

# Leopard Nation News

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## New Home Competes in Final 6-Man Game

On November 10, New Home ISD played its final game of the regular season against Ropes, which brought six man football to an end for both JV and Varsity. Next year New Home will be starting 11 man football and competing against 2A schools.

It may not have been a success losing by 50 points, but the Leopards kept their heads held high. They showed good sportsmanship and are all sad for the loss, but excitement and hope for a new chapter of the football program is on the horizon in 2018.

## Junior High and Elementary Students Compete at District UIL

New Home students competed in various UIL events on November 9th, 14th & 15th in Wellman-Union. Over 40 students competed and represented New Home ISD very well. In oral reading, Syler Keys got first place, Linken Schilling for second place, and Kinleigh Womack got fourth place. In storytelling, Stella Bearden got third place.

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## New Home FFA Advances to Area

On November 18, New Home FFA students competed at the Area Leadership Development Event in Big Spring, Texas. New Home had a fantastic group of students qualify for this contest, and they represented New Home very well. See FFA, pg 7 for complete results



Public Relations Team—District Champs: L to R Brooklyn Tyson, Celee Smith, Tanner Harrison, and Jacie Fowler

## Student Council Canned Food Drive

The South Plains Canned Food Drive came once again to New Home ISD. It started on November 1, and ended on December 1. Student Council, led by Kodi Chapman, organized and promoted the drive. This year, Maverick Wilson, 7, was the biggest can donator, which allowed the second grade class to excel and become the highest donating class at the school. Carolynne Olsen, 18, was a New Home Student Council member who helped out with the canned food drive, saying, "The most challenging part was forgetting about the canned food drive, because November was a very busy month. We tried our best to get the word out by printing flyers and telling everyone, but it got really busy as the month went on." The total number of pounds raised throughout the drive were 1,012 pounds all of which benefits the South Plains Food Bank.

## Powerlifting Makes its Way to New Home

Tanner Harrison, Editor-in-Chief

The sport of powerlifting has been in Texas High Schools since 1982. Powerlifting has slowly made its way through the state with more and more High Schools competing each year. In powerlifting, an athlete is put into a weight group and they compete against each other seeing who can lift the most weight in squat, bench press, and deadlift. The New Home powerlifting team will be lead by Coach Fernando Baeza.

## Final Football Games of Regular Season

On Friday, Oct. 27, the New Home Leopards faced the Lorenzo Hornets. Freshman Bode Stewart rushed for 150 yards, scoring three touchdowns. Tuesday after the game Coach Brady Webb was asked what the team needed to improve on, and his response was, "tackling."

On Friday, Nov. 3, the New Home Leopards took on the Meadow Broncos, hoping to come out with a win and qualify for the playoffs. Senior Reed Bundy scored three touchdowns and rushed for 39 yards. The final score was 39 to 48, which unfortunately closed the door to the playoffs for the Leopards this season.

On Friday, Nov. 10, the New Home Leopards had their last football game with Seniors Reed Bundy and Kaden Buckelew both scoring touchdowns for the Leopards. Freshman Blake Buckelew rushed for 59 yards.

## New Home Basketball Season Under Way

The New Home ISD 2017-2018 basketball season is turning out great so far as shown by the first half of games. The Varsity Boys are currently 13-1 and Varsity girls are currently 16-4.

On November 7, the Varsity girls opened up their season in Hale Center and won. The Junior Varsity girls also played in Hale Center and came out with a winning final score of 27-28.

On November 14 the girls' varsity went up against Whiteface, posting a final score 41 to 36. The boys varsity beat Whiteface with a final score of 86 to 37. The Junior Varsity boys beat Whiteface by 64 with a final score of 76 to 12.

The Junior Varsity girls attended a tournament in Spur on November 16, 17, and 18. They placed third, winning 2 games and losing 1. The varsity girls played in the same Spur tournament, winning 2 and losing 2, at the end they placed third.

The Junior Varsity boys played in Grady on November 17. They beat the Wildcats by 16 with a final of 52-36. Boys varsity also played, beating them by 15 with a final score of 57 to 42.

The freshmen boys played on November 28 and lost against Smyer with a final score of 36-25. Varsity boys won against Plains with a final score 49-34. Junior Varsity boys' also won against Plains with a final score 41 to 21.

On December 5, the New Home J.V. Boys played Smyer and won final score 36 to 25. Varsity girls beat Hart with a final score of 69 to 18. The varsity boys also played a great game, with a final score of 79 to 40.

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# History of New Home Basketball

## Leading to Bright Future

The New Home ISD basketball program started in the late 1930's with A.L. Pace heading the men's team and Tolbert Fanning heading the girl's team. Throughout the years, many have succeeded these two head coaches, including our most recent coaches, Koby Abney and Shane Moore. Abney and Moore have opened up new doors for inexperienced players and have coached skilled players into even better athletes.

Coach Koby Abney, 44, has coached basketball at New Home ISD for five years, preceded by Mike Donham. Before coaching at New Home, he was the head coach at Garden City High School

well as San Antonio JFK. Abney's favorite season to coach basketball at New Home ISD so far has been the 2016-2017 season because both of his sons, Jackson and Carter Abney, a senior and sophomore, respectively, played together on the men's Varsity team. In the future, he wants the men's basketball program to "continue to be consistently strong. A team can be good because they have two six-foot, nine-inch twins one year, but be no good the next when they leave. Consistency is key." Lastly, when asked how long he wanted to continue coaching at New Home ISD, he answered, "as long as possible, or until God presents a different opportunity."

Coach Shane Moore, 42, has coached basketball at New Home ISD for 10 years. His predecessor was Coach Kyle Brown, who left New Home ISD to coach at Frenship ISD. So far, Moore's favorite season to coach has been the 2001-2002 season because "[t]hat was the year we went to the playoffs in basketball, and our track team got second place at state in triple jump, sixth place in the 200 meter run, and we won in the 800 meter run!" When asked about the future of New Home basketball, Moore wants to see the team "continue to build on the success we've had. I want to

## Senior Basketball Spotlight

### **Blaine Kirkland**

Kirkland, 18, is a Varsity Post for the New Home Leopards basketball team. His prediction for the rest of the season is hopeful, saying, "I feel like we will have a good season like last year, or even better." He also predicts that his performance will continue to get better as the season goes on. When asked about graduating, he says, "it will be very emotional leaving a great family like this." He also believes he has left a good mark on the program by being a leader. After Kirkland leaves, he wants the team to continue striving for success. "Coach Abney has turned the program around, and I hope it

### **D'Audree Dominguez**

Dominguez, 17, also known as "DD," is a Varsity Point Guard for the New Home Lady Leopards basketball team. Her prediction for this basketball season is "that our teamwork will be stronger and better, and that we grow strong and bond with everyone on the team." She rates her current performance by saying, "Every game I play to the best of my ability, but I know there are some things I can improve on." Overall, Dominguez is very sad she's leaving the basketball program after this year but looks forward to seeing the team continue to grow. She also says she feels she has left a good mark on the Lady Leopards basketball team by "being a leader on the court." The Ladies' Head Coach, Shane Moore, says, "DD plays very aggressive. She's

# Leopards of the Month

*In each issue, three individuals from New Home School are highlighted.*

Jaden Hollinshead and Caleb Riojas, Staff Reporters

## **Erica Garrett**

Erica Garrett, 18, is a senior at New Home ISD. Garrett has been at New Home since her sophomore year in 2015. When she came to New Home, she loved it and also loved being in a small community like New Home. Garrett is involved in a lot of in school activities, including One Act Play, Yearbook, National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Student Council and FFA. Garrett's favorite classes are Yearbook and Theater. Outside of school, her life consists of working at Olive Garden and working with her military recruiter for Basic Training.

## **Keatyn Smith**

Keatyn Smith is a 4th grader in New Home Elementary school. Smith's favorite subject in school is Science. Smith's favorite after school activity is to go eat an afternoon snack. She really likes to play basketball in her spare time. Her favorite sports team is the Georgia Bulldogs. Her favorite meal is meatloaf, and her favorite candy is all chocolate. When Smith grows up she would like to be a pediatrician.

## **Sabrina Multer**

Sabrina Multer has been teaching for close to 9 years now. The reason Multer became a teacher was because she used to be a chemist and she realized that working with dangerous chemicals wasn't going to be good with her son, so she made the decision to get her teaching certificate. Multer has only taught at New Home. Multer went to Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas and after two years she transferred to Texas Tech University to pursue her passion for zoology. Her favorite subject in school was Science because she had a great teacher. Outside of school, she gardens, loves to read, and fosters at the Texas Boys Ranch. When asked what food she would be, Multer answered that she would be chips and hot sauce.

# New Home Competes in TAME

On November 10, 2017, the New Home ISD Junior High and High School went to the TAME Egg Drop Competition in Amarillo, Texas. The days leading up to the competition were filled with hard work. The students that volunteered to be in the competition had to build a mechanism which have to keep an egg from cracking. The students that placed were Sophomores: Danielle Fonseca, Constance Adams, Effi Correa, Courtney Jackson, Alice Hamilton, Brett Gauger, and Kutter Baccus, Freshmen: Jaden Hollinshead, Will Gibson, Whit Smithson, and Connor Cook, Juniors: Savanna Lehman, Tanner Harrison, and Hunter Cockerell.



- First Place went to Sophomores Brett Gauger and Kutter Baccus.
- Second Place went to Sophomores Danielle Fonseca, Constance Adams, Effi Correa, Courtney Jackson, and Alice Hamilton. This team also won the Ingenuity Award for creativity.
- Third Place went to Freshmen Jaden Hollinshead, Will Gibson, Whit Smithson, and Connor Cook.
- The Lean Green Trophy, awarded for the best use of recycled materials, went to Juniors Savanna Lehman, Tanner Harrison, and Hunter Cockerell.

## New Home Elementary Celebrates Thanksgiving

On November 9 and 10, New Home ISD celebrated Thanksgiving by enjoying lunch with family and friends. Turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, cranberry sauce, stuffing, and rolls were all on the menu and enjoyed by all. Elementary students and their families were allowed to eat together in celebration of the holiday, then on the 10th, families joined together with junior high and high school students to eat together. and pray together. On that day, lots of families joined together to celebrate and become closer.

## Fall Theater Performance

On November 4 and 6, the New Home Theater Arts class performed scenes from “Dearly Departed,” by David Bottrell and Jessie Jones at the New Home Community Center. One of the audience members, Kristi Walker, said “the play was awesome and everyone performed great!” Her favorite part was when Junior, played by Senior Matt Bradley, confessed his love to his wife, Suzanne, played by Senior Erica Garrett, when in reality the person he was speaking with was not his wife but actually Royce, a comical redneck enthusiast, played by Junior Dillan Ford. Ford commented that this was also his favorite part. Overall, he believed that the play was energetic and funny. Many parents, family members, friends, teachers, and members of administration attended one or both of the performances, and the Theatre Department greatly appreciates everyone’s support.

# Elementary UIL

On October 7-8, the New Home Kindergarten-eighth grade went to compete in UIL in Wellman-Union.

In oral reading, Breckin Price and Callen Smith got third place, Devin Carrillo got fourth place, and Landri Perez got fifth place.

In creative writing, Kace Johnson placed first and Kutter Martin got second place. In oral reading Mason Walker got fifth. In storytelling, Cooper Burns placed fifth, and Isabella Baeza got sixth.

In music memory, New Home got third place team, Miles Maberry got third, and Kaylee Jordan placed sixth. In spelling, New Home got second place team, Kynlie Schilling got second, and Remi Donald got fourth place. In storytelling, Dallin Flake got third, and Locklynn Mounce got fifth. In oral reading, Mackinlee Brookshire got first, Dyllan McMinn got second, and Kennedy Lorton got fourth.

In art, New Home got third place team, and Cassandra Corredor tied for sixth place. In chess puzzle, New Home tied for first place team, Jacob Key got third, and Colby Cook got fifth. In music memory, New Home got second place team, and Gavin Prince tied for first. In number sense, New Home got first place team, Brayson Beck got first, Zach Armes got second, and Jaxon Turnbow got third. In oral reading, Kellyn Gray got second, Hadleigh Scott got fourth, and Kirklyn Fulton got sixth. In ready writing, Jaidyn Sallaska got fourth, and Cassandra Corredor got fifth. In spelling, New Home got first place team, Greyson Snell got first, and Brayson Beck got second.

In Art New Home got third place team, and Kambyl Schilling got sixth. In chess puzzle, New Home got third place team, Madison Ford got fourth, and Caleb Cook got sixth. In dictionary skills, New Home got second place team, Caleb Cook got second, and Berkley Bass got Fourth.

In listening skills, New Home got first place team, Caleb Cook got first, Melody Boynton got second, and Berkley Bass tied for fourth. In maps, graphs, and charts, New Home got second place team, and Brennen Henry got fifth. In music memory, Madison Ford got fourth place. In number sense, New Home got first place team, Greyson Evans tied for first place, and Makenna Johnson placed sixth. In oral reading, Sydney Snell got second place, Melody Boynton got third, and Berkley Bass got fifth. In social studies, New Home got first place team, Greyson Evans got first place, and Abby Quillin got fourth. In spelling, New Home got first place team, Addisyn Burrow got first place, Kambyl Schilling got second, and Sydney Snell got sixth. In art, New Home got third place team, and Kristen McWhirter got fifth place. In calculator apps, Mason Turnbow got sixth. In chess puzzle, New Home got third place team, Jordan Key got first, and Bryson Fowler got third. In dictionary skills, New Home got second place team, and Brazos Beck got third place. In impromptu speaking, Brazos Beck got first place, and Bryson Fowler got third. In listening skills, Lexi Haire got first place, Micah Boynton got second place, and Kayleigh Goodnight got fifth. In maps, graphs and charts, New Home got third place team, Dylan Carrillo got third, and CJ Lane got sixth. In mathematics, New Home got first place team, Dane Armes got first, Brazos Beck got third, and Nevin Mojica got sixth. In music memory, New Home got third place team. In number sense, New Home got second place team, Dane Armes got third place, and Brazos Beck got sixth. In oral reading, Kristen McWhirter got second, Lainee Cook got fourth, and Hadyn Scott got fifth. In ready writing, Lainee Cook got first, and Kaylee Walker got second. In social studies, Kole Lorton got fifth place. In Spelling, New Home got first place team, Kayleigh Goodnight got first, Connor Smith got third, and Ainsley Higgins got fourth.

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**Ag Advocacy- District Champs\***

Kamryn Lucas, Dillan Ford, Jacey Cathey, Lawton Berry



**Sr. Skills- 2nd Place\***

L to R Jett Ballard, Clara Barrington, Hunter



**Greenhand Creed**

Connor Cook - 2nd Place\*  
Mackenzie Bolton

Other results are as follows:

**Senior Quiz- 6th Place**

Brook Tyson, Celee Smith, Kaleb LeClair, Brayden Caballero, Tanner Harrison, Jacie Fowler, Riley Stokes, Lawton Berry

**Greenhand Chapter Conducting- 3rd Place**

Caul Erwin- President  
Mackenzie Bolton- Vice President  
Darby Sherwood- Secretary  
Iceton Fulton- Treasurer  
M'Kenna McFadden- Reporter  
Trevor Melton- Sentinel  
Will Gibson- Student Advisor

**Radio(Team 1)- 12th Place**

Kyley Gill  
Kaleb Leclair  
Ashlyn Ballard

**Greenhand Quiz- 3rd Place**

Caul Erwin  
Trevor Melton  
Iceton Fulton  
M'Kenna McFadden  
Connor Cook  
Darby Sherwood  
M'Kenna McFadden

**Radio(Team 2)- 17th Place**

Savanna Lehman  
Leea Walden  
Clara Barrington

**Senior Creed**

# New Home Classic

The annual New Home Classic tournament of 2017 started on November 30 and ended on Dec 2. On Dec 1 Celee smith scored a buzzer beater leading the lady leopards to a one point victory against O'Donnell lady eagles. Following that game the lady leopards played against Petersburg beating them with a final score of 48 to 13. On Dec 3 the lady leopard played the Shallowater Finnie junior varsity winning with a final score of 45 to 37. In the last game, the lady leopard lost to spur with a final score of 44 to 48. Day 3 the girls played Shallowater J.V. final score (45, 37) Leopards doing well. In the last game they lost against spur final score (44, 48). For the boys varsity the first day tin the New Home classic the boys beat Groom by 30 points final score (67,37). 2nd day the boys played Petersburg and came out with a win final score (59, 38). 3rd day boys played spur and won with a final score (56, 35). In the last game the boys play Shallowater J.V. they went in to over time in the end new home 60 shallowater 59. At the end the girls (3, 1) and the boy went undefeated. Great job to both team. By: Caul Erwin

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