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UIL RULING

Coaches, AD react to expanded playoffs

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

Football has enjoyed two state championships in each classification for a long time. Now, more teams will get to share that experience following last week's ruling by the University Interscholastic League.

Volleyball, basketball, soccer, softball and baseball playoffs will now be split into two state championship brackets. They will use a system that is still used in Class 6A football, with the top four teams from each district advancing to the playoffs. The two postseason schools with the largest enrollment will be placed in Division I and the two with the smaller enrollment will be in Division II, with each division crowning a state champion.

Under this format, Duncanville and DeSoto, both from District 11-6A, won state championships in Division I and Division II football each of the past two seasons.

Lower classifications also used this format for football for years before they were divided into Division I and Division II throughout the regular season several years ago.

The change will also mean one less game in the postseason for each of those sports. Now, teams that reach a state final will be playing in six games instead of seven.

Also, the UIL announced that for the coming school year, the state tournaments in the adjusted sports will consist only of championship finals. The pre-determined dates and sites for the state championships will remain unchanged.

Regional tournaments could also be a thing of the past. However, there will be flexibility on the regional semifinal certification dates, allowing the four teams involved the option to organize their own regional tournament.

Class 1A volleyball, softball and baseball are not included in the format change and will continue to crown one champion.

The new format goes into effect for the 2024-25 seasons. State tournament details in each sport had not been announced at press time.

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Putting for Charity



CHRISTOPHER AMOS/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

The Parker County Brewing Team played in the Fourth Annual Fairways for Families tournament on June 14 at Squaw Creek Golf Course in Willow Park to benefit Gathering Hope.

FAIRWAYS FOR FAMILIES Event raises support, hope, comfort

Christopher Amos
The Community News

Everything aligned perfectly for the Fourth Annual Fairways for Families tournament June 14 at Squaw Creek Golf Course in Willow Park. Perfect weather, generous sponsorships, and the largest turnout for the only fundraiser Gathering Hope conducts helped make the event a success.

Regional celebrities participated in the event with former radio commentator and newspaper sports columnist Randy Galloway and former Aledo Bearcat head football coach Tim Buchanan joining The Community News golf team.

Co-Director Betsy Beaman said the group's first golf tournament broke even. This year, however, the tourney drew 118 participants and raised \$38,000 in registration fees and sponsorships.

"I'm so proud I could cry, but that's just me. We are so very thankful," Beaman said as volunteers

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PCSP RODEO

Annual Parker County event closes successful week

By Christopher Amos
The Community News

The arena is quiet and the trailer parking area is empty. The 2024 Parker County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo and Frontier Days is in the books with high attendance, entertaining exhibits, and cash prizes for fortunate contestants over the week of June 4-8.

The week began with a traditional cattle drive to the rodeo grounds followed by the Frontier Days Parade down Main Street in Weatherford, both led by Parker County Posse members. A Western street dance at the downtown square finished the opening-day festivities.

Impact

Former rodeo athlete Mallory Morris was a member of the Weatherford College Rodeo Team, the Weatherford High School Rodeo Team, and participated in past Parker County Rodeos. Morris works at Jerry's Cadillac, which is a Title Sponsor of the event.

"The rodeo is such a tradition in the community," Morris said, noting this was the 77th year for the event. "People of all ages and from everywhere come to see this grand event. It also brings a lot of revenue into the community and gets the word out about our businesses and this town of ours."

Rick Howell, an employee of five-year rodeo sponsor Hartin Tree Service, said as the



CHRISTOPHER AMOS/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Katelyn Scott of Odessa earned \$618 for her place in the Parker County Rodeo barrel racing competition. The event was her 19th rodeo of 2024.

county keeps growing, the rodeo and Frontier Days help take people back to their historic roots.

"We love the rodeo," Howell said. "The rodeo is also good for the small businesses of our area. As a sponsor, we see immediate results from getting our name out there."

Rodeo

The rodeo is an annual stop for the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association circuit and drew competitors from across the U.S.

The animals from four stock providers were particularly feisty this year, with some competitors putting in lower scores than they

hoped for. The riding stock was not kind to cowboys on Day 3 with no riders able to stay in the saddle for bareback competition, and only one cowboy completing a successful bull ride. Hunter Tate of Riverton, Kansas, won that day with an 81 point go.

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HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Vacation inspires Aledo resident's unique spa

By John English
The Community News

A trip to Studio City in Los Angeles two years ago inspired Aledo resident Siera Holleman to bring a new kind of massage parlor to North Texas — one that goes above and beyond.

Holleman, 34, opened Squeeze Massage in Fort Worth on March 15 and said her studio not only provides world-class service, but addresses the problems most people have with other facilities.

"I was working here in Fort Worth and having kind of a stressful day," Holleman said. "I told my husband I needed a massage so bad, and he told me to go and get one. But the options out here in Aledo, Fort Worth, all of it, I just didn't like the experience."

"And I didn't want to go and pay spa prices for just kind of a one-off thing. So of course, my phone was listening to me, and later I got an advertisement for Squeeze."

The Baylor alum said she looked at it, loved the branding and decided to check it out.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SIERA HOLLEMAN

Siera Holleman of Aledo has opened a unique type of massage parlor, Squeeze Massage in Fort Worth.

Following her background

"My background is in marketing, so that is what I noticed first," Holleman said. "So then when I went into it I noticed that the enhancements don't cost any extra. You don't have to fill anything out. It's app-based, you can just leave when you're done. I saw all of those great perks and I thought, 'If this existed here, that's where I would go.'"

"So that's how it got started, and putting it in Fort Worth was because I have DFW at my fingertips. I'm the first one to the market, but I told them I want to be in Fort Worth because I love Fort Worth, and Fort Worth needs this."

Different from others

Squeeze, located at 2621 Whitmore St. in the Foundry District, sets itself apart from other studios in a number of ways.

"The very first way is being able to book on the app," Holleman said. "You can look at the availability that you have and you can look at the bios of all of our massage therapists, so I can look for someone who is really going to help me with my needs. If I've got something going on that I need more of a sports massage for, I can find that

and book it based upon that massage therapist's availability."

Then, while on the app, clients can set up their profiles so therapists can get to know them.

"You set your preferences, and you sign your waiver so that all of that is already done when you come into the shop," Holleman said. "So the moment you walk through the doors, you are greeted by one person. There is no chaos going on in the lobby when you walk in the door. There is one person, they're expecting you, they show you around, and you're not handed a clipboard."

And then there's the extras. "Anywhere else that you go, they're going to tell you that it's this price. But if you want to add deep tissue, heat therapy, prenatal, aroma therapy, anything really, they call those enhancements, and they're usually \$20 a pop," she said. "So you can get pretty high up there fast."

"With us, all of that is included. Extras don't cost extra."

Sign up on website also

Holleman stresses that customers do not have to have an app, however.

The massage studio also has a website where clients can create a

profile and walk through it, and if they need assistance, the customer service team, "which is extremely well-trained and knowledgeable, is always willing to help."

Holleman said the response has been overwhelmingly positive, and said a personal encounter with a customer proved to her that Squeeze was on the right track already.

"I remember the first weekend we opened, I was at the front desk, and people would come out and they would have this relaxed look on their face and say, 'What do I do?'" Holleman said. "I said, 'You just get to leave now. You don't have to do anything.' So it is really great."

Ambience a key

Suites are customizable with regard to music, lighting and other amenities, and Holleman said the ambience makes all the difference.

"Branding is huge," Holleman said. "Squeeze was created by the founders of DryBar. And they found with DryBar that the branding creates a love brand. So we want people to come to Squeeze and say, 'I love being here.' There's something about this space that feels so welcoming and fresh and relaxing that I just want to come back. So we set up with that in mind."

RODEO

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Cash payout for the winners and placers was \$157,205, according to PRCA.totals.

After the week of PRCA competition, the arena south of the big event came alive with Ranch Rodeo traditional Western competition which included cash and belt buckle prizes. The Ranch Rodeo weekend featured the Native American Indian Experience highlighting native culture, historic dancing and a unique and exciting buffalo riding competition.

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Katelyn Scott of Odessa earned \$618 for her place in the Parker County Rodeo barrel racing competition. The event was her nineteenth rodeo of 2024.



UIL

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Aledo AD's response

"I like the change made by the UIL to expand playoffs in volleyball, basketball, soccer, baseball and softball. This will put these sports in alignment with football and create more evenly-competitive playoff brackets since there is such a large gap between the smallest and largest schools in each classification," Aledo Athletic Director Brandy Belk said.

"In Aledo - as we prepare to likely move to 6A in a couple of years - this will mean that our teams compete against the biggest 5A schools in the state. We want to compete against the biggest and the best, so I know our coaches will welcome this challenge."

Weatherford athletics response

Weatherford School District Athletic Director Joe Kostiha said the change could be a positive for his school's programs.

"The same amount of teams will get in the playoffs so it won't have an impact there. However, once we get in the playoffs it could have a large impact on the teams we are playing," he said. "With Weatherford we are usually one of the smaller schools in 6A, so it should help us out with some of the opponents once we are in the playoffs."

Coaches

Aledo baseball coach Chad Barry said the ruling definitely has the potential to help his team.

However, he added it could make for a tougher draw in the opening round of the postseason.

"I think it is interesting. I'm just trying to figure out what the state tournament format will look like," he said. "If you add twice as many teams to the state tournament, will they split locations? If so, where, other things like that."

Aledo Ladycats softball coach Heather Myers said she doesn't really have an opinion one way or the other. The Ladycats, who recently competed in their third state tournament in four seasons, are known for always playing one of the toughest schedules in the state.

"As far as Aledo softball is concerned, we will continue to play our game and keep our nose to the grind," Myers said. "Focusing on what we can control and working hard through every circumstance is how we get better. Agreeing or disagreeing won't change the situation."

Meanwhile, Aledo Bearcats soccer coach Derek Vierling is ecstatic about the news, particularly about the shorter postseason.

"I think it's awesome," he said. "There will be one less playoff game, six rounds instead of seven rounds, so it's a quicker trip to state."

I haven't looked at all the enrollment numbers yet, but being the fifth largest 5A in the state I'm assuming we will be 'big school' Division I, which might mean powerhouse schools like Frisco Wakeland could be 'small school.'

"A shorter route in the playoffs with less schools will just be a better overall situation for the Aledo Bearcats and Ladycats."

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Tim Buchanan and Randy Galloway ready to start.



In order to determine closest to the pin, Squaw Creek Golf leaves measuring tape at the greens in case there is a close call.



Philip Tomlinson gets aiming tips from Ladd Smith on using the Golf Cannon. For \$25 to the charity, a golfer can shoot a ball almost to the green on a par-5 hole.



Mark Melson of the Gladney Center for Adoption team.



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NBT Financial Bank employees Shaylee Pierick, Sean Woodring and Mark Swift provide free cold drinks, fans and small golf accessories on the Squaw Creek Golf Course.



Rob Smith, John Skaggs, Caleb Teubner and Terry Mason are friends from Aledo, Sandiago and Austin.



Volunteers Mandye Bowers, Reagan Moss and Olivia Lauderdale sell raffle tickets.

FAIRWAYS

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prepared to serve lunch to the golfers. “The participation is great and the tournament is a means to start the conversation, to get the word out that there is a need and there is help.”

Gathering Hope helps survivors of infant loss, miscarriage and stillbirth by connecting families to resources and support structures

to help bring healing and comfort. The group is also a source for people who have a friend or family member who has lost an infant and may be experiencing or hiding grief, shame and sometimes post-traumatic stress disorder that can occur after such a loss.

Nationwide and headquartered in Aledo, Gathering Hope has been meeting with loss moms and conducting gatherings for 10 years, allowing parents who have endured infant loss a shame-free

environment to discuss their feelings among people who are dealing with the same issues. The relationships are genuine because the founding members are survivors of child loss themselves.

Co-Director Peyton Lauderdale said they have developed a new item, Timely Tender Totes, which is a comforting package ideal to send to someone who has experienced a stillbirth, miscarriage or infant loss.

“Sometimes you just don’t know what to say to a loss mom, and a

Timely Tender Tote is a good place to start,” Lauderdale said. “The package has information, directives, and items of encouragement and hope.”

Lauderdale said Gathering Hope has shipped Timely Tender Totes as far away as Iceland.

Comfort and directives are also available remotely through Gathering Hope’s podcasts and blogs. For information on podcasts, blogs and gatherings, visit www.gatheringhope.net.

Fairways for Families 2024 Golf Results

First-place team

John Gallaway, Peyton Gallaway, Austin Utley and Charlie Cronenworth (53)

Second-place team

Doyle Moss, Megan Hendricks, Sailor Chen and Aspen Hooper (56)

Third-place team

Charlie Harper, Paul Bruns, Eric Marchette and Keith Kidd (57)

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Capital Highlights

Drought conditions ease slightly while heat dome returns



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Drought conditions across the state dropped a percentage point in May compared to the previous month, with 26% of the state in some stage of drought, primarily in West and South Texas and parts of the Panhandle.

Massive storms in late April and into May caused flooding and wind damage in East and North Texas but did pull those regions out of drought. Some parts of Central and East Texas received three times their average rainfall in May, according to Mark Wentzel, hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board.

Meanwhile, Texans are starting down another miserably hot summer and wondering if it will be as bad as last year's, which was the second hottest on record. A heat dome, which is a high-pressure system that traps heat and keeps it sticking around, is making its way across the state. It has already heated the waters of the Gulf of Mexico to about the same temperatures as last year, according to a report in the *Texas Standard*.

The heat dome is also driving up temperatures on land. San Antonio last week saw a record heat index of 117 degrees. Some South Texas cities are already seeing heat temperatures broken, and not just by a small amount.

"They usually might beat it by half a degree and maybe, at most, 1 degree," said Victor Murphy of the National Weather service. "So, to see 120-, 150-year records shatter by 2 to 3 degrees is pretty significant. It shows you the magnitude and the strength of this heat ridge."

On the somewhat-bright side, Murphy said summer in Texas

is not likely to be quite as bad as last year, which brought 45 days straight of triple-digit heat to much of the state.

Election officials acknowledge holes in ballot secrecy

During a Texas House Election Committee hearing last week, election officials acknowledged holes in election laws that have exposed some ballots cast by Texas voters to public scrutiny, *The Dallas Morning News* reported.

A group of activists suing the Texas secretary of state claim they have created an algorithm that can match any voter to an anonymous ballot, though their legal filing redacted details on how their hack of ballot security works.

The secretary of state's office, which oversees the state's elections, has sent guidance to county election officials on how to adopt procedures to ensure ballots available for public inspection are scrubbed of any identifying information, *The News* reported.

"Every Texan has the right to a secret ballot, and that right must remain sacred. It is unacceptable for any voter to have their ballot choices publicized," Secretary of State Jane Nelson said. "I am issuing emergency guidance to protect the privacy of Texas voters."

Most schools still don't have armed guards, despite law

Despite a law that went into effect nine months ago requiring an armed officer at every public school in Texas, most schools have not done so, the *Houston Chronicle* reported.

Hearst Newspapers, owner of the *Chronicle* and other Texas newspapers, conducted an analysis of 100 randomly selected school districts around the state and found that at least half adopted an exception provided in the law to avoid having to hire an armed guard. Just one

fourth of the surveyed districts had an armed security guard at each campus, while another 22 did not respond.

Some district leaders told the newspaper they were struggling to both pay for the added security or find people to take the jobs. Grafrod ISD Superintendent Brandon Perry said his single-campus district west of Fort Worth got about \$18,500 in state dollars but needed \$80,000 to hire an officer.

"They require us to hire armed security, hire a school resource officer, but they did not attach additional funding to pay for that expense," Perry said.

State Sen. Robert Nichols, R-Jacksonville, was one of the bill's backers. He acknowledged that legislators had "set a standard that is not attainable," largely because there aren't enough qualified officers willing to take the positions.

"There's physically not enough law enforcement in the state of Texas trained to this level to fill all the positions," he said, making the exemption clause necessary. Otherwise, campuses would be forced to shut down.

Far fewer migrants being bused out of state

While Gov. Greg Abbott insists he intends to keep busing migrants to cities led by Democratic mayors outside Texas, there has been a dramatic drop in the past six months, the *Chronicle* reported.

In the last half of 2023, the governor's busing program sent about 77,000 migrants to six U.S. cities with Democratic mayors. That number over the past six months has dropped to about 17,000 amidst court cases and more aggressive efforts by Mexico to stop migrants from getting to Texas.

Abbott's office declined to comment on the dropping busing numbers.

Since 2021, the state has spent \$11 billion on Operation Lone Star in an attempt to stem the tide of migrant arrivals, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported. The GOP chair of the Senate Border Security Committee has questioned how long Texans will be asked to bear the cost for the operation.

"How long can we do this?" Sen. Brian Birdwell, R-Granbury, who has chaired the Border Security Committee since its inception in 2023, asked officials in charge of oversight of the border initiative. "Because the day will come when the comptroller is going to tell us there's a (budget) shortfall; that means some tough decisions here."

Besides heat woes, it's mating season for tarantulas

It is time for male tarantulas to start looking for love, sometimes in all the wrong places, the *San Antonio Express-News* reported. The state is home to 14 species of the creature, the most common of which is the Texas brown tarantula. Males are out looking for mates, according to Texas A&M's Field Guide to Common Insects.

Starting next month, female tarantulas will begin laying eggs, anywhere from 100 to 1,000 in a web. While the furry critters are venomous and can be downright scary looking, severe reactions to a bite are rare. And tarantulas will often warn before striking by raising their front legs in a "threat pose."

That means it is time to back off, in case you were wondering.

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Idle American

On Bubble-Blowing and Peace Pipes



Dr. Don Newbury

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Aunt Maude, wed to my Uncle Mort since Noah's ark went into dry dock, says that her hubby regularly encounters premonitions while in dreamland.

"When he says, 'I'll bet you can't guess what I dreamed last night,' I know that soon he'll be untangling his dreams in his workshop, not likely to be heard from again until suppertime," my aunt observes.

Invariably, his dreams become schemes. His every blink provides imaginary dollar marks, and then, the fun begins once more on what he considers low-hanging fruit in the orchards alongside gold-paved roads leading to instant riches.

"It was a really strange one last night," Mort said. "I kept dreaming about alternate songs, with Texas A&M flags fluttering in the breeze. One seemed to fit, and why wouldn't it? It was the 'Aggie War Hymn,' warming the hearts of Texas A&M faithful since its introduction back in 1907. Alternating with it, however, was

a chorus of Aggies--doing their best to stay in tune--singing 'I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles!'"

Huh?

Learning that the bubbles tune came along just one decade later, Mort tuned in to ESPN, and--shocker of shockers--the Texas Aggies were winning a Super Regional Championship, thus qualifying for the NCAA College World Series in Omaha! And every time they scored a run, pretty bubbles wafted skyward, not by the dozens or hundreds, but by the tens of thousands!

Turns out, a couple of players brought small bottles of bubbles--with tiny plastic wands--to a game several years ago. Then, "copycat-itus" took over. Fans started bringing bubble-blowing paraphernalia, and now they even have rentals inside the stadium. Some of the bubble machines are now affixed to the dug-out, allowing for the emission of bubbles big enough to startle pilots 20,000 feet in the air.

This may be the most creative use of bubbles since the 1940s, when dancers discovered a third option available to skirt the law--in addition to strategic placement of fans and feathers.

The "Aggie War Hymn" is, of course, here to stay. But don't be surprised if Aggie fans--perhaps led by the 12th man--don't cut loose with the bubbles melody

when their team scores in the College World Series. There, it may require mirrors in addition to feathers, fans and bubbles to win it all.

This, then, is the backdrop for Mort's current "premonition."

That he would dream of such songs involving Aggies hours before seeing bubbles engulfing Blue Bell Park seemed providential.

"My mind started spinning, conjuring ways to make big money promoting giant-sized bubble peace pipes that ought to be popular with both the Aggies and the University of Texas Longhorns. After all, the athletic heavyweights--archrivals in the old Southwest Conference--soon will be slugging it out as members of the Southeast Conference," Mort mentioned.

In his workshop, Mort concocted distinctive bubbles--Aggie maroon and UT burnt orange.

Marketing should be a no-brainer.

He envisions selling the soapy liquid near stadium entrances, by the gallon or by the barrel.

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JULY 11

Alzheimer's Group
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- Canyon High class
- TXism: "sure '___'"
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- in NE Dallas County
- TX McMurry's "Lonesome Dove" was TV ___-series
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- across the Rio Grande from McAllen
- "___ hear it" (disappointing)
- tiled designs
- TXism: "take a stab ___" (attempt)
- cowboy mounts
- TXism: "stands on his ___ feet"
- TXism: "a ___ do you do?"
- ___ Hamlin created "Alley Oop" in Iraan, Texas
- TX Nolan Ryan feats (hyph.)
- cut with a saw
- Texans like it iced
- TXism: "he'd have ___ up to be a half-wit"
- TXism for "animals"
- "he would turn Casper the friendly ___"
- grouch" (irritating)
- a Gulf pirate: Louis-Michel ___
- encouraging phrase on a golf green? (3 wds.)
- TX Perot was salesman for this corp.
- activity for males on Padre Island at spring break? (2 wds.)
- this Peter was in "Silk Stockings" with TX Cyd Charisse
- a brother of George W.
- feminine suffix
- San Jacinto general (init.)
- Santa ___ National Wildlife Refuge
- birth month of TX-born Steve Martin (abbr.)
- in Texas, 3rd DWI is ___ offense
- TXism: "nervous as ___ pan"
- expires
- "Mr. Sam" Rayburn served in the United ___
- Coleman High class
- Texas country singer, Pride (init.)
- TXism: "if he was a dog he wouldn't wag ___"
- "___" (lazy)
- TX Howard Hughes produced film "___ face" (1931)
- TXism: "tie up the loose ___"
- Field Scovell was "___ Bowl"
- "a ___ apple"
- "I dream of ___ night"
- 12-time Olympic host, Bob
- this Redding and TX Janis were in film "Monterey Pop"
- birth state of TX Belle Starr (abbr.)
- you're on your ___
- TXism: "___-slinging drunk"
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- "___ was in Dixie . . ."
- TX golfer Byron book: "___ Played the Game"
- Maureen O'___ was in "McLintock" with TX Chill Wills
- elephant tooth
- former Cowboy ___ "___ Tall" Jones
- college semester
- bath vats
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TRACK AND FIELD

TCU's Morris ends stellar track career with PR

Lady Frogs distance star broke seven school records

By Geoff Heppes
Aledo Community News

After starring on the track for the Aledo Bearcats, Gracie Morris initially went to the University of Texas in Austin to extend her running career. One year later, however, she took her talents 20 miles east of her hometown as a transfer to TCU.

From there, Morris shined her brightest – breaking seven school records before her recent graduation.

“The biggest thing to achieve greatness in this sport is consistency and patience,” Morris said. “You have to be disciplined and build year after year. You can’t compare your journey and timing to anyone else’s and one day it will finally click. Leading up to college training became pretty tricky. I had surgery on my foot sophomore year and was still trying to balance how to stay healthy.”

Whether she sustained an injury or changed her competitive and academic venue, Morris was well prepared for a dominant career for the Horned Frogs. The practice and dedication she has shown developed from a young age.

“I first got into track when I was 8 years old,” Morris said. “My twin brothers’ (Graydon) teacher saw us running at recess and told my mom to put us on a summer track team.”

“The previous head coach at TCU, Darryl Anderson, convinced

me to transfer to TCU by showing me that a smaller program can be more individualized and caring toward the athletes. They cared more about my health, individual success, and future.”

School records/looking ahead

Morris owns or is a part of school records in seven different events – the outdoor 800-meter run, outdoor 1500, outdoor 4X800 relay, outdoor distance medley relay, indoor 800, indoor mile run and the indoor DMR. With an impressive set of personal accolades on the track, Morris hopes to see the sport continue to grow in notoriety within the program and outside through increased recognition.

“I hope to help TCU establish more of a distance program,” Morris said. “In the past it’s been more of a sprint school. I also hope to inspire other local kids to get into the sport and look at TCU as an option.”

Morris was named a 2024 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Second Team All-American in the 1,500.

Awards, honors and records

2024 NCAA OTF Second Team All-American (1500)

TCU outdoor 800 school record – 2:03.15

TCU outdoor 1500 school record – 4:10.35

TCU outdoor 4x800 school record – 8:31.94

TCU outdoor distance medley relay school record – 10:53.34

TCU indoor 800 school record – 2:05.59

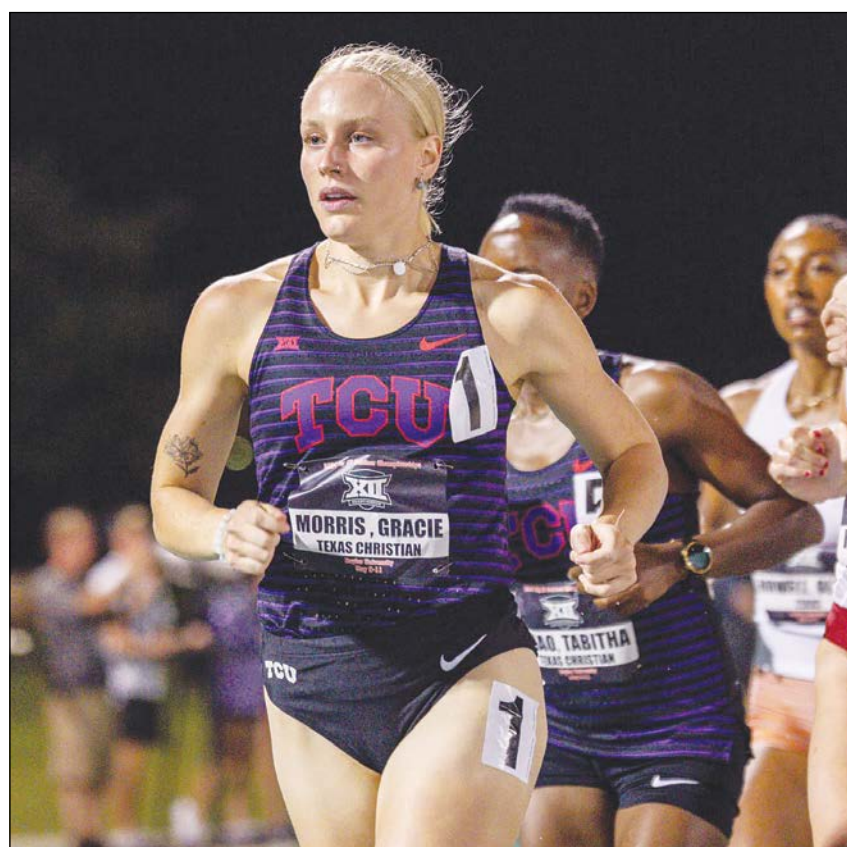


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After winning a high school state championship for Aledo, former Ladycat Gracie Morris graduated from TCU recently with seven school records in distance running.

TCU indoor mile school record – 4:40.81

TCU indoor DMR school record – 11:04.92

2024 Big 12 OTF 1500 medalist (fifth)

2022 NCAA Outdoor Honorable Mention All-America (1500)

2023 Big 12 OTF 1500 bronze medalist

2022 Big 12 OTF 1500 medalist (fourth)

2022 Big 12 ITF mile medalist (fourth)

TCU's all-time top 10 List

- No. 1 indoor 800 (2:05.59)
- No. 1 indoor mile (4:38.73)
- No. 1 indoor DMR (11:04.92)
- No. 1 outdoor 800 (2:03.15)
- No. 1 outdoor 1500 (4:10.35)
- No. 1 outdoor 4x800 (8:31.94)
- No. 1 outdoor DMR (10:53.34)
- No. 3 indoor 3000 (9:31.49)

Personal bests

- 800 – 2:03.15
- 1500 – 4:10.35
- Mile – 4:38.73
- 3000 – 9:31.49
- 5000 – 16:49.53

SOFTBALL

Another fine season for WC

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

Among the consistencies of spring is a successful season by the Weatherford College Coyotes softball team.

And 2023 was no exception.

Once again coach Haylee Williams’ team gave her and the Coyotes faithful plenty of which to be proud. They had one of the winningest seasons in program history, advanced in the playoffs and in general presented some exciting softball day-in and day-out.

WC finished with a 39-16 overall record and was 22-10 in the Northern Texas Junior College Athletic Conference. At home they were extremely tough, posting a 25-5 record.

At one point the Coyotes climbed as high as No. 14 in the nation.

The season’s longest win streak was 11 games, during which they outscored their opponents 103-29. The longest losing streak was the four straight they experienced against Grayson to end the regular season.

However, the Coyotes bounced back strong in the Region 5 Tournament in Waco. They opened with a 2-1 victory against Cisco and followed with a 9-0 win over McLennan. They then took the same Grayson team that had swept them a week earlier to eight innings before falling 7-4 and saw

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TRACK AND FIELD

Mach I athletes compete in AAU Qualifiers



By Rick Mauch
The Community News

Five members of the Mach I Track Club in Weatherford competed in a pair of Southwest Regional qualifying meets recently, one for the Amateur Athletic Union at Chisholm Trail High School in Fort Worth and another for the United States Track and Field in Springtown recently.

The top eight finishers in each event at each meet qualified for regionals. For AAU that is back at Chisholm Trail June 27-30 and for USATF it is July 4-6 in Seguin.

In all, Mach I qualified 10 athletes for regionals, five to AAU and five to USATF.

From those regional meets, the top five in each event will move on to nationals. AAU will hold its Junior Olympics at North Carolina A&T University in Greensboro, North Carolina July 29-Aug. 3 and USATF will be in Bryan-College Station July 22-28.

Chisholm Trail

The performances at Chisholm Trail featured three gold medal winners, along with a pair of silver medals.

Leading the club was Jack Fink, who captured a pair of gold medals in the Boys 17-18 division. He won the 1500-meter run with a time of 4 minutes, 17.50 seconds and was the

top finisher in the 3000, clocking a 9:19.90.

His younger brother, Jack Fink, won the 3000 race walk in the Boys 13-14 division, posting a time of 20:16.85.

Emmy Strathmeyer also brought home a gold medal, taking first place in the 3000 in the Girls 15-16 category, clocking an 11:42.52. She was also second in the 1500 with a time of 5:21.87 and eighth in the 800 in 2:35.48.

In the Girls 9-10 competition, Jenna Fink placed second in the 1500 with a 6:53.73 and was fourth in the 800 at 3:12.91.

Malachi Wilson took seventh place in the Boys 17-18 age group in the 3000 with a time of 10:56.30.

Springtown

Malachi Dolan, Layton Ybarra and Bodee Cato paced the qualifiers by taking fourth place in their respective age groups. Dolan ran in the Boys 9-10 division and clocked a 5:57 in the 1500, while Ybarra had a time of 4:18 in the Boys 15-16 category in the same event. Cato ran a 10:42 in the Boys 17-18 3000.

Two fifth-place finishes were recorded in the Boys 11-12 division by Tryg Marshall. He ran a time of 11:59 in the 3000 and a 5:20 in the 1500 to advance in both events.

Cole Bettger captured the eighth spot in the Boys 15-16 3000, posting a 10:15.

PHOTO COURTESY MACH I TRACK CLUB
Tryg Meshell is one of 10 members of the Mach I Track Club in Weatherford to qualify for regional competition in the Amateur Athletic Union and United States Track and Field. Meshell qualified in two events for the USATF, the 1500-meter and 3000-meter runs in the Boys 11-12 age group.

SOFTBALL

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their season in a rematch with McLennan, 11-0.

The Coyotes were an explosive team offensively, scoring 10 or more runs 15 times (and nine runs another nine times - including four consecutive games at one point of the season). Their largest victory was 21-4 at Carl Albert State College in Denison on Feb. 10.

Defensively, they posted 10 shutouts and held opponents to two runs or less 21 times.

Among the more impressive statistics the Coyotes had was not hitting into a double play even once all season.

"We had a great year and the team was an absolute pleasure to coach all season," Williams said. "We achieved a lot of our goals, but did fall short in our ultimate goal of winning a championship.

"I'm so proud of this group and what they have accomplished on the field and in the classroom."

And, Williams added, the nucleus is in place for another successful season in 2024.

"We have Lilly Bean and Jacinta Fonoti returning, as well as Alexis Nava, Rozalyn Simmons and Tessa Cowan," she said. "These last three are some that didn't get a lot of

time this past year but could be impactful next season."

Weatherford College softball 2023 recap

Record: 39-16.
Conference: 22-10.
Home: 25-5.
Away: 11-7.
Neutral: 3-4.
Postseason: 2-2.
Longest win streak: 11.
Longest loss streak: 4.
Biggest win: 21-4 at Carl Albert State College in Denison.
Scored 10 runs or more: 15 times.
Shutouts: 10.S
Surrendered two runs or less: 21 times.

Team statistics

Batting average: .348.
On-base percentage: .424.
Slugging percentage: .555.
Doubles: 107.
Triples: 22.
Home runs: 53.
Runs: 396.
Walks: 176.
Hit by pitch: 40.
Strikeouts by batters: 203.
Sacrifice flies: 24.
Stolen bases: 113 (134 attempts).
Earned run average: 2.86.
Shutouts: 10.
Batting average against: .271.

Individual leaders

Batting
Average (minimum 36 games): Lilly Bean, freshman, .414; Carter Smith, sophomore, .398; Lencia Powell, sophomore, .381.
On-base percentage: Bean, .481; Averie Gunther, sophomore, .477; Annabelle

Guay, sophomore, .456.
Slugging percentage: Bean, .726; Guay, .719; Darlena Montoya, sophomore, .636.
Runs scored: Smith, 55; Gunther, 49; Montoya, 46.
Hits: Smith, 74; Bean, 65; Gunther, 59.
Doubles: Bean, 19; Montoya, 15; Guay, 14.
Triples: Montoya, 10; Powell, 4; Smith, 3; Jacinta Fonoti, 3.
Home runs: Guay, 13; Charlee Horton, sophomore, 12; Montoya, 10.
Runs batted in: Bean, 55; Horton, 41; Powell, 41.
Walks received: Guay, 29; Gunther, 22; Montoya, 22.
Stolen bases: Smith, 45-47; Gunther, 19-24; Montoya, 12-13.
Extra-base hits: Bean, 29; Montoya, 28; Guay, 27.
Sacrifice flies: Powell, 5; Gunther, 3; Bean, 3; Fonoti, 3.
Hit by pitch: Gunther, 11; Bean, 6; Fonoti, 3; Jeanette Rios, sophomore, 3.
Pitching
Win-loss record: Amelia Hatthorn, sophomore, 14-4; Teoni Lamb, sophomore, 12-1; Gunther, 8-2.
Saves: Chloe Sales, sophomore, 3; Hatthorn, 1; Lamb, 1.
ERA (minimum 80 innings): Lamb, 1.71; Gunther, 3.07; Hatthorn, 3.55.
Innings pitched: Hatthorn, 118.1; Gunther, 100.1; Lamb, 86.0.
Fewest walks allowed (minimum 80 innings): Gunther, 25; Lamb, 27; Hatthorn, 39.
Strikeouts: Gunther, 98; Lamb, 96; Hatthorn, 80.
Average strikeouts per seven innings (minimum 25 innings): Lamb, 7.81; Gunther, 6.84; Sales, 6.41.

FISHING

Aledo Anglers reel in another successful season



CHRISTOPHER MOORE

Jackson Lively (Aledo High School junior) and his father Matt Lively in the recent Texas B.A.S.S. Nation Youth Tournament Trail event on Cedar Lake in Gun Barrel City.

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

Add fishing to the long list of sports - and other activities - at which Aledo High School is great.

The Aledo Anglers recently competed in the Texas High School Bass Association State Tournament. Three two-person teams competed on Lake Palestine and the program finished 15th in the state overall.

Competing at state were freshmen Tyler Page, Peyton Hills and Declan Lickerman; sophomores Mark Cerja and Miller Hill; along with junior Max Moore.

The duo of juniors Samuel Belyeu and Landon Benton finished fourth overall in the Angler of the Year for the West Division, with Cerja and Hill finishing eighth. Both teams will fish in the Angler of the Year Tournament on June 22 on Lake Ray Roberts.

"We consistently places in the top five in our division, with several teams qualifying for regional and state tournaments each season," said Cody Hoff, who is in his third year of coaching the program. "For the 2023-2024 THSBA season, our team was represented by 22 anglers (11 teams).

"We do have some of our anglers that fish with other organizations outside of our team," Hoff added.

Aledo finished in third place overall in the West Division, which includes 39 programs. The Anglers had eight pairs qualify for regional competition at Possum Kingdom Lake in April, competing against 231 teams from three divisions, with the top 77 teams advancing to state.

Along with those who advanced to state, regional qualifiers included Grayson Meador, the lone senior on the team; Belyeu, Benton and fellow juniors Garrett Hoff, Noah Peffer, Aiden Bristow, Mason Nutt and Logan Belt; and freshmen Colt Brinkman and Maxton Ferreira.

Other competitors on the team this season included freshmen Casen Standifer, Jackson Kilman, Austin Bell and Carson Weatherley;

sophomore Payton Shaffer; and junior Trevor Wheaton.

Like other sports, Hoff said fishers can get college scholarships based on their performances to fish on college teams.

"Depending on placing at the individual tournaments, scholarships are one of the prizes that the top finishers receive (typically top three places). These scholarships are held by THSBA until the angler graduates, and then they are transferred to the angler to pay for college or technical school," he explained.

In addition, he said donations from sponsors results in awards and scholarships to the top three fishing teams in the club, as well as to graduating seniors.

Hoff said the Anglers lost just one member this season due to graduation. He also anticipates a strong group of incoming freshmen. "We expect to have a very competitive team for the 2024-2025 season, which kicks off September 21 at Lake Whitney," he said.

Hoff also wished to thank the program's sponsors for the 2023-24 season, which included Ginger and Associates, Day VII Outdoor Living, Texas Fleet Inspections, Acumen Commercial Interiors, Epic Supply, Tortuga Pines Ranch, Premier Aircraft, Chris Moore Salon, Rockin' S Truckin', Martin Lawyers, The Complete Backyard, SR1 Roofing, Choice Consulting, Phelps Motorsports, and Roto-Rooter.

"Their generous sponsorships enable our club to cover costs incurred during the tournament season, as well as provide scholarship money for graduating seniors and anglers who perform exceptionally well throughout the season," he said. "We are always looking to partner with new sponsors."

For more information about the club, contact them at aledo-anglers@gmail.com or check them out on Facebook at Aledo Anglers (https://www.facebook.com/AledoAnglers/).

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TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Willow Park, Texas, shall convene at 6:00 p.m. on August 13, 2024, at the City Municipal Complex located at City Hall, 120 El Chico Trail, Suite A, Willow Park, Texas 76087, and, during such meeting, the City Council will consider the passage of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of certificates of obligation, in one or more series, in an amount not to exceed FIVE MILLION ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,135,000) for the purpose of paying contractual obligations to be incurred for (i) constructing, acquiring, purchasing, renovating, enlarging, equipping, and improving water and wastewater system properties or facilities, including the acquisition of land and rights-of-way therefor, and (ii) professional services rendered in connection with such projects and the financing thereof; such certificates to be payable from ad valorem taxes and a pledge of the surplus net revenues of the City's Waterworks and Sewer System. In accordance with Texas Local Government Code Section 271.049, (i) the current principal amount of all of the City's outstanding public securities secured by and payable from ad valorem taxes is \$17,577,724 (ii) the current combined principal and interest required to pay all of the City's outstanding public securities secured by and payable from ad valorem taxes on time and in full is \$27,297,609; (iii) the estimated combined principal and interest required to pay the certificates of obligation to be authorized on time and in full is \$9,335,553 ; (iv) the maximum interest rate for the certificates may not exceed the maximum legal interest rate; and (v) the maximum maturity date of the certificates to be authorized is February 15, 2055. The above information excludes \$42,191,411 in principal amount of outstanding debt obligations the City has designated as self-supporting which the City reasonably expects to pay from revenue sources other than ad valorem taxes; provided, however, that in the event such self-supporting revenue sources are insufficient to pay debt service, the City is obligated to levy ad valorem taxes to pay such debt obligations. The certificates are to be issued, and this notice is given, under and pursuant to the provisions of Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 271, Subchapter C, as amended.

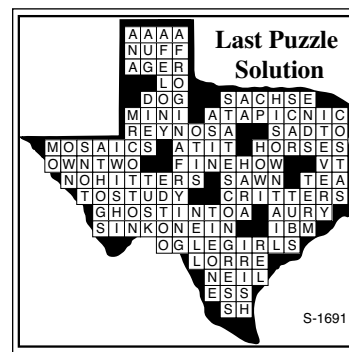
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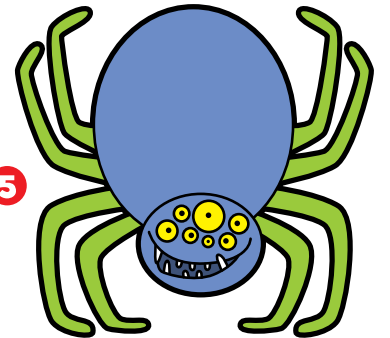
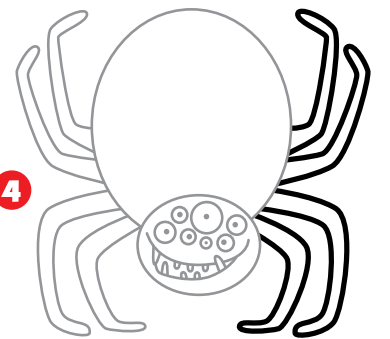
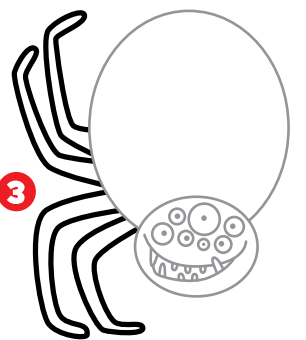
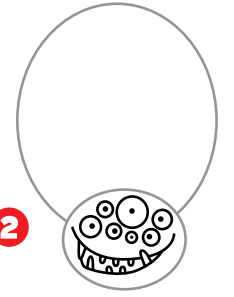
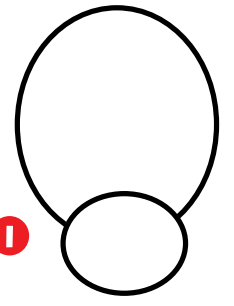
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Kid Scoop Together

LET'S DRAW!

Have a family member draw with you. Each of you follow the steps below to draw a spider. How many differences can you find between your two spiders?



FANCY WEB WORK

Different spiders weave different kinds of webs. Web-spinning spiders spin webs to trap food—the flying and crawling insects they crave.

Strand Steppers

Spiders rarely get caught in their own webs. They know where the sticky strands are located. Inside their webs are dry silk strands that they can walk on.

Follow each trail to find out which kind of web each of these spiders weave.

TANGLED WEB

Spun in quiet, dark corners, this is the most common kind of web.

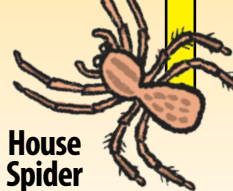
Grass Spider



Garden Spider



House Spider



Triangle Spider



Just how strong is spider silk?

A thread of spider silk is stronger than a thread of steel the same thickness. It is one of the strongest materials on earth.

Circle every third letter along the spider's drop line to find out what a rope of spider silk 1 inch thick (2.5 cm) could hold.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

ORB WEB

This web has spokes like bicycle wheels.

TRIANGLE WEB

The spider attaches two points of its web to twigs. It holds onto the third point and attaches itself to a third twig. When an insect lands on the web, the spider loosens the end it holds and the web pulls the insect inside.

FUNNEL WEB

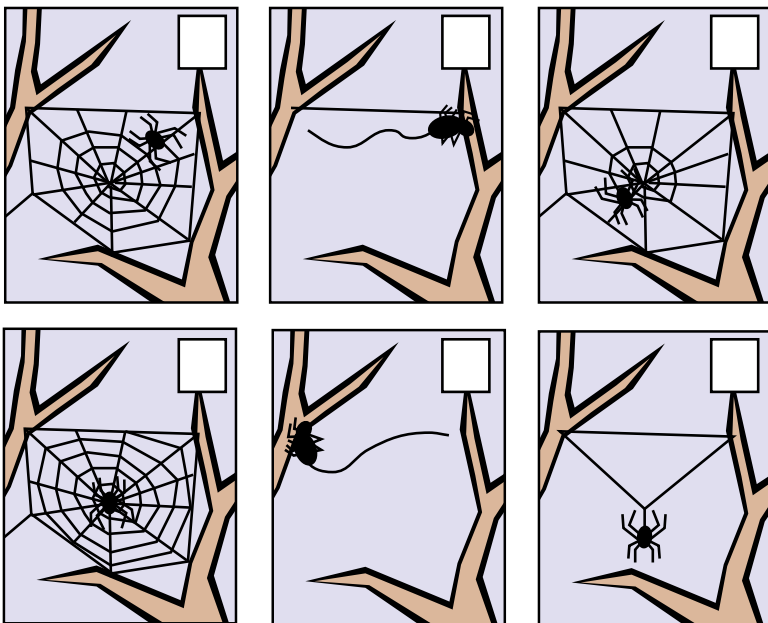
Spun between blades of grass, the funnel web has a wide opening. The spider hides at the bottom of the funnel, waiting for insects.



Standards Link: Animals have structures that aid in survival; there is variation within a species.

How do spiders make silk?

Spiders have little finger-like spinnerets at the rear of their bodies. They squeeze liquid from a silk gland between the spinnerets. When the liquid hits the air, it hardens into a long, thin thread. Spiders can make the thread thick or thin, sticky or dry, smooth or bumpy.



Extra! Extra!

Spider Advertiser

Read the ads in today's paper. Then, use crayons or markers to create an ad for spiders! It could be a "Web for Sale" ad or an ad for something spiders need.

Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

The Making of an Orb Web

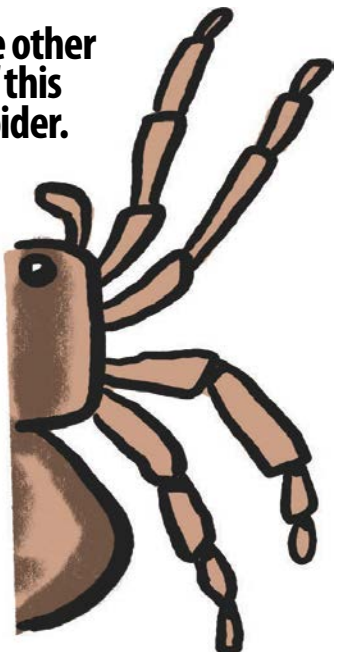
Number the pictures in order from 1 to 6 to show the making of an orb web. It takes a garden spider less than an hour to complete an orb web.

Standards Link: Animals have structures that aid in survival.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Many spiders spin webs around their eggs. The wolf spider does this as well, and then carries its egg sac until the eggs hatch!

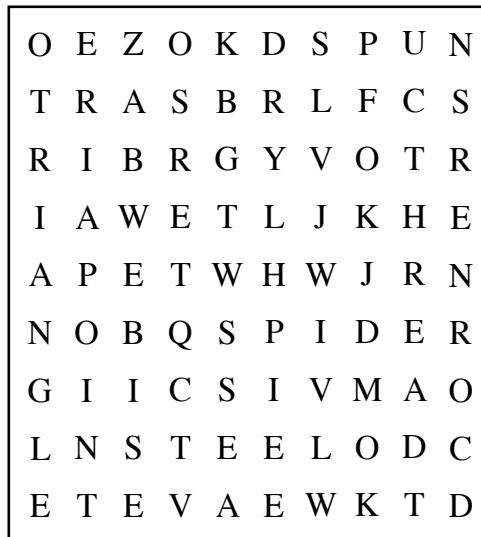
Draw the other half of this wolf spider.



Double Double Word Search

- AIR
- CORNERS
- DRY
- EARTH
- HOLD
- ORB
- POINT
- SILK
- SPIDER
- SPUN
- STEEL
- THREAD
- TRIANGLE
- WEB
- WEAVE

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **ATTACH**

The verb **attach** means to connect one thing to another.

The spider can **attach** its web to twigs in bushes.

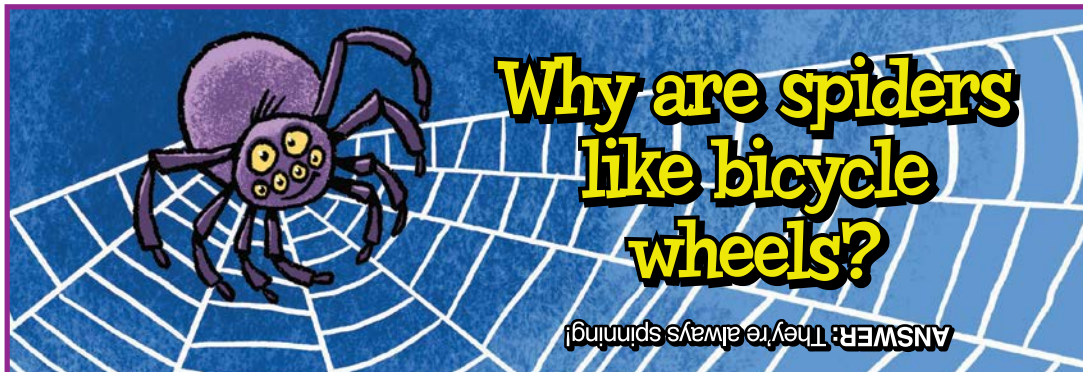
Try to use the word **attach** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Word Webs

Glue a noun from the newspaper onto the center of a piece of paper. Then cut out other words that go with that noun. Glue groups of words around the center noun. Connect the words that go in one group.

Standards Link: Grammar: Identify nouns.



Write On! How I Helped

How I Helped

Write about a time you helped someone else. How did it feel?

Standards Link: Write descriptively using main idea and supporting details.

HIGH SCHOOL RODEO

Weatherford's Mitchell state bull riding champ

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

Once again Weatherford will have a competitor at the National High School Finals Rodeo. Jack Mitchell qualified this past weekend by winning the bull riding competition at the Texas High School Rodeo Association Finals in Abilene.

Will Bushaw of Weatherford had competed at nationals the past two years in boys cutting, finishing second in 2022. He placed fifth in the state this year, with the top four finishers qualifying for nationals in Rock Springs, Wyoming July 14-20.

Mitchell topped all other bull riders with an aggregate score of 229.5. He was fourth in the opening draw with a score of 79.5, followed by another fourth-place performance in the second round with a score of 71.

In the short-go he placed second, scoring a 79, pushing his overall score to the top.

Jesus Villa of Weatherford placed sixth in bull riding. He was third after the first draw with a score of 80.5, but did not score in the second draw or the short-go.

Bushaw was unable to overcome a slow start that saw him tied for 10th after the opening round with a score of 138. He rebounded with the top score of 147.5 in the second round, but slipped to sixth in the short-go with a 143.5 for an aggregate total of 429.

Also competing from Weatherford, but not making the



PHOTO COURTESY TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION

Jack Mitchell of Weatherford won the Texas High School Rodeo Association's state bull riding championship and advances to the National High School Finals Rodeo in Rock Springs, Wyoming July 14-20.

finals, were Addison Allen and Kate Allen, girls cutting; Clayton Praytor and Haiden Smith, calf roping; and Beldon Cox, team roping.

Kate Allen was in sixth place after the opening round of girls cutting with a score of 143, but did not score in the second round.

COLLEGE RODEO

Coyotes continue CNFR streak with strong performances

Courtesy Weatherford College

All three Coyotes representing Weatherford College at the College National Finals Rodeo placed in at least one round of their respective competitions this past week. This marked WC's 19th consecutive year appearing at the CNFR held in Casper, Wyoming.

Kaydence Tindall finished 12th overall in breakaway roping, while Harley Meged finished 36th. Tindall had the fourth-best second-round run with a time of 2.1

and tied for sixth place in the third round with a time of 2.4.

Meged, who tied for third place with a time of 2.2 in the first round, dropped to 23rd in the second round.

Jett Stewart and his partner, John Hisel from South Plains College, tied for fifth place with a time of 6.4 in the third round. They finished 21st overall.

All three Coyotes will return to WC next year for another season with the rodeo team.

SWIMMING

Wild opens season at home

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

The Weatherford Wild began the summer Texas Amateur Athletic Federation season by hosting their own meet on June 10.

Leading the Wild performances was Chloe Brumfield in the Girls 9-10 age group. She won gold medals in four events, 50-yard freestyle, 25 back, 25 breast and 25 free.

Jeni Toudouze, competing in the Women 40-Over division, won three times. She took first in the 100 free, 50 breast and 50 free.

In the Boys 9-10 division, Harrison Gentry took the

top spot in three events, the 25 breast, 25 fly and 100 individual medley. Likewise in the Men's 18-24 division, Enson Griffith captured first in all three of his events, the 100 free, 50 free and 200 free.

And in the Boys 15-17 category, John Sorah won the 50 fly, 50 free and 100 IM.

Weatherford Wild Swim Meet
June 10 at Cherry Park



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