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Football All-District

The Dalhart Golden Wolves had 12 football players named to the District 2-3A, Division I All-District teams.

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Cross Country All-State

The Dalhart Lady Wolves placed two cross country runners, Circe Johnson and Victoria Terrazas, on the TGCA Class 3A All-State Team for the second year in the row.

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Athlete of the Week



The Female Athlete of the Week is Mylie Perez

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Weather

Wednesday Dec. 20:
 High 65, Low 38
 Partly Cloudy

Thursday Dec. 21:
 High 61, Low 34
 Partly Cloudy

Friday Dec. 22:
 High 61, Low 37
 Mostly Sunny

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 High 56, Low 35
 Cloudy, 60% Chance of Rain

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Dalhart Fire Dept. volunteers stay busy even when not fighting fires



New Rescue Pumper Truck



Lorenzo Soto



Brandi Clausen



First-graders with Santa at Fire Station

Things are hot at the Dalhart Fire Station these days, with lots going on! The department has received a new truck, given out accolades and entertained some of Dalhart's youngest citizens within the past couple of weeks.

On Dec. 7, the department took delivery of their new Rescue Pumper and should have it ready to go into service this week, said Fire Chief Mario Garcia. The 2024 International truck, which cost \$375,000, was purchased with a \$240,000 grant from the Texas A&M Forest Service, with the City of Dalhart contributing the remainder. It will supplant a 30-year-old rescue truck, "but it will

pretty much replace the operations of two trucks, since the old one didn't have a pumper on it," Garcia said. The new truck features a 1,000-gallon water tank and Cascade air packs, which firefighters wear when encountering smoke.

An additional grant is being used to purchase the needed extrication tools to stock the truck. "These are all battery-operated, where they used to be hydraulic," Garcia said. He added that he expects delivery of the equipment this week, then the truck will be ready to use.

One of the most cutting-edge technologies that the truck brings is

the Early Alert System that will be installed on the Rescue Pumper and the Chief's Command Unit. The software will send signals to cell phones of drivers ahead of the vehicles warning of their approach, similar to Amber Alerts.

Several volunteer firefighters were recognized Saturday night, Dec. 16, at the department's annual Christmas party held at the Elks Lodge. Brandi Clausen was chosen by her peers to win the Curtis Brown Firefighter of the Year Award, the first woman to ever win the prize. Lorenzo Soto won the Brendan Torres Rookie of the Year Award on a vote from his peers. Rookies are con-

sidered those volunteers with between six months and one year experience in the department.

At the same celebration, Quint Brown received recognition for 30 years with the department, while Berto Gordon was honored for 15 years' time. T.J. Trimble and David Watts were each recognized for 10 years of service. Malesio Mendoza, Lakresha Roush and Devin Vigil received five-year awards.

On Friday, Dec. 15, first-graders from Dalhart Elementary School visited the Fire Station. There they drank hot chocolate, toured the station, learned what about what firefighters do, vis-

ited with Santa and rode on the pumper truck.

Up next on the agenda for the department, Garcia said, is a Fire Academy that will begin in January. The Firefighter 101 Academy will combine hands-on training with on-line learning.

"With this training, the entry-level firefighter can be certified with the department and the state," Garcia said. "We provide the materials and instructors. It costs nothing."

For more information about the Dalhart Volunteer Fire Dept., call 806-244-5454, go by the Fire Station at 110 Denrock Avenue or talk to any volunteer firefighter.

Haynes visits Dalhart, takes on Smithee for House seat



Jamie Haynes made a quick campaign stop at The Flying Pig Mercantile, Coffee and Tea Bar in Dalhart Monday morning. The conservative Republican is running against long-term incumbent John T. Smithee to be Texas House District 86th Representative. Smithee has held the position since 1984.

"I ran smack-dab into the government, and decided to take the matter upstream," Haynes explained her decision to run for office. "I was

concerned that Texas was not going to be for our children what it was for us."

Haynes grew up in Brady, and her parents and heart are still there, she said. She now resides between Amarillo and Canyon with her husband and two sons.

Haynes is campaigning on four core planks: "Secure the border - The State of Texas needs to take hard action now to legalize and adequately fund border security to defend its citizens. Protect local control

- We must stop the unfunded mandates and restore power to local governments who are more connected with the community.

Elevate education and protect Texas children - We must return to basics, protect parental rights, strengthen the family, give teachers a raise, outline effective enforcement and protect Texas children from sexually explicit materials and harmful Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Critical Race Theo-

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Grace United Methodist issues special Christmas Eve invitation

Members of Grace United Methodist Church invite all families to join with them on their first annual "In Search of the Manger" and Candle Light Service. The interactive search will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 24.

The first stop will be on the front steps of the Dallam County Courthouse, where there will be a reading of the Gospel of Luke 2:1-6 about the Census, which caused Mary and Joseph to be in Bethlehem. During the "search" we will visit various spots in town where a baby might be born.

Before leaving the courthouse, each family will receive information about the next "stop" on the journey to find the Holy Family. The journey will last approximately one hour and conclude at 5:00 p.m. This event will be a wonderful way to experience the love and salvation that God sent us, through His Son, Jesus Christ.

The search will end in a barn with a live nativity scene where a candle light service will be held to celebrate Christmas Eve. This event helps families to understand the journey of Mary, Joseph and Jesus and this sacred event. For more information, please email graceumcdalhart@gmail.com. For more information about Grace United Methodist Church, please follow them on Instagram: @graceumcdalhart, Facebook: Grace United Methodist Church of Dalhart.

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Community Calendar

DECEMBER

Hospital Board Meeting: The Dallam-Hartley Counties Hospital District Board will meet in regular session tomorrow, Thursday December 21 at noon. The meetings are held in the Board Room in Coon Memorial Hospital at 1411 Denver Avenue.

Downtown Dalhart Extended Shopping Hours: The Flying Pig, Ropes, Rockin A Design, Full Circle Insurance and Salt & Sage will be open late for extended hours each Thursday until Christmas. Each night will also have a special theme, so watch the Dalhart Area Chamber of Commerce Facebook page or each individual business's Facebook page for more information about the theme and exact hours.

New Suicide Prevention Number: 988 has been designated as the new three-digit dialing code that will route callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. This dialing code became available nationwide on July 16, 2022. When people call, text, or chat 988, they will be connected to trained counselors that are part of the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline network. These counselors will listen, understand how their problems are affecting them, provide support, and connect them to resources if necessary. This new dial code does not replace the previous phone number (1-800-273-8255). Both will connect callers to help 24 hours a day/seven days a week.

Mental Health Services in Dalhart: The Dallam-Hartley Counties Hospital District announces a partnership with MindHealthy, which allows the hospital district to offer mental health services to patients. This creates an easy and accessible way to bring experienced mental health professionals to our rural areas. These services are at little or no cost to you with most insurance coverage, including Medicaid and Medicare. Anyone interested can ask their provider how MindHealthy services may improve their overall health and wellbeing.

Brick Street Community Center Needlework Crafting: Brick Street Community

Center will host a needlework crafting night every Monday evening from 6-8 p.m. The public is invited to bring knitting, crochet, looming, quilting, mending, needlepoint, any needlework hobby. For more information call Jodi at (806) 333-9770.

Brick Street Community Center Exercise Group: Brick Street Community Center is hosting group exercise classes. Participants follow various videos for great stretching, balance and exercise. The classes are Monday-Friday at 10:30 a.m., and also on Monday and Wednesday at 5:15 p.m.

Meals on Wheels: Meals on Wheels is a non-profit organization that provides meals to community members over 55 years of age, or who are handicapped. Meals are delivered Monday through Friday. Please call the Meals on Wheels office at (806) 244-9284 if you or someone you know is interested in receiving meals. Please leave a message and your phone number is no one is available.

from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. They are located at 104 Denrock Avenue.

Dalhart City Council: The Dalhart City Council meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at Dalhart City Hall, which is located at 205 Rock Island Avenue.

Hartley County Commissioners: The Hartley County Commissioners meet on the second Monday of each month at 8 a.m. at the Hartley County Courthouse in Channing, which is located at 900 Main Street.

Dallam County Commissioners: The Dallam County Commissioners meet at 10 a.m. on the second Monday of each month at the Dallam County Courthouse in Dalhart, which is located at 414 Denver Avenue.

Dalhart ISD School Board: The Dalhart ISD Board of Trustees meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the board room at the district's Central Office, which is located at 701 East 10th Street.

XIT Museum: The XIT Museum is now open Tuesday through Saturday. Those with research requests or donations can contact the museum at (806) 244-5390.

Dalhart Good Samaritan: Dalhart Good Samaritan is open the first and third Monday of the month for residents over the age of 55 or those who are handicapped needing groceries. Good Samaritan is open to those in the general public needing groceries or clothes on Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. Food is distributed out of the back door. Good Samaritan is open Monday and Thursday

Obituary

Betty "Nanny" Jean Brown



Betty "Nanny" Jean Brown, 89 of Dalhart, passed away peacefully and went to her eternal home, on December 16, 2023. A Funeral Service is scheduled for 10:00am, Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at Central Methodist Church. Interment will follow in Memoria Park Cemetery. Mrs. Brown will lay in state from noon until 6:00pm on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at the funeral home with the family receiving friends immediately following from 6-7:30. Arrangements are entrusted to Horizon Funeral Home.

Betty Jean Foust was born on January 31, 1934, in Dalhart, Texas as the only child to Bernice Bolk Foust Powell and Harvey Foust. Betty's time on Earth was well spent, as she had a true servant's heart, and served her Lord, family, friends and community abundantly. Betty's life story is interesting to say the least. As she liked to tell people, she was "raised in the jail", Betty spent her early years living in the courthouse, where her father served as sheriff. She often told stories of her sandbox on the balcony, riding her tricycle up and down the hall of jail cells, or making friends with the people those cells held. Her beautiful heart showed from an early age as she always saw the good in people who may have been down on their luck.

On June 10th 1951, she married the love of her life, Melvin Brown. Together they raised four beautiful children, who blessed her with 9 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. She became a homemaker and dedicated her life to family. Also, in an effort to contribute to her family, she sold Avon in which she was a believer of until the very end. As a family they enjoyed camping, and annual trips to Colorado Springs.

Many precious memories were made with their children and grandchildren in the fresh mountain air. It was not until recently that she admitted she really was not that fond of camping, and she just

did it because those around her loved it so much. Her children, so grateful for the sacrifices she made for them to have the things they needed and wanted, were blessed with horses, motorcycles, a piano, and more.

Of all the things she was in life, she played the role of Nanny best. Her grandchildren and great grandchildren were her pride and joy. She put great time and effort into making wonderful memories with them. When the grandchildren were asked about their memories with Nanny, some of the best ones included; Dr Pepper and popcorn, playing grocery store, eating ice cream with "dirt", playing endless games of Skip Bo, spoons, and Wa Hoo (and her being the best), camping, painting ceramics, haunted houses in the basement, decorating Christmas cookies, her delicious 7-up cake and so many more. She created too many traditions to count, many of which have been carried on with her great grandchildren. If you went to Nanny's house, you knew you could always find some chocolate candy and a Dr Pepper. As one grandchild said, Dr. Pepper always tasted better at Nanny's. She made a beautiful family and they all loved her dearly.

After the passing of her husband, Betty went on to make the best of the time she had left. As the faithful servant she was, she was a volunteer for Stephens Ministry and delivered Meals on Wheels until 2023. In 2022, she was honored by the Dalhart Chamber of Commerce with the Volunteer of the Year award. In her spare time you could be sure to find her at only three places, playing cards with dear friends, at her church, or tending to her beautiful yard, flowers and MANY plants.

The most important things to Betty were faith, family and friends. She was a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church in Dalhart until its closure in 2013. She then began the search for a new church where she found

her home at Central United Methodist. She loved the time she spent there and all of the people that welcomed her with open arms. Betty was preceded in death by her parents Bernice and George Powell, and Harvey Foust, her loving husband Melvin Brown, a son in law Lyle Swanson, and several nieces and nephews. Betty is survived by her son, Kenny Brown and wife Ginny of Hillsboro, Tx, her daughter, Barbie Swanson of Weatherford, Tx, her daughter Beverly Brown and partner Jay Williamson of Dalhart, Tx, and her son, Mark Brown and wife Lynette of Bushland, Tx. 9 grandchildren: Nicole Reed, Amarillo, Tx, Jeffery Pigman Denver, CO, Shani Atkinson, husband Jack, of Galveston, Texas, Paige Fisk, husband Brad, of Canyon, Tx, Jade Arkins, husband Dan of Aledo, Tx, Emily Krahn, husband Britt of Dalhart, Tx, Shalana Brown, of Bremerton, WA, Holly Radke, husband Kyle of Malone, Tx, and Oakley Tyler, husband Paul, of Granbury, Tx, and 15 great grandchildren: Gavyn and Riley Hopper, Wes and Larmie Atkinson, Colt and Creed Fisk, Crawford and Ellis Arkins, Kennedy, Avery and Brayden Krahn, Corbin Radke, and Crosby, Nash and Birdie Tyler. A precious niece Linda Amason, a long time friend Carolyn McDougal, and so many other special friends and extended family.

In lieu of flowers the family ask that donations be made to Dalhart Central United Methodist Church or Meal on Wheels. The family would also like to express their great gratitude to Dr. Bickerton, Dr. Stone and the rest of the amazing DHCHD hospital and hospice staff.

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Livestock Auction Results

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5	670-695	866	144.00-150.00	246.56	Unweighted	
10	696-675	413	170.00-206.00	241.62	Unweighted	
8	740	440	170.00	251.00	Unweighted	
8	600-645	681	174.00-182.00	248.29	Unweighted	
8	666	468	170.00	250.00	Unweighted	
15	515	531	204.00-216.00	246.07	Unweighted	
8	710	730	170.00	270.00	Unweighted	
14	594-668	796	178.00-165.00	242.89	Unweighted	
12	589-650	686	176.00-182.00	236.29	Unweighted	
13	617-645	641	175.00-179.00	258.06	Unweighted	
17	650-644	676	178.00-175.00	229.63	Unweighted	
17	618	668	173.00	219.00	Unweighted	
4	711	711	174.00	194.00	Unweighted	
2	616	616	180.00	180.00	Unweighted	
6	516	516	192.00	190.00	Unweighted	

STEERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	WT.Sales	Avg.Wt	Price Range	Avg.Price	Cattle
8	740	740	170.00	220.00	Unweighted

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	WT.Sales	Avg.Wt	Price Range	Avg.Price	Cattle
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2	440	440	173.00	173.00	Unweighted
18	515-540	536	184.00-180.00	182.90	Unweighted
5	710	710	180.00	183.00	Unweighted

BULLS - Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	WT.Sales	Avg.Wt	Price Range	Avg.Price	Cattle
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SLAUGHTER CATTLE						
COWS - Breaker 75-80% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)	Head	WT.Sales	Avg.Wt	Price Range	Avg.Price	Cattle
24	1071-1711	1769	91.00-99.00	95.88	Average	
14	1136-1840	2731	100.00-120.00	105.05	High	
10	1140-1678	1581	90.00-94.00	93.95	Low	
4	850-848	824	90.00-90.50	91.97	Low Light Weight	

COWS - Sorer 80-85% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)						
Head	WT.Sales	Avg.Wt	Price Range	Avg.Price	Cattle	
16	1098-1450	1230	76.00-84.00	80.50	Average	

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WT Ag Professor wins grant to continue research into critical issue in feedlot cattle

By Chip Chandler Special to the Dalhart Texan

CANYON, Texas — A West Texas A&M University faculty member recently won a \$300,000 grant to study ways to prevent liver abscesses in feedlot cattle.

Dr. Kendall Samuelson, associate professor of animal science in the Department of Agricultural Sciences in WT's Paul Engler College of Agriculture and Natural Sciences, was awarded \$300,000 from the International Consortium for Antimicrobial Stewardship in Agriculture, which will

be matched by WT. "Liver abscesses are a major concern for commercial beef producers and processors, but we still have a lot to learn about them," Samuelson said. "Expanding our understanding of why and when they develop will help us improve liver abscess prevention strategies and promote judicious use of antibiotics."

The ICASA grant will support Samuelson's efforts to evaluate the differences in liver abscess development in feedlot cattle raised in conventional beef versus dairy management systems. "Severe liver abscesses can decrease

cattle growth, but also result in more liver condemnations, excess loss and reduced operational efficiency in the packing plant," Samuelson said. "Our goal is to work hand in hand with our industry partners to complete research that develops solutions to these real-world problems."

In 2022, Samuelson won a separate \$266,748 grant to investigate such liver abscesses and their relationship to acids in the rumen, the first chamber of a cow's four-chamber stomach.

"As crossbreeding beef and dairy cattle becomes more common

in commercial dairies, the number of these animals entering the fed beef supply is increasing," Samuelson said. "Management practices before feedlot arrival are drastically different for beef than dairy calves, so it is important to understand the influence that early life management of the animal has on the prevalence of liver abscesses."

Liver abscesses often occur in feedlot cattle because they are fed a high-energy, low-roughage diet in order to reach the desired quality grades weight prior to slaughter. Finding ways to prevent these abnormalities ultimately

has financial implications for feedlots.

WT is a leader in research into liver abscesses in feedlot cattle, dating back to the 1970s and increasing as the University continues to grow as a regional research university.

In 2022, Dr. Ty Lawrence, WT's Caviness Davis Distinguished Chair in Meat Science and professor of animal science, and Dr. John Richeson, WT's Paul Engler Professor of Beef Cattle Feedlot Management and associate professor of animal science, were guest editors of an issue of "Veterinary Clinics of North America: Food

Animal Practice" that focused on liver abscesses.

Meeting area needs as a regional research university is the primary goal of the University's long-range plan, WT 125: From the Panhandle to the World.

That plan is fueled by the historic One West comprehensive fundraising campaign, which reached its initial \$125 million goal 18 months after publicly launching in September 2021. The campaign's new goal is to reach \$175 million by 2025; currently, it has raised more than \$150 million.

Dairy cattle production specialist joins VERO faculty at WT

By Courtney Price Special to the Dalhart Texan

Many people who work in the agriculture industry have a farming background; others find their way to this community through their love for animals, science, or, sometimes, both.

Despite growing up in rural Ohio, Dr. Michael Kleinhenz's family didn't own a farm. But that didn't stop him from discovering a love for dairy cows at a young age.

"The dairy industry always fascinated me as a kid, so I started milking cows in high school," said Kleinhenz, who is now a dairy cattle production veterinarian. "I've always enjoyed them. They're such an interactive species to watch. Anytime I can go hang around with cows, I'm a happy person."

As the newest faculty member at the Texas A&M School of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences' (VMBS) Veterinary Education, Research, & Outreach (VERO) campus in the Texas Panhandle, Kleinhenz hopes to continue blending his passion for veterinary medicine with pharmacology, another passion he discovered along the way, to continue improving the health of dairy cattle throughout the industry.

The Best of Both Worlds

Kleinhenz, who has his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Ohio State University, has been hanging around dairy cows since the early 1990s.

"I did my undergraduate in dairy sciences and worked with dairy production when I was in private practice. I even did a residency in dairy production," he

said. "So, I'm really interested in anything that has to do with dairy cow health and increasing production."

After several years in private practice, Kleinhenz went back to school for another residency, motivated by his new passion for pharmacology. As part of the residency, he completed a Ph.D. in pharmacology at Kansas State University, where he joined the faculty.

"As a clinical pharmacologist, I'm always interested in anything that has to do with how we use drugs to treat health issues in dairy cows," he said. "When to use drugs, which one to use, how to choose the right dosage — I'm interested in all of those kinds of questions."

Kleinhenz has an ongoing research project with K-State faculty that looks at meloxicam, an anti-inflammatory drug commonly

used to treat arthritis, and how it's absorbed by the cells of different bovine species.

"We're currently looking at Angus, Holsteins, and Brahman breeds to see how meloxicam interacts with pain-reducing drugs following surgical castration," Kleinhenz said. "This will allow us to better tailor analgesic regimens to specific breeds of cattle."

In addition to his pharmacological work, Kleinhenz is interested in lameness and cattle hoof care.

"My wife and I had a hoof trimming business for a while," he said. "We trimmed hooves for local dairy farms in Ohio."

Kleinhenz has also done research on novel methods of pain prevention in cattle.

"I'm interested in how cannabinoids and industrial hemp can be added to feed to re-

duce things like pain or travel stress," he said. "Industrial hemp has potential to be an excellent feed for ruminants like cattle, but there is a lot of work to do yet. The cannabinoids present a challenge in terms of food safety, but our work shows they have great potential for stress reduction."

For Kleinhenz, joining the faculty at VERO was an ideal choice for someone who works with food animals and wants to be part of cutting-edge research.

"I decided to join the VERO team because of its proximity to the dairy industry in the Texas Panhandle," Kleinhenz said. "Canyon is kind of the beating heart of the Texas dairy industry, so it's the perfect place to do research and train future food animal veterinarians."

Home on the High Plains

When he's not at work, Kleinhenz enjoys spending time with his family and riding horses. He also loves to cook.

"I joke with people that we don't go out to dinner much, but it's because I enjoy trying to make restaurant-quality food at home," he said. "It's fun to see what you can make with what you already have."

Kleinhenz said he's enjoyed his time in Canyon so far and looks forward to serving at Texas A&M alongside his wife.

"My wife, who is an anatomic pathologist, works at the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL), which is next door," he said.

"Moving to Canyon was a wonderful opportunity for both of us and we're thrilled to be here."

HAYNES from page 1A ry materials.

Term limits for every Texas politician - We must enact term limits on every Texas politician to eliminate corruption and ensure fresh, new ideas are being heard in the legislature."

"We've got to stop the invasion," she said of the border issue. She

spoke of two recent trips to the Texas-Mexico border and the differences between what she termed "Abbott's fence" and "Trump's wall," saying that the whole area is "really a mess.

With either one of them, you can literally just find a spot where it ends and go around it," she said. Haynes also elabo-

rated on school funding saying that, as much as she is in favor of school choice, especially for home schooling, she believes in funding Texas public schools first.

"I very much believe that we need to take care of Texas public education," Haynes said. "We should never put the government in the posi-

tion to pick winners and losers," which is what a school choice voucher bill would do since so few private school students would be funded. "As a conservative, I never believe in grow-

ing government; I think we should try to keep it as small as possible," she continued. "School choice bills would be growing the government."

"I was taught to take

care of what we've got, because that's all there is," she added. "We need to move back to the basics."

The primary election will be held March 5, 2024.



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Weekly Recipe

Pears and chocolate, an unexpected pairing

Opportunities to entertain or visit with family and friends abound during the holiday season. Dessert is always a big hit during festive occasions, and the following recipe for "Pear and Chocolate Frangipane Tart" melds many popular flavors. Frangipane is an almond-flavored cream. In this recipe from "Chocolate: Deliciously Indulgent Recipes for Chocolate Lovers" (Ryland, Peters & Small) by Maxine Clark, it is paired with decadent chocolate and sweet pears.

Pear and Chocolate Frangipane Tart Serves 8-10

- 4 medium, firm pears, unpeeled
2/3 cup seedless raspberry jam
2 tablespoons Ruby Port
Toasted shredded or silvered almonds, to scatter (optional)

- Pastry
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 stick (8 tablespoons) unsalted butter, softened
1 large egg yolk
2 1/2 to 3 tablespoons chilled water

- Chocolate Frangipane Filling
6 1/2 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened
1/2 cup granulated sugar
2 eggs, beaten
1 to 2 tablespoons chocolate liqueur
2/3 cup ground almonds
2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa

To make the pastry, sift the flour and salt onto a sheet of waxed paper. Put the butter and egg yolk in a food processor and blend until smooth. Add the chilled water and blend again. Pour in the dry ingredients and blend until just combined. Turn out onto a lightly floured work surface and knead gently until smooth. Form into a disk, wrap in plastic wrap, and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes. Bring to room temperature before rolling out.

To make the chocolate frangipane filling, put the butter in a large bowl and beat with an electric mixer until creamy. Gradually add the sugar and beat until pale and fluffy. Gradually beat in the eggs and the chocolate liqueur, then stir in the ground almonds and the cocoa. Cover and set aside.

Roll out the pastry on a lightly floured work surface and use to line the tart pan. Prick the pastry all over with a fork and refrigerate until firm.

Preheat the oven to 400 F, and put a heavy baking sheet on the middle shelf. Spread the chocolate frangipane evenly over the chilled pastry crust. Halve the pears and scoop out the cores. Cut each half into thirds and arrange them randomly over the chocolate frangipane.

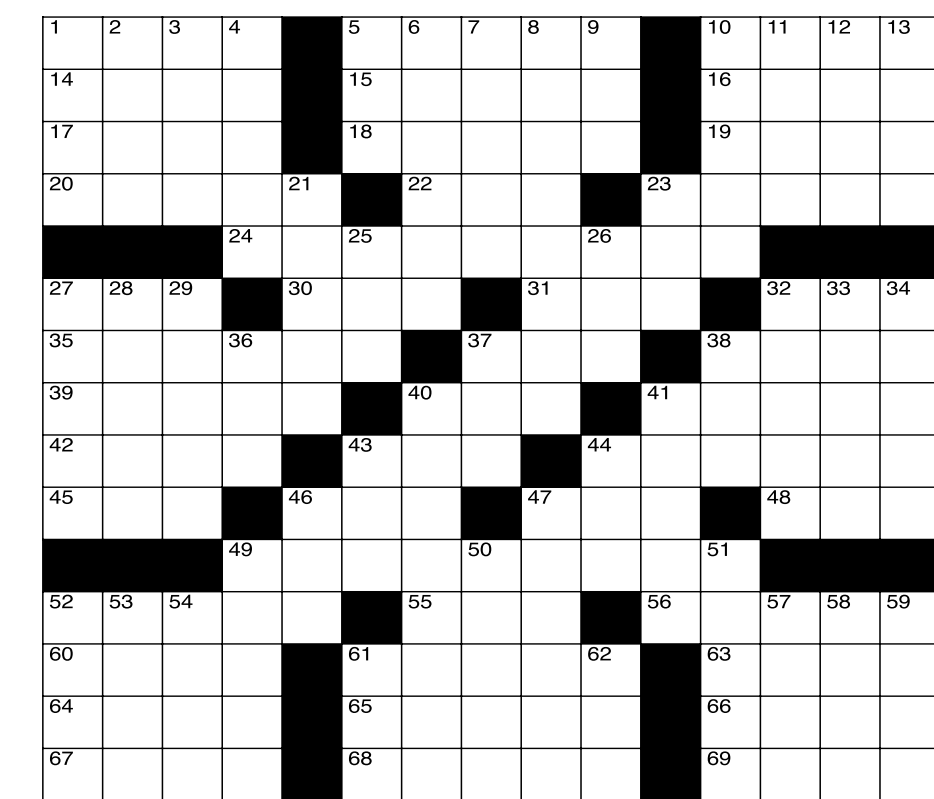
Transfer the tart to the preheated baking sheet and bake for 10-15 minutes, or until the pastry starts to brown. Reduce the oven temperature to 350 F and bake for a further 15-20 minutes or until the pears are tender and the frangipane is set. Remove from the oven and transfer to a wire rack to cool.

About 20 minutes before serving, melt the jam with the port in a small pan and boil for 1 minute to make a glaze. Remove the tart from the pan, brush with the glaze, scatter with the almonds, if using, and serve at room temperature — never chilled — with cream, if using.

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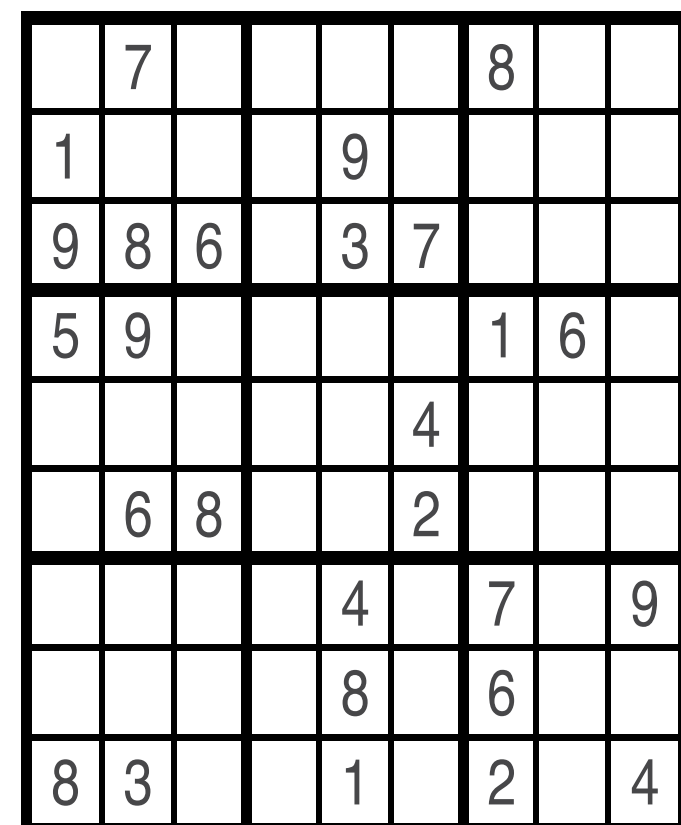


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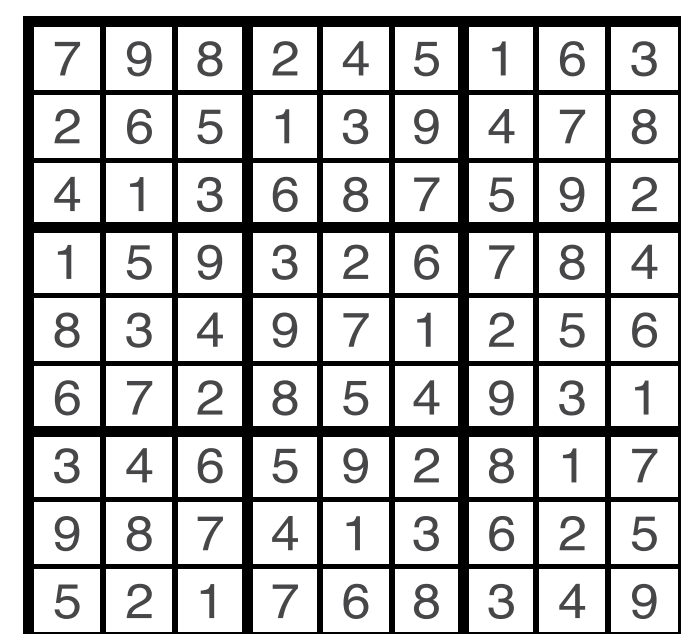
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5. Subatomic particle
10. Not in danger
14. Nursemaid
15. Black band worn in mourning
16. Long song in opera
17. Edible seed of a Philippine tree
18. Chicago political family
19. Pursues pleasure from one place to another
20. Appetizer
22. Hill (Celtic)
23. Simple shoe
24. Songs to one you love
27. Secret activities
30. Upset
31. Popular hot drink
32. Body art (slang)
35. Fired
37. Blood relation
38. Identical
39. Porticos
40. Partner to cheese
41. Type of sword
42. Enough (archaic)
43. Surface layer of ground
44. Cotton fabric woven like satin
45. Choose for a post
46. Father
47. Tell on
48. Indian title of respect
49. Fonts
52. Fencing sword
55. Mock
56. Vaccine developer
60. Atmosphere surrounding a person or place
61. Marten with a short tail
63. Chinese temple
64. Invests in little enterprises
65. Popular cut of meat
66. Charity
67. Iron-containing compound
68. River in Northern Europe
69. One point east of southeast

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1. Exhausts
2. Genus of fish related to gars
3. Impudent behavior
4. Adherents to Islam
5. They come after A
6. Spoke
7. Room to receive guests
8. About opera
9. End-blown flute
10. Heroic tales
11. Member of a Semitic people
12. Dog's name
13. Opposite of west
21. Political divisions in ancient Greece
23. Ocean
25. Cool!
26. Young woman about to enter society
27. One from central Caucasus
28. Indian city
29. A way to serve ice cream
32. Emaciation
33. Escort aircraft carrier
34. Italian city
36. Mythical settler of Kansas
37. Unhappy
38. High schoolers' test
40. Measured in pace
41. Satisfies
43. Gullible person
44. Enclosed space
46. Substance used to color something
47. Shirt type
49. Discover by investigation
50. -Castell, makers of pens
51. Semitic Sun god
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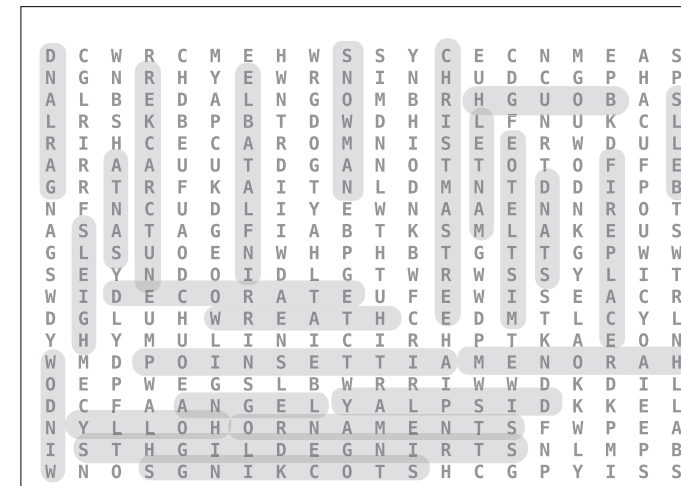


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Answer to Friday's Sudoku



Answer to Friday's Word Search



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12 Wolves named All-District in football

By Bill Kelly
Sports Editor

After the final District 2-3A, Division 1 team was knocked out of the football playoffs, the district released the names of the players who were named to the All-District teams for football. A total of 12 Dalhart players were named All-District on either offense or defense, with four of those players being named on both offense and defense. Four players were named First Team All-

District Offense: Kyler Read at quarterback, Coltin Carnesecca at wide receiver, and both Ben Turner and David Castro at lineman. Read had a fantastic season this year. He completed 128 of 233 passes for 2,057 yards during the season, and ran for another 1,301 yards on 296 carries, so he had a total of 3,358 yards on offense overall. Read averaged 4.4 yards per carry rushing and 16 yards per completion. 673 yards passing and 454 yards rushing came during the four district

games. He also threw 21 touchdown passes and ran for 19 more touchdowns, for a total of 40 during the season. Carnesecca played well during the non-district part of the season, but turned it up a notch during district games. He caught 10 passes for 239 yards in just four district games, while catching 24 passes for 243 yards in six non-district games. Carnesecca also caught three passes for touchdowns during district, and another during the playoffs.

Turner and Castro don't really collect stats as offensive linemen, but they were the ones opening up the holes for Read and other runners to go through, and they were also the ones who gave Read time to throw passes. Turner was also named Second Team All-District Defense as a lineman, and he kept offensive linemen occupied so that Dalhart's linebackers could get through and make tackles. Turner did have 10 solo tackles and 11 assists during the season, with three

tackles for losses. Ethan Davila was named First Team All-District Defense as a lineman, while Jett Puga was named as a linebacker and Ben Meyer was named as a defensive back. Davila mainly kept offensive linemen tied up so that linebackers or defensive backs could make tackles, but he did have 12 solo tackles and 13 assists during the season, with three tackles coming for losses. Puga had the most overall tackles for the

Wolves, with 62 solo tackles and another 50 assists during the season. He had seven tackles for a loss of yardage, and had one interception and one fumble recovery. Meyer also had 62 solo tackles, and had 18 assists during the season, with six tackles coming for a loss. He also had five interceptions and recovered two fumbles. Dalhart had six players named Second Team All-District Offense:

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Alex Penton
2nd Team All-District Offense & Defense



Angel Avalos
2nd Team All-District Offense



Ben Meyer 1st Team All-District Defense,
2nd Team Offense



Ben Turner 1st Team All-District Offense,
2nd Team Defense



Coltin Carnesecca
1st Team All-District Offense



David Castro
1st Team All-District Offense



Ethan Davila
1st Team All-District Defense



Hunter Trusler
2nd Team All-District Offense & Defense



Jett Puga
1st Team All-District Defense



Kolton Monroe
2nd Team All-District Offense



Kyler Read
1st Team All-District Offense



Orbin Hernandez
2nd Team All-District Offense

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Dalhart's Johnson, Terrazas named All-State in cross country

By Bill Kelly
Sports Editor

For the second straight year, the Dalhart Lady Wolves had two of their cross coun-

try runners named to the Texas Girls Coaches Association Class 3A All-State Team. Sophomores Circe Johnson and Victoria Terrazas were two of the 36

runners named to the team for the 2023 season. It was Johnson's second straight year to be named All-State.

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Sophomores Circe Johnson and Victoria Terrazas were named to the 2023 TGCA Class 3A Cross Country All-State Team.



Victoria Terrazas starts at the district meet in October.



Victoria Terrazas and Circe Johnson take off at the start of the district cross country meet in Dalhart back in October.



Circe Johnson nears the finish line of the district meet at Twisted Elms Golf Club back in October.

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Rahll Activity Center Female Athlete of the Week

By Bill Kelly
Sports Editor

The Rahll Activity Center Female Athlete of the Week is Mylei Perez. Perez plays basketball for the Hartley Lady Tigers, and this is her first time to be named athlete of the week.

Perez has been starting for the Lady Tigers all season, and helps run the offense. She is often one of the players to bring the ball down the court, along with teammate Khloe Mariscal. Perez has become more important to the team recently, as a couple of other players have been battling injuries. Perez played well against Boys Ranch last Tuesday. She led the Lady Tigers with 13 points during the game. She also had three steals, which was second on the team, and added a rebound as well.

Hartley has a young team, and they will



Mylei Perez

need to gain experience quickly as they begin district play in January. Perez and her teammates should have a good chance of making it back to the playoffs, and may have a shot at challenging Wildorado and Texline for the district title as well.

Honorable Mention:
Kammi Maddox:
Dalhart basketball.
Maddox is a sopho-

more and was named athlete of the week last week for basketball, and earlier in the year for volleyball. Maddox led the Lady Wolves with 17 points in their win over Vega at home on Tuesday December 12. She also helped on defense and with rebounds, although the exact stats were unavailable.

Joie Read: Dalhart

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ALL-STATE *from page 1B*
and Johnson was also named to the Cross Country Coaches Association of Texas All-Region Team this year. Only runners who place in the top 15 at the Regional Meet, and whose coaches are members of the organization, are named All-Region.

For Johnson, being named to the All-State team wasn't quite as exciting the second time as it was last year. "I was extremely happy that I had gotten it again but it did not feel the same as the first time," Johnson said.

Terrazas was thrilled when she found out. "It was a great feeling to be named All-State in cross country," Terrazas said. "I felt like I had accomplished something big, a feeling I had never felt before. I was looking forward to seeing the list and hopefully seeing my name on it. After days of waiting anxiously there it was, my name!"

Both runners practice

a lot, both during the summer's unofficial practices and during the season. "During the summer, I worked hard day in and day out," Terrazas said. "I went to the gym every day after my morning practice, and ran on Fridays when I didn't have training. In the summer all I wanted was to get the spot I had lost last year. During the season, I tried to do my best at every practice, and of course everyone has bad days, but that made me work even harder at practice the next day."

Johnson had an interesting story concerning practicing even while on vacation. "I'm there for every practice and if I'm not I make them up," Johnson said. "Fun fact, I trespassed that way I could use the track in New Mexico so I could do a practice."

Johnson has also been running some long-distance races on her own. "I don't plan on running competitively in college but I would like to continue to run

marathons and hopefully, one day run an ultra-marathon which is 100 miles."

Both girls have been helped by Stephanie Vogel, Dalhart's head cross country coach. "Coach Vogel has helped me to understand my worth as a runner and reminded me to not put myself down for the needs of others," Johnson said.

Terrazas is grateful for what Vogel has done for her. "Coach Vogel has helped me grow in many ways," Terrazas said. "She believed in me when I didn't believe in myself. She taught me things I didn't think I could do. I am very grateful for Coach Vogel. Without her I wouldn't be where I am now and through her I discovered my love for running."

They both mentioned their teammates as well. I wouldn't ask for any other teammates even though we all have our differences and sometimes fight like cats and dogs," Terrazas

said. "My teammates believed in me more than I ever believed in myself, and that helped me improve as a runner. And not only that, the fact that we all push each other, we all want to fight for a spot, and be the best we've ever been."

Johnson mentioned how much her teammates embolden her. "My teammates are extremely encouraging and uplifting, they are always there when I need a boost to push harder," Johnson said.

Of course family and friends have also helped Johnson and Terrazas during the cross country careers. "My family is my main source of motivation," Johnson said. "From my dad and sister cheering for me as I finish or my mom running beside me the entire race. I would not be the person I am today if it weren't for my family."

Terrazas also talked about how much her family and friends have helped her. "My friends

and family have always been there for me, cheering me on during races and providing emotional support," Terrazas said. "They motivate me to keep pushing myself and celebrate my achievements. My mom always offers words of encouragement before and after the races, reminds me of my strengths and pushes me to go further. Their support means the world to me and helps me stay motivated and focused. It's great to have such a strong support system especially if it's my mom or dad!"

Both runners also have more goals that they want to accomplish in their final two years of high school. "As a cross country runner, I've got big dreams and goals," Terrazas said. "Winning state is definitely one of them! Will it happen? Well, I can't say for sure, but I'm going to give it my all and work hard to make it a reality. Another goal of

mine is to go to college and get a scholarship for running. But for now, my main focus is on improving and getting better for the next season, one step at a time!"

The Lady Wolves placed fourth at State as a team, just one point away from third and not much farther away from second. That has given Johnson a specific goal. "We were one point away from the podium this year, so let's bring home a hunk of metal next year," Johnson said.

Dalhart will have three runners returning next season who have been named All-State at some point during high school, as Lyli Flores was named All-State last season as a sophomore as well. With all but one runner returning, they should have a very good chance at bringing home a state medal.

ATHLETE *from page 1B*
basketball. Read is a freshman and was named athlete of the week a few weeks ago. She has scored in double-digits in nearly

every game so far this year, and had 13 points against Vega last week at home as Dalhart beat the Lady Longhorns.

Elia Alonso: Hartley basketball. Alonso is a

freshman on the Lady Tigers basketball team. She was second on the team in scoring against Boys Ranch last Tuesday, putting eight points on the scoreboard. She

was also tied for the team lead in rebounds with six.

Evelyn Quiroz: Dalhart basketball and cheerleading. Quiroz is a junior and was named

athlete of the week a few weeks ago. She scored 11 points in Dalhart's home win over Vega on December 12, and helped run the offense and with rebound-

ing and defense. Quiroz is also a varsity cheerleader, and after playing herself she cheered during the boys' game against Vega.

By Bill Kelly
Sports Editor

The Hartley Lady Tigers played Boys Ranch at home on Tuesday December 12. The Lady Riders were able to pull away from the young Hartley team that is dealing with injuries, and won the game by double-digits. Boys Ranch took the lead by the end of the

first quarter, scoring five more points than Hartley. Mylei Perez scored four points for the Lady Tigers in the first, and Nizhoni Campos put in a free throw. Boys Ranch held a 10-5 lead as the period came to an end. The Lady Tigers came back to take the lead in the second quarter, outscoring Boys Ranch 13-3 during the second.

Elia Alonso scored eight points to lead Hartley in the second, Perez hit a three-pointer, and Dezbah Campos scored two points in the period. At halftime the score was 18-13 in favor of Hartley. Boys Ranch made their own comeback in the third quarter as Hartley struggled on offense during the stanza. Maricela Soto

scored Hartley's only two points of the third period. The Lady Riders scored 18 points in the third, and led 31-30 as the period ended. The fourth quarter was much closer as Hartley tried to make another comeback, but Boys Ranch just held too large of a lead. Perez scored six points for the Lady Tigers in the final period, and

Dezbah Campos added two points. Boys Ranch outscored Hartley by three points during the fourth, and won the game by a final score of 42-28. Perez led Hartley with 13 points, and Alonso added eight points for the Lady Tigers. Khloe Mariscal and Alonso each had six rebounds, and Soto added five rebounds. Soto led the

team with two assists and five steals, and Perez had three steals. Hartley was scheduled to play at Memphis on Monday December 19. That is the final game for Hartley until January 2, when they will play Ascension Academy away before starting district against Wildorado at home on Friday January 5.

WOLVES *from page 6A*
Alex Penton as a running back, Hunter Trusler as a utility back, Orbin Hernandez as a tight end, Kolton Monroe as a lineman, Ben Meyer as a wide receiver, and Angel Avalos as a kicker. Penton was also named Second Team All-District Defense as a linebacker, and Trusler was also named Second Team All-District Defense as a defensive back. An injury kept Penton

from playing as much in some of the earlier games, but he had an impact as a rusher during district. Penton carried the ball 12 times for 96 yards during the four district games, and scored two touchdowns during district. He also ran 14 times for 64 yards and a touchdown during the two playoff games. On defense, Penton led the team with 84 solo tackles during the season, despite having an injury early in the year. He also had 22

assists. Penton had three sacks and 23 tackles for a loss during the year, and had one interception. Trusler did well both running the ball and catching passes. He ran 94 times for 373 yards during the season, and scored six touchdowns. Trusler also caught 28 passes for 441 yards and seven touchdowns, so he scored a total of 13 touchdowns during the season. On defense, Trusler had 60 solo tackles and 37 assists, with two tackles

for a loss and three interceptions during the season. Hernandez had 20 catches for 475 yards during the season, averaging 23.75 yards per catch. He also scored five touchdowns, so he scored a touchdown once every four receptions. Meyer had 10 catches for 160 yards, averaging 16 yards per catch. He also had two catches for touchdowns, so he scored a touchdown once every five receptions.

Like Turner and Castro, Monroe doesn't really have stats as a lineman, but he helped keep the defense off of Read while Read was looking for receivers, and he helped open up holes for the running backs on the team. Avalos has been the best kicker that the Wolves have had in several years. He only missed two extra point attempts all season, hitting 40-of-42 extra points during the season. Avalos didn't get many chances to kick field

goals, but he did hit the two field goal attempts that he did try. He also did a good job both at kickoffs and at punts for the Wolves. Castro, Turner, Penton, Puga, Monroe, Hernandez are seniors and will have to be replaced next season. The other six are all juniors, and so will come back for one more year. Those that are returning should have help the Wolves return to the playoffs for the 10th straight year.

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