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WEATHERFORD COLLEGE

## Golf course donation sets WC apart

By Rick Mauch  
The Community News

Last week Weatherford College officials announced the largest donated gift the college has ever received. Richard and Nancy Stuart, longtime supporters of the school, said they plan to donate Canyon West Golf Course to the college.

No one could be happier about the donation than Weatherford College golf coach Jesse Speirs. The donation puts his Coyotes program and the college in elite company.

"Very few schools can say they have their own golf course; this means a lot to us and we can't thank the Stuart family enough for their support," Speirs said.

Speirs revived the golf program in 2021-22 after more than two decades of it being dormant. The Coyotes made an immediate impact on the state and national scene, even being ranked as high as No. 15 in the country at one point in the season and ending the season No. 16 following regional competition.

"This is such a generous offer from the Stuart family. They have been such supportive donors to the school and for them to be donating Canyon West to the school means so much to Weatherford college and to the golf team," Speirs said. "This will be great for recruiting future WC golfers and will be a great place for the current golfers to call home and have their own place to play and practice."

Canyon West opened in 1997 and is an award-winning par-72 course covering over 6,600 yards. It is located in southwest Parker County in the Brock community.

The Stuarts purchased the course in 2012.

WC officials said they plan to continue operating the course for its current members and the public.

Along with benefiting the WC men's team, the college plans to add women's golf in the 2023-24 school year.

*The Stuarts did not respond to numerous requests for comment.*



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PARKER COUNTY

## Annual Peach Festival once again a success



RANDY KECK/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Weatherford Chamber of Commerce volunteers Wenday Davis, Stacy Cliver, and Molly Michel display a Peach Festival t-shirt.

### Fans from all over came to downtown Weatherford

By Rick Mauch  
The Community News

Beatrice Marron took a deep breath, closed her eyes, and let her nostrils absorb the aroma around her. While silence wasn't necessary, those around her nonetheless said nothing in the moment.

Then, she opened her eyes and said with a smile excitedly, "You can just smell the freshness!"

Marron, a relative newcomer to Weatherford, moved to the area two years ago from the state of Washington. She was attending her second Parker County Peach

Festival. Given her excitement, she will probably never miss one as long as she lives here.

And, who knows, if she moves away, she may even make the journey back. The annual event, in its 38th year, is popular both locally and with folks from all over.

"I love it. I just love it," Marron continued. "I love to see the community come together at such a nice event. So many smiles, so many peaches!"

From the freshest of peaches to peach cobbler to peach ice cream and even foot long corn dogs, there were treats and goodies for everyone. Vendors galore were handing

out freebies for a spin of the wheel, or just for stopping by and saying hi.

**"So many smiles, so many peaches!"**

- Beatrice Marron

Chris Quintana, also somewhat new to the area from California, was also attending his second Peach Festival. His favorite part? The samples.

"I love that you get to try all the different items before you buy them. Then, the hard choice is which ones to buy?" he said.

Of course, some just buy them all, or at least it seems like. An example was Kathy Mulvey of Flower Mound, who had a wagon

filled with peaches and other assorted goodies.

"I'm going to take this to work and eat it," she said, pointing at some cobbler. "And I discovered this new wine dye. I can't wait to try that."

Her friend, Margo Moore, also from Flower Mound, added, "We come here every year. It's just a fun thing we look forward to."

Mulvey continued, "I came here with my grandmother when she was still alive. It was a lot smaller then."

Tina Lacey and her daughter-in-law Caitlin were in town from Arkansas. This was Tina's third visit and the first for Caitlin.

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Libby Tovar, a recent graduate of Trinity Christian Academy, was the recipient of the Rebecca James Memorial Scholarship for 2023. The Rebecca James Memorial Scholarship Fund (RJMSF) was established in 2013 in her memory. The Fund seeks to further the development of good character through education by offering scholarships to men and women who are in need of financial assistance. Shown are (from left) Walker James, Erin Tovar, Libby Tovar, Victor Tovar, and Devin James.

WEATHER

## Relentless Texas heat

### High pressure expected to continue

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Brutal heat across Texas this week will have the state rivaling the hottest locations on the planet. A dome of high pressure with dangerous heat and high humidity across the state has lead local officials to warn people to take precautions.

According to the National Weather Service, heat causes more deaths across the country than other weather events. It is

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WEATHERFORD ISD

# Top teachers recognized at annual luncheon

By Randy Keck  
The Community News

*Editor's Note: The Community News was invited to cover the annual Weatherford ISD teacher awards in April. Space was limited in the end-of-school-year rush, but we are pleased to be able to recognize these great Parker County educators.*



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Weatherford ISD honored its top teachers at a luncheon held on April 6 at the Doss Heritage and Culture Center. Emceed by local radio personality Dave Cowley, the district recognized a teacher from each campus, as well as naming Elementary and Secondary Teachers of the Year.



The Austin Elementary School Teacher of the Year is Amanda Murphy (right). She is shown with principal Dr. Marlyn Young.



Grace Burkett (right) was named Teacher of the Year from Crockett Elementary School. She is shown with Principal Tra Hall.



Emily Ratterree was named Teacher of the Year from Seguin Elementary School. She is shown with Principal Michelle Stapp (left) and Assistant Principal Jeina Dunn.



Disa Billings (center) was named Teacher of the Year from Ikard Elementary School. She is shown with Principal Christy Burton (left) and Assistant Principal Jennifer Tyson.



Allyson Scown was named Teacher of the Year from Wright Elementary School. She is shown with Principal April Leppla and Assistant Principal Cynthia Childers.



Tisha Hadley (left) was named Teacher of the Year from Curtis Elementary School. She is shown with Principal Lorie Bratcher.



June Ahrens (left) was named Teacher of the Year from Martin Elementary School. She is shown with Principal Mitzy Myall.



Evelyn Hughes (right) was named Teacher of the Year from Hall Middle School. She is shown with Principal Stephanie Wynne.



Kelly Nance (right) was named Teacher of the Year from Tison Middle School. She is shown with Principal Leslie Ghiglieri.



Matthew Holder was named Teacher of the Year from Weatherford Ninth Grade Center. He is shown with Principal Dr. Jessica Duenez.



Morgan Wright (left) was named Teacher of the Year from Weatherford High School. She is shown with Principal Dr. Bill Tommaney.

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# PEACH

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When asked why she keeps coming back, Tina said with a laugh, "It sure ain't the heat!" Then, she added, "It's a great way to spend time with family, and I really like the crafts."

Caitlin's favorite part, she said, "I like all the vendors, and I like listening to the music. It kind of reminds me of something we have back home in West Fork called the Apple Festival in November - only it's a lot hotter here."

Young Jonathan Hernandez, visiting with his mother from Dallas, was excited because he sent someone into the dunk tank at one of the booths with a single pitch. And yes, he does plan to play baseball in high school.

"That felt great!" he said. "I'm having fun."

Given the heat, it probably felt great for the man who was dunked also. And he was dunked a lot, which should make area baseball coaches looking for pitchers happy.



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"I love that it's an open festival, everybody can have a fun time, be outdoors. It's just a fun family oriented event," said his mother, Adrianna Hernandez. "We came two years ago and had a fantastic time, and we're having a wonderful time today."

Paul Harris, from Mineral Wells, was making his third visit. His wife comes every year, he said. When he attends he's a man with a mission.

"I like seeing all the vendors, but I have something in particular I look for every time," he said. "I buy these palm leaf hats. I look for them every time I come here."

Then, he pointed to the hat he was wearing and said, "I just bought this one a few minutes ago. It's fantastic for keeping the sun off me. Well worth the price. And they make it for you right in front of you while you watch."

Dan Massey of Joshua is another person with something special in mind when he attends. However, his item cannot be made in front of him - at least not at the Festival.

"So far, so fun," he said, holding a large box of peaches. "We do a lot of homemade ice cream - and peach moonshine. You can't beat that combination."

Scan the QR Code or click the headline for video coverage of the festival.

Photos by Randy Keck/The Community News.



Larry Piper drives the train, one of the favorite children's activities.



Judy Wright of Galveston tries out a hula hoop at the First Bank Texas booth.



Weatherford-Parker County Animal Shelter volunteer Ryan Fabela introduces an adoptable pet to Avery Johnston.



Judy Rucker of Springtown brought her Hambone and Dogs Pet Treats business from Springtown.



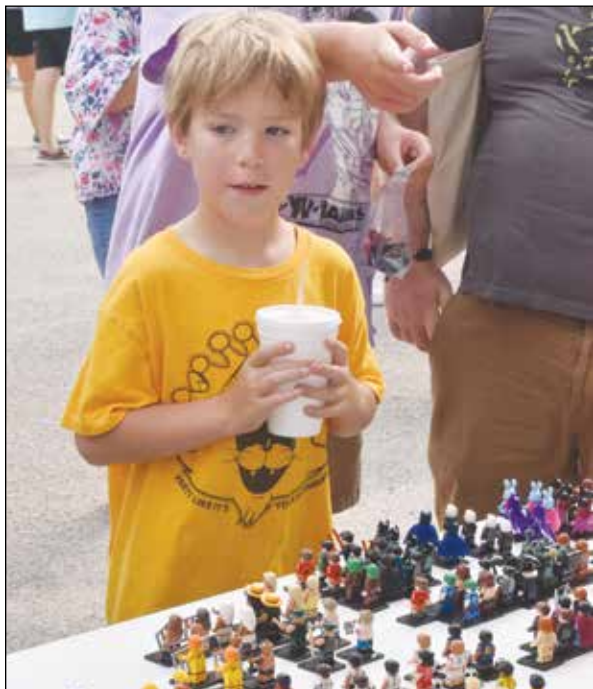
Milo Griffith makes the most of a multi-flavored sno cone.



Butch King of Weatherford looks for just the right hat.



LD Whitehead entertains at one of two performance areas during the Peach Festival.



Oliver Burns checks out the hundreds of miniature figures on display.



Unique wares from Texas Pottery Supply Supply were on display for sale.



Truman Tomme of Aledo tries his skill at an air hockey table at the Grand Adventure booth.

## TAFB West success

Tarrant Area Food Bank West had a successful fundraiser on Friday, July 7, with more than 100 tickets sold helping fight hunger.



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## Capital Highlights

# House Democrats' tax plan would help renters



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Texas House Democrats unveiled a \$20.9 billion plan for property tax relief that drops tax rates, increases the homestead exemption, gives annual rebates to renters, and includes pay raises for teachers, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported.

The newest proposal comes as the Legislature continues wrangling over the issue in the second special session this year.

The bill, proposed by Rep. John Bryant, D-Dallas, is a combination of previous proposals with the added wrinkle of providing benefits for renters, who do not directly pay property taxes. The proposal also would raise the state's per-student funding to public schools by \$1,000 and give a permanent annual raise of \$4,300 for teachers.

"Our effort is one that recognizes that you can't talk about property taxes without talking about public education," Bryant said of his proposal to raise the state's basic allotment for school funding by \$1,000.

The Senate has already passed a proposal to increase the homestead exemption to \$100,000 and give a \$2,000 pay hike for teachers in urban districts and a \$6,000 increase to teachers in rural districts over the next two years.

### Paxton won't testify at impeachment trial

Attorney General Ken Paxton won't testify at his

upcoming impeachment trial in the Senate, according to his lead defense attorney, Tony Buzbee.

"We will not bow to their evil, illegal, and unprecedented weaponization of state power in the Senate chamber," Buzbee said. The Senate could still try to force Paxton to testify, but Buzbee's statement makes it apparent the defense would fight those efforts, the *Statesman* reported.

The House impeached Paxton in late May on 20 counts of misusing his office and other alleged crimes. He was immediately suspended from office pending the trial, which is set for Sept. 5. The rules adopted by the Senate give Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick as presiding officer the "power to compel the attendance of witnesses."

Paxton was indicted on securities fraud charges in 2015. In 2020, several whistleblowers in his office claimed he had abused his powers to assist Austin developer Nate Paul, who was charged in June with eight felony counts of making false statements to lenders.

### TxDOT seeks input on \$100 billion plan

The Texas Department of Transportation is seeking public input on a proposed 10-year, \$100 billion transportation plan. The Unified Transportation Plan for 2024 is the agency's road map to developing projects across the state.

"It's important to work with our transportation partners and hear from the public to guide transportation improvements that address congestion and enhance safety," Marc Williams, TxDOT executive director, said.

Projects included in the plan seek to ease congestion and improve connectivity. They address all types of transportation, including aviation, rail,

freight, maritime and public transportation. The public comment period ends on Aug. 7. To weigh in, go to [txdot.gov](http://txdot.gov) and click on the public input link.

### State gets \$60 million from feds for grid

The federal government is providing \$60.6 million to the Texas Division of Emergency Management to help utilities strengthen the state's power grid, the *Texas Tribune* reported. The grant program is funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed in late 2021.

"These grants will help modernize the electric grid to reduce impacts of extreme weather and natural disasters while enhancing power sector reliability," U.S. Secretary of Energy Jennifer Granholm said in a statement.

State emergency officials will decide how to use the money. Possibilities include improving how power-producing equipment performs in extreme heat or cold, or trimming trees near power lines.

Since Winter Storm Uri caused widespread outages in 2021, other storms have also caused power crises. An ice storm in late January and early February sent tree limbs crashing into power lines, particularly in Austin. In June, severe storms swept through East Texas, again knocking out power lines.

A total of \$2.3 billion will be distributed by the Department of Energy across the nation to address power grid reliability issues.

### New area code proposed for Houston area

The four area codes serving the greater Houston area

— 281, 346, 713, and 832 — will run out of available numbers in about two years, prompting the Public Utility Commission of Texas to take public comments regarding a proposal for a fifth area code to be added by the North American Planning Administrator.

Counties affected include Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, San Jacinto, and Waller. The phone numbers of existing customers would not be affected, and customers in the current area codes already have to dial all 10 digits to place local calls.

To make a public comment, go to this link: <https://tinyurl.com/44scxf5>.

### Saharan dust brings hazy skies to state

Dust from Africa's Sahara Desert is once again sweeping across Texas, making for hazy skies, pretty sunsets and a reduced chance of tropical storms forming in the Atlantic, according to KXAN-TV.

The waves of dust are caused by thunderstorms kicking up dust from the desert and sending it several thousand feet in the air, where easterly winds blow it across the ocean and, eventually, into the southern United

States.

The dusty air plumes suppress tropical cyclone formation and also slow down the intensity of the storms that do form.

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## Look at it This Way

# Buc getting another honor



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### Bearcats legend going into THSCA Hall of Honor

How many halls of fame should Tim Buchanan be in? Well, how many are out there?

Saturday, Buc, as he is known to all in Aledo, will receive yet another well-deserved accolade. He will be inducted into the Texas High School Coaches Association Hall of Honor.

It's part of a big banquet at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, one of those "Sunday best" occasions. And well it should be as some of the best in their profession are going to be honored.

And make no mistake, Buc is without debate among the best at what he did. To argue this would be akin to debating whether or not the sun is hot or water is wet.

Some things just are and don't need explaining. Buc being in any HOF connected to football is one of these things.

Make that any HOF connected to high school sports. During the five years Buc stepped aside from coaching football to focus

on solely being athletic director, teams across the board at Aledo were consistently among the best in the state.

The man simply knows how to motivate and create winners. For some, that's as commonplace as getting dressed in the morning, and Buc is in that select group.

Oh, we could go over the numbers once again, and there are certainly some that just can't be mentioned enough. Eleven state football championships (eight with him as coach, three as AD), the only team ever at any level to score 1,000 points in a season (2013), 26 consecutive seasons with at least one playoff win, the only team in Texas to three-peat twice (2009-11 and 2018-20), a 111-game district winning streak dating back 15 seasons.

And let's not forget that before he came to Aledo in 1993 Buc was defensive coordinator of an A&M Consolidated team that won a state championship. So, he actually has a dozen state championships on his resume'.

You get the point, right? Find me a better high school football coach on the planet, I challenge you.

But let's also remember Saturday's induction is into a hall of honor. Along with his on-the-field success, Buc is one heck of an honorable guy.

As much as he loves to win, he has a passion for sculpting young athletes into good human beings. After all, as he has said, winning is about a lot

more than having more points than the other team.

All across this nation are former Bearcats - of course, they will say once a Bearcat, always a Bearcat - who are making differences in all aspects of life. And if you ask any of them, odds are they will have something nice to say about Buc and his influence on them.

The same goes for the community around him - and it's not just because he won a lot of games and championships. Buc is - and I say this as a friend myself - just a likable guy.

Buc is among some elite company in this year's class, including:

- David Aymond, who resurrected Houston North Shore in 1994 and led the Mustangs to the playoffs for 20 consecutive seasons along with eight consecutive perfect regular seasons.
- Don Cumpton, who turned around a football program at Sanford Fritch in 1974 after the program had gone several years without a single win. He also had success at Muleshoe and Hereford.
- Bryan Dausin, who led San Antonio Roosevelt to a 16-0 record and a 6A state championship in 1997. He also led San Antonio Marshall to the state semifinals and he was instrumental in the opening

of Warren High School, where he coached nine teams to the state playoffs.

- Glen West, who led 21 teams to the playoffs at Kemp and Brenham, including 18 at the latter. His Brenham Cubs played in a state final in 2002, 2009 and 2013, the only teams in school history to do so.

Congrats to all for a job well done, starting with Buc. Enjoy your night.

### Don't forget to vote

Remember, if you haven't done so already, you can help Buc get into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame in Waco. Unlike other halls of fame, the general public has a say in who gets inducted in this one.

Here's how we can help Buc get in. Go to the TSHOF website ([www.tshof.org](http://www.tshof.org)) and buy a membership. They cost as little as \$25, and this gives you the right to vote, along with discounted admission and at the gift shop. For \$50, you get free admission and even a hat or T-shirt.

If all goes as it should, we'll have that induction event to prepare for also in the coming months.



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# State Representative Update

## Restore Civility



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I often find myself reflecting on perhaps the greatest American President in my lifetime, Ronald Reagan. He sparked a conservative movement across this country by holding fast to his faith, cherishing the Constitution, and by promoting limited government while ensuring the protection of every citizen. While championing for Republican priorities, he still showed respect for colleagues, and often found a way to work with those across the aisle. Yet for that very reason, it seems that if President Reagan were around in today's hyper-political climate, he would be labeled a "RINO," a "Republican In Name Only." This epithet divides our party and limits our legislative effectiveness.

Loud fringe groups hate the fact that in the Texas House, Representatives often work together. Certain organizations of the political swamp press legislators to vote according to a hyper partisan "scorecard" that is often gamed by "Scorecard Republicans," more concerned with their rating than providing conservative solutions in their district. At times, "scorecard votes" are inhumane and wrong for Texas. Yet there are people in Austin who fear the revenge of the extremist billionaires behind the scorecard and vote in lock-step. In fact, those few legislators are sometimes pressured to kill solid bills from their fellow conservative colleagues in their mission of obstruction and retribution. Frankly, those legislators who practice this mindset

accomplish extraordinarily little in their time at the Capitol.

Despite a barrage of half-truths and outright lies by these angry groups, I was elected to serve my district, to defend the Constitution, and to advance our conservative ideals. In two terms, our team has facilitated the passage of conservative legislation, not by making enemies, but by building relationships and creating credibility. "My way or the highway" is an absolutely destructive attitude. Good governance happens when individuals from different backgrounds, with diverse ideas, come to the table and sit together to create conservative solutions and positive, incremental change. The recently completed Texas 88th legislature banned gender-transition procedures for minors, banned men from competing in women's sports, banned sexually explicit materials in schools, reined in rogue district attorneys, increased the penalty for fentanyl crimes, and passed many other conservative priorities.

Name-calling, petty fighting, and the slandering of those we disagree with are the poisons of our society. As Texans, we are better than that. Our roots are that of setting aside our differences to make a difference; never forget that Tejanos and American immigrants to Texas, while vastly different in religious and ethnic aspects, came together to defeat Santa Anna and establish this great Republic. As Republicans, we are better than that. Are we not the party of Reagan, who never wavered on his core beliefs, but was willing to seek common ground with people with differing opinions? As people of faith, we are better than that, and instructed in Ephesians to "Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger,

brawling and slander, along with every form of malice."

There are extremists on the left and the right that demand passage of a 100% Purity Test or "Cancel Culture" tactics are employed. The "Politics of Personal Destruction" utilized by these groups are destroying the very fabric of our political and social culture. Political discourse and civility seem to have passed into oblivion. We need to remember the words of President Reagan, "The person who agrees with you 80 percent of the time is a friend and an ally - not a 20 percent traitor."

The primary objective of statesmen or stateswomen should be to prioritize their district's needs and apply conservative solutions. One hundred percent agreement with all Republican colleagues or hyper-partisan scorecards should not be the primary goal. I love my wife, but even we do not agree 100% of the time. We are blessed in this great country to have the freedom to disagree, but at the end of the day, we are still neighbors, fellow citizens, working for a better society and to keep America and Texas great.

Our destiny as a state and nation will only be reached by working together when possible, and when not possible, at least with civility. I urge all to take an active role in government, but encourage this endeavor be approached with respect and courtesy. Our Constitutional Republic depends on citizens with strength of character. As John Adams once wrote, "Public virtue cannot exist in a nation without private virtue, and public virtue is the only foundation of Republics."

*Glenn Rogers is the representative for Texas House District 60, which includes Parker County.*



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## Obituaries

### Devon Arthur Dickinson

for his kindness, humor, and infectious smile.

Devon Arthur Dickinson, age 11, of Sunset, Texas, a loving son and brother, passed away on Friday, June 3, 2023 in Fort WorthX.



**Devon Dickinson**

Devon was born October 25, 2011, in Fort Worth, to Dustin and Debra (Cage) Dickinson. He was an avid reader, adventurer, and football player. Devon loved camping, hiking, beach trips, aviation, fishing, and a good dad joke. He approached daily life with a fantastic attitude and impeccable effort.

Devon loved and followed Jesus and lived his life in a way that shined the light of our Heavenly Father while setting an example of love and grace for each of us. Devon was best known

Devon is survived by his parents, Dustin and Debra; his sisters, Harper and Rosalyn; grandparents and great-grandparents, Norma Foster, Dan and Missy Dickinson, Rusty and Carol Cage, Delma Cage, Jeff and Rachel Fleming, Charles Foster, Pat Dickinson, Dan and Dana Dickinson; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Arrangements were entrusted to the White Family Funeral Home of Bowie. A funeral service was held on Friday, July 7 at the First Baptist Church of Bowie, with Pastor Lee Brewer officiating. Burial followed at the Dickinson Family Cemetery in Sunset.

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## HEAT

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especially dangerous for young children, the elderly, and those with health conditions.

Extreme conditions are expected to continue into next week, with many areas experiencing temperatures well into the triple digits.

Heat advisories have been upgraded to Excessive Heat Warnings. An excessive heat warning is used when the temperatures are expected to climb to 95-109 degrees with heat index values near 105-114.

With the extreme heat the risk of fire danger also rises. Heat, gusty winds, and dry conditions are fuel for wildfires. Parker County is not under a burn ban, but outdoor burning of any kind is extremely discouraged.

Be mindful of pets and animals during this stretch of heat. Provide plenty of water, shade, and an area to cool off. Asphalt can burn paws, so walking on the grass is advised.

Stay hydrated, wear loose fitting clothing, avoid high-energy exercise at midday, stay in the shade, and know the symptoms of heat related illnesses.

## HEAT RELATED ILLNESSES

### Heat cramps

- heavy sweating during exercise
- muscle pain or spasms

### Heat exhaustion

- heavy sweating
- cold, pale, clammy skin
- fast and weak pulse
- nausea or vomiting
- muscle cramps
- tiredness or weakness
- dizziness
- headache
- fainting

### Heat stroke

- high body temperature
- hot, red, dry skin
- fast and strong pulse
- headache
- dizziness
- nausea
- confusion
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**Ground Breaking**  
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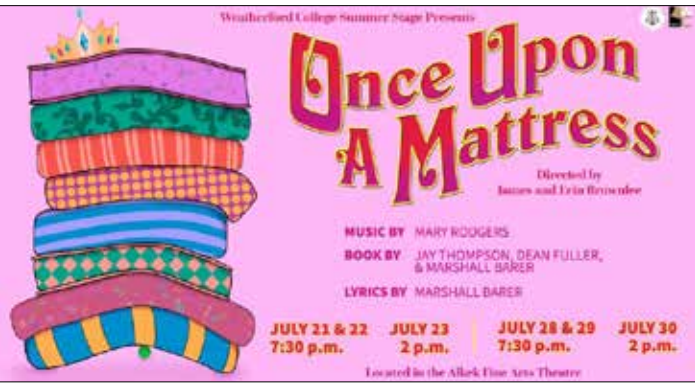
**JULY 22**  
**PCCOA Summer Carnival**  
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Tickets for games and activities may be purchased at the Carnival. For more information contact 817-596-4640.

**JULY 24**  
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1 Andrews County is in \_\_\_\_ Texas

5 Orange County \_\_\_\_ Center

6 therapeutic baths pecan: state \_\_\_\_

8 TXism: "\_\_\_\_ dog lie"

17 TX cosmetics queen Mary Kay ad on KHOU-TV 21 state no. of OK

22 TXism: "he ain't got both \_\_\_\_ in the water" (slow witted)

23 TX Fulghum book: "All I \_\_\_\_ Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten"

24 Tex-Mex dish

29 apt radio station for a F-150?

30 TXism: "he could out \_\_\_\_ six-legged bobcat"

31 "The Honkers" with Slim Pickens (init.)

32 TX singer Buddy's widow: "Maria \_\_\_\_"

34 TXism: "mighty \_\_\_\_ (okay)"

35 TXism: "\_\_\_\_ arm wrestle King Kong"

36 TX Jeffrey Jacquet old TV show: "Mork \_\_\_\_"

37 TX Quannah Parker's father

38 edible starch obtained from a palm

39 food poisoning

41 illegal \_\_\_\_ improperly crosses Texas border

42 honorary TX Ranger: \_\_\_\_ Stanley Gardner

43 TX King Vidor directed 1946 western " \_\_\_\_ in the Sun"

44 former Astro Caminiti played \_\_\_\_ base

45 sounds of hesitation

46 TXism: "don't give a hoot \_\_\_\_ holler"

47 TXism: "stretches your lips"

48 TXism: "he's \_\_\_\_ chicken" (old)

50 sentence ender

51 actress Adams of "Superdome" with TX Susan Howard

52 classified \_\_\_\_

53 TXism: "he couldn't \_\_\_\_ through a barbed wire fence"

1 Austin western suburb (3 wds.)

2 early Texas mail: "Pony \_\_\_\_"

3 TX romance novelist Judith \_\_\_\_ McNaught

4 TX Nimitz went \_\_\_\_ for a career

9 TXism: "hair raisin"

10 TX Kristofferson's "Why Me \_\_\_\_"

11 type widths

12 TXism: "round ' \_\_\_\_ up"

13 name of SMU mustang mascot

14 "good night" girl

15 natl. collegiate sports grp.

16 "Rawhide" trail boss, Favor

19 assert without proof

20 "L" of TX LBJ

22 book: "The Years \_\_\_\_ Johnson"

24 pos. of former Cowboy Jason Witten

25 "chicken \_\_\_\_ king"

26 TXism: "hombres"

27 TXism: "sling it on the wall \_\_\_\_ if it sticks"

28 Hedy of Texas-based "Boom Town"

29 Laredo TV station

30 singer Coolidge

33 TX Mac Davis' "Baby, Don't Get Hooked \_\_\_\_"

34 TXism: "ate some gravel"

35 ringlets, curls

37 TXism: " \_\_\_\_ punch" (glad)

38 broken arm support

40 British continent

41 he roped the calf by \_\_\_\_ leg

44 tres singers

47 Miami Hall of Fame QB, Bob

49 singer, TX Charley

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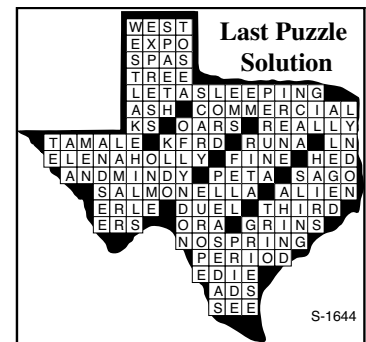
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HIGH SCHOOL RODEO

# Bushaw back at nationals

## Seeking to move up to No. 1

By Rick Mauch  
The Community News

Will Bushaw isn't asking for much, just to move up a single rung in competition during the next week.

Of course, that would make him a national champion.

Last summer, Bushaw, a junior from Peaster, finished second in boys cutting at the National High School Finals Rodeo. Now, Bushaw finds himself back in Gillette, Wyoming beginning Sunday, July 16 and running through July 22 with a goal of coming home with the biggest trophy of them all.

"I'm feeling pretty good. My horse was good at state and I'm confident that he will perform well at nationals as well," Bushaw said. "I didn't do as well as I had hoped last year. Even though I ended up second place I didn't show as well as I could've. This year I hope that I can perform to the best of my abilities and win it all."



Texas High School Rodeo President Ken Bray presents the award for winning the state boys cutting championship to Will Bushaw.

Bushaw sealed his return trip with a second consecutive state championship at the Texas High School Finals Rodeo in Abilene last month. He matched his older brother Charles in capturing back-to-back state titles.

"It's a really cool feeling to follow in his footsteps and be a two time champion. He never won nationals and that's something I hope I can do," Will said.

Will said having been to nationals last season and leaving

with a reserve championship (runner-up) is helping him approach this year's competition with a more relaxed attitude and fewer of the proverbial "butterflies in the stomach."

"Last year I didn't know what to expect but this year it's just another show," he said.

Once he returns from nationals, the busy summer will continue for Will. He will show at the National Youth Cutting Horse Association Senior Scholarship competition in Fort Worth July 27-29.



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Will Bushaw will compete in cutting at the National High School Finals Rodeo in Gillette, Wyoming next week. He finished second in the nation last year.



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TCA SOFTBALL

## Lady Eagles softball team hit the ground running

Going into their second season, there was a renewed focus for the direction of the TCA-Willow Park softball team, with expectations not just for winning ball games but for how to play the game at the highest level. With a new coach and a team made up entirely of freshmen and sophomores, the Lady Eagles softball team hit the ground running, letting nothing, not

injuries, experience, or anything else, hold them back. The young team immediately bought in to the changes and philosophy of the new program and has laid a great, solid foundation for its future. With the return of their four All-District players in freshman shortstop, Emily Ickert (1st Team), freshman center fielder, Berlynn Kaznowski (2nd team), freshman

second baseman, Kenley Sitz (Honorable Mention), and sophomore catcher, Ashlyn Chaffey (Honorable Mention), the return of a majority of last year's players, and an influx of freshmen and transfer players coming in, the TCA Lady Eagles are ready to take on any challenge in the upcoming 2024 season!

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# Mach I qualifies 14 for Junior Olympics

## Continues long tradition

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Mach I Track's long tradition of sending athletes to Junior Olympics continues this summer as the program has qualified 13 members to compete in two sites in the coming month.

Eight qualified to compete in Eugene, Oregon July 24-30 at the USA Track & Field Junior Olympics, while five qualified for the Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympics in Des Moines, Iowa July 26-Aug. 5.

In fact, three members of the team, the Fink siblings, qualified for both events, but have opted to compete in the AAU Junior Olympics. Jack is in the Boys 17-18 division, Josh is among Boys 13-14 and Jenna will compete in the Girls 8-Under category.

Joining them in Des Moines will be Nico Walden (Boys 15-16) and Emmy Strathmeyer (Girls 15-16).

Leading the pack in Eugene will be Gannon Dolan in the Boys 15-16 category. He won a national championship in the 3000-meter run last year in the Boys 13-14 division, setting a national record of 8 minutes, 59 seconds.

He will be joined by his younger brother, Malachi, who will compete in the Boys 8-Under division. Also competing among the Mach I boys will be Layton Ybarra, James Romo and Josh Gal, all in the 17-18 group, and Ty Williams among the 13-14.

Girls who qualified for Eugene are sisters Hadleigh and McKinley



These members of the Mach I Track Club will be competing in Junior Olympics in Eugene, Oregon and Des Moines, Iowa in the coming month. Pictured with the location where they will compete are (top row, from left) James Romo (Eugene), Josh Gal (Eugene), Nico Walden (Des Moines), Jack Fink (Des Moines), Layton Ybarra (Eugene), Gannon Dolan (Eugene), (bottom row) Malachi Dolan (Eugene), Jenna Fink (Des Moines), Josh Fink (Des Moines), Ty Williams (Eugene), McKinley Walton (Eugene) and Hadleigh Walton (Eugene). Not pictured are Amelia Rivas (Eugene) and Emmy Strathmeyer (Des Moines).

Walton (both 13-14) and Amelia Rivas (9-10).

"I think we are fortunate to get athletes who are dedicated, hard working and who love running so much that it is rare for them to miss practice," Mach I coach Lupe Torres said. "Also, coach Matt Mitchell is a big part of the Mach I formula."

The team competed this past weekend at the USATF Region 12 Meet in Fort Worth, from which the top eight finishers in each event punched their ticket to Oregon. It was also a last

chance for some to qualify for AAU nationals.

Mach I came home with six gold medals, three silver, two bronze, a fourth-place finish and a fifth-place finish. They won four of six divisions in the 1500, including the rare gold medal sweep in the Boys 13-14, 15-16 and 17-18 age groups, along with 8-Under.

"It was over 90 degrees at race time. There were over 60 clubs," Torres said. "Houston alone has over 500 kids combined, so I'm pretty happy with these results."

### USATF Region 12 Meet Clark Stadium, Fort Worth

#### July 5-8

Mach I national qualifiers (top eight in each event qualified for USATF Junior Olympics)

Distances in meters

800

Boys 13-14: 2. Ty Williams, 2:08.41.

Girls 8-Under: 8. Jenna Fink, 3:24.57. 1500

Boys 17-18: 1. Layton Ybarra, 4:08.45; 3. Jack Fink, 4:11.71.

Boys 15-16: 1. Gannon Dolan, 4:15.70.

Boys 13-14: 1. Williams, 4:26.49.

Boys 8-Under: 1. Malachi Dolan, 6:03.58.

Girls 9-10: 8. Amelia Rivas, 7:59.68.

Girls 8-Under: 8. Fink, 7:01.82.

2000 Steeplechase

Boys 17-18: 4. Josh Gal, 7:30.43.

3000

Boys 17-18: 2. Ybarra, 9:08.55; 3. Fink, 9:13.61; 8. James Romo, 9:53.27.

Boys 15-16: 1. Dolan, 9:22.93.

Boys 13-14: 2. Williams, 9:48.95.

Girls 13-14: 7. Hadleigh Walton, 12:28.88; 8. McKinley Walton, 12:31.39.

3000 Race Walk

Boys 13-14: 1. Josh Fink, 17:39.84.

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