



A lightning strike in Breckenridge during a recent storm that passed through the area. Multiple local entities will be meeting during a workshop Monday, June 23 to discuss topics related to weather awareness and readiness.

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## Multi-entity weather warning workshop to be held next week

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With severe thunderstorms hitting the area over the last several weeks, including ones that caused minor damage in Breckenridge and Stephens County, local entities will soon meet at a workshop on being fully prepared for such incidents.

As the summer months heat up, the risk of severe weather, including strong winds, hail, and tornadoes, continues to increase. This coming Monday, June 23, at 1 p.m., Stephens County, the City of Breckenridge, Breckenridge ISD, Texas State Technical College, the Texas Division of Emergency Management, Stephens Memorial Hospital and the West Texas Council of Gov-

ernments will be hosting a joint weather warning workshop. The workshop will occur in the District Courtroom on the second floor of the Stephens County Courthouse.

At this workshop, these entities will discuss the outdoor warning systems (including tornado sirens) and the preparedness and increased readiness that is needed for everyone in the community for such emergency-level events.

In the latest major storms that passed through the area Sunday night, June 8, there were several downed power lines in certain areas, which caused power outages to homes in the county. Thanks to the work by On-cor Electric Delivery crews, most local homes had their power returned by 5 p.m.

that Monday, June 9.

Other damage was only minor, mostly broken tree branches and some uprooted trees and damage to barns. The original forecast for the June 8 storms was much more worrisome than what wound up occurring, at least in Stephens County. While the surrounding areas did not fare so well, including Mineral Wells, Weatherford and Abilene, the highest wind gusts reported by the Na-

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## Theater Arts teacher Johnson goes the extra mile, receives Master's

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Having moved to Breckenridge to become the Breckenridge High School Theater Arts teacher two years ago, Cassie Johnson recently earned her second Master's degree from Angelo State Uni-

versity.

The first Master's that Johnson earned was a Master of Science in mental health and wellness, which she received around the time that she and her family moved here.

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BHS Theater Arts teacher Cassie Johnson is congratulated by her family after she received her second Master's degree last month from Angelo State University, a Master of Arts in Mental Health and Wellness Counseling.

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## Chamber holding 10K Saturday as Boomfest event fundraiser

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Originally scheduled for last Saturday, June 14, the Breckenridge Chamber of Commerce is holding a 10k Run and Walk Saturday, June 21, to raise funds for the Boomfest drone show that they are planning for this year's event. The scheduled date was pushed back a week due to unsuitable conditions on the course following the severe weather that came through Sunday, June 8.

The race will get off at 7

a.m. at 201 Old Caddo Road in the Breckenridge City Park.

The estimated cost of the drone show that the chamber is working on raising the funds for is 25,000. Last month, the Stephens County Commissioners' Court agreed to utilize \$7,500 available county funds towards the cost.

The entry fee for the 10k, which includes a t-shirt, is \$30 plus a \$2 participation fee for non-Chamber members. Early registration has

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The range and pasture identification team of Chloe Tait, left, Kason Burchett, middle and Josiah Moreno took home first place for the category at the 4-H State Roundup at Texas A&M University. The team also placed first for range evaluation.

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## Stephens County 4-H wins state roundup for second straight year

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For the second straight year, Stephens County 4-H came home with 4-H State Roundup championships. Taking place Monday, June 2

through Thursday, June 5 at Texas A&M University in College Station, Stephens County 4-H had the state roundup champion Range and Pasture Grass Identification team and the champion Range Evaluation team.

The Range and Pasture Grass Identification team of Kason Burchett, Josiah Moreno and Chloe Tait earned the first-place title ahead of District 10's Kerr Coun-

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## Weekly Local Forecast

**Wednesday, June 18**  
High 97 | Low 75  
Precipitation 5%

**Thursday, June 19**  
High 98 | Low 75  
Precipitation 11%

**Friday, June 20**  
High 99 | Low 74  
Precipitation 5%

**Saturday, June 21**  
High 95 | Low 74  
Precipitation 6%

**Sunday, June 22**  
High 94 | Low 74  
Precipitation 11%

**Monday, June 23**  
High 92 | Low 73  
Precipitation 7%

**Tuesday, June 24**  
High 95 | Low 73  
Precipitation 5%

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The Missoula Children's Theatre will be back in Breckenridge at the National Theatre this Saturday, June 21, as they put on their production of "Hercules!"

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## Missoula Children's Theatre brings 'Hercules!' to National Theatre

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For the ninth year since 2015, Missoula Children's Theatre is coming to Breckenridge to perform at the National Theatre, hosted by the Friends of Historic Breckenridge. The only years they had not performed in Breckenridge were 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year, the performance that Missou-

la Children's Theatre will put on is a production of 'Hercules!' The synopsis for the show reads that the audience is welcomed to Ancient Greece, where the Olympic Games are about to begin. The Cyclopes and Titans are getting set for a battle, but the tournament awaits Hercules, who is known for his tardiness.

"Join us for a tale the scholars will talk about for ages as mythical creatures and Olympi-

ans alike share in friendly competition," says the synopsis. "Along the way, we may just learn that true strength lies not in our muscles but in our character."

The play is adapted by Michael McGill and Joseph Martinez, with music and lyrics written by Michael McGill.

The annual summer theater program offers local youngsters the opportunity to participate in a stage production. Auditions for the Breckenridge workshop commenced at 10 a.m. Monday, June 16 and the week-long program will culminate in a public performance Saturday, June 21, at the National Theatre in downtown.

Characters being cast are Hercules, philosophers Socrates and Aristotle, Zeus, Andromeda, Hera, and Helen of Troy, as well as announcers Homer and Archimedes, Pegasus, the Lion, the Cyclops, the Olympians and the Titans.

Previous Missoula Children's Theater shows included "Treasure Island" in 2024, "King Arthur's Quest" in 2023 and "The Frog Prince" in 2022.

## Chamber ribbon cutting ceremony



The Stephens County Rodeo Association held a ribbon cutting Thursday, June 5, to celebrate the improvements made to their arena on County Road 245 just east of Breckenridge. The Stephens County URPA Rodeo was then held there for the subsequent two days, Friday, June 6 and Saturday, June 7.

Photo / Alex Kielar

## Library program promotes reading

The summer reading program at the Breckenridge Library hit another week last Tuesday, June 10, as young students listened to another book being read to them and participated in an activity related to the book.

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# Creature Teacher shows off animals



Emiley Brewer and junior intern Carley with The Creature Teacher came out to the Breckenridge Fine Arts Center to show off a variety of animals during two free sessions Thursday afternoon, June 12. The animals that they showed were a blue-tongued skink, a chinchilla, a chameleon, a toucan, a Burmese python and a baby kangaroo.

Photo/Alex Kielar



# Johnson

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The second Master's degree that she received in May of this year, was a Master of Arts in mental health and wellness counseling.

In discussing some of the goals she has in mind for the degrees, Johnson said that she hopes to use them in the school, but her ultimate goal is to work with veterans and after school hours.

"My husband has PTSD and a lot of our friends suffer from it. So we've kind of been around it for a hot minute and have seen the lack of care," Johnson said. "So we want to do more."

Johnson also said that high school students need care as well, as mental health support as a whole is in a poor current state.

"Mental health everywhere is kind of lacking and especially in rural communities," she said. "So just being an extra voice and being someone who's already involved in the school, I think it kind of helps out there."

Johnson spoke about how in the state of Texas, the state passed a law where you are not required to have an LPC (Licensed Professional Counselor) license to be a school counselor, which creates some challenges in the public school system.

"Some of their challenges are that when kids come in and need support, as a school

counselor who doesn't have an LPC, you kind of have to send them out and give them information to go elsewhere," Johnson said. "And for a lot of people, that's just difficult - prices, availability. So I think that would be my main [goal], trying to alleviate some of that pressure off of our school."

Another possible challenge has arisen with the recent passing of Senate Bill 2 in the Texas Senate and the House, which allows families to use public taxpayer dollars to fund their children's education at an accredited private school.

"I think that's a big deal, they put a lot of pressure on schools to do everything, but they don't give them the money," Johnson said. "...smaller schools,

with these bills passing, there are a lot of chances for the fine arts to be cut. I don't see that happening here, but fine arts could get cut [in schools]. So I think that without having that outlet, people are going to need more mental health support."

Johnson said what brought her to Breckenridge was she knew the previous theater arts teacher and knew that the school had a good academic team program. It was these positive aspects that made her move and accept the position.

"We love it, we've been really good," Johnson said of the program. "We were kind of in a rebuild this year and we just lost some of our seniors who have done it for a couple of years."

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competed as individuals in their first 4-H poultry judging competition.

Mitchell placed fifth and Kennedy placed 10th at the state contest.

"We are very proud of the team and appreciative of Jerry Corbett, the coach that pours so much time into training these young people," said Sumer Russell, the Stephens County Extension Agent of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension.

# Fundraiser

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Spa. The Chamber decided, based on a number of factors, including cost and safety, to hold a drone show for the annual Boomfest instead of the traditional fireworks show. As long as the proper funding is secured, the Chamber will hire a company to

put on the drone show, which has drones choreographed with light to make animations in the sky. The Chamber will handle the rest of the aspects of the Boomfest, including marketing, music, entertainment, food trucks and beyond.

# Workshop

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cast for up to 100 mph winds. The workshop with the various aforementioned entities will help to ensure proper communication to all channels during such storms, as well as making sure that everyone is prepared for the

worst to hit. To receive emergency alerts, including weather alerts, to their cell phones, landlines or emails, residents will need to visit the City of Breckenridge's website and click on the HyperReach or "emergency alerts" links.

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## Life's foul balls...

Foul balls aren't really the worst things in the world. Generally, unless they're caught, at least one more swing is assured. Missing the ball by even one-millionth of an inch on the third strike results in a "whiff" that can cause serious sleep disruptions.

Okay, so much for framing with baseball jargon. If I get too far into "framing," I'm liable to stumble into mathematics, a field in which I'm a dismal failure and where—even in my sunset years—I fear to tread.

The simple act of perusing bank statements can cause irregular heart palpitations and/or stomach-churning. Still, three current observations concern baseball and near misses in life that—in some cases—may elicit laughter, and the decision to take one more swing...

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One vignette is provided by a sprightly lady named Ruth Swinyar. At age 103, she is a super star at Fleurdeley's Assisted Living, where her son Dan, daughter-in-law Rose and grandson D. J. are in charge. It's in a serene rural setting a half-dozen miles off Interstate 35-W, on the southern edge of Fort Worth. She enjoys the outdoors, taking walks, smelling flowers and hearing the bleats of goats as gentle breezes ruffle the trees. A happy conversationalist, she'll take on just about any topic, but wisely "stops on a dime" when she senses threats from the jungle of technology that can engulf without warning.

There's one new "thingie" that she's proud to own, though. She was recently gifted with a new telephone featuring big square buttons that show pictures—not numbers.

With the push of a button, she can summon kin, friends and uh, sometimes first responders.

One button that seems to be most readily at hand alerts 9-1-1 emergency personnel. It has been pushed several times, purely accidentally and never by intent...

On each occasion, first responders have "come a-runnin," eager to be of assistance.

In fact, she now knows some of them on a first-name basis, thus warranting invitations to her 103rd birthday party—and some attended!

Oh, well. Give her credit for trying to complete calls, even if she sometimes hits the wrong button. This is but one minor example of life's foul balls, but "Miss Ruth" is still at bat. A good time was had by all, and how often can first responders



Don Newbury

### The Idle American

have their cake and eat it, too?

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A second account concerns my friend Dee'Na Marquez, a wife and mother of two sons—Nicholas, 17, and Julian, 11. With fierce determination, she's lost 60 pounds in 20 months through diet and exercise. Now that's a home run, health-wise. Her life is well-ordered, and she teaches exercise classes several times each week.

Much is right in her life, but she's a bit miffed some days by a barking dog next-door that refuses to play

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## Ask Rusty:

### Can my husband work part time and collect Social Security?

Dear Rusty: I am writing to you on behalf of my husband. His intentions are to go part time as of January 1, 2026, working 30 hours a week and take Social Security benefits as supplemental income. How can we determine what his Social Security benefit would be with him still working part time? He will be 63 and 7 months old next January and has not yet applied for benefits. We look forward to hearing from someone very soon. **Signed: Anxious for Information**



Russell Gloor

### Social Security Matters

test lasts until your husband reaches his full retirement age (his FRA is age 67), but in the year he attains his FRA the penalty for exceeding the limit is less - \$1 for every \$3 over the limit - and the limit is much higher. The annual earnings test no longer applies once your husband reaches his FRA.

When your husband applies for his SS retirement benefit, Social Security will ask about his work plans and how much he expects to earn each year. Based upon that information, if he expects to exceed the annual limit they will pay his benefits for some months of the year (depending on his projected earnings) and withhold his benefits for the remaining months. They will also monitor his annual earnings as reported to the IRS and make any appropriate benefit adjustment afterwards.

If SS benefits are withheld because your husband exceeded the annual earnings limit, when he reaches his full retirement age (67), Social Security will give him time-credit for all month's that benefits were withheld. Essentially, they will advance his actual claim date by the number of months benefits were withheld, which will make his monthly benefit higher at his FRA. The higher amount he receives after reaching his FRA will help him recover some of the money withheld as a

FYI, the earnings

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## Texas just passed a \$338 billion budget. Here's why that matters to you.

Within the next two years, teachers statewide are in line to get a pay raise and a significant expansion in merit-based compensation for both teachers and principals. Wildfire response crews may be outfitted with the equipment they need ahead to protect their communities. A Texas town could be closer to a plan to prevent a catastrophic disruption in their water service. None of these may make headlines, but all of them are on the way



Rahul Sreenivasan

to happening because of decisions made in the budget just passed by the Texas Legislature.

The 2026-27 state budget, totaling \$338

billion, is more than just 1,000 pages. It's a reflection of what Texas values and what it's preparing for over the next two years.

With more than 1,500 new residents arriving every day, lawmakers faced a challenge familiar to many Texans: how to grow without losing what makes this place work. The result is a budget that balances long-term investments with fiscal responsibility. That includes new funds for teacher pay raises, wa-

ter infrastructure, wildfire preparedness, plugging abandoned oil and gas wells, and a great deal more.

Whether you live in Lufkin or Laredo, Pampa or Port Isabel, the state budget shows up in ways you might not notice at first. It's in the resources your local school district receives, or the training available at your nearby community college.

As someone who spends a lot of time testifying before legislative committees and reading line items most people will never see, I'll tell you what stood out this session: Lawmakers didn't just focus on today's needs. They planned ahead.

They set aside funds for the creation of Texas Cyber Command to keep our state's IT systems and publicly held data secure in a fast-changing digital world. They approved investments in space exploration and advanced nuclear energy. And they made meaningful investments in higher education, in-

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result of exceeding the earnings limit before his FRA.

Please note that it is always best to inform Social Security up front if your husband plans to work and earn (even part time) prior to reaching his FRA. The IRS will provide the SSA with your husband's earnings information, and SSA will (if his projected earnings weren't disclosed when he applied) issue an Overpayment Notice if he earns more than allowed. He will then be required to repay SS everything owed, or have

his benefits withheld until Social Security recovers what he owes.

One final point: by claiming his benefits in January 2026, your husband's monthly amount will be reduced by about 22% (from the amount he would get at his FRA of 67). Claiming early (before FRA) always results in a benefit reduction, whereas waiting longer than FRA to claim always results in a higher monthly amount (maximum benefit is reached at age 70).

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cluding full funding for community college finance reform and support for career-ready programs that prepare students for good-paying jobs right out of high school.

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The final budget reflects that kind of thinking – smart spending today that builds a stronger Texas tomorrow.

The Texas Comptrol-

ler has certified the budget. Now, as the Governor reviews the budget and voters weigh in on related proposals on the ballot this fall, Texans have a continued role to play. Budgets

# Newbury

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the "quiet game." She mentioned her plight to a police officer who offered practical advice: "Dab some peanut butter on the chain link fence."

She did, and is now able to buy a few hours of peaceful bliss while the dog licks away at the final smidgen of peanut butter. I don't know if she uses smooth or crunchy, but whatever it is, the dog is busied, and Dee'Na gets her naps. Isn't this pretty close to a home run?

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The third vignette

really concerns curve balls, and our granddaughter Addison is confidently at bat.

She opened a birthday card from her baseball-playing boyfriend, who is one school year behind her at a nearby high school.

At her recent 18th birthday/graduation party, she read it: "As of today, you are dating a minor."

A gifted and respected pitcher, he's a clever guy whose "curve ball message" isn't surprising. My guess? She'll handle

the pitch well, filing the card away among high school memory dreams. She'll be careful not to mistakenly drop it into her Texas Rangers' nightmare file.

That's where the hot-and-cold baseball team goes to die...

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1. Is the book of Ezekiel (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Who/what does "their eyes stand out with fatness" refer to in Psalms 73? Demons, Wicked rich, Serpents, Unholy
3. From 1 Kings 17, what was the widow's cruse miraculously kept full of? Milk, Water, Oil, Light
4. Who reaped a crop a hundred times the grain he sowed? Gideon, Isaac, Samson, Hanun
5. Whose daughter was referred to as "Talitha" by Jesus? Zeresh, Jairus, Jeremiah, Shelomith
6. From Acts 16, who sold purple cloth? Lydia, Zimri, Sisera, Hannah

ANSWERS: (1) Old, (2) Wicked rich, (3) Oil, (4) Isaac, (5) Jairus, (6) Lydia

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By: /s/ Cynthia Northrop City Manager, MPA, CPM

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c/o John R Cook P O Box 111 Palo Pinto, TX 76484 Dated June 13, 2025

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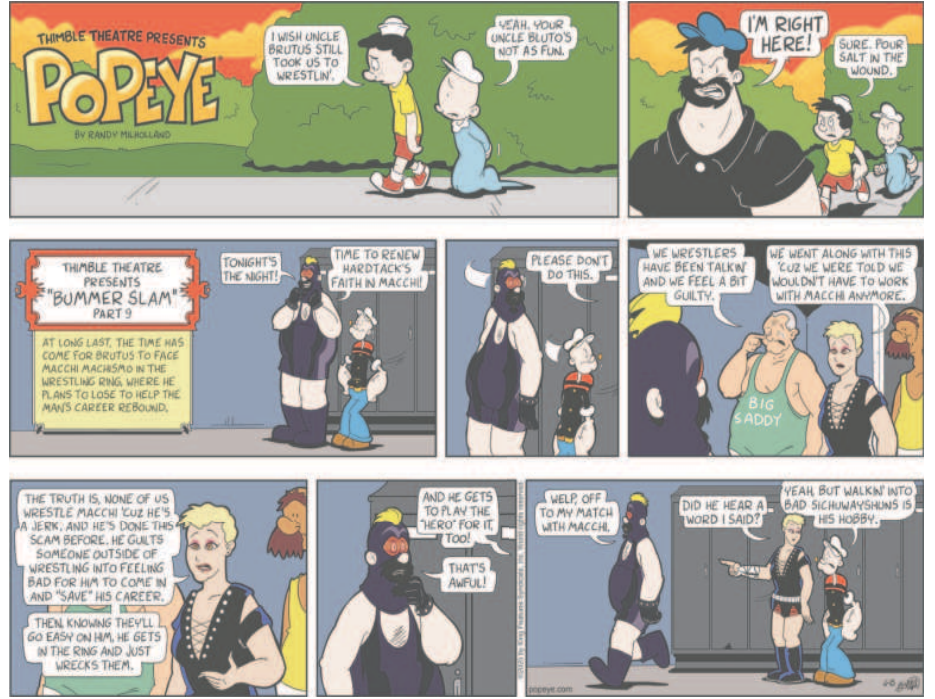
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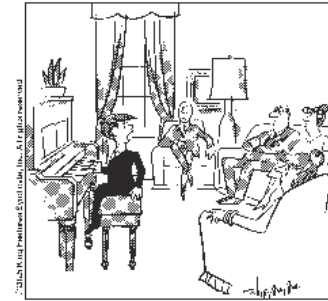
Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

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12 Impetuous
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21 Chanteuse Edith
23 Chap
24 Edible pod
28 "Auld Lang -"

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34 Texas tea
35 Scrambled wd.
37 Brazilian city
39 Dad on "Black-ish"
41 San - Obispo, Calif.
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51 Continental coin

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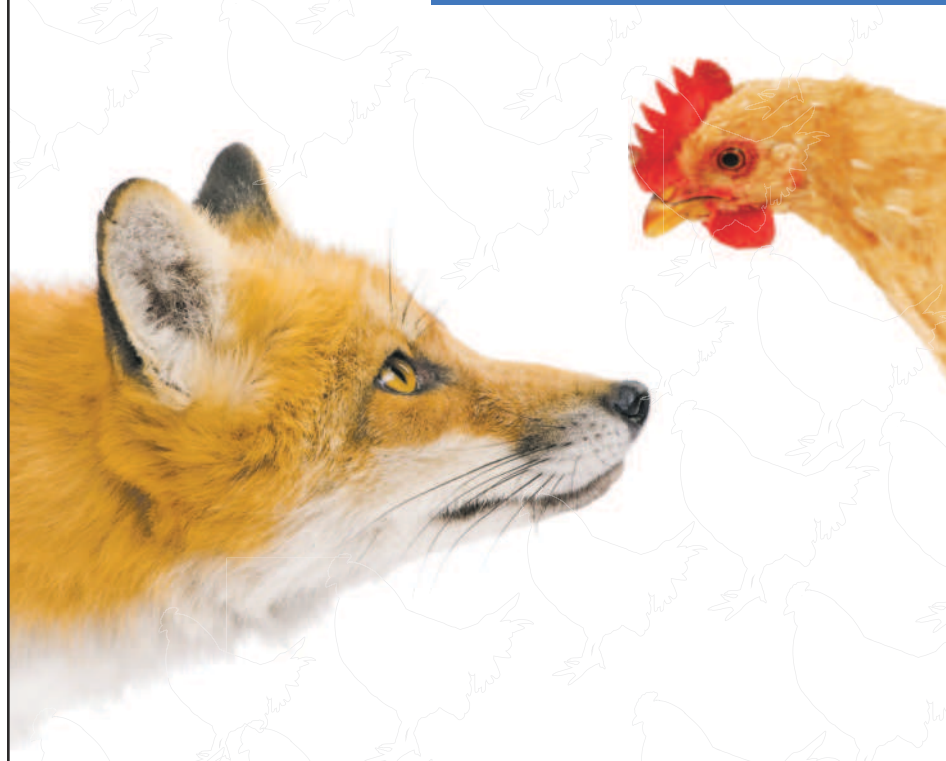
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Head Coach Brent Lucas gets the Buckaroos ready for their summer league game against Newcastle as they huddle before the game Tuesday, June 10.

Photo/Alex Kielar

## Bucks outlast Bobcats in sudden-death overtime during summer league

Alex Kielar  
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As they hosted the second week of their summer basketball league, the Buckaroos took on the Newcastle Bobcats in the main gym of the Athletics and Fine Arts Center for their first game Tuesday, June 10. In a game that they fell behind early, the Bucks ultimately turned another gear before outlasting the Bobcats, 32-30, in overtime.

During the summer league, the games are much more like street ball as there is a running clock and teams move at a very fast pace. Two 16-minute halves are played.

After falling behind, 11-2, nearly three-quarters of the way through the half, the Bucks found a good pace and buckled down on defense as they took a

12-11 lead after a half of play.

In the second half, the Bucks extended their lead out to 23-16 at the halfway point.

Following some back-and-forth baskets, the Bobcats ended up going on a mini-run to tie the score at 30-all and force a sudden-death overtime. In this summer league, to get games over quicker, the first team to score in overtime wins.

On the tip-off of overtime, Newcastle got it tipped back to their side of the court, but Buckaroo Jaime Cruz ran it down and got possession. Cruz then dribbled down the court and flew past the defense on his way to laying in a game-winning basket.

Cruz was a focal point of the contest as he scored several baskets, including ones following steals.



Ryan Waller dribbles towards the basket as his teammate Hudson Woodward looks on during their summer league game against Newcastle, in which the Bucks won, 32-30, in a sudden-death overtime.

Photo/Alex Kielar

## Case hired as special teams coordinator

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The Breckenridge Buckaroos athletic department, led by Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Casey Pearce, continues to fill coaching positions during the summer as the 2025-26 school year nears. The most recent coaching hire was of Randall Case as special teams coordinator for the Buckaroos football team.

Announced by Pearce last week, Case comes in as an assistant coach for the program following one season as the head football coach and AD of Early High School football. During the 2024 season, the Longhorns posted an overall record of 1-9 and a 0-5 mark in District 5-3A Division II matchups. Case resigned from the position in May.

Case described that he has known Coach Pearce for a while, as they have crossed paths numerous times as players and coaches in both track and football.

"I've kinda always admired the way he goes about his business, his day-to-day stuff. I was ready to take a step back from being a head football coach," Case said. "I kind of wanted to come help coach Pearce, help his vision and get us going in the right direction. So I reached out to him and we were able to make it happen."

Case grew up in Jones, Oklahoma and played football at East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma.

Before his promotion to head football coach last year, Case served as an assistant on the Early staff for seven years, specifically as special teams coordinator for six of those years. Case also said that he had a hand in the special teams as a head coach.

Before last year, the Longhorns had clinched the playoffs in four straight seasons.

"It was the first coordinator job I had taken in my coaching career and it's something that I love, I like doing it. So when he offered it to me, I thought, well, I've done it plenty long enough, so I was able to take that role to fill that job for him," Case said. "I'm just happy to be able to help him out anyway I can."

Being new to the Buckaroo staff, Case is just starting to get to know the young athletes on the team and working to build relationships with them.

"Kind of what I've gathered and what I see, they're very young. Last year, they had a lot of inexperience on Fri-



The Buckaroos have hired Randall Case as special teams coordinator of the football team, following his resignation from his head coaching position at Early High School after the 2024-25 school year.

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day night. Kind of what Coach Pierce and I have talked about a lot is that we do have experience now. We do have a lot of kids that played on Friday night, so there's not gonna be those first-year jitters, those first-year mistakes," Case said. "We hope to be able to use our maturity, our Friday night maturity, to create success. I can see it a little bit through workouts. There's a lot more for me to learn about the kids, but overall, we're hoping to use that experience that we gained last year and kind of put it into play this year."

Case described his coaching style as similar to Coach Pearce, which contributes to them being able to get along so well.

"I would try to describe myself as a grinder. I go to work every day. I really only know one speed and that's 100 miles an hour all the time. I'm pretty hard-nosed... is probably what somebody would say about me, but I go about my business," Case said. "I go to work every day and kind of put my nose down and get after it. So that's why I'm actually really fortunate to work for a guy who's just like that as well and I think it helps our relationship."

Case described his excitement to get started in Breckenridge as a coach for the Buckaroos.

"I'm excited to be in Breckenridge. It's a storied program. It's one of the storied programs in the state of Texas with a lot of history and a lot of tradition," Case said. "It's a little different wearing green, coming from purple, but I'm getting used to it and I'm just really excited that I was able to make it happen with Coach Pearce. We're ready to get to work."



## Buckaroos host camp

The Buckaroos boys basketball coaching staff, led by Head Coach Brent Lucas, hosted a basketball camp last week for incoming first through ninth graders at the Athletic and Fine Arts Center. There were two sessions each day from Monday, June 9 through Wednesday, June 11, one for first through fourth graders and the second for fifth through ninth graders.

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