

Tumbleweed Smith

The Legacy of Lobo Football

Occasionally a former coach or player for the Monahans Lobos would ask Coach Mickey Owens for the score of a game that was played years ago. Coach Owens was as helpful as he could be, but wasn't always able to supply the answers. He decided the school needed some kind of reference book that would have the rosters and scores of games played since 1928 when the school formed its first football team. He set out on a task that took him years to complete. He says getting the rosters for every team was easier than getting the names of coaches the school had through the years. Mickey has been the head football coach at Monahans seven years. Previously, he was an assistant coach at the school for eleven years.

The Lobos play in an impressive stadium with artificial turf and have a carpeted indoor practice facility. Their modern and well-equipped exercise room can accommodate up to 100 students. Monahans is serious about football. When the Lobos play their Friday night game in another city, the town empties. The high school has some 550 students. About half the boys try out for football.

The Lobos won the state championship in 1948. In 1968 and 1974 Monahans placed players on Parade Magazine's All American High School Football Team. In 2009 the school's coaching staff was chosen to coach the North Team in the Texas High School Coaches Association All Star game. Last year Monahans went 12-3 and

played in five playoff games. Overall, the team has won 532 games and made the playoffs 31 times, including the past seven years consecutively. Coach Owens created a trophy room that is filled with gold footballs. "I put this room together so the kids can see the history of Monahans football. We meet in here before every home game and I tell the team that these old Lobos are looking over them."

Coach Owens says the

school's record deserved some attention to the players and coaches who earned it, so he spent seven years researching the school's football history. He put it in a book titled LOBO FOOTBALL. The cover indicates it's Volume One. "I'm sure there are several mistakes in there," he says, "so I'm gonna let the guys read it, tell me about the mistakes, then I'll come out with a Volume Two to get it corrected. Plus I plan to come out

with a revised edition about every three years so I can put those years in there and add any information that I might run across." He started his project by getting the scores of every Monahans high school football game. "Then I started doing rosters. I went to the library first and looked at annuals. During the war there were no annuals because of the paper shortage. So I went to copies of newspapers on microfilm

to get game results. The book has the names of every kid that played football at Monahans High School, all the coaches and the scores of all the games. The book also mentions the most valuable player, best offensive lineman and other individual awards. This book ought to be able to solve some arguments about scores, players or coaches."

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Sentinel Brief

Alvidrez

Hector and Erika Alvidrez of Seminole are the proud parents of a baby girl, Aliah Nicole Alvidrez.

The baby was born at Seminole Memorial Hospital on September 17, 2012. She weighed 7 lbs. 2.2 oz. and was 19.5" long.

Paternal grandparents are Bernarda and Jose Espino of Seminole. Maternal grandparents are Idalia and Oscar Grijalva of Seminole.

Groening

Jacob and Tiffany Groening of Seminole proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Ryley Shea Marquez Groening.

The baby was born September 26, 2012 at Seminole Memorial Hospital. She weighed 6 lbs. 2.1 oz. and was 19.5" long.

Paternal grandparents are Peter and Elizabeth Groening of Seminole.

Maternal grandparents are Jimmy and Patricia Marquez and Collin and Javanna Todd of Seminole.

Moreno

Heather Rodriguez and Carman Moreno, III of Seminole are the proud parents of a baby boy, Cameron Xavier Moreno.

The baby was born at Seminole Memorial Hospital on September 15, 2012. He weighed 6 lbs. 0.1 oz. and was 20.25" long.

Paternal grandparents are Santos Samora of Midland and Carman Moreno, II of Brownfield.

Maternal grandparents are Joanna and John Rodriguez of Seminole.

Sentinel Brief

Comanche Evening Set

The Gaines County Pioneer Re-enactment Committee will host "A Comanche Evening" Saturday, Oct. 20, at 7:30 p.m. on the grounds of the Gaines County Museum, 702 Hobbs Highway.

The gathering will begin with dedication of the Quanah Parker Trail arrow and the Jammey Huggins sculpture, "Wind Spirit."

The arrow is in front of the museum, and the sculpture will be in the

lobby of the museum.

Following the presentations, guests will enjoy authentic Comanche hors d'oeuvres prepared by Lois Wise, Gaines County Agent, and have the opportunity to tour the museum.

At dusk, local authors Chuck and Linda George will present a dramatic reading of "The Comanche," based on a 2003 book Chuck authored.

It will be illustrated with pictures taken by Terry Jeffries, both from the book and from his own collection.

The public is invited to the free event.

Mirror Ministries Rejection

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All of us, at one time or another, have been rejected. It's a lonely feeling.

But we're not alone.



"Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him... For even His brothers did not believe in Him" (John 6:64, 7:5).

We tend to want to think Jesus didn't feel the rejection because He was God's Son, but the Bible says He sympathizes with our weaknesses because He was tempted just as we are. Therefore, He must have felt the pain of rejection also.

When many of His followers chose to walk with Him no more, He turned to the twelve disciples and asked, "Do you also want to go away?" But Simon Peter answered, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:67-68).

Good answer.

We know the disciples did not leave Him. But we mustn't forget that Judas was one of the twelve that stayed. Jesus knew He would betray Him but He never revealed it to the others. In fact, it appears Jesus treated him with the same love and faith—despite what He knew.

This is a lesson for all of us. Rejection is bound to happen. Someone, at some point, is not going to love you. So the question is, do you reject them too? Or do you, like your Savior, continue to show them the same love and faith as you show those who embrace you?

It's important for the Body of Christ to give the Spirit of Christ more power than a spirit of offense and rejection. We sing songs declaring "God is greater" and "God is stronger," but do we allow Him to be when we've been wounded?

Remember, "Love covers a multitude of sins" (1 Peter 4:8). So no matter what's been done to you, never forget that what was done to Jesus was greater. He was rejected first... yet He overcame.

And so can you!
(Editor's Note: Seminole resident Daphne Delay is an author, speaker, and the founder of Mirror Ministries. More devotionals can be found at www.mirrorministries.org.)

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