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With season underway, Outlaws strive for victory

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Writer

Roaring cheers, freshly painted grass, a common goal and Friday night lights set the scene for the first game of the 2016 Marlow Outlaw football season.

The Outlaws had been working hard to prepare for the opening game against Kingfisher on August 26. Although Marlow may have lost 14-21, this is still a score that fans and players should equally be proud of.

However, all of the preparation and long practices were not for just one game. The Outlaws and head coach Rob Renshaw still hold a positive outlook for the rest of the season.

Renshaw stated that though optimistic about the upcoming season, he is anticipant to get the season in full swing.

"I am anxious to get started," Renshaw said.

During the summer the team had the option to attend Marlow's weight lifting program, Outlaw Iron, but the team stepped up and took it upon themselves to make it a priority.

From the beginning of June to the end of July the team worked from 6:15 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Two a day practices without pads then started up on August 8 and went through August 10. Currently, the team practices every day after school from 3 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

These numerous practices have caused a sense of brotherhood for some players and senior Brandon Green is no excep-



Picture courtesy of Angelia Greer

tion.

Green stated that being a senior makes this one of the hardest seasons.

"I am really going to miss the feeling of brotherhood and exiting the tunnel with the guys on Friday nights," Green said.

The coaching staff is also a huge part of the team. Defensive Coordinator Jeremy Gage shows great passion for his team as well as a positive outlook.

"Every team has their own dynamic and chemistry," Gage said. "I look forward to seeing how that goes this year and to see what leaders stand up and stand out. I like watching the

with Marlow High School for the past 35 years with 35 previous years of teaching and coaching elsewhere.

"The team will do the best they can with what they have got," Carter said. "You may not have the best players, but if you let that bother you, you have had it."

With their first game out of the way, the Outlaws have vast intentions for the rest of the season.

The Outlaws will play again at Bethany on Friday, September 2 starting at 7:30 p.m.

boys become men and really mature on and off the field."

The Marlow Outlaws also receive a lot of additional support.

One of these outlets comes in the form of the water girls. The water girls attend all practices and games and make sure that the boys are well hydrated and taken care of.

Junior Blair Brantley is one of these girls that love to support the team.

"I actually feel like we are a part of the team," Brantley said. "We make sure that all the little things are taken care of so the coaches can worry about the big ones."

Another huge supporter of the football team is Bill Carter who is in his 90s. He is most often referred to as Coach Carter.

Carter has been associated

Vastly talented senior has a passion for entertaining

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Writer

Senior Melissa Valencia plans to take her talents far beyond Marlow High School.

Although Valencia has numerous talents, her heart lies completely in music.

"At the end of my freshman year, I auditioned for Entertainers and got in. Mr. Logan was encouraging and pushed me to further my vocal adventure," Valencia said.

Junior Brooke Morrision said Valencia is one of the most amazing singers she knows.

"When she performs, you can hear people in awe, and the crowd goes wild," Morrision said.

Valencia has taken her journey in vocal music a step further by acting and singing in two school musicals, *Annie* and *Cinderella*, and by playing Babette in Duncan Little Theatre's production of *Beauty and the Beast*.

Senior Kirstyn Elroy said music and performing has drawn Valencia far out of her shell.

"I've been able to witness her grow as a person, so this is the best thing that could have happened to her because she is amazing at it," Elroy said.

Valencia not only took on new challenges with vocal music but has recently used her musical gift as one element to step out of her comfort zone to compete in pageants.

Melissa's pageant journey began when she won the title of Miss Marlow 2015 last May, and has since won Miss Lawton's Most Outstanding Teen 2015 and competed at the state level.

"I just wanted to try something new," Valencia said. "To be able to go out and do what I've done is definitely something I like to point back to God. I wouldn't have done it without Him."

Valencia said that pageants have changed who she is, and has given her an entirely new perspective on pageantry.

"Pageants have helped me get over my anxiety disorder and have confidence in myself," Valencia said. "It is rare to get over any type of disorder, and I pushed myself further and further every day to get over that."

Junior Blair Brantley said Valencia pushes herself beyond her limits to be successful.

"I feel her pageants have made her much more confident in herself by engaging with new people and knowing that she can succeed," Brantley said.

Even though Valencia has proven her talents in music and pageantry to Marlow, she is ready to let the world hear her sing.

"I'll miss the community and having all of the support so readily at hand, but I'm definitely ready to stand on my own feet," Valencia said.



MELISSA VALENCIA



The Marlow High School Foreign Language Club, FLC, is starting this year with new ideas and fresh faces that are ready to take action. FLC meets bi-monthly during lunch to discuss ideas and future plans. The organization is currently having a fundraiser to acquire funding for various projects throughout the year. One of these projects consists of a toy drive for underprivileged children that will take place during the Christmas season. Teacher and Club Supervisor, Gloria Conner, says that she is not quite certain what projects the club will be doing besides the toy drive, but she says that there is a lot to be expected this year. For any other information, contact Gloria Conner or any other FLC member for anything regarding the club.

Marlow football coach takes state leadership position

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Marlow High School football coach and 8 grade history teacher Daryn Brantley is now the current president for the Oklahoma Coaches Association, or the OCA.

Coach Brantley has been a part of OCA for many years and is honored to act as their president.

"I feel blessed to be a part of it," Coach Brantley said.

According to Marlow Public Schools' superintendent George Coffman, Coach Brantley is the right type of person to efficiently lead the coaches association.

"He's a hard worker, he's dedicated, and he's very ethical," Coffman said. "He is a good man."

Coach Brantley's achieve-

ment has inspired many people including his daughter and Marlow High School junior Blair Brantley.

"I model the way I walk and talk after him," Brantley said. "He inspires me, and I enjoy seeing what he can do."

According to Coach Brantley, he is not driven by the glory and honor of being president, but is driven by the impact he has on his players, his students, and his community.

"It's an honor, but that's not why I do what I do," Coach Brantley said. "I do this to get recognition for Marlow and specifically the kids at Marlow."

Coach Brantley hopes that his position will make the Marlow Outlaws more well-known to the rest of the state.

"It is my responsibility as an Outlaw to make Marlow's name great," Coach Brantley



DARYN BRANTLEY

said. According to Coffman, Coach Brantley has achieved this goal and is continuing to do great things for Marlow.

"He is a dedicated guy that wants to see our school be successful," Coffman said.

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