points on the night to give the Syrupmakers a 21-0 with 32 seconds to go in the first quarter. Cairo then increased their lead to 28-0 on a 97 yard punt return for a touchdown. The Syrupmaker defense then held the Tornadoes on downs and got the ball back with 3 seconds remaining in the half. Cairo then tried a screen pass that was intercepted by Monroe's Brandon Washington who scampered 33 yards for the score. The two point conversion was no good and Cairo took a 28-6 lead into the locker room at the half. The Cairo defense held the Tornadoes to just 45 yards of offense, -4 rushing, and just 9 first downs. Gary Davis had 6 tackles and four assists, Ricky Walker had five tackles and 6 assists with 3 tackles for 40 yards and Jaylon Spence had a touchdown reception with 30 yards on two catches. Cairo's Tayy Solomon had 3 catches for 25 yards and led all rushers with 20 carries for 142 yards and he scored three touchdowns.

Syrupmakers swat the Jackets

For the Cairo Syrupmakers and TCCHS Yellow Jackets it was the 26th "Battle for the Barnett's Creek Bucket" Friday night at the Jacket's Nest in Thomasville. This game has become a huge rivalry game through the

years with a playoff like atmosphere every time the two teams met. This year however, there was no raucous crowds, there was no Cairo band, no Cairo cheerleaders, no big run through sign. As both teams readied for battle prior to kickoff you could almost hear a pin drop. COVID 19 precautions had taken away just about everything that made this game special. In spite of it all, the Syrupmakers still brought their "A" game, dominating the TCCHS Jackets, to pick up their second win of the season, 25-13.

The Syrupmaker defense took control of the game early, holding the Yellow Jackets to just one first down in the first half and 5 overall. TCCHS had just 29 yards of offense including 10 rushes for just 10 yards in the first half and finished with 167 yards of total offense on the night most of that coming on a 75 yard drive and 53 yard run. Noah Jones, who was recently named an Under Armour All-American, averaged 48.5 yards a punt on 6 punts. He was 2-3 on extra points and 1-2 on field goals with a 44 kick in the second quarter. Kevin Speed was 4-8-0 passing for 21 yards. Kilijah Thomas had one catch for 18 yards. John Carter had 5 tackles and 4 assists, Ty Glenn had five tackles, Ricky Walker had 4 tackles and 7 assists, Gary Davis had 4 tackles and 4 assists and Jalon Davis had 4 tackles and two assists plus a fumble recovery. Tequan Latimore had an interception. Cairo turned the ball over twice and they were penalized 5 times for 65 yards. TCCHS turned

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Dothan game canceled due to COVID

Pelham game canceled due to COVID

Bearcats shutout Syrupmakers

The Cairo Syrupmakers dropped their opening region game of the year, losing to Bainbridge 21-0. Cairo spent the last three weeks off because of two game cancellations due to COVID 19, and then opened the region in Bainbridge schedule less two starters on offense. In spite of all the adversity, the Cairo defense kept the game close as the Makers were just two touchdowns down until the final four minutes of the game. Trailing 14-0, Cairo missed a field goal after the offense was turned away late in the third quarter after being first and goal at the Bainbridge three yard line. A stop for a loss and a personal foul penalty stopped the drive short.

Bainbridge added a late touchdown to make it 21-0. Braylon Robinson was 9-22-1 for 80 yards passing in the second half, in-

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the ball over twice and was penalized 8 times for 51 yards. With the win, Cairo moved to 2-4 overall and 2-1 in region play.

Syrupmakers beat Dougherty at Homecoming

"It wasn't pretty, but it was a win," said Cairo head football coach Steve DeVoursney after their 32-20 win over Dougherty. The Syrupmakers got off to a quick start and looked as if Homecoming was going to be an easy blow out. However, the Trojans had other thoughts, keeping the game closer than expected. After the Syrupmakers jumped out to the early lead, their defense kept Dougherty in check, holding the Trojans to just 20 yards of offense in the first half and no first downs. Cairo finished with 10 first downs and 204 yards rushing on 51 carries, Wyatt had two scores and 66 yards rushing on 16 carries. Speed's three receptions were to Thomas for 33 yards, Harris for 28 yards and Solomon for 5 yards. Cairo was penalized 5 times for 60 yards and had no turnovers on the night. Dougherty was penalized 11 times for 98 yards had no turnovers. Cairo's defense held the Trojans to just 5 first downs and 184 yards of offense, 64 on the ground and 120 through the air. Raylen Brown led the Makers with 8 tackles, Gary Davis had 7 tackles, Ricky Walker had 6 tackles and Dorian Thomas had 5 tackles.

Jacquez Brown and Cedtron Brown both had two tackles for a loss. Ty Glenn, Brown and Quan Willis all had on tackle for a loss. Noah Jones had two field goals on the night punted 4 times for a 39.7 yard average, Dougherty punted 5 times for 28.6 yard average.

Syrupmakers finish second in region with win over Westover

After starting the 2020 football 0-4, and finishing with 4 straight wins, the Cairo Syrupmakers (4-4, 4-1) earned the right to host a first round state playoff game for the 17th year in a row with a 23-14 win over Westover (1-4, 1-3) at West Thomas Stadium. The Syrupmakers avoided a three way tie with TCCHS and Westover with the win. The Bainbridge Bearcats are the region champions, Cairo is second, TCCHS is third and Westover is fourth. Monroe and Dougherty finished their seasons winless. The Patriots jumped to a quick lead, 7-0, after the Syrupmakers fumbled the opening kickoff at their own 15 yard line. Four plays later, Cameron Bergeron scored from one yard out. However, the Syrupmakers answered with a touchdown drive of their own, ending on a 5 yard touchdown run by Cairo quarterback Kevin Speed. Landon Vickers' extra point tied the game 7-7 with 7:08 to play in the first quarter. Cairo then added three field goals by Noah Jones, who announced after the game he would attend the University of Georgia after graduation. Jones was good on field goals from 28, 22 and 31 yards. The kicks gave the Syrupmakers a 16-7 halftime lead.

After a four and out by both teams on their opening drives of the second half, the Patriots cut the Cairo lead to 16-14 on a 14 yard run by Duke University commit Bergeron. Cairo once again responded with a 68 yard drive for a score, punctuated by a big fourth down conversion by defensive tackle Ty Glenn, who earlier converted a first down on a fake punt. Cairo linebacker John Carter, then scored on a three yard run. Vickers added the extra point to give Cairo a 23-14 with 11:25 to play in the game. The Syrupmakers had a couple big defensive plays to keep the Patriots out of the end zone to preserve the win. Senior defensive back Jeffery Jones forced a fumble on a pass completion that stymied a Westover possession and TeQuan Latimore had an interception. Junior defensive lineman Jacquez Brown added a sack on the Patriots' final offense play to cap a big night for the Cairo defense.

Syrupmakers rip Raiders, advance in playoffs

The Cairo Syrupmakers played a rare Saturday afternoon game at West Thomas Stadium after the GHSA moved all AA and AAAA games to Saturday to help relieve the lack of officials experienced state wide. The new day and time did not seem to distract the Syrupmakers as Cairo rolled over the West Laurens Raiders 37-0 to advance to round two of the state AAAA playoffs. Cairo won five straight games after starting 0-4. "I was proud of these guys," DeVoursney said. "The offense did well and our defense did what

they always do. And I can't say enough about Noah Jones. But it was definitely one of those games where I was really proud of them." Cairo finished with 364 yards of offense, 204 on the ground and 160 through the air. Speed was 6-10-0 for 139 yards. Solomon finished with 14 carries for 113 yards, John Carter had a touchdown and 2 carries for 30 yards, Speed had 5 carries for 24. Kilijah Thomas had 3 catches for 98 yards. Cairo punted just once for 51 yards and had 6 penalties for 60 yards and no turnovers. West Laurens finished the game with 9 first downs and 201 yards of offense, 64 on the ground and 201 through the air. They punted 5 times for 55 yards with no turnovers. Gary Davis and John Carter had 7 tackles each for the Syrupmakers, Emmanuel Wilson had 6 and Ricky Walker and Jeffery Jones had 5 each.

Benedictine ends Syrupmaker's season

For the first quarter and a half of football, it looked as if the Cairo Syrupmakers would be well on their way to the AAAA quarterfinals. With heavy rain and strong winds pelting Chatham Memorial Stadium last Friday night, the Syrupmakers looked unfazed as they jumped out to a 17-3 lead over the Benedictine Cadets in round two of the state AAAA playoffs. However, the Cadets did not surrender, and battled back to a 45-23 win over the Syrupmakers last Friday night in Savannah. The second half was all Benedictine as they went on to score 21 unanswered

Personality and passion are the name of the game for this year's Syrup Pitcher

points for the win, 45-23. Cairo had 207 yards of offense in the first half and Benedictine had 215, but two costly turnovers in the second quarter changed the momentum. "We just made too many mistakes, made too many turnovers that gave them two touchdowns," Steve DeVoursney said. "They're too good of a team to make those kind of mistakes with. They have a good football team and we thought we had a chance to play with them. It was a crazy year and we didn't start out well, but we won five in a row to get here. I don't think the long bus ride helped us, but hats off to BC - they played a great game."

The Cadet defense held the Syrupmakers to just 24 yards of offense in the second half and no first downs. Benedictine finished with 444 yards of offense and 22 first downs. Solomon finished 14 carries and 124 yards, Speed had 12 carries and 74 yards. Speed was 3-10-2 for 30 yards on the night, Sam Harris had two catches for 25 yards and Tyree Kelly had 3-15. Gary Davis led the Syrupmaker defense with 14 tackles, Ricky Walker had 13 tackles. Ty Glenn had 4 tackles for a loss and Gary Davis had three. Jeffery Jones forced a Cadet turnover on a fumble and John Carter recovered it. Cairo finished the season 5-5.



While schools around the nation have mascots like Bulldogs, Bearcats, Tigers, Bears, Trojans, Wild Cats and Yellow Jackets, Cairo High School is home to the most unique high school mascot in the entire nation as voted on by ESPN and Sports Illustrated. The Syrupmaker!

Many people ask about the Syrupmaker mascot, and what a Syrupmaker Mascot looks like. The Syrupmaker mascot wears, what else? A large Syrup Pitcher.

To try out and earn the spot as the Syrup Pitcher is a high honor, because there is only one Syrup Pitcher mascot in the entire world. Trying out for the Syrup Pitcher is just as rigorous as trying out for cheerleading.

This year's Syrup Pitcher mascot is Kristen Robinson. Kristen is the daughter of Sherika Hubbard and Christopher Robinson.

"The reason I wanted to be this year's Syrup Pitcher is because, I feel as if my per-

sonality is the thing that the Syrupmakers need cheering them on every Friday night. I am truly passionate about cheering on the boys, and getting involved with the fans in the stands. I won't let you guys down this season!" Kristen said.

Kristen is very active in her church, school and community. "After graduation, I plan to attend Florida State University to major in Biology and Pre-med. I plan to become a cardiologist one day," said Kristen.

Look for Kristen on the sidelines with the cheerleaders cheering on the Syrupmakers this season.

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Cairo High School NJROTC coming off its best year ever

By Cadet Lieutenant Junior Grade Jodi Lopez, Public Affairs Officer, Cairo HS Navy JROTC

In a world turned upside down because of the COVID 19 Pandemic, the Cairo High School Navy Junior ROTC found a way to have the most successful year in its 21-year history as a unit at Cairo High School. Beginning with the moving into its new building in July 2020, to its hosting of one of the first satellite Leadership Academy clusters; from hosting the first major NJROTC meet: The Cairo Triathlon, at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year to successfully completing one of the first "Virtual Area Manager's Inspections" and being recognized with the "Unit Achievement," the cadets just continued to find new ways to improve their performance in nearly every aspect of NJROTC operations. And all of that was just in the first semester!

As the year progressed, the unit continued to excel with their performances in Drill, earning trophies in Armed Exhibition Drill, Color Guard and Personnel Inspection; in Orienteering, winning First Place on the Green Course (the hardest course) and Second Place Overall at the Florida Agricultural Museum Orienteering Meet in Palm Coast, FL; and in academics, the Academic Team competed in the National Junior Leadership Academic Bowl Championship, and were fortunate enough to qualify for the second of three levels. The team included Jayden

Twyman, Hunter Rowan, Jodi Lopez, Aidan Green, and Saramichael Dowdy who just missed a trip to the National Finals.

All these accomplishments, along with the hours of community service and school service the unit's cadets put together throughout the year led to the Cairo HS NJROTC being recognized by the Navy with the Distinguished Unit Award for 2021, which is awarded to only the top thirty percent of all units in the Navy JROTC. It was the first time since 2006 that Cairo has earned the Distinguished Unit Award.

Between earning the Unit Achievement Award in 2020 and the Distinguished Unit Award for 2021, the morale of the entire unit has been boosted and has caused the cadets to set their standards higher for the coming year. Before we move on, we must stop and recognize a few of our seniors from the Class of 2021.

Three of our graduated cadets have decided to dedicate the next phase of their lives to serving our country. Our former Commanding Officer, Alexis Gray, has been accepted into the Naval Academy Preparatory School, the first step toward her attending the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland and her earning a commission as an officer in the United States Navy. Reynaldo Ramirez is currently at the United States Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island, South Carolina as he completes a thirteen-week-long journey to become a

United States Marine. Devon Page is nearing the completion of his ten-week process to earn the title of Soldier in the United States Army. We wish our former cadets Good Luck, Godspeed and a tremendous thank you for their past dedication to the Cairo NJROTC unit and their volunteering to serve their country in the United States Armed Forces.

We must also recognize the fantastic season of the Cairo High School Rifle Team. The students who compete on the rifle team do so as both cadets and student-athletes. The Navy JROTC sponsors rifle matches, including one to be hosted by Cairo on November 5th & 6th, a NJROTC Area 12 championship in Anniston, AL, and a Navy JROTC National Championship every year. Our NJROTC Cadets compete throughout the fall in these matches, and they qualified for the Area 12 Championship this past year for the first time since 2018.

When the calendar turned over to January, they team shifted colors and began competing in the Georgia High School Association (GHS) Area 2 Rifery season. The team posted a 9-1 record, winning the regular season championship and then won the post-season tournament earning the GHS Area 2 Championship as well as a berth in the state rifery play-offs, making it all the way to the GHS State Finals. The regular season championship, the Area 2 Championship and the State Finals appearance were all firsts for the Cairo High School Rifery pro-

gram. The Cairo HS NJROTC began its new year two weeks after the end of the 2020-2021 school year with 26 cadets attending Basic Leadership Training at Camp Blanding Joint Reserve Base in Starke, Florida. The five-day camp gave our cadets the opportunity to interact with 140 cadets from the other units in Area 12 while learning basic leadership skills and taking part in various activities including canoeing, orienteering, obstacle course, rifle marksmanship and drill.

For the second consecutive year, Cairo was selected to host Leadership Academy for Echo Cluster in Area 12. Leadership Academy is usually held at Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville, GA with over 220 outstanding cadets from the 59 schools from Georgia and Northeast Florida that make up Area 12. Coffee County, Lee County, and Valdosta High School NJROTC units along with Cairo attended the event with a small number of cadets each day with a total of twenty cadets including four from Cairo.

The Cairo NJROTC is looking forward to getting back to school and helping each Friday night providing parking assistance and proudly presenting the colors on the field before each game. The cadets of the Cairo High School Navy Junior ROTC want to wish our football team, cheerleaders, majorettes, and band all the best of luck for the upcoming season.

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Because of the late start to school this year, the band started rehearsing on August 9th, though the majorettes and drumline practiced regularly throughout the summer. The full band even had two pre-camp rehearsals to introduce important pre-game and half-time music, and introduce marching basics to the full group.

The staff for the 76th edition of the Syrupmaker Band is led by Band Director John Scanling. This is Mr. Scanling's seventh year leading the Syrupmaker Band. Long-time Assistant Band Directors Amy Amaro and Patrick Ballew are returning – Ms Amaro is the director at Shiver and Whigham, Mr. Ballew is the director at Washington. Also returning are second-year directors Johnny Brown and Cody Ray – Mr. Brown is at Washington Middle School, Mr. Ray is at Cairo High School. The majorette staff includes Eryn Carpenter and first-year instructor Paige Banks, both are alumni of the Syrupmaker Band.

The band is under the student leadership

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MAJORETTE CORPS: front row, l-r, Logan Collier, Naya Sanders, and Laramie Smith; second row, Megan Roberts, Jae Long, Anna Kesler, and Lanie Roberts; back row, Majorette Co-Captain Marian Sallee and Majorette Captain Eryn Anderson.



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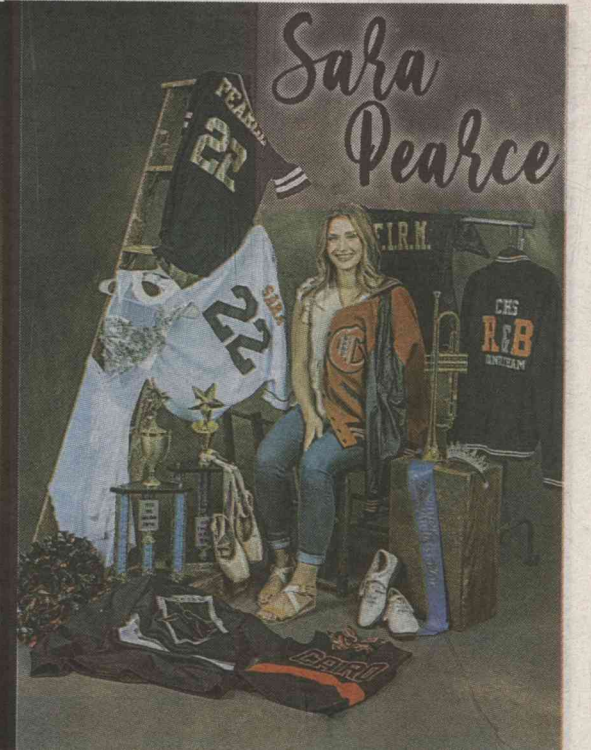
For with God,
 nothing is impossible.
 Luke 1:37

We are so proud of you!

Enjoy your senior year.

We love you!

Mom, Dad, Erin, & Ryan



Sara Pearce

> BAND, from Page 43

of junior drum major, Katie Roberts. Katie is the 44th drum major of the Syrupmaker Band. Captains of the band include majorette captain Eryn Anderson and majorette co-captain Marian Sallee, woodwind captain Merritt Helton, brass captain Georgia Barham-Taylor, and percussion captain Jeremiah Chandler. They are assisted by several section leaders, the transportation officer, loading crew, and quartermasters.

hard-working student leaders," said Mr. Scanling. "Preparing the band for pre-game and halftime field performances and music to entertain throughout the game in a few short weeks is challenging, extra challenging with the heat. We couldn't do it without them."

Behind the scenes, the band parents also have been getting uniforms fitted, providing water during band rehearsals, and making plans to fund the band program, staffing the concession stand at games, and exploring additional funding opportunities. The par-

ents are also making plans to fund purchasing new marching band uniforms for 2022.

"It takes a great deal of support and behind-the-scenes work to make the band go," said Band Director John Scanling. "We are very lucky to have so many involved parents."

An exciting event for 2021 is the GMEA District Marching Band Jamboree. The Jamboree has been in Cairo recently. The event rotates through this GMEA district (southwest Georgia) and is at each school two years. This year, the event will be hosted by

Thomasville High School on Saturday, September 25th. This event will feature fourteen marching bands from this GMEA district and the Valdosta State University Blazin' Brigade. The event will begin at 4:00pm with bands scheduled every fifteen minutes. Tickets will be available at Cairo High School beginning September 1st. Proceeds from tickets purchased in Cairo benefit the Cairo Band.

For the 2021 halftime show, the band has chosen to perform the music of Ludwig van Beethoven. It has been many years since the halftime show included classical music. The



SENIOR BAND MEMBERS: I-r, Marian Sallee, David Velasquez, Madison Welch, Jack Jones, Bryan Bosely, Kyle Boyett, Madison Logue, Harrison Maige, Caylynn Norton, Rory Brown, Merritt Helton, Justin Williams, Ariel Bustamante, Taylor Holley, Nyla Jackson, Carson Hair, Brianna Addison, Jeremiah Chandler, Georgia Barham-Taylor, Iversyn Session, Hayden Tatum, Olivia Woods, Nate Wells, Hunter Sanders, Connor Patrizi, Riley Upton, Ryland Prince, and Eryn Anderson. Not pictured are: Olivia Wind and Aaron Hudson.

staff and band members are excited about the arrangements, one written exclusively for the Syrupmaker Band.

The opener is "Symphony No. 5," a familiar tune that is big and loud. The arrangement was written for the Syrupmaker Band and will feature several instrument as the familiar motif bounces from section to section. The arranger takes a piece written for orchestra and makes it very "marching band."

The second number is "Fur Elise," a Jay

Dawson arrangement of a familiar Beethoven theme. While the tune will be recognizable, the arrangement is a jazz take on this piano standard. This number relies heavily on the drumline with the driving tempo and hot, Latin fills.

The show will end with a Cairo tradition, "The Battle Hymn." This is the 46th consecutive year the Syrupmaker Band's halftime show will conclude with "The Battle Hymn." This streak began in 1976 as it was first per-

formed as part of a patriotic-themed halftime show under Band Director Joe A. David.

"Performing 'The Battle Hymn' is just one of the traditions that makes Cairo special," said Mr. Scanling. "My favorite part of being the director is watching 'Battle Hymn' from the sideline at out-of-town football games. Cairo fans are on their feet cheering in the visitor stands, and the home crowd is on their feet cheering in the home stands. It's exciting for the kids to be part of that."

The band's first White Shoe Rehearsal is on Thursday, August 26, beginning at 7:00pm. The first home game of the season is the following night, playing Brooks County High in West Thomas Stadium.

The band is looking forward to another great season. "With pride, we give our best!"



BAND LEADERSHIP: Marian Sallee, Caylynn Norton, Madison Logue, Jack Jones, Brooke Odum, Kyle Boyett, Ariel Bustamante, Aidan Baird, Nyla Jackson, Madison Welch, Katie Roberts, Andrew Mobley, Riley Upton, Taylor Holley, Georgia Barham-Taylor, Carson Hair, Iversyn Session, Harrison Maige, Merritt Helton, Jeremiah Chandler, Anna Rinker, Nate Wells, Jodi Lopez, and Eryn Anderson. Not pictured: Aaron Hudson.

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bring others. May God Bless
you both. Have a great year!*

*Love, Mom & Dad
Miss Jill & Mr. Paul*

*"I can do all things through Christ which
strengthens me."*

Phil 4:13

Tionne Gabriel

Take pride in how far God has brought you and have faith in how far he will take you. We are so proud of you Tionne Gabriel!

Love,
Mama & Harvey
Janiyah, Al & Marley,
Nanny, Auntie Peaches,
Uncle Chris, Uncle Willie,
Auntie Pennie, Gabe and Kaleb

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BARITONE
Robyn Conyers, Nyla Jackson, Justin Williams.

CLARINET
Eryn Anderson*, Kaylee Beckwith, Lauren Beckwith, Demetria Bogan, Briana Bryant, Corrine Carrillo, Dixie Cooke, Shanda Coronado Matias, Kadriana Davis, Maci Dawson, Kwunecchi Godwin, Erika Gomez, Rosaura Gomez Gomez, Sheila Gonzalez, Emma Harvey, Ja'Myia Haynes, Ixcaret Hernandez, Ta'Liyah Jackson, Jaimia Johnson, Asia Kelley, Sara Logue, Madison Logue, Sara Lokey, Jasmin Morales, Naya Palafox, Danyelle Pollock, M'Kenzie Prater, Anna Rinker, Amarah Roan, J'Keviana Scott, Ella Singletary, Madison Welch, Aliyah Wells, Callie Whigham, Georgia Wise.

FLUTE
Keila Barrios, Kailiyah Bowdry, Ariel Bustamente, Kenzlea Candelaria, Lily Carrillo, Amberly Fowler, Jennifer Godinez, Lydia Harrison, Kynnedi Hopkins, Sydney Claire Humphrie, George Jimenez-Martinez, Adriana Miranda, Charnelle Morgan, Brooke Odum, Alicia

Orozco, Belinda Perez Hernandez, Megan Roberts*, Susana Sanchez-Gomez, Olivia Simpson, Emma Spangler, Suleyca Vasquez-Nolasco, Layla Whitaker.

HORN
Morgan Griffin, Caylynn Norton, Alondra Ortiz-Ortiz, Mark (Hailey) Russo, Iversyn Session, Hayden Tatum.

PERCUSSION
Noah Aldridge, Kaylen Bostic, Levi Bunion, Jeremiah Chandler, Isidoro Chavez, Reese Gibson, Clyde Gray, Jacob Harrison, Ellis Hendrix, Jack Jones, Payton Josey, Alexzander Loperz-Lay, Jonathan Miller, Jake Mills, Andrew Mobley, Danny Morales, Connor Patrizi, Alani Pope, Katie Roberts**, Carson Tomlinson, William Upton, David Velasquez, Marla Weaver, Nathaniel Wells, Tanner Womble.

SAXOPHONE
Timothy Bentley, Montanna Carroll, Christian Chilel, Daniel Gomez, Merritt Helton, Taylor Holley, Raejha Hubbard, Jasmine Jimenez, Walter Jimenez,

Jacquelyn Sanchez, Hunter Sanders,

TROMBONE
Aidan Baird, Kyle Boyett, Rory Brown, Harrison Cumbaa, Jeremy Garcia, Taylor Hudson, Keya Hunter, Coen Jester, Harrison Maige, Brown Miracle, Morcoventuro Pascual, Ashley Serrano, Summer Thomas, Riley Walden, Olivia Wind,

TRUMPET
Brianna Addison, Sara Adkins, Georgia Barnham-Taylor, Bryan Bosely, Johnathan Calhoun, Logan Collier*, William Daughtry, Brooke Evans, Gianna Goosley, Carson Hair, Liseli Hernandez, Floresita Hernandez Lopez, Aaron Hudson, Ta'Cara Huntley, Anna Kesler*, Jae Long*, Keyshawn Mitchell, Victor Ortiz-Ortiz, Juliana Perez-Perez, Kyla Pierce, Ryland Prince, Lanie Roberts*, Marian Sallee*, Naya Sanders*, Laramee Smith*, Blair Starling, Riley Upton, Nelson Vasquez-Perez, Madison Williams, Olivia Woods,

TUBA
Jacob Bennett, Nijzey Corker, Chuck Curles, Addysen Curtis, Isaiah Harrison,

Zion Johnson, Jodi Lopez, Monquarius Williams.

* - Majorette; ** Drum Major



QUARTERMASTERS: l-r, Maci Dawson, Brianna Addison, and Hayden Tatum. Not pictured: Olivia Wind.

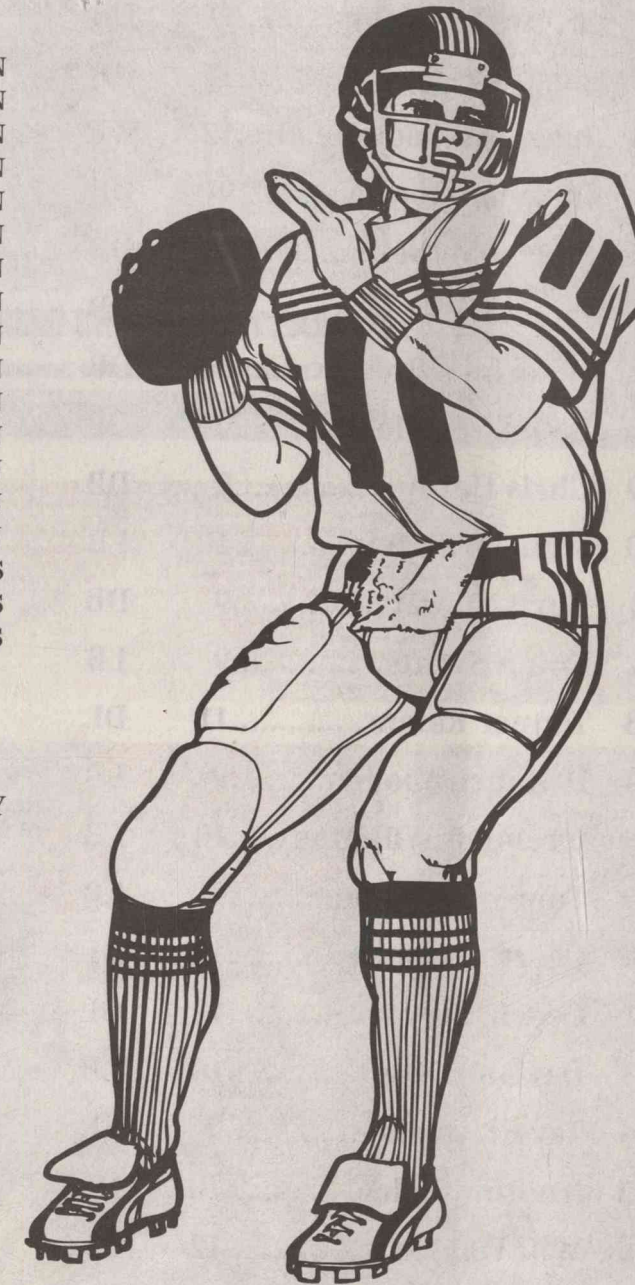
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Cairo Football Through The Years

YEAR	RECORD	COACH
1922	2-7-0	EGGERS
1923	8-2-0	SCOTT
1924	3-4-2	BLAKLEY
1925	4-1-5	HIXON
1926	2-3-2	WIGHT
1927	3-5-0	ESKEW
1928	5-2-0	HERNDON
1929	8-0-1	HERNDON
1930	4-5-0	HERNDON
1931	6-1-3	HERNDON
1932	5-3-0	HERNDON
1933	3-5-0	HERNDON
1934	5-4-0	HERNDON
1935	6-2-0	HERNDON
1936	6-1-2	HERNDON
1937	4-3-1	HERNDON
1938	3-5-0	HERNDON
1939	4-4-1	HERNDON
1940	4-4-0	HERNDON
1941	5-4-0	HERNDON
1942	7-3-0	HERNDON
1943	3-6-1	WILLIAMS
1944	5-5-0	WILLIAMS
1945	5-3-1	WILLIAMS
1946	11-1-0	WEST
1947	2-6-2	WEST
1948	2-7-0	WEST
1949	4-5-1	MILLER
1950	1-8-0	NUNNALLY
1951	6-4-0	SHIVER
1952	7-3-0	SHIVER
1953	5-5-0	SHIVER
1954	6-4-0	THOMAS
1955	5-5-0	THOMAS
1956	9-1-0	THOMAS
1957	7-1-2	THOMAS
1958	9-1-0	THOMAS
1959	5-4-1	THOMAS
1960	8-1-1	THOMAS
1961	6-2-2	THOMAS
1962	9-2-0	THOMAS
1963	10-2-0	THOMAS
1964	9-2-1	THOMAS
1965	6-3-1	THOMAS
1966	7-2-1	THOMAS
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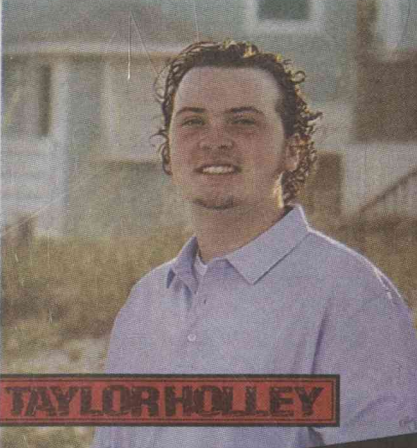


1971	8-1-1	McCORD
1972	3-6-1	REYNOLDS
1973	3-7-0	REYNOLDS
1974	2-8-0	LEROY
1975	6-4-0	LEROY
1976	8-2-0	LEROY
1977	2-8-0	LEROY
1978	5-5-0	LEROY
1979	8-3-0	JOHNSON
1980	7-3-0	JOHNSON
1981	11-1-0	JOHNSON
1982	7-3-0	JOHNSON
1983	6-4-0	JOHNSON
1984	9-3-0	HELMS
1985	8-3-0	HELMS
1986	6-4-0	HELMS
1987	2-8-0	HELMS
1988	6-4-0	JONES
1989	6-5-0	JONES
1990	15-0-0	JONES
1991	6-4-0	JONES
1992	9-1-0	JONES
1993	7-4-0	JONES
1994	12-1-0	JONES
1995	11-2-0	SHEPERD
1996	6-4-0	SHEPERD
1997	8-4-0	HODGES
1998	9-5-0	HODGES
1999	11-3-0	HODGES
2000	12-2-0	FIELD
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2002	3-7-0	FIELD
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2007	13-2-0	FALLAW
2008	14-0-0	FALLAW
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2011	11-3-0	FALLAW
2012	9-3-0	FALLAW
2013	7-4-0	FALLAW
2014	9-3-0	FALLAW
2015	4-6-0	DEVOURSNEY
2016	11-2-0	DEVOURSNEY
2017	8-4-0	DEVOURSNEY
2018	10-3-0	DEVOURSNEY
2019	8-3-0	DEVOURSNEY
2020	5-5-0	DEVOURSNEY

TOTAL: 659-345-37

2021 Syrupmaker Roster

1 Daniel Thomas .....12	DB	29 Fred Hill.....12	DB	61 Quadar Williams .....10	OL
2 Gary Davis .....12	LB	30 Ethan Daughtry .....12	K	62 Gabe Greenberg.....9	OL
3 Amarion Byrden.....11	RB	31 Jerome Williams.....11	DB	63 Jace Jones.....9	OL
4 DK Williams .....12	RB	32 Austin Perry .....11	RB	65 Yorel Demps .....10	OL
5 Eric Thomas .....12	WR	33 Jahkeith Moorehead....12	WR	66 Baylor Glasure.....12	OL
7 Landon Vickers .....11	K	34 Jakavian Cotton .....9	DB	68 Ace Womble .....10	OL
8 Jacob Manilius .....12	LB	35 Shawn McNeil .....10	DB	70 Connor Welch .....10	OL
9 Emanuel Wilson .....12	DB	36 Zion Cooper .....10	DB	72 John Moore .....9	DL
10 Josh Wyatt.....11	WR	37 JyKortnee Brown .....9	QB	74 CadePuckett.....10	OL
11 Antroveno Hadley .....12	DB	38 Zo Harvey-Sloan .....9	DB	75 Zadderrick Lurry.....12	OL
12 Juderek Gee Simmons 10	QB	39 Chris Hardy .....9	DB	77 Collis Cooper .....10	OL
13 OJ Teal.....10	DB	40 Melik Williams.....10	LB	78 Jayven Jenkins.....12	OL
14 Jaylen Spence .....12	WR	41 Chris Stewart.....9	DB	79 Jacarish Williams.....9	WR
15 Tyree Kelly.....11	WR	42 Elijah Swatts.....9	LB	80 Cory Baker .....10	WR
16 Braylon Robinson.....11	QB	43 Tanner Ramm.....11	DL	81 Jacquez Washington....11	WR
17 Kevin Speed.....12	DB	44 D'Mauri Wooden.....9	LB	82 Drew Owen .....10	WR
18 Mo Wilson.....12	TE/F	48 Jeremiah Williams .....10	LB	83 Jayquan Edwards.....11	WR
19 Jalen Davis .....11	DL	49 Cam Wildgoose.....9	LB	84 Justin Bryant .....10	WR
20 Iveon Jones .....10	QB	50 Cedtron Brown .....10	DL	85 Amari Powell .....10	WR
21 Terrance Peoples .....11	DB	51 Cedric Brown.....12	OL	86 Braylen Butler .....10	WR
22 Noah Morrell .....9	QB	53 Daylan Hines .....10	LB	87 Michael Lemon.....10	WR
23 Artice Jones .....11	DB	54 Tay Cleveland .....9	LB	88 R.W. Jones.....9	TE
24 Fabian Yarbrough.....11	DB	55 Andrew Sigler.....10	DL	89 Cam Brown .....9	WR
25 Eric Swatts.....10	RB	56 Will Walden .....12	OL	90 Jayden Willis .....11	DL
26 Kamaree Perry.....12	WR	58 Niquavius Grant.....9	DB	91 Brandon McNeil .....12	DL
27 Josh Jones .....9	LB	59 Ace Womble .....10	OL	93 Bryante Kelly .....10	DL
28 Jamarion Bryant.....11	DB	60 Nathan Keen .....10	DL	97 Dorian Thomas .....12	DL



TAYLOR HOLLEY

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you; plans to give you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11

We love you Taylor!
Enjoy your Senior year!
Love, Dad, Nichole and Jacob

MACIE FREEMAN



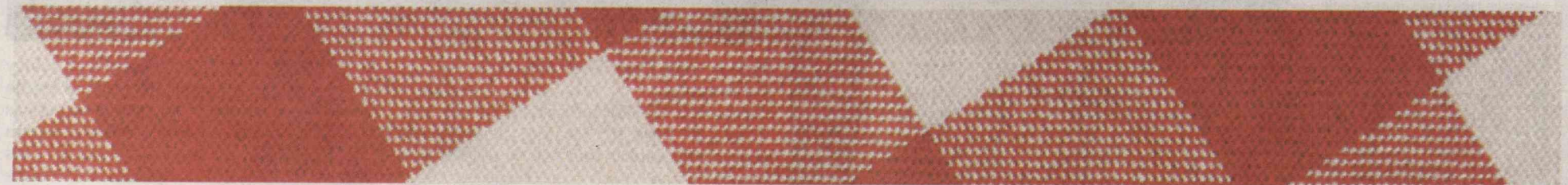

BRING ON SENIOR YEAR!
LOVE,
MCKENSIE, SPENCE, LIVELY & MOXLEY



Anstee Owen

We hope you have a great senior year!

We love you big!
Mama, Big Philip,
Sasa & Papa Wayne

Promise me you will always remember: you're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."

Love,
Mom, Dad, Madison
Maitlyn & Tyler



MACIE FREEMAN



Nyla Jackson

Senior

Congratulations Niece!
We hope your dreams take you to the corners of your smiles, to the highest of your hope, to the windows of your opportunities, and to the most special place your heart has ever known.
Love Aunt Andrella, Cousin Lauryn and Kendal.

VARSITY CHEERLEADERS: front row, Kristen Robinson; second row, l-r, Macie Freeman and Madison Devoux; third row, Taylor MacNeil, Mollie Grace Meredith, and Mekenzie Wilbourn; fourth row, Farar Bass, Brownyn Godwin, Sara Pearce, and Shanbreka Hardy; fifth row, As'Jha Thomas, Anslee Owen, Kennedy Kerbo, Haddyn Harrell, and Emmarie Lynn; sixth row, Nikiyah Brown, Ny'Ajah Hardy, Braeden Puckett, and Ti'yona Bogan.



Cheerleaders are ready to fire 'em up

The Cairo High School Cheerleaders are ready to cheer on the Syrupmakers. The

squad has worked hard this summer in preparation for the upcoming 2021-2022 football and basketball seasons.

In June, the cheerleaders hosted a Universal Cheerleading Association Camp that included both the varsity and junior varsity

squads from Cairo High School, as well as Washington Middle School's cheerleaders. The girls and coaches had three full days of learning new cheers, chants, and dances that will be utilized this season.

The CHS squads have utilized technology this summer to help the girls prepare for the upcoming seasons. In person practices started at the end of July and will continue to make sure they are game-day ready. This year the squads are comprised of 10 freshman, 6 sophomores, 6 juniors, and 15 seniors.

Coach Lynlee Barrett feels like there is strong leadership this year due to there being so many seniors that have cheered their whole high school career thus far. The CHS cheerleaders are ready to get under the Friday night lights and show off their hard work and further prepare for basketball season.



CHEER COACHES, l-r, Elisabeth Broome, Lynlee Barrett, and Lynlee Poppell.

Harrison Maige

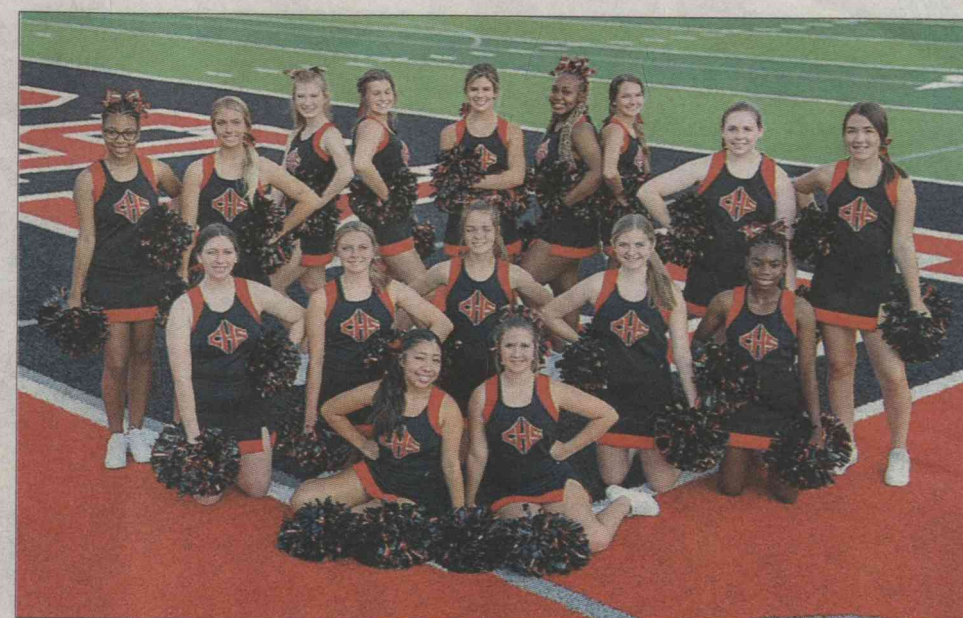
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SENIOR CHEERLEADERS: first row, l-r, Macie Freeman, Kristen Robinson, and Madison Devoux; second row: As'Jha Thomas, Taylor MacNeil, Sara Pearce, and Mekenzie Wilbourn; third row: Ny'Ajah Hardy, Braeden Puckett, Anslee Owen, Nikiyah Brown, Mollie Grace Meredith, Haddyn Harrell, and Shanbreka Hardy. Not pictured: Gracie Tuggle.



JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS: front row, l-r, Keila Barrios and Aubrey Singletary; second row: Kaytlyn Prevatt, Saramichael Dowdy, Lindsay Sellers, Olivia Chason, and Miracle Brown; third row: Amari' Brown, Brooklyn Gomez, Makayla Crawford, and Bree Mills; fourth row: Riley Walden, Kinsley Brinkley, Emalee Ryan Phillips, Lyric Byrden, and Ellie Knight. Not pictured: Layla Tuggle.



NYLA

Nyla Jackson

Jeremiah 29:11

Nyla, we are so proud of you. Continue to keep God first in all that you do. We pray that your Senior year is as fantastic as you are!

CHS Class of 2022

Love, Mom, Chad, Garrett, William, Morgan and Auntie Kim (the person who you get all of your intelligence from lol)

Haddyn Harrell

We are so proud of you!
Hope you have an awesome Senior year!

We Love You, Mama, Daddy and Palmer



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100 years of Syrupmaker Pride

Michael Best
Sports Writer

The Cairo High School "Tigers" under a head coach by the name of "Eggers" played their first official football game on September 29, 1922 against the Thomasville Bulldogs, coming up short 39-6. Cairo's first win that year came on October 20, 1922 in a home game against Havana, FL 20-6. Cairo would win one other game that season, 12-0 over Havana, FL again, this time on November 30, 1922. With that season, Cairo High School began to build a program that has lasted another 99 years. Overall, Cairo is 659-345-37.

In 100 years of football, the Syrupmakers have had 24 different head coaches. The longest running coach is West Thomas who coached for 16 years from 1954-1969. He went 116-38-11 with three region titles. The second longest tenured coach was John Herndon who coached the Syrupmakers for 15 years, 1928-1945. He went 73-46. The third longest head coaching career in Syrupmaker history is Tom Fallaw, who coached the Syrupmakers for 12 years from 2002-2014. Coach Fallaw went 116-34-0 with 7 region titles, a state runner-up in 2007 and a state title in 2008. He now serves as a Cairo High School assistant principal and the county's athletic director.

The change from the Tiger mascot to the Syrupmakers was a slow change, gradually happening in the early 50s, until eventually the Syrupmaker name became the of-

ficial name and the Tiger mascot was dropped. The Syrupmaker name is rumored to have come about after Mr. Julien B. Roddenberry Sr., donated some rain parkas with the name Syrup Makers on the back, although Mr. Roddenberry would never take any credit for the name. "The Syrupmakers" has been named America's most unique mascot by several groups including Sports Illustrated and ESPN.

Cairo has made the state playoffs 39 times in their 100 year history. In fact, Cairo has made the state playoffs every year since 2003 and have hosted a first round playoff game every year since 2004. The Syrupmakers have won 19 region titles in their history and three state championships, 1946 under coach Jeff West, 1990 under coach Ralph Jones and 2008 under coach Tom Fallaw. The Syrupmakers were the state runners up in 2007 in the one and only state championship game played at West Thomas Stadium.

Cairo's first undefeated regular season did not come until 1981 when the Syrupmakers went 10-0 under coach Jack Johnson. Since then, the Syrupmakers have gone undefeated in the regular season three other times, once in 1990 and again in 1994 under coach Ralph Jones and again in 2010 under coach Tom Fallaw. Cairo has gone unbeaten in a year only twice, 15-0 in 1990 under coach Jones and 2008 the Syrupmakers went 14-0 under coach Fallaw.

In 100 years, Cairo has com-

Football Season Has Opened Here

The Cairo High School's initial season of football opened Thursday afternoon with a game between the local eleven and the Thomasville High team in Thomasville. At the time of going to press, the game was still in progress.

The second game of the season will be played in Cairo, next Friday afternoon, October 6th, and it will be the first grid contest ever played here. It will be between the local team and the eleven from Plunkett's school in Thomasville and it promises to be an interesting game.

The local eleven has been in steady training for the past few weeks, and it is said that some splendid material is showing up. Cairo's line will be heavy enough for the team to make a good showing, it is believed.

The game next Friday will be played in the old base ball park, and it is expected that a large crowd will attend.

CLIPPINGS FROM the Sept. 29, 1922 and the Oct. 6, 1922 editions of The Cairo Messenger. The Messenger will have special features throughout the centennial season of Cairo High School Syrupmaker football.

peted against 131 different opponents. In series of 10 games or more, the Syrupmakers only have a losing record to five of those opponents. Americus- 13-15, Colquitt Co (Moultrie) 4-19, Thomas County Central High School 21-24-1, Thomasville 28-42-6 and Valdosta 3-14-1.

SCHOOL ELEVEN TO PLAY FIRST TODAY

FOOT BALL GAME TO BE FIRST
EVEE, PLAYED IN CAIRO,
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When the local high school eleven battles the team from the Plunkett school in Thomasville here this afternoon, Friday, at the ball park, Cairoites will witness the first gridiron contest ever played in Cairo. Generally speaking, the people here have about as clear knowledge of foot ball as those in most places, but they have gained this knowledge from reading, and from games played elsewhere.

The indications are, therefore, that quite a number will go out to witness the game, which will begin at 3:30 o'clock.

According to those who are acquainted with the strength of both teams, the locals have a good chance to win, despite their 39 to 6 defeat

at the hands of the Thomasville High School last Thursday in Thomasville in their first game of the season. Plunkett opened its season last Friday by defeating Donalsonville High by a score of 9 to 0.

The local eleven is said to have some excellent material, and as the players become more accustomed to the tactics used, they are expected to make a good showing.

The game marks the re-entrance of the local school into the inter-scholastic athletics of this section, and they have a full schedule already.

The Syrupmakers have sent eight players to the NFL including, Bobby Walden 1964-77, Bill Stanfill

Issues Statement.

Coach Eggers, of the local school, has issued the following statement in connection with the first game of the season last Thursday in Thomasville:

"Two things stand out prominently for the Cairo boys. In the first place, they showed superior sportsmanship. Not once were they caught violating the rules of the game enough to be penalized. Whatever violations there were were made through a lack of knowledge of the tactics and customs of the game. Thomasville High was penalized several times.

"The other thing for which Cairo High is to be commended was the superior physical condition of the players. Not once was time called out for them, while Thomasville had five men taken from the game on account of injuries received, which injuries would not have been likely had the players been in good physical condition.

"Parents of Cairo, one and all, these are your boys. They play at home Friday, October 6th. Let's help them all we can. Let's boost athletics. Let's have a school spirit."

1969-76 Frank Richter 1967-69, Dennis Murphy 1965, David Ponder 1985, Chris Sheffield 1986-87, William Evers 1990-91, and JJ Wilcox 2013-2020.

Check out The Messenger sports page each week during football season as the newspaper features stories of the past 100 years of Syrupmaker football.

Sources: The Cairo Messenger and Georgia High School Football Historians