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Community Pep Rally

Six years ago, there was a vision to create a Community Pep Rally—a night where we could bring together **all of our athletic teams, our Bobcat Band, Belles, cheerleading groups, and the community** to celebrate the beginning of a new school year.

The vision was simple: **invite our community in, celebrate one another, honor the students and programs who proudly represent Hallsville ISD, and kick off the school year by celebrating a great town and great traditions.**

The **2026 Community Pep Rally did exactly that.** In just two hours, we welcomed **20+ community vendors and more than 300 HISD students** for an evening filled with energy, excitement, and Bobcat pride.

This event has quickly become one of my favorite nights of the year because it is about so much more than a pep rally. It is a celebration of the people who make Hallsville special—the students, coaches, directors, sponsors, families, businesses, and community members who work hard every day to represent our school district with **pride and excellence.**

Six years later, the vision is alive and well. And I couldn't be more proud of what this event has become.

Hallsville is a special place. Our tradition is special. And the people who call this community home are what make it so.

Here's to another great school year and another year of doing it **The Bobcat Way.**



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Hallsville Volleyball



Varsity Volleyball - 16-13 Overall Record

5-3 Record at Garland Tournament

3-5 Record at Northwest ISD Classic

4-4 Record at Volleypalooza Tournament in Austin

JV Record - 7-1

2-1 Overall Record at Brook Hill Tournament

Freshman Record - 7-1

3-0 Overall Record at Brook Hill Tournament

Ladycats open up with Whitehouse on 9/8 to start district play.



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🌀 LADYCAT MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENTS! 🌀

Two of our Ladycats have reached incredible career milestones this season!

👏 **Tailor Benson — 1,000 CAREER ASSISTS**

👏 **Kaycin Farrell — 1,000 CAREER DIGS**



Congrats to our #7, Tailor Benson!!



Longview News-Journal 
August 18 at 10:47 AM · 🌐

Hallsville's Benson earns volleyball Player of the Week honors [#Volleyball](#) [#PlayerOfTheWeek](#) [#HallsvilleLadycats](#)



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Hallsville's Benson earns volleyball Player of the Week honors - Longview News-Journal

The Hallsville Ladycats wrapped up action at the Garland Tournament on Saturday with a pair of wins and a Bronze Bracket championship. Tailor Benson helped the Ladycats bring home the [...]





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Bobcat Football

BOBCAT FOOTBALL UPDATE

We are **two weeks into the high school football season** and one week into the junior high season, and our Bobcats are off to a strong start!

JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL

The 7th and 8th grade teams recently completed a scrimmage against Lindale, gaining valuable experience and preparing for the start of the regular season.

The Bobcats open the season **September 8 against Mount Pleasant**. This year, the 7th and 8th grade teams will play at **separate sites**, allowing both games to move more efficiently and helping shorten the overall game night experience for our athletes and families.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Varsity: 1–1

JV: 2–0

9th Grade: 1–1

HOMEcoming IS HERE!

Join us **September 11** as the Bobcats take on **Corsicana** for Homecoming!

Following Homecoming, our Varsity Bobcats hit the road for the **District Opener at Greenville**.

The season is underway, and we are excited about what lies ahead for **Bobcat Football!**



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Cross Country

LADYCAT RESULTS	BOBCAT RESULTS
Varsity Girls 5th Place; Varsity Girls Ind Medalist: Rilee Gustavsen 11th place Macy Smallwood 19th place JV Girls 3rd Place; JV Girls Ind Medalist: Addison McKean 9th place, Natalie Juarez 15th place. Also placing in top 20, Kennedy Stewart in 16th place and Hannah Mendenhall in 18th place.	Varsity Boys 3rd Place; Varsity Boys Ind Medalist: Kalon Powell 8th place Brycen Richardson 12th place, Colton Smith 14th place JV Boys 4th Place; JV Boys Ind Medalist: Xavier Southard 4th place, Kristian Alba 9th place.
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Both V&JV had a Strong Showing against majority of 6A runners; Varsity Girls Ind Medalist/Top 50: Rilee Gustavsen 12th place / Blakely Salmon 47th, Macy Smallwood 50th JV Girls Individuals in Top 40: Eliana Rodriguez 26th, Riley Graham 34th, Kennedy Stewart 37th, Addison McKean 38th	Both V&JV had a Strong Showing against majority of 6A runners; Varsity Boys Ind Medalist/Top 50: Kalon Powell 12th / Brycen Richardson 23rd, Colton Smith 30th, Parker Tatman 43rd, David Macedo 49th JV Boys Individuals in Top 50: Lochlan Johnson 17th, Xavier Southard 19th, Jacob O'Brien 43rd, Jesus David 46th
Varsity Girls 1st Place; Varsity Girls Ind Medalist: Rilee Gustavsen 2nd place, Macy Smallwood 4th, Blakely Salmon 8th JV Girls 2nd Place; JV Girls Ind Medalist: Casey Tellez 1st place! Addison McKean 4th, Keeleigh Jones 6th, Natalie Juarez 7th, Kennedy Stewart 11th	Varsity Boys 1st Place; Varsity Boys Ind Medalist/top 20: Kalon Powell 3rd place, Brycen Richardson 4th, Colton Smith 6th, David Macedo 11th, Parker Tatman 13th JV Boys 2nd Place; JV Boys Ind Medalist/Top20: Austin Dvorak 5th, Lochlan Johnson 10th, Carter Russell 11th, Jacob O'Brien 14th, Nolan Scrimpsheer 15th, Keegan Derr 19th, Kayson Derr 20th

Both teams are having an outstanding season, consistently claiming top team finishes and placing multiple individual runners near the top of the field.

Ladycat Highlights

- **Team Success:** Captured 1st place overall in two meets for Varsity Girls, along with a 5th-place finish and a strong showing against mostly 6A competition. The JV Girls secured two 3rd-place finishes and a 2nd-place finish.
- **Top Performers:** Rilee Gustavsen leads Varsity with finishes as high as 2nd place overall, supported by strong performances from Macy Smallwood and Blakely Salmon. Casey Tellez led JV with a 1st-place individual finish, with Addison McKean and Natalie Juarez frequently placing near the top.

Bobcat Highlights

- **Team Success:** Varsity Boys took 1st place in two meets and 3rd in another. JV Boys mirrored that success, taking 1st place in one meet, 2nd in another, and 4th in another, while both squads held their ground firmly against 6A opponents.
- **Top Performers:** Kalon Powell leads Varsity consistently, placing as high as 3rd overall alongside top-15 finishes from Brycen Richardson and Colton Smith. The JV squad is packed with depth, featuring top-5 runs from Xavier Southard, Austin Dvorak, and Zach Entzel.



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The Junior High Ladycats are off to an impressive start, securing top-tier team finishes in both meets reported so far.

Team Success

- **1st Place Finish:** Claimed overall victory in their second meet.
- **2nd Place Finish:** Secured a strong runner-up finish in their opening meet.

Individual Highlights

- **Meli Trejo:** Consistently leads the pack, earning 2nd place overall in both competitions.
- **Laila Haskins:** Medaled in both events with 8th and 4th place finishes.
- **Sophia Jeansonne:** Took 18th in the first meet before surging to a 3rd-place podium spot in the second.
- **Depth Contributors:** Adeline Bailey (top-12 finish) and Harper Cohagen (top-15 finish) provided strong scoring depth in their victory meet.

Team Tennis Season Overview

- **Overall Record:** 15-1
- **District Record:** 2-0
- **Lone Loss:** Longview
- **Key Upcoming Matches:** Texas High and Tyler High (will determine the district championship and shape playoff seeding)



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CONGRATULATIONS!

CLAYTON
BROOKS

JUNIOR HIGH

COACH
OF THE MONTH

KEEP UP THE
FANTASTIC
WORK!



CLAYTON IS DOING AN AMAZING JOB RUNNING OUR OFF-SEASON PROGRAMS
FOR BOTH GRADES, AS WELL AS COACHING CROSS COUNTRY. HIS HARD WORK
HAS BEEN NOTICED!



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CONGRATULATIONS!

**BRAD
DRUST**

HIGH SCHOOL

**COACH
OF THE MONTH**

KEEP UP THE
FANTASTIC
WORK!



COACH DRUST IS NOT ONLY A HARD
WORKER, HE HAS A GREAT ATTITUDE,
AND HE HAS GREAT KNOWLEDGE OF
THE GAME.

