

BISD MEMORIAL STADIUM

New home of the Bears, Cedar Creek is state of the art

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CEDAR CREEK — The Bastrop Bears will open their home in a game Sept. 4 against San Marcos.

BISD Memorial Stadium will replace Erhard Field as the home of the Bears this season and will be the home of the Cedar Creek Eagles when they begin play as a junior varsity squad in 2010.

The stadium will also host the Bastrop-Cedar Creek Middle School games beginning this year.

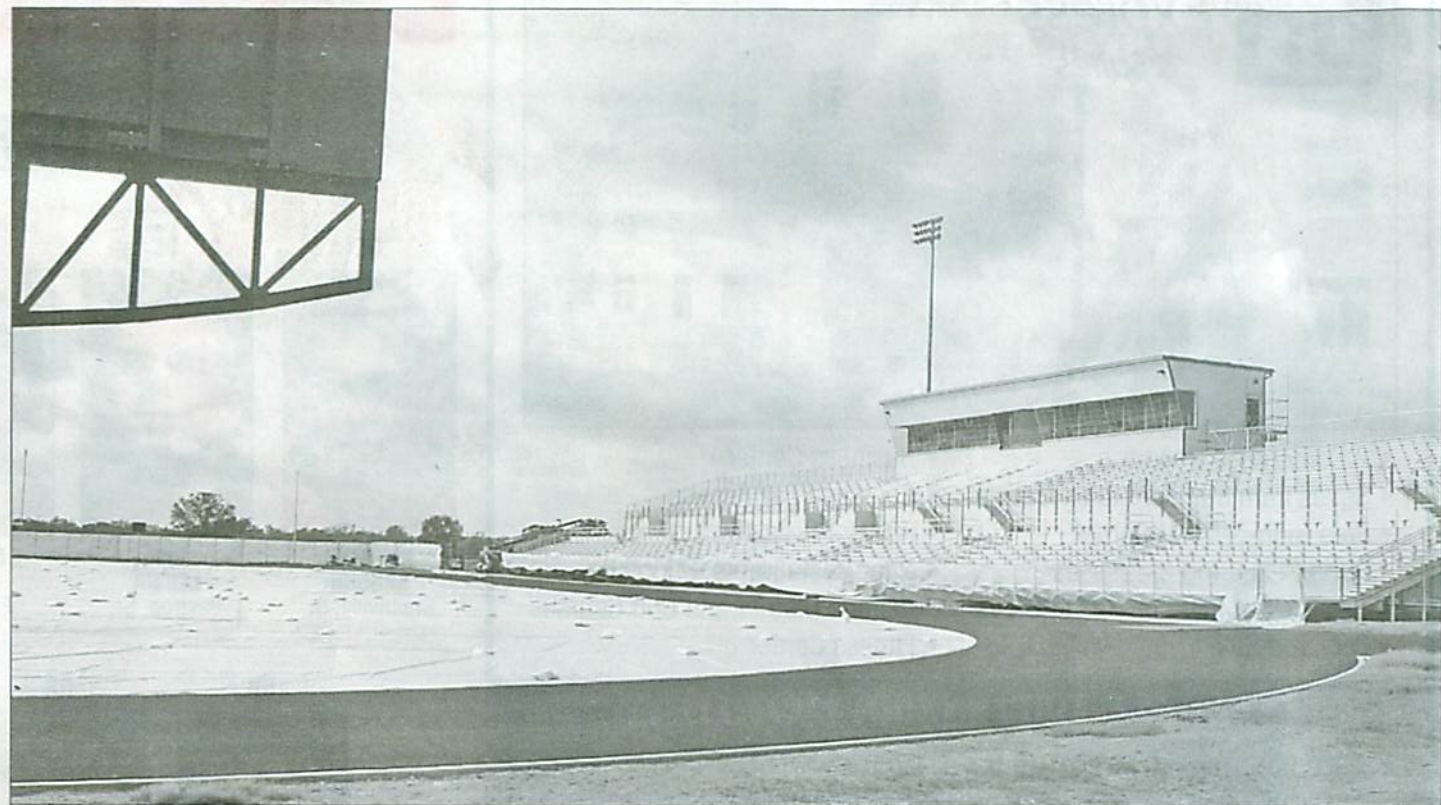
The new stadium has a seating capacity of 8,000 and features a high-definition video scoreboard in the north end zone.

BISD Memorial Stadium also has the distinction of being the first high school football field in the United States to be equipped with TigerTurf's "Trophy Turf," a synthetic grass that is said to, "heighten athletic performance and provide longevity."

Another feature of the stadium is a state-of-the-art pressbox, which offers high-definition televisions, improved sound system and a wireless Internet connection.



GERALD PERRY



Above: The home bleachers and state-of-the-art press box, complete with wireless Internet access, are seen on a cloudy day in Cedar Creek. Right: The scoreboard in the west end of BISD Memorial Stadium features a high-definition video screen.

There are multiple restroom and concession facilities located at the west end of the stadium.

Also, BISD athletic director Gerald Perry said that there are home locker rooms for both Cedar Creek and Bastrop.

"The Cedar Creek locker rooms have blue lockers in it and will be the home lockers when Cedar Creek plays here," Perry said. "The Bastrop locker room have maroon lockers and will be Bastrop's home locker room when Bastrop plays here."

The stadium will be used for multiple events including, track and field,

boys and girls soccer, junior ROTC field events and UIL marching band competitions.

Perry said he hopes the stadium can host playoff games, district track and field events and possibly soccer tournaments.

Traffic after games on Texas 21 is a concern, especially for the first home game against San Marcos.

The Texas Department of Transportation is scheduled to do construction to widen the highway in front of the stadium, which should be completed by Bastrop's second home game on Sept. 25 against Pflugerville.

