

FIELD WORK

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Nitro High School Offensive Line Coach John Painter was among the volunteers working to give the school's football field a facelift for the new season. He and others installed a new concrete sideline to keep players from standing in mud. Also helping were coaches Derek Midkiff and Johnny Johnson, along with several volunteer contractors. Bermuda grass was planted on the field over the summer, making it the "best grass field in the state," the coach said. Head Coach Bob Gobel's Wildcats are a young team this year, with about half of the players being freshmen and sophomores.