

"We will stand behind the man who has stood behind us for so long. We are WHITEOAK." -@CBBBloyd

"Prayers for Coach Noll & family." -@kwarren1999

"Prayers go out to Dan Noll." -@lnt\_x

"Prayers from me and @GilmerHigh for #teammoll and White Oak High School. Praying for healing for a fine leader and fine man." -@jbbowman7

"Best man I know, hands down." -@madison.sigmon

"Please join me in praying for the Noll family, he is a great man." -@zach\_hellen1

#TEAMMOLL



Supporting his team from the sidelines, Noll watches the Roughnecks play in their final round of the playoffs. Even through the pain, Noll managed to attend as many athletic events as possible. "You will have your limits," Noll said. "We all have our limits and nobody is capable of doing absolutely everything." photo by avery moore

## High school principal faces cancer diagnosis

Assistant principal, Amy Billingslea's

voice filled the school as she called for all teachers to report to the Plato Lab for a faculty meeting. The unexpected announcement brought the teachers and staff to high alert as they knew something was wrong. Superintendent, Mike Gilbert, stood in front of the staff with tears in his eyes as he told them that Dan Noll would be having surgery to place a metal rod inside his femur to support his bone. Noll had been told only the day before that parts of his body were consumed with advanced bone cancer.

Upon receiving the news, Counselor Jack Hale asked the teary-eyed teachers to all circle up, join hands and turn to God for protection over principal, Dan Noll.

Noll was diagnosed with Stage 3 Multiple Myeloma bone cancer, a cancer that is not curable, but treatable with chemotherapy. Noll will begin therapy on March 8.

After being absent from the school for two weeks, Coach Noll arrived

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to students and teachers lining the hallways all around the school cheering and excited to see him.

"I was very upset when I found out about Coach Noll," John Thomsett [9] said. "He has done so much for the students at White Oak and has one of the biggest hearts that I will, and have, ever known".

The overwhelming response from the community shows the type of character Coach Noll has.

"I was very upset about the whole thing," Kayla Hunter [11] said. "I just sat there and wondered why God would do something like this to such a great man."

Even though Noll faces a struggle in the future, he continues to display his faith during difficult times.

"I get my strength from the Lord above, my loving family and the kids and staff at the high school," Noll said. "Daily prayer and quiet time with the Lord are non-negotiable. I have the knowledge and belief that He is in control."

With the "Do Right" look in his eyes, Noll admires his student body as they join together in the school song. Noll takes the time to instill in students the morals and values that are becoming of a Roughneck. "With hard work you can achieve great goals," Noll said. "but also know that there's more to life than just work." photo by angeles guillen



### Friday Moments:

My favorite part about Fridays was performing since I'm a cheerleader. The best theme day was when we had to dress up like something that started with the first letter in our name. I was Lexie Grey from Grey's Anatomy. Lisa Potichko [9]

My favorite thing about football game is when the boys run out of the tunnel. Usually on Thursday nights we put snacks and signs in the football boys' lockers. Anna Iske [5]

When we have home games, you get to go and see people that you normally see during the week. Half the town shows up to the games. I enjoy crossing paths with people I haven't seen in a long time. Billy McBride

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