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Each Thursday at Noon
You are welcome
to join us.

Home of the AmTryke

THE BOCCANEER LONGVIEW AMBUCS

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Presiding:	Tommy Knight
Prayer:	John Durst
Pledge:	Doug Barnard
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<b>Members:</b>	33
<b>Guests:</b>	4
<b>Shawn Ingram</b>	guest of Shawn Hall
<b>Bryan Couch</b>	guest of Shawn Hall
<b>Kieler Soape</b>	guest of Al Bingham
<b>Keith barber</b>	guest of Danny Lee
<b>Speakers:</b>	1
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Attendance:	\$802 James White
50/50	\$51 Shawn Ingram

Shirts

See Al Bingham if you have not yet received your Ambucs shirt. He will bring them next week.

AmTrykes

Steve Rogers discussed the giving away of a Tryke at Michael Tubb's office to a 3-year old boy named Sawyer. Sawyer has a very rare condition called Hypotonia, commonly known as floppy baby syndrome. His body is in a perpetual state of low muscle tone, with practically zero muscle strength. See picture below.



Mobility Bash

Billy H. reminded us of the Mobility Bash on September 8th. The tickets are \$100 per couple. Start selling them! Also, there are ads that you can buy for your business in the program publication. Buy one today! Billy said that John Dimond had recently sold \$750 of ads to his business associates. Paul Herring announced that the team selling the most tickets will be served steak, and the losers will serve them while wearing Mickey Mouse hats.

National Conference

It will be Oct. 3rd-6th at the Peppermint Hotel Resort in Reno NV. Number is 866-821-9996.

Ramps

Kevin Ingram said the ramp build at New London was appreciated so much by the family that they received a sizable check! He said there is a ramp build this Saturday. Be at HQ at 7.

Birthdays

Jack Crawford will be 88 on the 3rd.
Jim Hiebert will be 67 on the 8th.

Thanks

John Dimond sent us a card thanking us for the sympathy and comfort we afforded his family in the loss of their son.



Football Squares

Danny Lee says there are only 11 squares left. Get yours today! \$100 per square.



Kerry Lane - Pine Tree ISD Head Coach

Coach Lane is pictured at bottom left on the first row. He spoke about Pine Tree athletics. He is returning as the football coach, beginning his 3rd year with the Pine Tree Pirates. Last year, the team made the playoffs for the first time in 16 years.

He has brought more kids into program, and the school population has grown to 1200 students now. Kerry said he has some good kids and has retained most of the coaching staff. He said it is very important to maintain coaching consistency with the athletes, and believes this is key element in his success.

Freshmen start workouts next week on Monday the 6th. Older kids start on the 13th. The varsity will scrimmage Tyler Lee on the 24th, then Bullard here on 31st, then Pittsburg and Kilgore. They then will have a bye week before district 5A play begins on September 21st. This will be the first year that district 5A will be split into large and small schools. Pine Tree ISD is classified as a small 5A school and will have 7 district ball games. Games will include Mt.

Pleasant (whom they beat last year), Lindale, Marshall, Jacksonville, Whitehouse, & Hallsville.

Coach Lane discussed how he has been striving hard to rebuild the program by refocusing the kids and coaching staff. He said that more kids are staying with PT ISD, instead of transferring to Longview ISD or other districts. He has 10 captains on his team. The QB from last year was a senior and graduated. He talked of Kishon Williams who is an excellent tight end, and a good leader of the team.

He said that Mr. Williams is weighing the college offers that are coming in from sunbelt schools but has not yet made a decision. Coach Lane is planning on traveling with Kishon to visit colleges.

Kerry's coaching style is to treat all kids and coaches the same, with no partiality or special privileges, regardless of individual talent. He said that parents have changed their attitude and have adopted more of a team player concept, instead of expecting special treatment for their talented sons.

Coach Lane stressed that there are few boys who have an involved dad, so he has encouraged dads or other male relatives to step up and get involved in the athletic program and support/encourage the boys playing football. He thought this had helped a great deal.

Coach Lane said that Mr. Steve Clugston is the new Superintendent at Pine Tree ISD, and that he is a former coach, has a down-to-earth personality and is an all around good man. Mr. Clugston invited the Pine Tree ISD staff to his home for a cookout dinner, where he grilled pork chops for everyone, and began developing his rapport.

In closing, Coach Lane asked us to tell Coach John King that he (Kerry) was the first to speak at Ambucs this season!