

BBA Game of the Week



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BULLARD – Going into last weeks game against the 10-U Wreckers softball game, the Bullard team had suffered through many narrow losses and setbacks, still looking for the teams first win.

Playing against the Bullard Thunder, the Wreckers had battled hard for five innings and led, 4-3 with and only three outs away from the first win.

The Thunder however began to rumble as the Thunder began the final inning loading the bases.

With the occurrence, most Wrecker parents and fans were already preparing post-game solace talks for their little softballers.

As Yogi Berra so wisely put it once, "it ain't over 'till it's over."

Leading by one run, and the bases loaded for the next Thunder batter, there was shot hit. What appeared to be an extra base smash in an outfield gap was snubbed

by a great defensive gem.

Wreckers shortstop, Haley O'Brien made a running stab at the line-drive, and then took five steps to touch second base and catch one runner off base for two outs.

O'Brien then fired the ball into the pitchers circle, for team pitcher, Sarah Campbell.

Campbell snagged the throw and then noticed the runner at first base still trying to get back for the tag-up but Campbell was quicker. Campbell stepped outside the pitchers circle to make the ball 'live' again, threw over to Abby Story at first base to clip the runner for the triple play and preserve the first win of the year for the Wreckers.

The crowd went crazy and the Thunder showed outstanding sportsmanship after the game congratulating their foes on the tripe play and the win.

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BROOK HILL FOOTBALL CAMP



At top- The Brook Hill School held their inaugural football camp under the direction of new head coach, Terry Pirtle. Pirtle was encouraged by the turnout, and impressed with the young talent at the four-day camp. **Above,** camp participants lining up at the end of the camp for their camp T-shirts, handed out by Brook Hill's head coach, Terry Pirtle (sitting on left), and assistant coach, David Collins at right.

East Texas Spirit to start new team with local try-outs

East Texas Spirit Soccer Club has an open training session scheduled this next Monday for all interested girls born between Aug 1, 1995 and July 31, 1997.

There is no charge to attend this training session and parents are encouraged to attend.

The session will be held at Bristow Fields.

The Spirit session will run from 6:30 p.m. until approximately 8 p.m. and will be conducted by coach Younes Khamir.

The East Texas Spirit is forming a non-traveling soccer team which will play league games in Tyler.

Fully optional tournaments will be scheduled as desired by the players and their families.

Khamir has more than 40 years of combined experience as a player, coach, and referee at both the high school and collegiate level.

Bristow Fields are located at 16531 CR 1134 near the intersection of State Highway 31 West and FM 2661. To reach the field, heading west on 31 toward Chandler, turn left at the light at FM 2661 and then FM 1134 is the first road on the right.

For further information please call 903-571-5554 or 903-595-4842.

BHS to hold monthly boosters meeting

The Bullard High School Booster Club will be holding their monthly meeting on Wednesday night at the new Bruno's Restaurant on the Old Jacksonville Hwy.

The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. and the boosters invite you to come out and be a part of BHS athletics. You do not have to have a child participating to be a part of building the BHS athletic future.

OUTDOOR NOTES

With the hot midsummer months already here, and for those with a young hunter coming of age or considering an out-of-state hunt, this is the time to be thinking about taking a course.

The Hunters Education course is offered several ways. One is in a classroom over a two-day period or it can be taken online followed by a one-day field course.

Days gone by, youth had to be at least 12 to take the course but recently Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has dropped that to nine, something that isn't popular with some instructors who believe it is too young.

A hunter education course called 'Safety First' helps young hunters learn there is more to hunting than just shooting, making it safer for them and others in the field.

When it comes down to the proper age for a hunter go his first is more a factor of physical size and maturity. Every youth hunter and their parents should go through the course, he wants them to bring something from it.

When taking the course it seems there are things covered that don't pertain to the average Texan who deer hunts on a 1,500-acre Hill

Country lease or dove hunts in a hundred-acre sunflower field. But the course isn't just for hunting instate. The Texas course is accepted in every other state and Canada that requires a hunter education certificate.

There is the stuff important no matter where you hunt, things such as knowing how much you can swing a shotgun, how to properly climb into a deer stand with a rifle or the safest way to get across a fence with a gun.

Hunter education has been in place in Texas since 1988. The proof that it is effective is in the numbers. In 1987 there were 81 hunting accidents in Texas, including 12 fatalities. In 2008 there were 26 accidents and six fatalities.

Those were up from four each of the previous two years.

Besides just youth and their hunting parent taking the course, it might not be a bad idea for non-hunting parents to take the course as well. This way they would have a better understanding of what hunting is and the importance hunters place on safety.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department maintains a list of hunter education courses. The list can be found at http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/learning/hunter_education/city:phtml.

Pop Warner football, cheer registration going on now

The East Texas Pop Warner Football, Cheer and Dance is now registering for the upcoming 2009 Season. Pop Warner is a nationally known organization with a strict age/weight matrix. All kids play against kids around the same ages and weights to ensure success for all as well less potential for injuries to the kids. Divisions are as follows for football:

Flag (Ages 5-6-7, No weight restriction)

Tiny-Mite Tackle Football (Ages 5-6-7, 35-75 pounds)

Mitey-Mite Tackle Football (Ages 7-8-9, 45-90 pounds)

Junior Pee Wee Tackle Football (Ages 8-9-10, 60-105 pounds (older/lighter) 11, 60-85 pounds)

Pee Wee Tackle Football (Ages 9-10-11, 175-120 pounds (older/lighter) 12, 75-100 pounds)

Junior Midget Tackle Football (Ages 10-11-12, 85-135 pounds (older/lighter) 13, 85-115 pounds.

CHEERLEADING

Cheer and Dance ages are 5-15 for all participants. Associations in the league from this area are Tyler Falcons President Felix McCain 903-372-1878; Tyler Hurricanes President Tramaine Palmer 903-363-6063; Tyler Ravens President Michael Hackett 903-530-9359; Tyler Saints President Johnny Taylor, 903 372-6406; and Rusk County Oilers President Jackie Worley 903-658-2256.

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