

JERRY MOORE DAY IN TEXAS APRIL 2ND

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The accolades just keep pouring in for the Appalachian State football team and their coach Jerry Moore.

The Texas State Senate approved that April 2nd will officially be “Jerry Moore Day” throughout the Lone Star State. Moore, a native of Bonham, TX, attended Baylor University and coached for 19 years in Texas at Corsicana High School (1961-64), SMU (1965-72), North Texas (1979-80) and Texas Tech (1981-85). Moore is the winningest coach in the Southern Conference and at ASU with 178 wins. He has 205 wins in his 46-year career, and he has led the Mountaineers to three national championships. ASU will open the season against East Carolina in Greenville, NC on September 5th.

Assistant coach Mark Speir of ASU has been invited to run in the Boston Marathon on Patriots Day, Monday, April 20th. Speir ran in the Music City Marathon in Nashville, TN last year and raised \$17,000 for Memorial Christian Hospital in Bangladesh. He hopes to raise \$26,200 (\$1,000 for each mile) at the Boston Marathon this season for the same cause. Memorial Christian Hospital will have its new surgical ward named after Dr. Lowman Furman, a Boone native and huge supporter of the Mountaineer football program.

Jake Wallace of Watauga High has signed his national letter of intent with Emory & Henry College in Emory, Va. Emory & Henry is a Division III school in the Old Dominion Conference. Wallace, an all-Northwestern 4A performer his junior year, will concentrate on football. But he might play baseball as well. Wallace, a three-sport athlete at WHS, has suffered through an injury-plagued year. But he was a pinch runner on Tuesday night for the WHS baseball team and scored the game-winning run on Phil Gordon's single in the ninth inning as WHS beat East Burke, 1-0. And wide receiver Dylan Crump of Hibriten High School in Lenoir has signed his national letter of intent to play football at Catawba College, a Division II school in the South

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Atlantic Conference. Crump, a great athlete, only caught 13 passes last year, but Hibriten, primarily a running team, only threw the ball 104 times. Hibriten will join WHS, Hickory, St. Stephens, South Caldwell, Alexander Central and Fred T. Foard as members of the newly-formed Northwestern 3A/4A Conference in the fall of 2009.