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Prior to Hutchinson, Madison spent two seasons at Cowley County, Kan. In two seasons at Cowley, Madison’s record was 60-8, including a school-record 31 victories in 2007-08. Cowley won a pair of Jayhawk Conference East championships and appeared in two Region VI championship games. Before Cowley, Madison was at the University of Texas-Pan American, an NCAA Division II program, during the 1992-93 season.

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Setting School Records

At the start of the 2011-2012 men’s basketball season at Lamar State College-Port Arthur, there were plenty more questions than answers.

But as the season unfolded, a group of individual stars melded into a core team that led the college to yet another championship banner, earning the NJCAA Region 14 regular season championship for the first time in school history.

The Seahawks provided a constant flair for the dramatic, winning several of their late-season games by a point here and a point there. As the final game of the regular season arrived, a tilt against Tyler College, the Hawks found their backs to the wall as they sought another championship ring.

Beating the Apaches in Tyler with a championship on the line was a daunting task and the difficulty of that effort was seen in a 14-point deficit in the first half of that game. Even as the game wore on into the second half, Lamar State struggled, trailing by double-figures late.

But, as was the trend throughout the season, the Hawks managed on 11-0 run to retake the lead and held on for a 70-66 win and a share of the Region 14 championship with Paris College.

“To win back-to-back championships and to do that here in Tyler is really magical,” former coach Matt Cross said. “To win this tournament last year was a huge thing for the program and the college. Winning the regular season championship is really more difficult because you have to play a 19-game schedule. It’s like they say, the cream rises to the top and we’re at the top this season.”

The Hawks reached the Region 14 tournament as the No. 2 seed, which put them face-to-face with Tyler again, on the Apaches’ horrid court again, and Lamar State battled to make sure the outcome would be the same.

In an emotional game in front of a predominantly Tyler fan base, the Hawks and Apaches battled even until right at the end when Lamar State edged out and won the game 62-58.

The Seahawks moved on to meet Navarro in the semifinals as they attempted to repeat as the Region 14 representative to the NJCAA National Tournament in Hutchinson, Kan.

While the Hawks had all the talent in the world, the luck they relied on to a great degree this season finally ran out. Navarro was a team Lamar State had beaten at the buzzer earlier in the season. This time, Navarro would not be denied, building as much as a 22-point lead early in the game and walking away with a 78-65 victory.

The Hawks’ season was through but all is not lost for the men’s basketball program, as the post-season accolades were piled on as proof positive that Lamar State’s championship run was as much an individual effort as it was a team collaboration.

Sophomores Elijah Pittman and Brandon Peters earned second team all-region honors, while also earning third team South Zone all conference nods. Freshman Shondel Stewart was named honorable mention all conference South Zone.
New Men’s Basketball Coach

Lance Madison is the Seahawks’ new basketball coach after accepting the position offered by Lamar State College-Port Arthur Athletic Director Scott Street on Saturday, May 12.

Madison left Oklahoma City University where he served one year as assistant coach for the OCI Stars, members of the Sooner Athletic Conference. He moved his way up to coach after two seasons as men’s basketball assistant coach at Hutchinson, Kan., for Steve Eck. The tradition-rich Blue Dragons finished 26-7, second place in regular season league play and in the Sooner Athletic Conference tournament.

Prior to Hutchinson, Madison spent two seasons at Cowley County, Kan. In two seasons at Cowley, Madison’s record was 60-8, including a school-record 31 victories in 2007-08. Cowley won a pair of Jayhawk Conference East championships and appeared in two Region VI championship games. Before Cowley, Madison was at the University of Texas-Pan American, an NCAA Division II program, from 1996-2002 where he served as an assistant men’s basketball coach. The Knights posted 20 or more wins all five seasons. He also guided the softball program.

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Triebel Earns Prestigious Piper Award

Mavis Triebel, who is celebrating her 25th year as an educator at Lamar State College-Port Arthur, has been awarded the prestigious Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation Professor recognition for 2012.

Triebel, a government professor in the Liberal Arts Department at Lamar State, is one of 10 across the state of Texas who earned the annual recognition that includes a gold pin and a $5,000 honorarium. The award is among the most sought-after by college and university educators in the state of Texas. She was honored during a reception Wednesday at the Con Parkur Multipurpose Center with members of the Lamar State faculty and her family on hand.

The Piper Foundation, headquartered in San Antonio, was established in 1958 and annually recognizes 10 Texas professors for outstanding academic, scientific and scholarly achievement and dedication in the field of teaching. Each two- and four-year college and university may submit one nominee each year. A selection committee from the academic community reviews nominations and choose the professors to be honored.

“’I’ve worked with at least five Piper Professors at two other colleges and know several others pretty well,’ Dr. Gary Stretcher, Vice President for Academic Affairs at Lamar State, said. “Each of those people truly possess accomplishments and attributes that have set them apart. Mavis is no exception to that. Mavis has never indicated an interest to be a department chair or dean. Teaching, working with students, and promoting this college are her passions.”

Other schools with Piper Professors this year include the University of Houston, Texas A&M University, the University of Texas at Austin, Texas State University-San Marcos, the University of Texas-El Paso, Sam Houston State University, the University of Texas at San Antonio, McLennan Community College, and the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

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“Ms. Triebel has worked with at least five Piper Professors at two other colleges and know several others pretty well,” Dr. Gary Stretcher, Vice President for Academic Affairs at Lamar State, said. “Each of those people truly possess accomplishments and attributes that have set them apart. Mavis is no exception to that. Mavis has never indicated an interest to be a department chair or dean. Teaching, working with students, and promoting this college are her passions.”

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Frankie Avalon Headlines 9th Annual ‘Gulf Coast Gala’

The Carl Parker Center at Lamar State College-Port Arthur was rocking April 28 when 50 heartthrob Frankie Avalon took the stage to entertain patrons of the ninth annual “Gulf Coast Gala.” Lamar State’s first gala was developed in 2004 to benefit cultural and visual arts at the Museum of the Gulf Coast, and to provide support for the college’s “Discovery” youth program; Alumni Fund; athletic scholarships; musical and theatrical productions and a variety of special projects, such as Lamar State’s July 4 celebration and the Regional Citizen Bee. Avalon is a veteran of more than 30 movies and two dozen hit records including “Venus, Bobbi Sox to Strollin’s and Why,” which was released in 1963. Avalon was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society at LSC-PA were named the All-Texas Academic Team.

Viski Clend-Day of Pasadena and Don Vo of Port Arthur represented Lamar State in Port Arthur and were honored at an awards ceremony recognizing this year’s members of the All-Texas Academic Team.

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During the Spring of 2012, the Museum enjoyed the traveling exhibition “Rascoe and the Petco rescue” and a variety of educational programs. The 2012 exhibition featuring “Rock & Roll Hall of Fame” show, featuring 50’s heartthrob Frankie Avalon, was the most successful to date with the proceeds benefiting various community programs supported by LSC-PA, including the Museum.

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Griffin Gibson, a junior at Acker Oakes Academy, captured second place; Nederland High School junior Adrianna Alkibut was third. Orangefield High School senior Constance Ingram was fourth; honorable mention went to senior Carl McClain from Port Neches-Groves High School.

Students compete individually in the Citizen Bee, which is a test of their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution and other important documents, people, issues, civic values and current events.

The event consists of one-hour private written examination, followed by oral questions in a public forum on the stage of the LSC-PA Performing Arts Center theater.

All of the questions and answers were available in the on-line study guide provided by the Bill of Rights Institute.

The region, represented by the competition at Lamar State, has had several state winners in past years. The State Bee of Texas, Education Foundation, along with the Hutton Sammers Foundation, funded the event at the State Capitol of Texas where the contest was held in the Senate Chambers.
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Medical Office Administration
Network Specialist
Paralegal
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Software Developer
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Upward Mobility Nursing

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