

FOOTBALL EDITION

2017

ST. EDMUND FIGHTING BLUE JAYS

A Supplement to
The **Eunice News**
Thursday, August 24th, 2017



GOOD HEALTH IS IN THE WORKS

101 S. Second Street • Eunice, LA 70535 • (337) 546-1207 • Fax: (337) 546-1944

Pain or Injury Keeping You Out of the Game?

Choose Good Health!



Lauren Rozas, PT Glenn Brown, PT ATC



2017 St. Edmund football team

INDEX

St. Edmund	2B
Iota	5B
Basile	8B

➤ GO! ➤ FIGHT! ➤ WIN! ➤

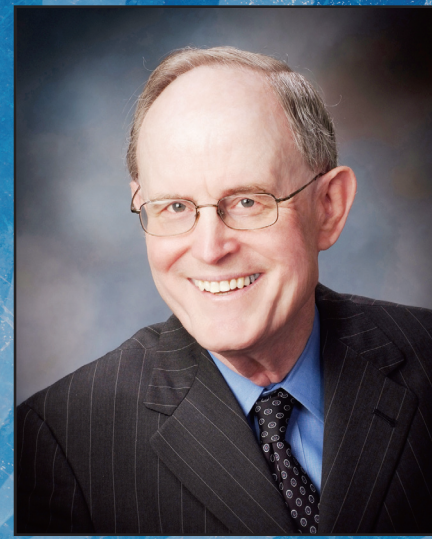
*Continuing a tradition of fielding football teams...
representing our great city with pride and performance -*



Go Jays! ➤

I. Jackson "Jack" BURSON, JR.

Alderman-At-Large ~ City of Eunice



Blue Jays excited about season

By Tom Dodge
Sports Editor

It is said that experience is the best teacher.

If that is the cause, then St. Edmund head coach Andy Hargroder has reasons for optimism heading into his second season with the Blue Jays.

"They are young but a lot of them got experience last year, especially the guys who are juniors this year," Hargroder said. "They spent a lot of time on the field playing both offense and defense."

The Blue Jays have nine returning starters including six on the defensive side of the ball but will dress out 50 players on this year's team.

Junior defensive backs Brad Miller (5-10, 175) and Jack Miller (5-9, 145) along with sophomore Luke Doucet (5-7 175) return to the secondary, while junior Brock Bieber (5-10, 175) and senior Murphy Richard (5-6, 175) will lead the linebackers.

Junior Chris Berzas (5-8, 170) gives leadership to the defensive line, joined by new starters Phillip Fontenot (5-8, 195, Sr.) and Josh Smith (6-0, 205,



Andy Hargroder

Soph.).

Payton Marcantel (6-2, 185, Soph.), Kaden Fontenot (5-9, 155, Jr.) and Noah Clause (5-10, 155, Sr.) are projected new starters in the Blue Jay secondary.

Junior right guard Drew Zaunbrecher (6-0, 260) is the returner on the offensive line joined by new projected starters left tackle Austin Poncho (5-9, 175, Jr.), left guard Remi Guillery (5-8, 180, Fr.) and center

Dawson Ardoin (5-10, 185, Jr.).

Brad Miller is the new Blue Jay quarterback with running back Doucet and split back Jack Miller returning in the Blue Jay backfield.

"This is Brad's first time as a varsity quarterback," the coach said. "But he did have experience at the lower levels and understands what he has to do."

Marcantel will also see action at split back with senior Carter Andrus (6-0, 185) stepping up at tight end.

Kaden Fontenot (5-9 155, Jr.) and William Manuel (5-8, 170, Sr.) will be the main wide receivers for Hargroder's flexbone offense.

The Blue Jays opened the 2016 season 1-3 with a 7-0 win over Iota and losses to 3-A Northwest, 2A Opelousas Catholic, 3-A Port Barre and 4-A Beau Chene.

St. Edmund went 3-2 in District 5-1A with victories over False River Academy, North Central and Basile.

The Blue Jays are moving into a new District 4-1A leaving behind Westminster Christian, Catholic of Pointe Coupee as

well as FRA and North Central. down every week," Hargroder

"It was hard to go through a season where you get beat See Jays on Page 11B

Good Luck Bluejays





**City Marshal
Terry
Darbonne
&
Staff**



Football Fridays

60¢ Wings

(Minimum of 10 wings)

(17 Flavors to choose from)

**JOIN US BEFORE THE
GAME FOR SOME OF THE
BEST FOOD AROUND!!**



1669 W. Laurel Ave • Eunice
466-3993

Bijous

in the Cottage
"The Unique Boutique"



**Chrysalis
Vera Bradley
Woodwick
Pass Christian
Bath & Body Products
Natural Bath & Body
Organic Makeup
Designer Hand Bags**

457-2202
2120 W. Laurel



Kendall W Fontenot, Agent

1110 W Laurel Ave
Eunice, LA 70535
Bus: 337-546-6501
kendall.fontenot.b21x@statefarm.com

**Get discounts
up to 40%.**

Call, click, or visit on your car insurance and find out how you can save money by switching to the #1 team. **Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there.®**

CALL FOR A QUOTE 24/7.

 **State Farm™**

Blue Jay seniors



St. Edmund seniors, kneeling from left, are William Manuel, Evan Dupuis, Noah Clause and Phillip Fontenot. Standing from left, are Christian Fontenot, Murphy Richard, Carter Andrus and Austin Miller.

GO BLUE JAYS!

C & B

BACKHOE, DOZER & EXCAVATOR SERVICE

457-4404 • 885-2542

EUNICE, LA

CONSTRUCTION

Good Luck Blueays!!

Al's Paint & Body Shop

Professional Paint & Body Experience Since 1975!

- Free Estimates • Insurance Claims Welcomed
- Air Conditioned Waiting Room

1021 Tyrone • Eunice **457-1801**
(3 miles W. on Hwy. 190) *Alvin Espree, Sr. -owner/operator*

Good Luck EHS & SEN!

Augie's maple ave. PHARMACY & Gifts

1200 West Maple Avenue
457-5216

Have a Great Season

Blue Jays!

S & W One Stop

Elton, LA - Open 7 Days a Week

337-584-3663 or 337-584-2790

Shrimp & Boudin Balls

Deli • Boudin • Sausage • Cracklins

Seafood • Fuel • Liquor • Tobacco

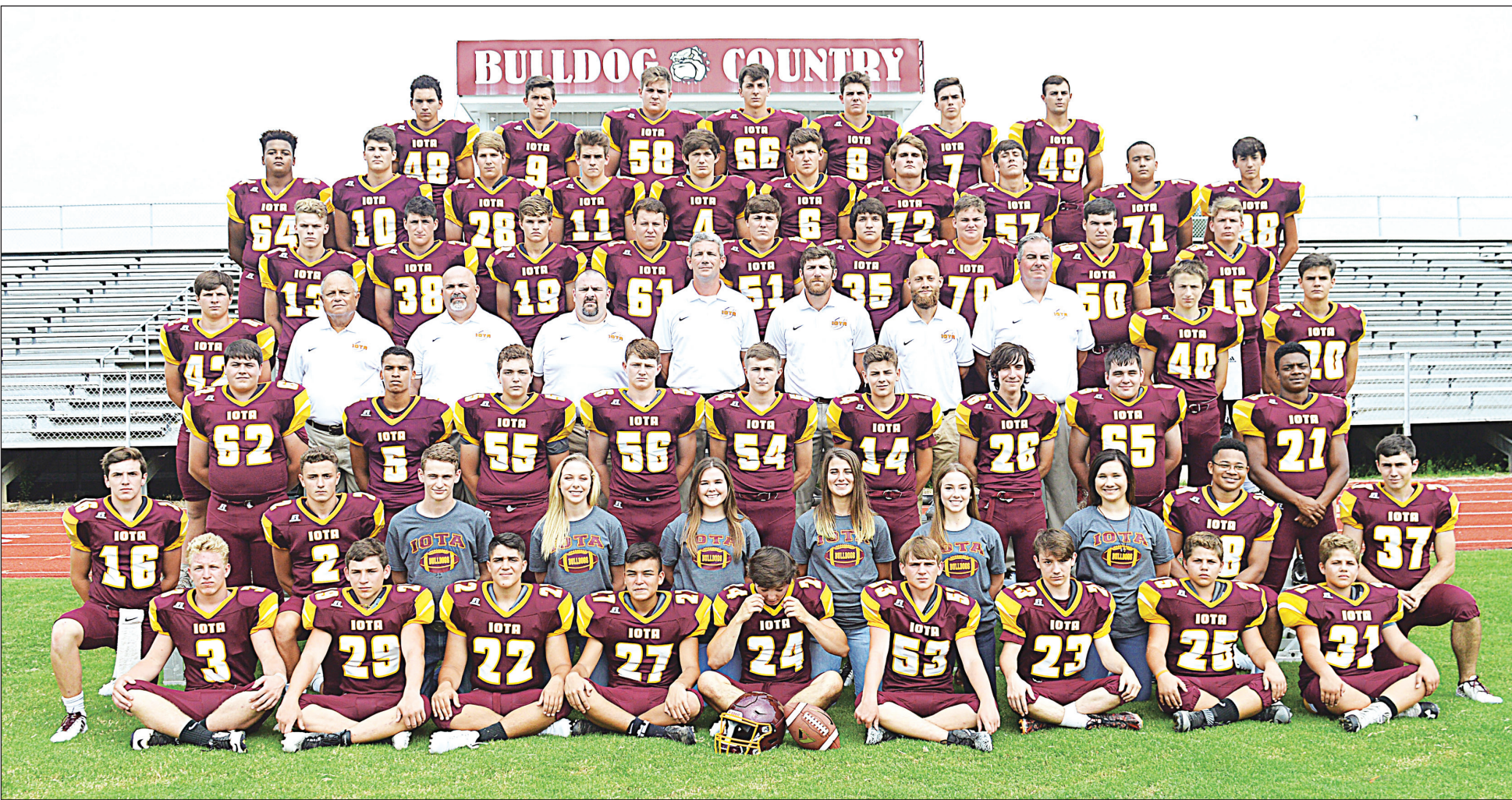
Make your Mark Blue Jays!

New Generators! THE BEST IN SENIOR LIVING!

- * Asst. Living Apartments
- * Restaurant Style Dining
- * Professional & Caring Staff
- * Comfortable Living
- * Complete Rehab Facility
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech Therapy

Oaklane Wellness & Rehabilitation Center

1400 West Magnolia **550-7200** **Eunice**



2017 Iota football team

SEASON OF SAVING

Gold Lance

ON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS RINGS

Layaway Available!

Jerry's Jewelers Inc.

360 East Laurel • Eunice
337-457-4459

DJ's Cajun Restaurant

*Best "Boiled Crawfish"
& Finest "Cajun Cooking" Around*

Crawfish – Seafood Steaks

Serving Boiled and BBQ Crabs

Live Cajun Music

Thurs-Sat - starting at 6:30 pm

In-House Only

Ph. 337-432-5141 • Hwy. 97, Basile, LA 70575

www.discajunrestaurant.com
Daniel & Sherry Fruge, Owners

Lunch: Tues. - Fri. 10:30 am - 1:30 pm
Evenings: Tues. & Wed. 5 pm - 9 pm & Thur-Sat. 5 pm - 10 pm

OIL X-PRESS, INC.

10-MINUTE OIL CHANGE

Mark & Rebecca Daigle
Owners

Good Luck Bluejays!

1530 west Laurel
Eunice, Louisiana 70535
(337) 546-0014
Monday - Saturday

Castrol GTX
SUPER MULTI-GRADE
MOTOR OIL

Bulldogs look to improve

IOTA – The Iota football team has survived 0-10, 1-9 and 2-8 seasons the last three years.

Third-year head coach Josh Andrus is counting on the return of 13 starters to help his Bulldogs improve in 2017.

“Last year I felt we were ready heading into the season,” the coach said. “We had little things that set us back – injuries and the lack of focus.”

Andrus said the summer workouts were designed to help in both those areas.

“We worked on injury prevention and mental things during workouts,” Andrus said. “Those two things I thought hurt us.”

“We got better as the year went on and I am hoping the things we did over the summer helps us to get off on the right foot.”

Andrus said he is pleased with the senior group.

“The last couple of year we have had good senior leadership but without the depth,” he explained. “This year we have seniors with depth and ability.”

“They have been through the



Josh Andrus

ups-and-downs of the games,” Andrus said.

“They have been through the good and bad of a season so they know what to expect. They are good leaders for the younger players as they build trust in each other.”

Even with 13 returning starters, Andrus said all slots will be earned.

“The competition between the guys has been good,” he said.

“The freshmen need to be ready to play and expect to play,” he said. “That helps motivate the older guys as no one

has a safe job.

“Last year we got down to our fourth-string quarterback so injuries could move players into the line-up,” he said.

“The weight room and running drills have been competition to help prepare the guys,” Andrus said.

Eight of those returning starters are on offense, led by senior tight end Hunter Andrus (6-2, 195) and senior wide receiver Brett Clay (6-0, 170). Andrus was an All-District selection last season.

Andrus and Clay will be the prime targets for junior quarterback Trae Rankin (6-3, 170). Rankin will be handing off the ball to senior running back Kaleb Guillory (5-6, 190), the leading rusher for the Bulldogs last season.

Senior fullback Alex Frey (5-6, 180) fills out the backfield.

See Iota on Page 7B



Here's To Yet Another GREAT SEASON Iota Bulldogs!

1 Mile West of Iota on Hwy. 98
779-3425

COLEMAN'S SAUSAGE & Specialty Meats



Good Luck on a Winning Season!


CRAIG'S Automotive

Auto Parts • Machine Shop • Paint

Starters Alternators Engine Assembly
PPG Automotive Finishes
1-800-870-5572
House of Kolor Kustom Finishes

408 Hwy 13 N. Eunice, LA 70535

PPG Paint Line Fully Equipped Machine Shop
Ph. 337-457-3850 Fax 337-457-1213



GO! JAYS!

HARDWORK • DETERMINATION • TEAMWORK

EVERYTHING RENTAL CENTER
“Rent Everything”
Eunice Opelousas
457-3113 • 942-7077

SMITH'S TrueValue HARDWARE
300 E. Laurel Avenue
337-457-3113
www.truevalue.com
Mon.-Fri. 7 am to 5:30 pm | Sat. 7 am to 1 pm

Keep Things in FOCUS... Have a great season Jays!



301 South Second Street
Eunice, LA 70535
337-457-2376

204 South 5th Street
Iota, LA 70543
337-779-2900

704 Poinciana Avenue
Mamou, LA 70554
337-468-5061

Rhonda Fink Moser, O.D.
Sarah Moser Fruge, O.D.

American Optometric Association

Iota

From Page 6B

Along the offensive line, senior Garrett Broussard (5-10, 215) and sophomore Connor Braquet (6-3, 210) return at the guard positions, with junior Juwan Felix (6-2, 290) returning at right tackle. The new members of the offensive line include sophomore center Brayden Hebert (5-8, 175), sophomore left tackle Wyatt Shuff (6-2, 260).

On the defensive side of the ball, the Bulldogs return five starters from last year.

They include senior defensive end Kaden Johnson (6-2, 190) and senior linebackers Levi Manuel (6-0, 180) and Hunter Andrus.

Manuel and Andrus were both All-District selections last season. Returning to lead the secondary are juniors Kam Aucoin (6-2, 200) and Mitchell Lege (6-2, 165). Lege was an All-District pick last season.

New starters include senior Conner Fontenot (5-9, 215) and sophomore Chris Newman (5-9, 220) at the defensive tackles and sophomore Dylan Montgomery (6'-205) at defensive end opposite Johnson.

Alex Frey will take over as a starter at linebacker. Senior

Brett Spell (5-6, 170) joins Aucoin at safety. Junior Nick Grant (5-6, 170) joins Lege at cornerback.

Lege also returns as the Bulldogs' punter.



Iota opens with trips to Basile and Oakdale (4-7) before a home game against Lake Arthur (5-6).

The Bulldogs open district play at Northwest is followed by home games against Mamou and Crowley.

After a trip to Church Point, Iota entertains Port Barre.

The Bulldogs visit Pine Prairie before closing the regular season at home against Eunice.

Good Luck Blue Jays!

Marion "Nootsie" SATTLER
City Council • Ward 3

Good Luck Jays!

Office of Motor Vehicles NOW OPEN!!

We offer:

- License Plate Processing
- Titles • Vehicle Registrations
- On-site Notary

Open: Mon-Fri 8am-5pm
Sat 8am-12 pm



Becky Daigle

Dixie



Titles & More, LLC

1830 W. Laurel Ave. • 337-466-3777



Brownie's

SHOP RITE

Wishing all of our teams a great & safe football season!
~ Jeff & Cindy Duplechin

NO ETHANOL
IN OUR GASOLINE!

100%
Pure Gasoline!

"ethanol reduces fuel efficiency and engine life" ~
The Eunice News- Oct. 2, 2011
(Alton "Pete" Landry, retired oil refining industry chemist)

- Great for Outboard Motors, ATV's, Lawn equipment & Cars!
- Better gas mileage • Protects Carburetors

150 W. Maple Ave • Eunice



Go! Blue Jays!



Cheering you on to a fun and safe season.

MERCY

REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

800 East Main Street • Ville Platte (337) 363-5684
www.MercyRegionalMedicalCenter.com

ACADIAN

MEDICAL CENTER

A CAMPUS OF MERCY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

3501 Hwy 190 East • Eunice (337) 580-7500
www.AcadianMedicalCenter.com



2017 Basile football team

Bearcats ready for challenges

BASILE – No one in Bearcat country was happy with Basile's 3-8 finish last football season.

The Bearcats had three straight quarterfinal appearances were 31-5 from 2013 to 2015.

Basile head coach Kevin Bertrand is entering his fourth season with the Bearcats and is confident his team will win again.

"There were four games last year that we lost that we should have won," he said.

"We had a chance to win at the end and just couldn't get it done," Bertrand said. "We talked about it all summer

long and that was motivation for them.

"We would have been 7-3 and instead of 3-7."

The Bearcats did earn a playoff spot, falling to Madison Prep in the first round.

Bertrand said those four regular season close games including a double-overtime loss to St. Edmund will help propel the team into wanting better results in 2017.

"This was the best summer workouts I have ever been around as a coach," he said. "I like their work ethic and their attitudes.

"We plan to out-work people and see where it takes us."

Two of the three wins last year came in district play but the Bearcats are moving into a newly aligned District 4-1A. against some old-time rivals.

Joining Basile in the district are Oberlin, Elton, St. Edmund, Hamilton Christian, Merryville, and Grand Lake.

The good news for Coach Bertrand is that he has 15 starters returning from last year's squad, including eight on offense and seven on defense.

"We have a very small senior class," Bertrand said. "The bulk of our team are underclassmen but we do have a lot of experience playing so many
See Basile on Page 10B

Acadiana Smiles
Giving Acadiana a Reason to Smile

Lara Henderson Leonards, DDS
Family Dentistry

203 West Magnolia Street • Eunice, LA 70535 • 337-457-3500
608 North Avenue K • Crowley, LA 70526 • 337-788-0677
fax 337-457-3555 • www.acadianasmiles.com

Wenner's Flooring

Dale Soileau - Owner

Your One Stop Flooring Shop!

- Wood • Carpets • Sheet Vinyl • Ceramic Tile
- Laminates • Marble Tile • Vinyl Tile • Granite Tile
- Custom Area Rugs

~ All Name Brand Flooring ~
201 N. CC Duson 457-7727 Eunice

GOOD LUCK
on a Winning Season!

Smokes
546-0100
1761 W. Laurel Hwy 190 • Across from Rozas

SB BASILE STATE BANK

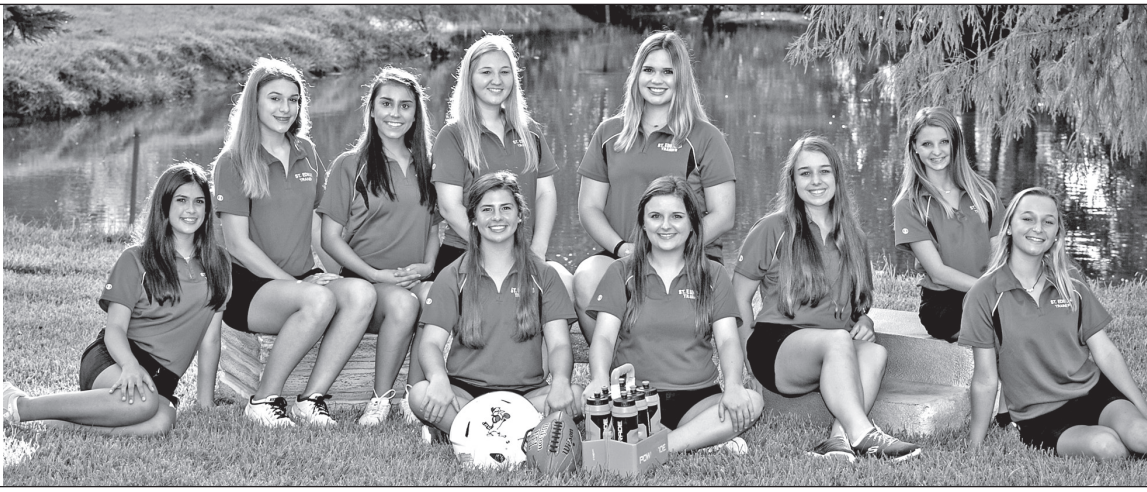
Member FDIC

Support the Bearcats!

with the Bearcat Card from BASILE STATE BANK

Available for \$10
All Profits go directly to
Basile High School

www.basilebank.com



St Edmund trainers, front row, from left, are Kennedy Fruge, Maggie Larriviere, Anna Duplechin, Amy Bollich, and Jamie Fuselier. Top row, from left, are Katelyn Stagg, Katelyn LaCour, Vivian Dubois and Brooke Young. (Photo by Tommy Trosclair)

**Good Luck
Blue jays
& have a
great season**

**DARNALL, SIKES
GARDES & FREDERICK**

1231 E. Laurel • 457-4146 • Eunice



St Edmund senior drummer are: Blaire Allain, Mason Brown and Olivia Schatzle. (Photo by Tom Dodge)

**Have a Great Season
Blue Jays!**

Mel's Quick Stop

337-457-1958

Hwy. 13, 6 miles North of Eunice
Ryan & Anward Meyeaux, owners

~ Meat Specials ~

Plate Lunches - Mon. - Fri.
Boudin - Cracklins - Sausage - Pounce' & more

Mon-Sat - 6 am-7 pm • Sun - 7 am-2 pm



TREATING THE BLUE JAYS ON AND OFF THE FIELD!

REHAB X CEL **Physical Therapy
& Sports Medicine**

441 Moosa Blvd. • Eunice

457-8164

www.rehabxcelpt.com

Locally owned by
Mike Driggs DPT, ATC & Lee Miller DPT

GO BLUE JAYS!



Basile

From Page 8B

younger players last season. "We had to throw a lot of guys to the wolves last year and they weren't quite ready to start," he said. "But they did get better as the year went on."

On offense, junior Dawson Ashford returns at quarterback. Senior Brett Ledoux and junior Jayion Thomas return as the wide receivers. Senior Darren Chaumont is back at tight end.

The middle of the offensive line returns both guards in junior Gage Johnson and senior Cameron Berzas along with senior center Owen Romero.

There will be new starters at the tackle spots in sophomore Gabe Duplechin and junior-Tanner Fontenot.

Joining Ashford in the backfield are junior tailback Andre Reed and sophomore fullback Logan David.

"We are going back to more one-back spread offense," the



Kevin Bertrand

coach said. "We don't have the big bruising back or a huge offensive line this year so we are going to play to our strengths."

On defense, Berzas, Chaumont, Romero, Reed, David, Thomas, and Ashford will go both ways.

Berzas and Chaumont are defensive ends and David and Reed are linebackers. Romero

is a defensive tackle, with Ashford at strong safety and Thomas at cornerback.

The remainder of the defense includes seniors Jacob McGee and Stormy Comeaux at strong safety and cornerback, respectively. Sophomore Isaiah Caeser is the free safety and sophomore Isaac Cortez starts at defensive tackle.

"We look to our defense to step up, keep the games close to give our offense a chance."

The Basile Bearcats are preparing for a rebound from its disappointing 3-7 finish in 2016.

The Bearcats open at home against Iota before visits to Mamou and Sacred Heart of Ville Platte.

Basile opens district at St. Edmund before back-to-back home games against Merryville and South Cameron.

A trip to rival Elton is followed by a home battle against Oberlin.

The Bearcats visit Grand Lake before a regular season home finale against Hamilton Christian.



Good Luck

on a great season!



141 E. Walnut • 457-7353 • Eunice
www.ghoutdoor.com

Are You Game?

Good Luck Area Teams!

Gatti's Pizza

337-457-8319
2226 W. Laurel Ave. • Eunice

GOOD LUCK!

If you can **BELIEVE IT,**
You can **ACHIEVE IT!**

Eunice Manor

3859 Highway 190 W • Eunice
(337) 457-2681

Nickie Toups
Administrator
RN, NFA

We back our home teams!

GO

Cats & Jays

Over 100 years of dependable service to the community!

PICOU'S DRUG STORE

& Gifts

260 N. Second
Eunice
457-2218

Jays

From Page 3B

said of the Blue Jays' 4-7 finish in 2016. "Playing schools in our class give us no excuses. Hopefully we can win a few ball games and get some momentum going and get some confidence."

The Blue Jays open at Hanson Memorial on Sept. 1, followed by three straight home games against Sacred Heart of Ville Platte, Mamou and dis-

trict rival Basile.

The new district slate includes a trip to South Cameron with Senior Night slated for Oct. 6 against Elton.

St. Edmund travels to Oberlin before celebrating homecoming Oct. 20 against Grand Lake.

The Blue Jays close the regular season with road games at Hamilton Christian and Merryville.

"Our fan base likes the new district," Hargroder said. "These teams are familiar to them as they are old rivals."

D.C.'s
SPORTSBAR & STEAKHOUSE

Join Us Before & After The Game!!

Call-Ins Welcome • 457-7001

1601 W. Laurel • Eunice Darren Cobb, Owner

**Good Luck
St. Edmund Blue
Jays**



David Roberie, Agent
120 E Laurel Ave
Eunice, LA 70535
Bus: 337-457-4149
david.roberie.b3az@statefarm.com

Hold the line.
Have a great season !

Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there.®



ALWAYS THERE FOR YOU!

**CUSTOMER
FOCUSED**

**LOW
COST**

**COMMUNITY
INVOLVED**



SLEMCO

www.slemco.com



St. Edmund coaches, from left, are Louis Ryder, head coach Andy Hargroder, Robert Soileau and Mike Yachera. Not pictured are Scott Richard and Wesley Richard.

Work a little harder.
 Play a little tougher.
 Call a little smarter.
 Win a lot more!



Good Luck to All Area Teams!

St. Landry Homestead Federal Savings Bank is a proud supporter of the 2017 football season. And when it comes to finding a great hometown bank, we're a smart call!



St. Landry
HOMESTEAD[®]
 Federal Savings Bank

"People First. Since 1922."



457-8196 • 840 E. Laurel Ave

Member
 F.D.I.C.

www.StLandryHomestead.com

SHOP EUNICE 1ST

New at Sun Sports!
 Jersey Tees ~ Toddler to Adult Sizes
 New Logos Available



CLEARANCE
 Select Racks

3/\$15



**Good Luck
 Blue Jays!**

Show your Spirit

SELECT CAPS

25% OFF



Mugs • Caps • License Plates
 Mouse Pads • Pom-Pom Beanies
 For ALL Surrounding Schools!



**Spirit
 Dri-Fit Shirts!**



Stadium Blankets!

ADDITIONAL DISCOUNTS!
 Like us on Facebook!



(337) 457-1484
 950 W. Laurel Ave. • Eunice

- Layaway Available -