

Little Ladies Learning the Art of Cheering



The 2018 Central Holmes Christian School Junior High Mini Cheer Camp was held on Monday, September 17. The CHCS junior high cheerleaders taught the K-3 through 3rd grade girls cheers, stunts and dances which they will perform at halftime of the high school games on Friday, September 21, and Friday, September 28, also at halftime of the junior high game on Monday, October 1. Girls attending the camp and pictured above included: Alana White, Makenzie Bishop, Landry Lawshe, Braylee Winstead, Aubrey Devisfruto, Kaylee Bethany, Sophie Wentworth, Avery Engle, Emma Word, Skylar Ashley, Sara Drennan Word, Lailon Walbert, Lauren Walbert, Makalah Sumner, Khloe Harrell, Ashlynn Tate, Shelby Stokes, Ainsley Ashley, Sadie Angell, Taylor Spell, Audrey Taylor, Natalie Winstead, Rylee Kate Lloyd, Francie Smith, Jennings Meeks, Drue Johnson, Jaylen McBride, Ellie Lloyd, Lilly Word. (Photo submitted.)

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(Continued from page 1.) coach, gave me an opportunity, I've been at Pillow the last three years. In Alabama, everything is public school, so MAIS (Mississippi Association of Independent Schools), was a change; it was different. Being around public school my whole life, it was different. I've come from programs where you've got 75 up to 130 players. You have to alter your coaching style a little bit. Every kid is important, but I love every minute of it."

Crowder says he's been blessed to work for some "unbelievable coaches."

"I try to take pieces of what I've gotten from each one," said Crowder. "Coach McCarty was very instrumental in forming some of the things that I do."

Crowder accepts the ongoing learning curve for himself in regards to program management in the differences between coaching in public school versus private.

"(McCarty) was very instrumental in helping me see a lot of those things," said the Greenwood resident.

Great kids, great parents, great administration are what Crowder says makes his job easy, receiving support from all fronts to push the team forward.

Challenges still arise, as for any football program, for Crowder it's the number of players he coaches that has to be kept in mind or the lack there of.

"We're one of the smaller AA schools," said Crowder, "numbers wise, injuries, we've been devastated by

(player) injuries. We started out this year with 27 (players) and we got four that could be gone for the year. We take a 'next man up' mentality, but at some point it gets tough, you got what you got."

When things do get tough, Crowder lauds his wife for being the anchor at home.

"I've got a great football wife," said Crowder, "she understands what it's like to be a coach, she's a teacher as well."

One message Crowder conveys to his players, is that being the "most talented" team on the field every Friday night may not be a reality; but building on toughness, discipline and

physicality will provide opportunities for success.

"Those are the intangibles that we can control," said Crowder. "We want to be the most physically and mentally tough team on the field. We've got to do all the small things right and raise expectations."

Being a first year coach at Central Holmes, Crowder said he was pleased with the reception he received by his players both as coach and his coaching techniques.

"They (the players) bought in...we've got to do all the small things right," Crowder added.

Another aspect of coaching student-athletes is that Crowder does not sway on

player effort.

"I'm not flexible on effort," said Crowder. "That's one thing I will never be flexible on. Whether you make a mistake or not, that's fine, but you got to going 100%. This is another intangible we're trying to build the program on."

This year's crop of Trojans' strengths are found in the juniors and seniors with some "sophomores sprinkled in."

"We just don't have that many (sophomores)," said Crowder. "We are, what I believe, is a physically disciplined football team that gives great effort. We're a good running team, that's kind of who we are."

*Shooting death

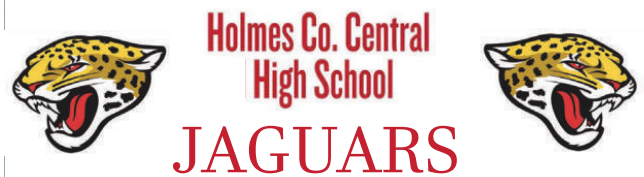
(Continued from page 1.) September 9, around 2 p.m., finding Brooks dead on arrival.

Holmes County Sheriff Willie March said the case was being worked by the Mississippi Bureau of Investigations as Brooks is reportedly the son of a Holmes County corrections officer and nephew of a Holmes County sheriff's deputy.

Investigator Mark Steed

with MBI is investigating the case.

"We are still investigating it right now. I'm really not at liberty to disclose any information right now," said Steed. "We are working the case...trying to fill in some more information. When the cases come in, we're not allowed to just work on that one case, following it all the way through. We have several different things going on at one time."



2018 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
August 31	M.S. Palmer	Away	7 p.m.
Sept. 7	Northside High	Home	7 p.m.
Sept. 14	Niceville High	Niceville, FL	7 p.m.
Sept. 21	Neshoba H.S.	Away	7 p.m.
Sept. 28	Canton	Away	7 p.m.
Oct. 5	Germantown	Home	7 p.m.
Oct. 12	Cleveland Central (HOMECOMING)	Home	7 p.m.
Oct. 18(Thurs)	Callaway	Away	7 p.m.
Oct. 26	Ridgeland	Away	7 p.m.
Nov. 2	Vicksburg (Senior Night)	Home	7 p.m.



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