



The Pride of Breckenridge BHS Band performs their "Groovy" halftime show earlier this year. The band will be performing in the UIL area competition Saturday, Nov. 1 in Denton after earning the needed Division 1 score at the regional contest Saturday, Oct. 18.

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## BHS band advances to UIL Area competition

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After a strong performance at the UIL Region 7 Marching Contest in Stephenville, The Pride of Breckenridge BHS Band has advanced to UIL Area competition in Denton.

In the UIL Region con-

test held Saturday, Oct. 18, the BHS band received a Division 1 rating—a superior rating, which is the highest possible score, qualifying them for advancement to area competition. The rating is determined by a panel of judges who rank the bands based on their performance. The

area competition takes place Saturday, Nov. 1 at C.H. Collins Stadium in Denton.

If the BHS band advances to the state contest in San Antonio, prelims and finals for 3A will take place Wednesday, Nov. 12. From

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## Stephens County 4-H competitors place at State Fair of Texas

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Stephens County 4-H came away with some success from the State Fair of Texas, with two teams and one individual participating in competitions.

Both the junior and senior plant identification teams had good performances at the plant ID contest Saturday, Sept. 27.

The junior plant identification team of Evelyn Halari, Lydia Moreno and Marielle Green was named the champion junior team. Individually, Halari placed first overall, Moreno placed third and Green placed fourth.

Stephens County also had the reserve champion senior team, consist-

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The Stephens County 4-H plant identification teams show off their awards and ribbons that they earned at the State Fair of Texas during the plant ID contest in late September.

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## Stephens County remains at disaster drought levels

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Despite recent weekend storms, Stephens County remains under severe drought conditions, with emergency-level readings on the Keetch-Byram

Drought Index (KBDI) showing no signs of relief.

Over the last week or so, the county's readings on the KBDI averaged around 640, although it did decrease from 647 on Satur-

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Stephens County remains under severe drought conditions with emergency-level readings on the Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI) not showing many signs of slowing.

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Early intervention on mental health is just as important for students, as new East Elementary counselor Tammy McGrady works on new initiatives to help younger students navigate difficult family situations. High school students developing relationships with younger students is also key to improving mental health.

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## Breckenridge ISD pushing to destigmatize mental health

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In the heart of Breckenridge, where Friday night lights shine bright and small-town bonds run deep, a quiet yet powerful movement is under-

way inside the halls and campuses of Breckenridge ISD: breaking the stigma around mental health.

From classroom counseling to creative expression, BISD educators are working to ensure students and their parents

know they are never alone and that help is always within reach.

Breckenridge High School's theater arts teacher Cassie Johnson is no stranger to the emo-

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### Weekly Local Forecast

**Saturday, Oct. 25**  
High 74 | Low 55  
Precipitation 35%

**Sunday, Oct. 26**  
High 79 | Low 60  
Precipitation 11%

**Monday, Oct. 27**  
High 80 | Low 53  
Precipitation 3%

**Tuesday, Oct. 28**  
High 80 | Low 52  
Precipitation 7%

**Wednesday, Oct. 29**  
High 70 | Low 45  
Precipitation 1%

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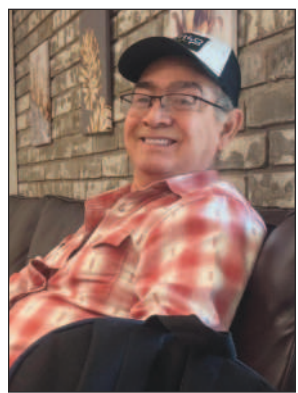
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# Obituaries



## Matilde Francisco "Frank" Santos Sr.

March 14, 1952 – October 11, 2025

Matilde "Frank" Francisco Santos Sr., age 73, of Clinton, Oklahoma, was born March 14, 1952, in Strawn, to Felix and Juanita (Medina) Santos. He passed away peacefully Saturday, Oct. 11, 2025 in Oklahoma City, surrounded by his loving family.

Frank was raised in Breckenridge, where he attended Breckenridge High School. He later became a long-distance truck driver, a profession that fit his love of travel and open roads. In March of 2007, shortly after moving to Clinton, he married the love of his life, Margaret Castaneda, and together they built a life full of love, laughter, and family. Frank was known for his big heart, strong work ethic, and unforgettable sense of humor. He enjoyed simple pleasures — fishing, catching armadillos, watching westerns and professional wrestling, cheering on his beloved Dallas Cowboys, and friendly football wagers with friends. Above all, he treasured spending time with his grandchildren, who brought him endless joy. He was a man who never met a stranger and was loved by everyone who had the privilege of knowing him. His kindness and laughter will continue to echo through the lives of his family and friends.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, Felix and Juanita Santos, and his granddaughter, Caitlin Two-Hatchett. He is survived by his devoted wife, Margaret Castaneda of the home; his sons Matilde "Kico" Santos Jr. and wife Carolyn Shocky of Arkansas, and Ruben Lee Santos and wife Norma of Clinton; his daughters Audra Santos and husband Jaime Rivera of Clinton, and Matilda Shrestha, of Texas. He is also survived by his sisters Sandra Fernandez, Juliana Manriquez, Irene Santos, Olivia Cortez, Maxine Santos, Teresa Santos, Janie Saucedo, and Jessie Santos-Reed, and his brothers Angelo, Domingo, Willie, and Felix Santos, all of Texas.

Frank leaves behind a legacy of love carried on by his grandchildren — Samantha Tovar, Jacob Rivera, Jaime Jr. Rivera, Jordan Ernst, John Paul Munoz Jr., Clay Elmer Green Jr., Ethan Curtis Francisco, Jessica Roque, Ruben Jr. Santos, Jenna Santos, Samuel Santos, Maisie Santos, Donovan Santos, Angela Santos, and Gina Rivera — and his great-grandchildren Paislee Bryant, Mateo Roque, Amari Beth-Santos Ernst, Ayva Perkins, Adaline Ruth Santos Ernst, and Achilles Lee Santos Ernst. The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to Shepherd Home Health, the Blakeburn Clinic, Dr. Reynolds and his staff, Broadway Heights Baptist Church, Dr. Nelson, Dr. Stacey Knapp, Elera Caring, and the Lee Hometown Funeral Home for their compassion and care.

Those wishing to honor Frank's memory may make contributions to the Oklahoma Cancer Society. Funeral services were held Thursday, Oct. 16 at Broadway Heights Baptist Church in Clinton, with Robert White officiating. Burial was held at the Clinton Cemetery under the direction of Lee Hometown Funeral Home.



## Mary Belle Sorell

June 8, 1929 – October 18, 2025

Mary Belle Webb Sorell, 96, passed away peacefully October 18, 2025, at Graham Oaks Nursing Home in Graham.

A memorial service to celebrate Mary's life will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 8 at the First Christian Church, 101 East Williams, in Breckenridge, with Pastor Sonny McCauley presiding. A reception will follow in the church undercroft.

Mary was born on June 8, 1929, in Caddo. Her father was the ranch manager at the Veale Ranch, and she was the last person to be born on the ranch property. She spent her formative years growing up there and began her education in Caddo, later graduating from Breckenridge High School in 1948.

She married her high school sweetheart, Henry Sorell, on Sept. 23, 1950, in Warrenton, Virginia, where her father had taken a position as manager of the Walter Chrysler Ranch. Mary and Henry moved to Virginia to assist her parents in managing the Chrysler Ranch. After four years in the eastern United States, she and the family became homesick and returned to Breckenridge in time for Mary to have her first child.

After growing up in Stephens County and marrying Henry, Mary spent most of her married years as a homemaker, raising two children, Janet and Richard, and assisting Henry in his oil and gas construction and maintenance business.

She was a lifelong member of the First Christian Church, where her grandfather was one of the founding members. Mary was also a longtime member of the Stephens Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Survivors include her daughter, Janet Sorell of Justin; her son, Richard Sorell and wife, Mary Kay, of Breckenridge; two granddaughters, Lindsey Sorell of Dallas and Rachel Sorell of Argyle; one great-granddaughter, Blake Sorell of Argyle; two nieces, Corice Anne Lefton of Santa Fe, New Mexico, and Mary Jane Combs of Santee Nacoochee, Georgia; and one cousin, Mary Ann Webb of Richmond, Virginia.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, Louis Henry Sorell; her mother, Lucille Rickard Webb; and her father, James Lloyd "Dick" Webb.

Memorials may be made to the Helping Hands Fund at the First Christian Church or to the Stephens Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Mary will be remembered for her warmth, faith, and devotion to her family and community.

## 4-H

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ing of Josiah Moreno, Kason Burchett and Chloe Tait. Moreno placed second overall, while Burchett placed fourth.

Meanwhile, Sylee Mitchell participated in the market goats show that took place Monday, Sept. 29.

She was also scheduled to participate in

the wether doe and wether dam show, with her one market wether and two wether does Tuesday, Oct. 14.

However, an illness was running through her show does after taking them to the Heart of Texas Show in Waco.

"Although I didn't place in the market show, the experience

was incredibly rewarding as always. I got to meet lots of new people and make valuable connections within the livestock industry," Mitchell said. "What I found particularly fulfilling was having the chance to help new showmen with their projects and share what I've learned with others."

## Drought

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day, Oct. 18 to 644 on Sunday.

County officials are urging residents to exercise extreme caution, especially in the coming days, as low humidity and elevated winds are expected to increase the risk of

wildfires.

The elevated fire danger is expected to intensify early this week, according to the National Weather Service in Fort Worth

Residents were reminded to avoid outdoor burning as the county remained un-

der a burn ban, with additional restrictions for any outdoor "hot work". The burn ban was extended Monday, Oct. 13 by the commissioner's court, on the recommendation of Fire Marshal Malcolm Bufkin.

Residents were also

reminded to ensure they secure tow chains, never park or drive over tall grass and never toss lit cigarettes.

County officials will monitor the drought conditions and could lift restrictions if the KBDI drops below emergency levels.

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# Health

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tional complexities students carry around the halls, classrooms and beyond. Recently earning her Master of Arts in Mental Health and Wellness Counseling from Angelo State University, Johnson brings a unique blend of artistic direction and therapeutic insight to her work.

"I think theater is a good outlet for kids," she said. "You get to be somebody you wouldn't normally be. It's a lot of fun, but it's also a way to connect and grow."

Johnson's theater program welcomes students from all backgrounds—those who are bold, those who are shy and those who have yet to find their place anywhere else.

"We take a lot of kids in theater that aren't really involved in anything else. It's a good way to make friends," she said. "In high school that's one of the best things to keep a level head—being surrounded by good friends."

This fall's production of "The Wizard of Oz" features students from kindergarten through 12th grade, with older students mentoring younger cast members.

"So our high school kids are getting real-life experience," Johnson said. "They take care of the (young students) during rehearsals. It teaches empathy and responsibility."

The spring play, "Irena's Vow", will explore the true story of a Polish woman who saved Jewish lives during the Holocaust.

"It's a survival story," Johnson explained. "And I think our kids need to see that—how one person's courage can change lives."

As Johnson and other BISD staff look to implement new mental health initiatives, the theater teacher described it as a tough task.

"It's been difficult. There's a lot of hoops—you don't have as many hoops as if you're not certified or anything," Johnson said. "But there are a lot of good things at Breckenridge that are already in place."

BHS counselor Leah Robertson recently put a new initiative into place, with the help of new Dean of Students Kaysi Hender-



New Breckenridge High School counselor Leah Robertson launched a new online platform through the BISD webpage called Counselor's Corner, where students have access to mental health and post-high school resources.

Archive photo

son. The pair have become key figures in the district's mental health landscape. Their online platform Counselor's Corner—available through the BISD website—offers resources for everything from standardized testing to crisis intervention.

"My door is open to you and I look forward to our visit," Robertson writes in the introduction.

The site includes links to PSAT, SAT, ACT and STAAR and EOC testing dates, as well as scholarship information and a dedicated crisis support page. In addition, Robertson also promotes new tools like CareerCruising and Transitions, which both provide resources for post-high school planning and exploration.

The dedicated crisis support page features artwork with the words "At BISD, We Care. You are not alone. There is help available. Just ask." This reinforces the district's commitment to emotional wellness and several support resources, including:

National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-273-8255 (24/7)

West Central Texas Local Area Suicide Hotline (Betty Hardwick Center): 1-800-458-7788  
StopBullying.gov

National Runaway Hotline: 1-800-786-2929

A link to homeless student information document

The site encourages students to reach out to trusted adults—like teachers, principals, counselors or coaches—when facing challenges like bullying, substance use or personal issues.

"Remember, we are here to help you and want to do so," the website message reads. "Please stay close to your school community and let us know how you are doing."

Johnson agreed with that sentiment.

"I know that right now with the mental health process, I think it's incredibly important that you reach out to someone and that you get it started sooner than later," she said.

Early intervention and discussion is a key for BISD as well. At East Elementary, new counselor Stacie Anderson is implementing social-emotional learning programs for younger students, especially those from divorced families or households affected by incarceration. Flyers sent home highlight targeted support for children navigating difficult family situations.

Anderson's efforts include lessons on emotional regulation, social skills and resilience-building for students in kindergarten through third grade. Her presence marks a significant step forward in BISD's commitment to early intervention.

Whether through theater, counseling, community outreach or other avenues, BISD is working to build a culture where mental health is not just acknowledged—but actively supported.

"I think the mental health process is massive, especially in small towns," Johnson said. "And I hope that we can get other things implemented. Trying is the start—and we're trying."

# Area

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the area competition, the top four bands advanced to state out of the 24 bands performing.

"We're in a really good position. The students are working really hard," BHS Band Director Joe Barrow said. "We are taking the judges' comments and improving our show even more to get better results."

According to the UIL marching band state archives, the last and only time that the Breckenridge band advanced to the state competition was 1998, not getting past the preliminary round.

Barrow described how this year's show theme, "Groovy" — with late '60s and early '70s music by bands like The Beatles and Blood, Sweat and Tears, was designed to be a bit more challenging for the band members.

"I feel like the students are rising to the occasion. If we can do what the judges suggest, we will be in a pretty good position at area," he said.

While the underlying theme remains the same, each show that the band has put on this year has been a bit different and the community has shown support.

"We appreciate the support from the community," Barrow said. "There has been positive support from the com-

munity and school administration. Principal Paul Armstrong and Superintendent Prairie Freeman have been super supportive."

Barrow added that there isn't any particular member of the band that is above anyone else.

"The students have come together and worked as a team to be successful, and I appreciate their attitude," he said. "They are constantly looking to improve."

With only a few football games remaining, the band has a

couple special shows planned.

Notably for the game taking place on Halloween at Sweetwater, the band members will be wearing Halloween costumes.

For the final game Friday, Nov. 7, which is Senior Night, they will have their glow-out performance. The glowout show is the band's annual tradition of having a light show with the stadium lights turned off. The junior high band members will also join in on the performance, playing from the stands.

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# SPORTS



Christian Flores tackles Cole Chittum behind the line of scrimmage in the Buckaroos' 49-7 loss to Jim Ned, in which they struggled to contain the Indians' offense Friday, Oct. 17.

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## Bucks struggle to Indians in loss

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From the opening kickoff, the Buckaroos (2-5, 0-2) struggled to contain the Jim Ned Indians (6-1, 2-0) as they fell behind the 8-ball early in their second district game.

The Indians gave the Bucks all they could handle Friday, Oct. 17, as they lost, 49-7.

After deferring to the second half, the Bucks kicked off to start the game. The Indians wasted little time scoring, as Garon Beasley beat Hudson Woodward on broken coverage and ran into the end zone on a pass



Christian Flores runs up the middle on a handoff from Joseph Juneau during a 49-7 loss for the Bucks to Jim Ned.

Photo/Alex Kielar

from quarterback Cash Gwinn less than three minutes into the game.

The Bucks went four-and-out on their first drive, turning the ball over on downs on their side of the field.

Jim Ned took advantage of the good field position as the Bucks struggled to stop the ball carriers and couldn't wrap up. Running back Aiden Ellis capped off the drive

with a long touchdown run with under a minute left in the quarter, reaching over the pylon for the score and a 14-0 lead with the extra point.

Despite picking up some first downs on runs, the Bucks were forced to punt on their next drive, which the Indians returned to their 40-yard line. It was another long touchdown pass—40 yards—from Gwinn to Beasley that put Breckenridge down 21-0 with 7:35 until halftime.

The Bucks were able to make something happen on the ensuing

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LaKyla Bartley hits the ball over the net over the block attempt of a Lady Lions player Friday, Oct. 17 during a Senior Night win for the Lady Bucks.

Photo/Alex Kielar

## Lady Bucks cage Lady Lions on Senior Night

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The Lady Bucks had a successful Senior Night as they defeated the Dublin Lady Lions for the second time this season in three straight sets.

After honoring their four seniors — Lane Bartoskewitz, Preslie Malcuit, Ava Russell, and Bianca Gotcschall — the Lady Bucks won 25-18, 25-23, and 25-16 to take the match 3-0 Friday, Oct. 17.

Despite Dublin at one point going on a six-point run, the Lady Bucks got strong front-line play from Bartoskewitz and Kamden Tidwell who recorded a handful of kills to pull ahead. Bartoskewitz then held serve for the final eight points of the set, including three straight aces.

The second set went back and forth, being tied on several different occasions—8-8, 11-11, 12-12, 15-15 and 20-

20. The Lady Bucks used a four-point run to get ahead 24-22, which included an ace from Sofia Lopez and a kill from Bartoskewitz.

Following a kill from the Lady Lions which cut the lead to 24-23, a Bartoskewitz kill closed out the set for the 2-0 match lead.

The Lady Bucks started the third set scoring the first six points before Dublin scored the next two after a timeout. Malcuit and Tidwell had good front-line play with kills in the set, and Bartoskewitz got the score to 23-14 with another kill of her own.

It was back-to-back unforced errors by the Lady Lions that closed out the set and the match for the Lady Bucks.

Breckenridge travels to Millsap Tuesday, Oct. 21 and then hosts Peaster Friday, Oct. 24 for their final two games of the season.



Andrew White will represent the Breckenridge Buckaroos at the 2025 Cross Country State Meet in Round Rock as their lone qualifier from the regional meet Monday, Oct. 20 in Lubbock. The boys 3A state race will take place Friday, Oct. 31.

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## White qualifies for state meet

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Andrew White will represent the Breckenridge Buckaroos at the state cross country meet in Round Rock, earning his spot with a standout performance at regionals in Lubbock.

Every Breckenridge athlete from both the girls and boys teams also posted a personal or season-best performance at the meet held Monday, Oct. 20 at Mae Simmons Park.

White earned his spot at the state meet with a personal best time of 17:22.60 for an

18th overall finish out of 176 runners and 8th place among non-advanced team runners.

“Andrew White qualifying for State is an incredible accomplishment. He’s worked hard all season, and it’s exciting to see that dedication pay off,” coach Valeria Williams said. “Our boys will continue to train alongside him these next couple of weeks to support him as he prepares to compete in Round Rock.”

The top four teams in each region and top 10 runners not already part of the advancing teams qualify to advance to the state meet, according to UIL.

The Bucks were fifth out of a field of 24 teams with 200 points, behind Tuscola Jim Ned who had 162 points in fourth place, in the 5K run for Region 1-3A.

“Our boys team just barely missed getting the last spot for the trip to state. It was a hard pill to swallow but as we always say, we control what we control and we continue to work hard,” coach Williams said. “I am proud of each of them and what they’ve accomplished this year.”

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The Lady Bucks volleyball team honored its four seniors — Ava Russell, Preslie Malcuit, Bianca Gotcschall and Lane Bartoskewitz — prior to their game Friday, Oct. 17 against the Dublin Lions.

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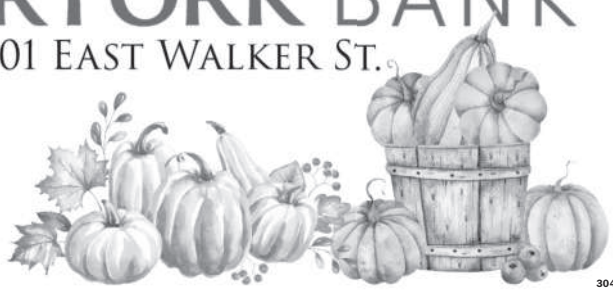



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# Bucks

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kickoff as Truett Trammel returned it to the house for a 90-yard kickoff return touch-down. Josiah Acosta split the uprights on the extra point and the Bucks were somewhat back in the game at 21-7.

Gwinn scrambled on a 3rd-and-9 and sprinted to the end zone for another score as the Bucks couldn't get him down. The momentum stayed with the Indians as they led 27-7 following a missed extra point with under four minutes until half.

The Bucks were forced to punt again on their next drive, before Jim Ned took the opportunity to add another score before the break. Ellis found the end zone again to cap off the drive and ran in for a two-point conversion with just over 30 seconds left.

When it seemed like things couldn't get worse, Jim Ned's defense forced a sack fumble of Joseph Juneau right before half, which Jim Ned's Mason Miller recovered and took to the house. As the clock hit triple zeroes, the Bucks were down 42-7.

There wasn't much action on either side



**Brenham Walker fights for extra yardage on a carry against Jim Ned in the Buckaroos' 49-7 loss Friday, Oct. 17.**

Photo/Alex Kielar

in the second half. The only score that the Indians tacked on came with 2:30 left in the third quarter. After driving down the field, a touchdown pass to Breck Lawson inside the five got the Indians back in the score column.

A running clock in the fourth quarter quickly ended the misery for the Bucks.

"They're competitors. We'll compete, we'll fight to the end. That hasn't changed," head coach Casey Pearce said. "Same group that I talked about from day one. They showed what they're made of. That's a frustrating way to lose a ball game; it snowballed on us early."

The Bucks now turn their attention to an important game at the Comanche Indians

(3-4, 0-2) next Friday, Oct. 24.

"We've got to flush it and move forward. If it doesn't hurt or bother you, then you're probably not a very good football team," Pearce said. "We're a real good football team; just got to be able to flush it and move forward. We did some things well tonight and allowed some things to happen—it's the first time our secondary has been attacked like that."

Pearce added that the Bucks are going to have to win two of their last three games to be able to get into the playoffs, as their backs are against the wall.

"That's how you want to play, like you're backed into a corner," he said. "Scrap, claw and fight and find a way."

# State

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Meanwhile, the Lady Bucks were 12th overall for the 2-mile run out of 24 teams.

Saylor Townson finished 38th overall for the top runner for the Lady Bucks.

The Cross Country State Championships takes place across two days at Old Settler's Park in Round Rock next weekend. The 3A boys race starts at 8:45 a.m. Friday, Oct. 31.

"Both teams ran their hearts out at Regionals, and I couldn't be prouder of them. They gave it absolutely everything they had today. This season they have faced every challenge with relentlessness, grit and the determination to push beyond their limits," coach Williams said. "This group has learned to believe in their own abilities and trust the work they've put in. I couldn't be prouder of their growth and the incredible work ethic they've shown all season."

## Buckaroos Results

- 18. Andrew White, 17:22.60 (PR)
- 41. Gabriel Garcia, 18:05.80 (SR)
- 44. Bodie Skiles, 18:10.30 (PR)
- 48. Agustin Byrd, 18:15.10 (PR)

- 78. Logan Thompson, 18:50.50 (PR)
- 94. Landon Elting, 19:11.50 (PR)
- 141. Malaki Smith, 20:22.90 (PR)

## Lady Bucks Results

- 38. Saylor Townson, 13:33.50 (PR)
- 72. Lizandra Rubio, 14:04.80 (PR)
- 88. Maylea Townson, 14:16.40 (PR)
- 91. Abbi Duran, 14:21.90 (SR)
- 102. Miley Ramirez, 14:27.90 (PR)
- 114. Lane Bartoske-witz, 14:35.60 (PR)
- 150. Elli Duran, 15:19.10 (PR)

## Boys Team Results

- 1. Holliday, 63; 2. Crane, 95; 3. Presidio, 122; 4. Tuscola Jim Ned, 162; 5. Breckenridge, 200; 6. Bowie, 208; 7. Compass Academy, 240; 8. Eastland, 267; 9. Peaster, 275

## Girls Team Results

- 1. Holliday, 54; 2. Wall, 72; 3. Tuscola Jim Ned, 160; 4. Dalhart, 175; 5. Alpine, 216; 6. Brownfield, 262; 7. Compass Academy, 272; 8. Idalou, 286; 9. Comanche, 292; 10. Crane, 296; 11. Peaster, 306; 12. Breckenridge, 323

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1. Is the book of Romans (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Exodus 34, who was frightened of a man who came down a mountain with a shining face? Laban, Stephen, Aaron, Cornelius
3. During a famine, who set out with another man to find grass to feed his horses and mules? Abishag, Ahab, Abner, Agrippa
4. From Esther 7, who met his death on the gallows he built for another man? Herod, Haman, Peter, Ezekiel
5. What chariotcer rode to Jezreel to find King Joram? Jehu, Omri, Naboth, Jethro
6. From Acts 5, who fell dead after lying about a property deal? Nehemiah, Shimei, Levi, Ananias

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Aaron, 3) Ahab, 4) Haman, 5) Jehu, 6) Ananias

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The Lord sent Aaron to the desert to meet Moses as Moses traveled from Midian to Egypt.

God instructed Moses and Aaron to bring the Israelites out of Egypt. God said Aaron was to be Moses' prophet. Moses would speak to Aaron and Aaron would speak to Pharaoh.

At the first meeting of Moses and Aaron with Pharaoh, Aaron threw his staff on the ground as the Lord commanded and the staff became a snake. Pharaoh's sorcerers did the same thing, but Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs.

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# Lady Bucks prevail over Lady Bulldogs

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In their second to last match of the season, the Breckenridge Lady Bucks got the better of the Millsap Lady Bulldogs to make up for their home loss against the hosting team, earning their third district win.

The Lady Bucks defeated the Lady Bulldogs in three straight sets Tuesday, Oct. 20 after Millsap had done the same to them Friday, Sept. 26 in the Breckenridge Athletic and Fine Arts Center.

The first set of the re-match started off tightly contested, tied at seven-all when Millsap recorded a block at the net. Kamden Tidwell recorded a handful of kills in the initial round of scoring for the Lady Bucks.

After the score was tied at seven, the Lady Bucks then went on a six-point run to take a 13-7 lead, which included another kill from Tidwell, a block from Preslie Malcuit and an ace from LaKyla Bartley.

While the Lady Bucks almost allowed the Lady Bulldogs to come back to tie it on a number of unforced errors, they ultimately closed out the set, 25-23. Tidwell recorded an ace and Lane Bartoskewitz had a couple of kills to close it out.

The Lady Bucks started set number two with a 3-0 lead, helped by a kill from Malcuit and an ace from Analia Pala-



Analia Palacios winds up to serve during the Lady Bucks' three set win Tuesday, Oct. 21 over the Millsap Lady Bulldogs.

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cios. The lead would expand to 7-2 after a four-point run, which included an ace from Tidwell and a block from Bartoskewitz.

Bartoskewitz also recorded a kill and an ace, while the Lady Bucks also got kills from Malcuit, Tidwell and Bartley to help close it out. Breckenridge never trailed in the set and went on to win 25-16 for the 2-0 match lead.

Millsap started the third set with some momentum on their side, as the Lady Bucks trailed 8-2. It didn't take long for the visiting team to climb back into it, however, as back-to-back kills from Barto-

skewitz tied the set at nine. Following a previous kill from Bartoskewitz, Isabelle Biddison also served up an ace.

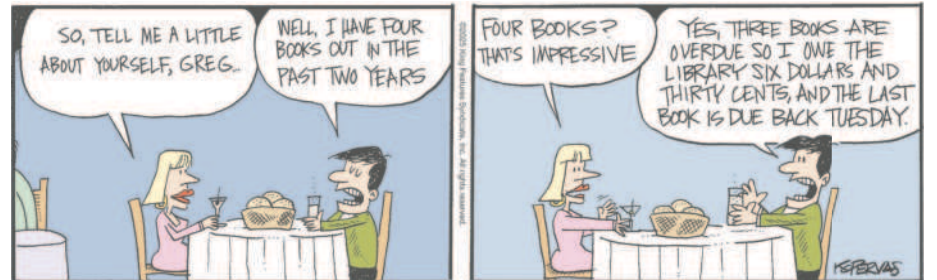
The Lady Bucks allowed just four more points the rest of the set and they closed out a 25-13 win and took the match. Tidwell recorded four kills, while Malcuit and Bartley each recorded one kill and Bartoskewitz recorded an ace as part of the final 16 points for the Lady Bucks.

The Lady Bucks will conclude their season at home, hosting the Peaster Lady Greyhounds for Teacher Appreciation Night Friday, Oct. 24.

# ENTERTAINMENT

Midweek Edition

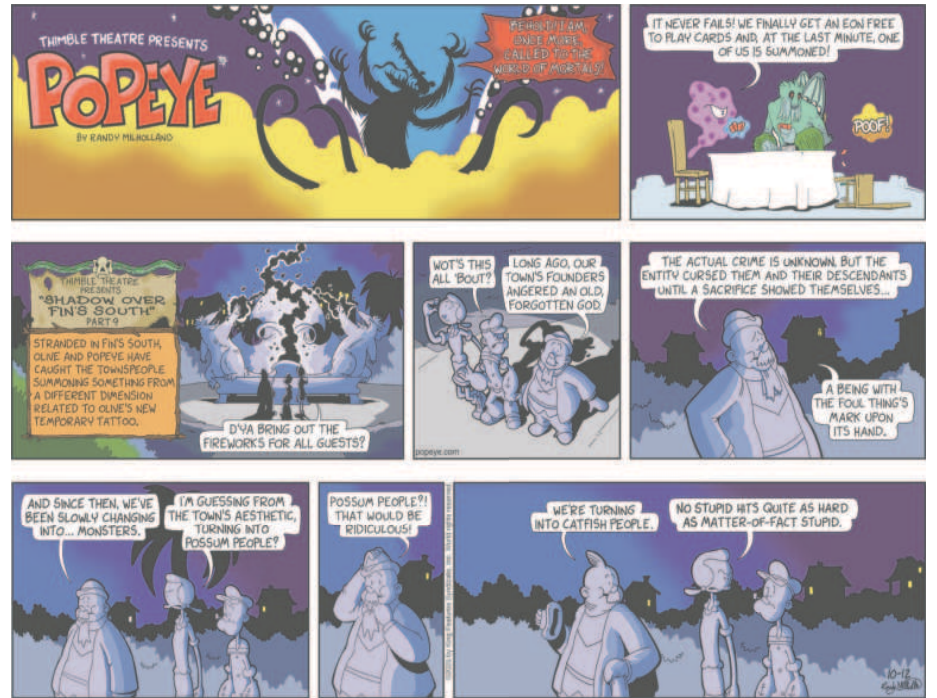
## OUT ON A LIMB by Gary Kopervas



## THE SPATS by Jeff Pickering



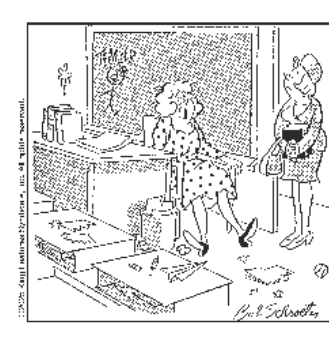
## POPEYE by Randy Milholland



## Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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|----------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 1. Alphabet entry    | __ E __ _ _ _ | Set of kittens      | __ I __ _ _ _ |
| 2. Corn              | __ _ _ _ Z __ | Augusta's locale    | __ _ _ _ N __ |
| 3. Goddess of Wisdom | __ _ _ _ _ A  | Greek metropolis    | __ _ _ _ _ S  |
| 4. Fully fledged     | __ _ _ _ W __ | Gripe and moan      | __ _ _ _ A __ |
| 5. Pints in a gallon | E _ _ _ _ _   | After dark          | N _ _ _ _ _   |
| 6. Voting paper      | __ _ _ _ _ O  | Pavlova performance | __ _ _ _ E __ |
| 7. Trumpet's cousin  | __ _ _ _ N    | Lacy undergarment   | __ _ _ _ S    |
| 8. Flagon            | __ _ _ _ K    | Flicker             | __ _ _ _ H    |
| 9. Acute or right    | __ _ _ G _    | Lower leg joint     | __ _ _ K __   |
| 10. Turmoil          | __ _ _ O _    | Blokes              | __ _ _ P __   |



## SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Supporter  
**TARPON** [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

Break  
**TRUEPUR** [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

Regard  
**DIRECT** [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

Fuse  
**DORSEL** [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

**TODAY'S WORD** [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

## Crossword

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11			12			13			14
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56					57			58	
59					60				61

**ACROSS**

1 Animation frame  
4 Literary rep  
7 Viewed  
11 Daring  
13 Singer Lipa  
14 Noggin  
15 Flintstones' pet  
16 Doo follower  
17 Gumbo veggie  
18 Serengeti grazer  
20 Coconut fiber  
22 Leg, in slang  
24 Tempt  
28 Frosty, for one  
32 — Martin  
33 Had on  
34 Thumbs-up  
36 Theater award  
37 Rainbow-shaped  
39 Country star  
41 Sealing ring  
43 German article  
44 Online auction site  
46 River of Rome  
50 Pottery oven  
53 Ref  
55 Gospel singer  
56 On the rocks

**DOWN**

1 Yield  
2 Satan's forte  
3 Sultry Horne  
4 Annex  
5 Avocado dip, for short  
6 Sierra Nevada lake  
7 Writings by Kate Chopin  
8 Comics cry  
9 Listening device  
10 Secret-protecting doc.  
12 Three- or four-day vacations  
19 River blocker  
21 — pickle  
23 Mother's Day month  
25 Lay — the line  
26 Didi of "Grease"  
27 New Age singer  
28 Booty  
29 Asta's caretaker  
30 Tolkien villains  
31 Up-to-date  
35 Pink Floyd's Barrett  
38 Society newbie  
40 Court divider  
42 Hosiery shade  
45 Gym site, for short  
47 Ship's jail  
48 Austen novel  
49 Knocks  
50 Family  
51 Here, in Dijon  
52 Allow  
54 Calif. clock setting

Look for answers in the Classifieds.

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- Auto Parts Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Auto Repair (Mechanical) \_\_\_\_\_
- Auto Repair (Paint & Body) \_\_\_\_\_
- Tire Dealer \_\_\_\_\_

#### Best General Businesses

- Business with most helpful employees \_\_\_\_\_
- Antiques Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Appliance Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Bank \_\_\_\_\_
- Clothing Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Convenience Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Day Care Center \_\_\_\_\_
- Feed Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Florist \_\_\_\_\_
- Furniture Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Gift Shop or Boutique \_\_\_\_\_
- Grocery Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Hardware Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Hotel \_\_\_\_\_
- Pharmacy \_\_\_\_\_

#### Best Professionals & Professional Businesses

- Accountant \_\_\_\_\_
- Attorney \_\_\_\_\_
- Chiropractor \_\_\_\_\_
- Dental Hygienist \_\_\_\_\_
- Dentist \_\_\_\_\_
- Funeral Home \_\_\_\_\_
- Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_
- Loan Company \_\_\_\_\_
- Medical Clinic \_\_\_\_\_
- Nurse (with affiliation) \_\_\_\_\_
- Nurse Practitioner \_\_\_\_\_
- Physician (General Practice) \_\_\_\_\_
- Pharmacist \_\_\_\_\_
- Real Estate Company \_\_\_\_\_
- Real Estate Title Company \_\_\_\_\_
- Veterinary Clinic \_\_\_\_\_

#### Best Service Businesses & Trades

- Air Conditioning/Heating \_\_\_\_\_
- Barber Shop \_\_\_\_\_
- Hair Salon \_\_\_\_\_
- Nail Salon \_\_\_\_\_
- Plumbing Company \_\_\_\_\_
- Roofing Company \_\_\_\_\_

#### Places to Have Fun

- Best Picnic Spot \_\_\_\_\_
- Scenic View \_\_\_\_\_
- Camping Site \_\_\_\_\_
- Place for a Birthday Party \_\_\_\_\_

#### Best in Their Business

(Please provide Business Affiliation or Contact Info)

- Bank Teller \_\_\_\_\_
- Bartender \_\_\_\_\_
- Barber \_\_\_\_\_
- Boss \_\_\_\_\_
- Cashier \_\_\_\_\_
- Chef or Cook \_\_\_\_\_
- Hair Stylist \_\_\_\_\_
- Insurance Agent \_\_\_\_\_
- Mechanic \_\_\_\_\_
- Nail Technician \_\_\_\_\_
- Receptionist \_\_\_\_\_
- Sales Person \_\_\_\_\_
- Secretary \_\_\_\_\_
- Wait Person \_\_\_\_\_

#### Best of Dining

- All-Around Restaurant \_\_\_\_\_
- Bakery \_\_\_\_\_
- Buffet \_\_\_\_\_
- Catering Company \_\_\_\_\_
- Catfish \_\_\_\_\_
- Breakfast Served \_\_\_\_\_
- Breakfast Taco \_\_\_\_\_
- Lunch \_\_\_\_\_
- Dinner \_\_\_\_\_
- Barbecue \_\_\_\_\_
- Chicken \_\_\_\_\_
- Chicken Fried Steak \_\_\_\_\_
- Coffee \_\_\_\_\_
- Sandwiches \_\_\_\_\_
- Desserts \_\_\_\_\_
- Fast Food Restaurant \_\_\_\_\_
- French Fries \_\_\_\_\_
- Hamburgers \_\_\_\_\_
- Ice Cream \_\_\_\_\_
- Iced Tea \_\_\_\_\_
- Meal Under \$6 \_\_\_\_\_
- Mexican Food \_\_\_\_\_
- Pizza \_\_\_\_\_
- Soup \_\_\_\_\_
- Steak \_\_\_\_\_

#### Best in Education & School Athletics

- Coach \_\_\_\_\_
- School \_\_\_\_\_
- Principal \_\_\_\_\_
- School \_\_\_\_\_
- Secretary \_\_\_\_\_
- School \_\_\_\_\_
- Sport \_\_\_\_\_
- Teacher \_\_\_\_\_
- School \_\_\_\_\_
- Teacher Aide \_\_\_\_\_
- School \_\_\_\_\_

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