

THE LIONS DEN

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HOMECOMING

Jake FM Comes to Gracemont



by Joshua Walker

Editor

Homecoming night is here and it looks like it's going to be a great one. There is going to be a huge tailgate party hosted by the amazing 93.3 JAKE FM! Our amazing booster club will be giving free hamburgers and hot dogs but you'll have purchase your own drink from the concession stands. There is only a limited amount of free food so you need to get there while

you can and enjoy it. The tailgate party starts at 5:00 and will end at 7:00. The homecoming ceremony begins at 6:45 and will end around 7:00. Jake FM will be there the whole night broadcasting the game live on the air, play by play, through every exciting minute of the great game against Medford.

School News--Past, Present and Future

by Newspaper Class

7TH GRADE PACKS UP AND MOVES

This years 7th grade class officers are Micah Pendarvis for president; vice president, Baylee Brower; and secretary reporters, Teague Stands and Kaitlyn Reynolds. Our class parent is Mrs. Lacey Jennings. We have no birthdays in our class this month or next month. When we first moved to the High School we were all kind of nervous. Now we all enjoy being over here. It's really fun and everyone gets along really well. We had no problem adjusting. Luckily we gained two new students Candace Bryant and Brent Elliot. They seem to like it here. Candace moved here from Oklahoma City and Brent moved here from Pasadena, Texas. We enjoy our new students and hope to have a good school year.

8TH GRADE NEWS

We have an awesome 8th grade and an awesome sponsor, Crystal Dyer. Our class made an excellent decision in picking Davontay Williams for our class president. We also have David Neal as vice president, followed by Secretary, Chelsie Drake. Her parents, Sandra and Lester Drake, are our class parents. We have a class trip planned to go to the Haunted Maze in Weatherford, plus play laser tag.

SENIOR CLASS NEWS

This year we lost Jordon Sage who moved to Binger. We gained another guy in our class, Cody Turner. Our next fundraiser is Avon in November. The senior class just completed selling Blue and Gold but next semester we will be selling it again. The Halloween Carnival is Saturday, October 29, in the Gracemont auditorium. This year there are two seniors playing football, Blaine and Cody. Elizabeth is one of the energetic cheerleaders and also the only senior girl that played softball this year.

JR. 4-H'S FIRST MEETING

Our very first meeting went great. We held office elections. The president is Courtney Harrison. Our vice president is Kaden Reynolds. Our secretary is Nova Lee Lange. Our game and song leader is Justin Snow. Our reporter is me, Mackenzie McCathern. We all learned

our 4-H pledge. After all the important stuff was over we had a little bit of fun. We made a human knot. It was a little hard at first, but soon we got out of the knot. After we had our little bit of fun, we had refreshments. We had cinnamon and chocolate chip cookies, and water.

Just to update you County Officer applications are due in the County Office September 22. County Elections/State Fair Entry pick-up is September 26 at 4:00. National 4-H Week is October 2-8. Teen Leader Meeting/Teen Leader Officer Election is October 19-21. Speech Contest is November 8-9.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Crystal Dyer

The Student Council has elected officers. President Joshua Walker, Vice President Macy Daugherty, Secretary Ashley Butler, Treasurer Alex Sage, Reporter Kelsey Granger, Parliamentarian Blaine Harrison,

ACT IMPORTANT

Elizabeth Neal

The ACT is a standardized test for students in the United States. It measures high school students general education development and their ability to complete college level work. Colleges want to see your ACT or SAT. Even if you want a scholarship some ask for your scores. You can start taking the ACT at the age of 13, but any younger you will have to have your parent register you. You can take the test as many times as you desire. There is no limit on when you have to stop. When you apply to take the ACT they will ask where you want to take it. The nearest places to us is Anadarko or Chickasha.

and historian Isiah Edwards. We are also having a bake sale this Saturday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Anadarko Wal-Mart.

ACT TEST DATES

<u>Test dates</u>	<u>Deadlines</u>	<u>Late Fees</u>
Sept. 10, 2011	Aug 12, 2011	Aug 13-26, 2011
Oct. 22, 2011	Sept. 16, 2011	Sept. 17-30, 2011
Dec. 10, 2011	Nov. 4, 2011	Nov. 5-18, 2011
Feb. 11, 2012	Jan. 13, 2012	Jan. 14-20, 2011
April. 14, 2012	March 9, 2012	March 10-23, 2012
June 9, 2012	May 4, 2012	May 5-18, 2012

SCHEDULES

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Gracemonts

5th-6th Basketball Schedule

2011-2012

Date	Day	Opponent	Game Site	time
Oct 3-6	Mon-thu	Tournament	Verden	TBA
17	Mon	B-O	Gracemont	4:00
24-28	Mon-Thu	Tournament	L-S	TBA
Nov 2	Wed	Carnegie	Carnegie	4:00
9	Wed	FC	FC	4:00
16	Wed	L-S	Gracemont	4:00
21	Mon	Hinton	Hinton	4:00
Dec 7	Wed	B-O	Binger	4:00
14	Wed	Carnegie	Gracemont	4:00
Jan				
11	Wed	FC	Gracemont	4:00
18	Wed	L-S	Lookeba	4:00
23-28	Mon-Sat	Tournament	FC	TBA
Feb 1	Wed	hinton	Gracemont	4:00
20-21	Mon-Tue	Festival	Gracemont	TBA

Gracemont 2011-2012 JH Basketball

Date	Day	Opponent	Game Site	Time
Nov 10	Thu	L-S	Sickles	
17	Thu	B-O	Binger	
21	Mon	Cement	Gracemont	
22	Tue	Verden	Verden	4:15
28-Dec 1	M-Thu-Sat	Tournament	Gracemont	
Dec 12	Mon	L-S	Gracemont	
Jan 5	Thu	MV-G	Gracemont	
9-14	M-Thu-Sat	County Tournament	FC?	
23	Mon	H-E	Gracemont	
26	Thu	Corn Bible	Gracemont	
28	Sat	Geary	Geary	4:00
30	Mon	Cyrl	Cyrl	
Feb 2	Thu	Calumet	Calumet	
6	Mon	Union City	Union City	

Gracemont 2011-2012 HS Basketball schedule

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	GAME SITE	TIME
Nov 18	Friday	Cement	Gracemont	6:30
22	Tuesday	Verden	Verden	6:30
29	Tuesday	Corn Bible	Corn Bible	6:30
Dec 2	Friday	Lookeba Sickles Sickles		6:30
5-10	Mon-Sat	Binger	Tournament	6:30
13	Tuesday	Binger oney	Gracemont	6:30
15	Thursday	Arapaho	Arapaho	6:30
Jan 3	Tuesday	Cyrl	Gracemont	6:30
6	Friday	Mountain View	Mountain View	6:30
10	Tuesday	Calumet	Gracemont	6:30
13	Friday	Union City	Gracemont	6:30
16-21		Caddo Tourn.		TBA
24	Tuesday	Cement	Cement	6:30
27	Friday	Corn Bible	Corn Bible	6:30
28	Saturday	Geary	Geary	6:30
31	Tuesday	Binger-Oney	Binger	6:30
Feb 3	Friday	Sterling	Sterling	6:30
7	Tuesday	Verden	Gracemont	6:30
10-11	Fri-Sat	Districts		
16-18	Thurs-Sat	Regional's		
23-25	Thurs-Sat	Area		
Mar 1-3	Thurs-Sat	State		

The Lions Den is published on the last Friday of every month. If an issue is not published it is due to power outside of our control. If anyone has any news they wish to have published in the newspaper they can turn it into any of the newspaper staff listed to the right. All news must be turn in before the deadline usually around two weeks before the final Friday in every month and we will send out reminders as much as possible.

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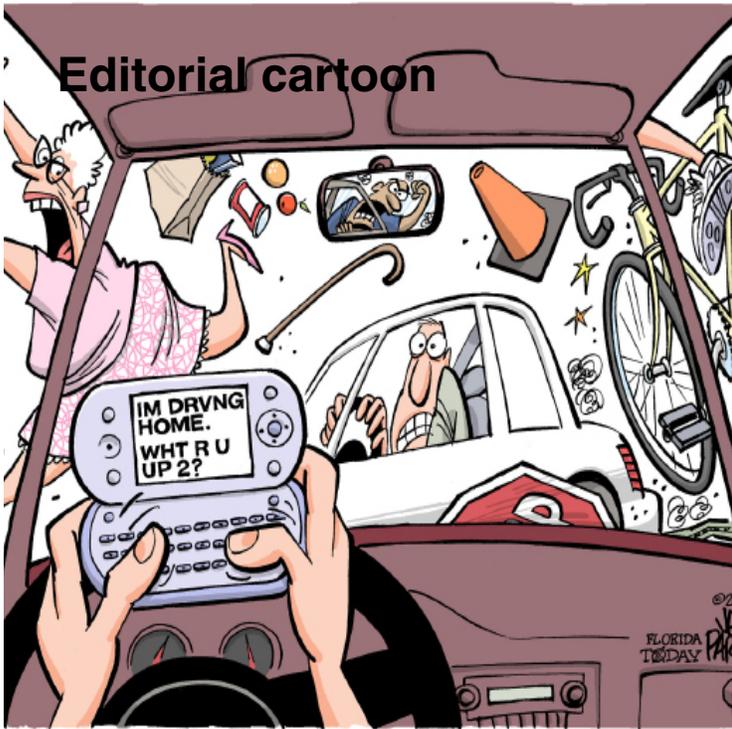
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The Drought?

by Walker Renwick

Staff Writer

This drought began in the fall of 2010. Much of the Southeast is suffering through a long drought that has reduced crop yield potential, forced cattle producers to feed early and in some cases even have to sell out. Recent thundershowers have brought some temporary relief to the state, but the general dry conditions are ongoing. It's now official more than half of the 4.53 million acres of cotton the U.S. planted on the High Plains of Texas will not be carried to harvest as the abandonment rate rises to the highest in the history of Plains Cotton Growers. The precipitation total for Fort Cobb is 12.5 inches below normal since January 1 and 13.6 inches below normal since October 1. Most of Oklahoma needs at least 15 inches of rain to get out of the drought. Most parts of Texas need 12 to 15 inches of rain.

The U.S. Drought Monitor report shows 93 percent of the state is now listed in an extreme to exponential drought. Grandfield, in

southwestern Oklahoma, has gone more than 80 days with less than a tenth of an inch of rain on any one day. This is Oklahoma's worst drought since the driest 4 months in 1921. Neighboring states are in the same shape as the drought stretches from the Louisiana Gulf coast to Colorado, and conditions are getting worse, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. Many people have lost their homes to the hundreds of grassfires. Oklahoma officials said more fires caused more damage than 2009. A least 76% of Oklahoma farmers and ranchers have had to start feeding their livestock because there is no grass. Another 73% of Oklahoma farmers and ranchers have to haul water or buy water off neighbors because the ponds have went dry. About 19% of Oklahoma farmers and ranchers have lost over half of their cattle herds to the drought. Most of the farmers and ranchers have to buy hay from out of state for \$105 to \$250 a bale when it is usually \$45 to \$50 a bale. The heat caused wheat to mature faster so pasture disappeared quickly.

We need rain.

Texting & Driving!

EDITORIAL

Texting and driving--many of you think no big deal right, well you'd be wrong about that. Every day hundred of people multitask while they drive and many of us can pull it off right but texting requires much more focus than eating a burger or drinking a pop. When you text and drive you not only endanger yourself you also endanger everyone else around you. Because you are multitasking not all of your attention is focused on the road and sure, while you can manage to drink a pop or eat you devote less attention to those functions. When you text and drive you not only have to focus on the road, the cars and drivers around you and all of the road signs, speed limits and construction zones, you are also trying to figure out what to say, type it and worrying about whether it sends or not. This means that 90 percent of your attention is focused on what and who you are texting so you are more likely to get into a major accident. A few facts provided from <http://www.distraction.gov/stats-and-facts/> :

- 20 percent of injury crashes in 2009 involved reports of distracted driving. (NHTSA).
- Of those killed in distracted-driving-related crashed, 995 involved reports of a cell phone as a distraction (18% of fatalities in distraction-related crashes). (NHTSA)

By Joshua Walker



Softball

by Elizabeth Neal

Staff Writer

The High School Lady Lions played on September 21, 2011 at Lookeba Sickles for districts. They played Lookeba Sickles and Verden. The girls had to play at 9:00 in the morning and they looked spectacular with their uniforms and their homemade headbands made by Sabrina Birch.

On the way to the game the girls were pumped and ready to play despite the fact that it was freezing and the wind was blowing extremely hard. In the first game the Lady Lions were up to bat and Verden was on defense. The Lady Lions scored 2 points while Verden didn't score any. The next inning, with two outs, a Verden senior comes up to bat, hits a pop fly to right field and, with the wind blowing the ball causing it to swing off to the right, Elizabeth Neal played off the wind catching the ball which brought the girls in to bat again. The girls did well on

each inning. At the bottom of the 7th the girls needed one more point to stay in the game but because of a good play by Verden the Lions ended up losing the first game by one point.

The Lady Lions had to play back to back with the second game against Lookeba-Sickles with only a 15 minute break. The girls were exhausted but determined that they were going to win this ball game.

The Lady Lions had plays on defense and offense that were good. We had girls doing sacrifice bunts so we could get the girl from first to second. We had a chance to play a play that we have been practicing in practice all the time. Kelsey Granger was on the mound, Riley Brower was catcher and Kayleigh Circles was at 3rd. There was a Verden player on 3rd and when Kelsey pitched the ball Riley threw the ball back to Kelsey and she threw the ball to Kayleigh which got the girl that was at 3rd out which brought us back in to bat.

After that play the girls were pumped! It got them all excited and determined that they were not going to accept a loss. It was 8 to 0 and the Lions were back on defense. Lookeba had a girl on first and a girl up to bat. The girl up to bat hit the ball and ended up with a home-run which brought them 10-0 which ended the game.

The Lady Lions were extremely disappointed. They cared for the game and wanted a win. There was not one single person on the Lions side that did not believe they could have won. Every player for the Lions did amazing this year. They have improved a lot over the year. The Lady Lions are more determined to win in the spring for slow pitch and next year in the fall, they will be gaining more players which will help although they will lose their senior, Elizabeth Neal. Every person at this school should be extremely proud of the softball players for their determination for the sport and their hard work.

Speak OUT

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"Have faith when all faith is lost."

Alex Sage

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"I love the support of all of our fans and of Gracemont."

Zack Lyle

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2011-2012 Oklahoma Hunting Seasons



by Elizabeth Neal

Staff Writer

All summer the Lady Lions have been working diligently. We went to a summer league to help. Coach Wall had practices for the pitchers and catchers to help them improve their skills, and two weeks before school started they had practices to get them in the swing of things.

All of those practices paid off. We ended up winning our first game against the Riverside Braves. We had Kelsey Granger on the mound who has improved greatly this year. Each individual on the team did great at the first game. We ended the first game with winning score of 6-5.

In the second game Cassidy Smith's and Morgan Sage's hard practicing actually paid off. We had one out and just needed two more; there was a girl at 1st base and another was up to bat. The ball was hit to Morgan, she threw the ball to Cassidy which got the girl on first base out, then Cassidy threw the ball to 1st which got the batter out. The Lions ended up losing the second game, but each player did great and worked extremely hard.

The Lions plan on playing more games this year than any other season we've had. We plan on winning the Softball Districts and Regionals. This

Season	Date
Squirrel	May 15 – Jan. 31
Dove	Sept. 1 – Oct. 31 & Dec. 24 – Jan. 1
Bear Archery (Only in open counties, closed once quota is met)	Oct. 1 – 21
Deer Archery	Oct. 1 – Jan. 15
Turkey Fall Archery	Oct. 1 – Jan. 15
Rabbit	Oct. 1 – Mar. 15
Youth Deer Gun	Oct. 14 – 16
Bear Muzzleloader (Only in open counties, closed once quota is met)	Oct. 22 – 30
Deer Muzzleloader (Antlerless days vary by zone)	Oct. 22 – 30
Turkey Fall Gun (Only in open counties)	Oct. 29 – Nov. 18
Gull	Nov. 12 – Feb. 15
Deer Gun (Antlerless days vary by zone)	Nov. 19 – Dec. 4
Pheasant (Only in open counties)	Dec. 1 – Jan. 31
Holiday Antlerless Deer Gun (Only in open zones)	Dec. 16 – 25
Youth Spring Turkey (2012) (statewide, excluding SE Region)	Mar. 31 – April 1
Spring Turkey (2012) (statewide, excluding SE Region)	April 6 – May 6
Youth Spring Turkey (SE Region)	April 21 – 22
Spring Turkey (SE Region)	April 23 – May 6

year we have Senior Elizabeth Neal, Junior Destiny Jarrett. Sophomore are Kelsey Granger, Sabrina Birch, Erika DeMattie, Riley Brower, Paige Milner, and Jade Goombi. In the freshman class we have Cassidy Smith, Kayleigh Circles, Brooke Daughtery, Haley Kalb, and our manager, Deven Bailey.

by Alex Sage

Staff Writer

Year 2 off with a BANG!

Gracemont's second year of football begins.

The Gracemont Lions football team started this year of football off with great effort and enthusiasm. This year they have a new coach that helps out with the team, Coach McClure. He has been doing great with the team and has been doing everything that he can to help the team. The drills have been changed a little to help the team get that much better. Some new plays have been put into the game and are looking very good in practice. The Lions lost their entire line and all of their wide receivers, but that won't stop them from getting their first win in Gracemont history.

The first scrimmage of the season went well and maybe even better than last year. The Lions had some great looks at where they should put their players for the upcoming year and they think they can get the job done. The new line this year isn't as big as it was last year but they aren't letting that affect them.

The first game of the season against Duke went well. Both teams played their hardest and pushed themselves to the breaking point. The game started well when Gracemont won the coin toss. We started with receiving the ball and came out strong getting the ball down the field. We started to move down the field but after that Duke scored two touchdowns. Gracemont answered back with a touchdown of their own and also a two point conversion. The Lions kept going down the field against Duke but Duke's defense would stop us. The Lions lost to Duke.

The game against Life Christian Academy went better than anyone expected. It started off slow for Gracemont when Life Christian made a few touchdowns at the beginning of the game. Gracemont didn't stop even after they were down 0 to 54 in the first quarter. Everyone started to get their head on straight whenever the second quarter started. We scored our first touchdown of the game in the second quarter and didn't stop there. However Gracemont started to make turnovers over and over again. Life Christian Academy

didn't make another touchdown till the end of the fourth quarter, which is the furthest Gracemont has made it in a game. Gracemont went on to make two more touchdowns and a two point conversion. The game turned out to be one of the best games Gracemont has played in football history. With more touchdowns, turnovers, and yards ever made in a game. The game went on to end with a score of 20 to 64.

Gracemont's next game is their first home game of the season against Southwest Christian. The Gracemont Lions have been practicing everyday for the next game and hope to come out with a win for the first time in Gracemont football history. On September 30 Gracemont is going to have their homecoming against Medford. The field has been redone and Gracemont hasn't been more ready for it. Both teams have been practicing and both teams have a chance to win. Homecoming will be the biggest game of the season for the football team because it's their chance to show how much spirit they really have and how ready they are to show it.

We expect to finish the season with some wins and are going for the first one against Medford. There will be a tailgate party with the country radio station Jake FM, Oklahoma's New Country. They will be announcing the game over the radio.

Alex Sage going for the long pass.



ZACH LYLE



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

LIONS DEN

Walker being held by his idol, Jef.



Walker thinking 'What should I do today?'



Louie, the Lightning Bug, visited the elementary students. He taught the students about the safety of electricity.



Student Spotlight

Walker Boren

The Man with the broken hand!

by Jeffrey Birch

Staff Writer

Walker Boren is in the 9th grade and likes to hang out with his friends, Mclovin, Tim Buckwheat aka Michael, Blaine Harrison, Kyle 'The Honey Bee' Leonard, Alex Sage, Cole Smith, and Kyle Reynolds. In his free time he also likes to hunt when it's hunting season and when it's not he likes to go hog hunting with his good friends, Blaine Harrison, Jeffrey Birch, and Jason Eden. And occasionally likes to go and hunt giraffes every time he gets the chance to go. He also like cruzin

in his dream truck which is a 1995 red Chevy extended cab owned by Jeffrey Birch. Walker likes to cruise around the big town of Gracemont while jamming out to his favorite songs which are E.T. by Katy Perry, Obsessed by Mariah Carey, Crazy Little Party Girl by Aaron Carter, and Lil Wayne songs. Walker likes to play sports. He plays basketball, baseball and football but he was unable to play football this year because of his broken hand which is holding him back from a lot of stuff. If you are wondering how he broke his hand he got in a fight with a punching bag and

as you can tell the punching bag got the best of him or at least his hand. Walker's idol is Kyle 'The Honey Bee' Leonard. When Walker gets older he wants to be just like Kyle. He wants to be a professional baseball player playing for the Florida Marlins or playing football at OU. He would be happy with either one. He's not too picky of a person, just wants to live the life. Walkers favorite quote is -

"Who are you to judge the life I live?
I know I'm not perfect
-and I don't live to be-
but before you start pointing
fingers make sure you hands are clean!"
Bob Marley