

# ORDER ON 'THE COURT'

*You got served*

After losing ten seniors last year the Calallen tennis team was faced with a challenging season. The teamwork and dedication the varsity tennis team put into every match caused the team to break past everyone's expectations.

"We weren't expected to do very well after losing ten seniors," sophomore Tayler Wiggins said. "However, despite all odds the team really stepped up their game this year."

Whether it was lots of conditioning or just working on technique you could always count on them giving it one hundred percent.

"Although we play individually, tennis is a team sport," sophomore Haze Reynolds said. "Together we work our hardest."



The tennis team put work into perfecting everything, because as Coach Debbie Radford said "We all have the last piece of the puzzle inside of us." Racquet in hand the team pushed through every obstacle.

"Win or lose I couldn't ask for a better team to be on," freshman Amanda Dushek said. "I love every single one of my teammates."

Waking up early to compete in random weather conditions was always a challenge, especially this year with the large amount of rain. on their way to the top.

"Waking up early on a Saturday is not how I imagine my weekends," senior Itzamara Spicak said. "But hanging out with the team and playing tennis in general is a lot of fun."

*- Jaylyn Garcia*

# MUSCLE FACTORY

*If you don't powerlift, you don't know squat*

Powerlifters walk-the-talk and do what they say they're going to do.

"I joined because I got in trouble and coach Lamb made me. Overall, it was a beneficial decision because I got stronger, and everything balanced out with my teacher and coach. Now I try to work harder than anyone else," junior Christopher Monsevais said.

When students shape their lives directed to high moral standards and physical fitness, they are influenced to form character that bears inspired leadership and discipline.

"Your body is a reflection of your work ethic. I like to lift heavy things and set them back down. Powerlifting has sculpted my Godly beach body and helped my unbeatable first impression," senior Dustin Flores said.

Waking up before the sun to get to a meet can make it harder to tear the roof off. Lifters use different methods to bring the beat back.



"I tell myself this is easy, but adrenaline makes me lift more. Before I lift, I listen to music to get me pumped," sophomore Brandon Charles said.

An individual's body is more resilient and capable of greater tasks than what he or she gives it credit for. An enemy within them tells themselves that they can't when they can.

"The biggest deal about competing is getting all your attempts in. Now I'm more confident in what I can do," freshman Jonathan Nuncio said.

Stamina is crucial to one's physical endeavors. Athletes take initiative to focus on upcoming sports events.

"I was trying to get into shape for track. The results were worth it since my physique, endurance, and strength improved. Winning was a bonus too," sophomore Noah Peña said.

*- Genevieve Sams*

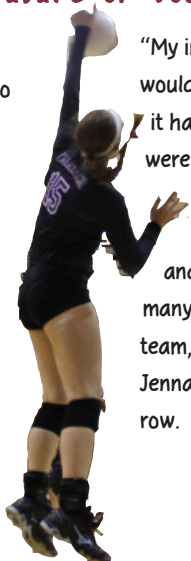
# MENTAL TOUGHNESS, EXTRA EFFORT

*With the future of volleyball at stake, the Lady Cats Find hope*

The Ladycat Varsity Volleyball team opened the 2014 season with two major tournament victories, becoming the first Wildcat team to accomplish two consecutive tournament wins since 2007. Heading into district, the volleyball program was ranked sixth in the state in class 5A, and as a young team of up-and-coming players lead by seniors with collegiate aspirations, they determined to work diligently to continue to make a name for themselves.

"We had all the components to be a powerful team, and continued to get better with every match we played," junior Hollann Hans said after an injury she sustained to her left ankle left her unable to join her team on the court for much of the season.

Han's absence left a hole in the lineup, but also encouraged many of the Lady Cats to work harder to fill new leadership roles.



"My initial reaction was, *not again*, only because I knew what kind of team we would have with everyone healthy and strong," coach Adaora Bilse said. "After it happened, it became an opportunity for everyone to step up." Adjustments were made in the rotations, and with practice, junior Cristina Basaldu and sophomore Valerie Killian became powerful in the outside position. Junior Kayli Crauthers and sophomore Alexis Sacky consistently delivered big blocks and right side hitter, senior Hannah Flores remained cool under pressure, and in many cases, kept the Lady Cats in the game. Bringing skill and persistence to the team, seniors Camille Moller and Victoria Huerta kept the scores close. Freshman Jenna Gonzalez and junior Rachel Beach brought depth and accuracy to the back row.

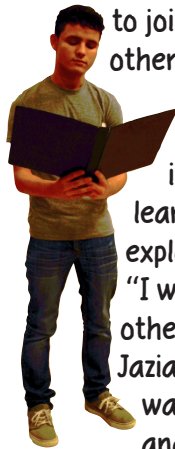
*- Jordan Roberts*

# Aca-Perfect Pitch CRUSHED IT...

Do re me fa so la ti doe ... the sound of voices flow amongst each other down the choir hall as students practice their vocal capabilities while, hitting the high and low notes off their music sheets. This class isn't just an elective, but it's a sense of being a home to those who really dedicate their lives to it in and outside of school.

"Choir helps high school students learn to work together as a team," sophomore Katie Allsup said. "All the voice parts have to come together to make the song complete and choir allows students to gain an appreciation for different types of music that they might not otherwise be exposed to."

Voices of all kinds are encouraged to join, and singing around others helps students express themselves as well as learning different styles in many ways. Such as, learning how to read music, or exploring different genres. "I would definitely encourage others to join," said freshman Jaziah Cantu said. "It's a great way to improve your social and memorization skills, and



plus you can meet a variety of people at competitions. In fact, some of my best friendships have been created at choir meets."

The group travels for competitions ranging all over Texas, hoping that someday they can compete in an out of state competition and return with a winning title.

"Most of the locations of where we compete, ranging from all over the place, include San Antonio, Kingsville, Rockport, and even Flour Bluff," sophomore Darrell McCusker said. "Competing is such a great opportunity to get out of a set comfort zone."

Being involved in a club or an organization can be beneficial in ways that will help in the present and future.

"During my junior year, I had the honor of advancing in the TMEA All-State Men's choir of the 2015 competition," competitor Trenton Floyd said. "Even though I have been extremely stressed, this is the opportunity of a lifetime and I am full of so much joy that I get a chance to experience this."

*Brianna Wilson*

# Sharing The Spotlight

## VETERANS PASS THE TORCH

This year's one act play served as a farewell to many seniors who have been with the program for four years now. This show serves as a bittersweet last hurrah for them.

"I'm glad I get to do this last competition," senior Brandon Besse said. "I've had so much fun with all these people for the past four years, it's going to be sad when I have to leave."

For most of the seniors this year they have been doing one act play for as long as they have been at high school, making this one the most memorable one for them.

"Brandon and I have been in every OAP since we were freshman," senior Justin Knapick said. "It feels like this show is the end of an era"

No, not all of the actors this year are seniors, there are new actors coming into the program as well.

"It's great that I get this opportunity," freshman Kelsey Kilgore said. "I know it isn't often that a freshman like me gets to play one of the lead parts, and I am really glad I had the seniors to help me."

The crew members as well as the tech crew put just as much work in as the actors and actresses when it came to each show.

"I helped the stage manager, helped move our set, and helped the actors prepare for the shows," junior Rachel Jendrzey said. "Being tech is fun because you get to watch the actors work."

While the theater program will be bidding farewell to several of its veteran actors, it is also saying goodbye to few crew members.

"For our one act play I had the chance to participate in working the lights," senior Alexis Davila said. "And if I was given the opportunity I would do it again."

- Reese Kirby



