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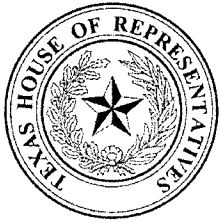
Laurie,

Please find the following letter from State Representative Glenn Rogers in regards to the TCEQ – La Casa Batch Plant notice and request for a public meeting on the matter.

Air Quality Standard Permit for Concrete Batch Plants Proposed Registration No. 17397L002.

If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call at the following office number.

Regards,



**Michael Davis**

**Chief of Staff**

Representative Glenn Rogers

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# GLENN ROGERS

TEXAS STATE REPRESENTATIVE

*District 60*

**Via Electronic Mail**

June 7, 2024:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105

PO Box 13087

Austin, Texas 78711-3087

Re: GCC Sun City Materials, LLC Air Quality Standard Permit Application, Registration Number 173973L002 - Public Meeting Request.

Greetings:

It has come to our attention that GCC Sun City Materials, LLC has made application to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for an Air Quality Standard Permit related to a temporary concrete batch plant to be located in Stephens County, Texas. With the primary regulated constituent being particulate matter, there is potential for a significant impact on public health in the area. Although not regulated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, these types of facilities also potentially impact communities through increased heavy truck, traffic, noise, road and drainage system degradation, and demands on local utilities.

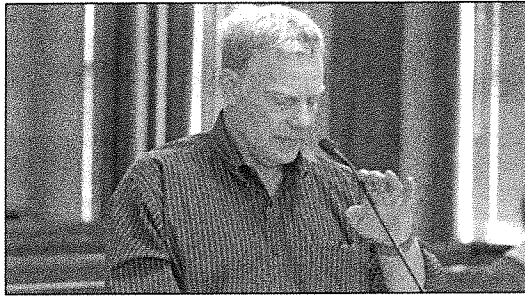
Given these potential impacts and the degree of public interest in the project, and pursuant to the information found in the applicant's public notice in the May 22, 2024 edition of the Breckenridge American newspaper, we request a public meeting be held to further discuss these matters and how the local community will be protected. As the effected population is located in proximity to Breckenridge, Texas, we further request the public meeting be held at a venue in or near that city.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and please know my staff and I stand ready to assist in way we can. If we can provide any further information or service, please feel free to contact Gary Norman of my staff at 832-262-3455.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Glenn Rogers".

Glenn Rogers, DVM  
State Representative  
Texas House District 60



Community member Zola George addressed county commissioners Monday, May 13 during a public hearing regarding abatement amendments with La Casa Wind, LLC.  
Photo/Mike Williams

## County approves La Casa abatement amendments

Mike Williams  
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County commissioners agreed to a series of amendments last week in a tax abatement agreement with NextEra Energy Resources for the La Casa Wind, LLC wind farm project.

Three members of the community spoke during the nearly two-hour-long hearing Monday, May 13 at the Stephens County Courthouse.

La Casa Project Man-

ager Matthew Johnson attended the hearing virtually to address concerns and answer questions from the commissioners and community members.

County commissioners approved to give La Casa Wind, LLC, the right to request two, one-year extensions of the Dec. 31, 2024 deadline to Dec. 31, 2025 and Dec. 31, 2026. These extensions are for a deadline to complete the project at 100-megawatt capacity.

The original agreement

allowed for one extension to Dec. 31, 2025. The deadline defined in the approved abatement agreement is Dec. 31, 2024.

La Casa was granted a reduction in the window of time in which it must submit a road use plan prior to beginning improvements. The amended agreement requires La Casa to submit a road use plan 14 days before the commencement of construction to county commissioners, the pre-

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## BHS students awarded over \$95,000 in scholarships

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Breckenridge High School held its annual scholarship and awards program last week and 118 scholarships were awarded to 36 students for over \$95,000. The scholarships were provided by several benefactors, clubs and agencies.

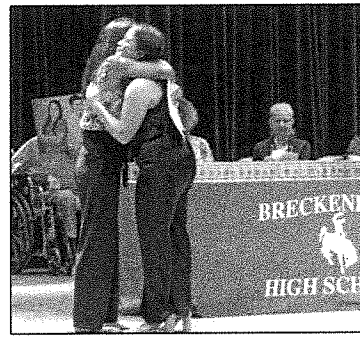
The program was held Wednesday, May 15, with parents, staff and other community members in attendance to support BHS students.

Several students were also recognized with Buckaroo Awards for Academic Excellence and students who represented the district on the state level also received recognition.

The scholarship portion of the ceremony was closed by BHS Principal Paul Armstrong.

"We have such great support in this community and this campus in this district," Armstrong said. "I can not begin to explain to you as you look down the list of scholarships, both presenters and sponsors, that is a who's who of Breckenridge history and a who's who of Breckenridge High School."

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Aliyah Salazar is awarded the Casey Rodriguez Memorial Scholarship from her mother. This scholarship was awarded for the final year in memory of Rodriguez, who is Salazar's uncle.  
Photo/Mike Williams

## BISD swears in new members, awarded \$450,000 grant

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The Breckenridge ISD Board of Trustees met last week for the final meeting before the end of the school year.

The Breckenridge ISD Board of Trustees swore in new members last week and took care of housekeeping items to prepare for the upcoming summer break and teacher hiring season.

Incoming board members Ky Kennedy and Cheyanna Gill were administered their oaths of office to officially begin their terms. Kennedy ran unopposed for the Place 1 seat held by Graham Reaugh while Gill will occupy Place 2 held by Paul Lippe.

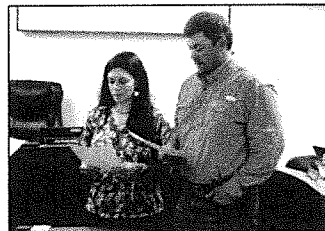
Nic McClymond was selected to serve a second term as board pres-

ident. Roy Russell was selected to serve as vice president and Carol Kanady will continue her role as board secretary. Chad Townson was selected to serve as the board's delegate for the Texas Association of School Boards.

Before recognizing the district's students and employees of the month, McClymond introduced Prairie Freeman as the district's interim superintendent.

Freeman was ap-

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Ky Kennedy and Cheyanna Gill give their oaths of office to serve on the Breckenridge ISD Board of Trustees during the board's meeting Monday, May 13.  
Photo/Mike Williams

## Livingston indicted for indecency with a child

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A Breckenridge man sits in the Stephens County Jail facing charges of indecency with a child sexual contact stemming from an incident that happened in March.

Anthony Taylor Livingston, 30, of Breckenridge, was arrested Sunday, May 11 and is currently in jail with a total bond of \$100,000.

Livingston was indicted Friday, May 10 by the Stephens County Grand Jury. The indictment accuses Livingston of engaging in sexual contact with the minor.

The victim and their mother filed a report Wednesday, March 14 with Breckenridge Police Department.

According to a complaint filed by BPD, the mother reported that her child made



Anthony Livingston

an outcry about a sexual incident involving a male, later identified as Livingston.

The victim told police the incident happened at Livingston's residence around midnight Saturday, March 9.

The victim's mother took them to Hendrick Medical

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## Weekly Local Forecast

**Wednesday, May 22**  
High 91 | Low 69  
Precipitation 61%

**Thursday, May 23**  
High 82 | Low 72  
Precipitation 78%

**Friday, May 24**  
High 93 | Low 73  
Precipitation 24%

**Saturday, May 25**  
High 95 | Low 76  
Precipitation 33%

**Sunday, May 26**  
High 98 | Low 71  
Precipitation 5%

**Monday, May 27**  
High 94 | Low 71  
Precipitation 11%

**Tuesday, May 28**  
High 89 | Low 67  
Precipitation 37%

Hubbard Creek  
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## Amendments

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vious agreement was 180-days' notice.

The section of the agreement relating to the spacing of turbines was amended to be more defined and include Palo Pinto Mountains State Park. No turbines will be allowed within 9,240 feet from the nearest boundary of Palo Pinto Mountains State Park and five miles from Tucker Lake, located inside the park.

Turbines will not be allowed within 1,000 feet of county roads except for CR 131 and CR 174, nor will they be allowed within 700 feet of a property line of property owners who have not signed a lease agreement with La Casa.

Community member Steve Dempsey brought up a concern regarding state-maintained roads such as farm-to-market roads not being included in

the agreement.

"I just think it's important for the state highways to be considered like the county roads are considered," Dempsey said. "I just think it's kind of conspicuous that state highways are not mentioned (in the amended agreement)."

Stephens County Judge Michael Roach addressed Dempsey, stating the past conversations NextEra had with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

"I know (NextEra) had discussions with TxDOT regarding the use of farm-to-market roads, which as you know the state owns, operates and (maintains)," Roach said.

Johnson said he did not believe TxDOT had any restrictions and these restrictions would need to be done on the county level. The project manager added that there were

no planned turbines closer in distance to a state-maintained road than a county road.

Roach said that the state operates differently from the county, so commissioners hesitated to add state roads to the agreement. He said from a jurisdiction standpoint, the state handles its own business and after looking at the map of projected turbine locations he did not see any issues.

Community member Zola George brought up a concern regarding the wind farm map released by La Casa.

Released in late March, the map shows 59 approved turbine locations along FM 717, south of Hwy. 180 and mostly east of FM 717. Seven approved locations are just west of FM 717. There are 31 approved locations north of FM 207 with the remaining 28 locations located south of FM 207.

"It's silly that there's supposed to be 53 turbines built and the cartoon map you provided had 59 locations on it," George said. "There's no legend, no description about which ones are primary and which ones are alternates. We feel like there were six turbines that were on the table that could be negotiated."

Roach said the measured megawatts would determine how many turbines are built and if the project is reduced it would come from the southern portion to address concerns from Palo Pinto Mountains State Park.

Both the original tax abatement agreement and the proposed amendments, along with two versions of the turbine map released in March, at co.stephens.tx.us.

## Obituaries



### James Rex "Rex Boggs" Boggs

Aug. 9, 1951 – May 10, 2024

James Rex Boggs peacefully left this world for his home in Heaven Friday, May 10. Well done thy good and faithful servant. We miss you already. Rex was born Aug. 9, 1951 in Breckenridge to his parents Sam Ray Boggs and Albena Givens Boggs. Rex along with his parents and siblings, Shirley, Laverne, Brenda, and Carroll spent many a day camping on the river with family and friends growing up, making a lot of great memories that were shared at family gatherings.

Rex attended Breckenridge High School through his senior year where he graduated in 1969. In high school he really excelled in shop class, after high school Rex worked as a machinist. He worked for R E Dye Mfg., F&W Ind., and EBA Iron where he worked 27 years before retiring. After graduation Rex married Lila Hodges and they happily brought Kimberley Renee and Klifton Ray into this world. Rex was a member for six years with the National Guard Unit Bravo Battery 2nd Battalion 131st field artillery 49th Armored Division. As time passed Rex became a mud engineer in the 80s, he enjoyed this work except how it required him to be away from home. Later on, in the mid 80s Rex moved to Carbon to live with his mother and stepfather. He was searching for something, but not sure what. His sister Shirley knew exactly what he needed, she told him about the love of Jesus and explained to Rex the plan of salvation.

Weeks later Rex went to a revival where Richard Watson was the pastor and Rex had read about the revival in the newspaper. He accepted Christ one night while at the revival and asked Him to come into his heart. His sister Shirley began coming and picking Rex up in her car and bringing him to Mangum Baptist Church because she had heard Dwaine Clower was a preacher on fire for the Lord. Rex loved going to church, after several months Rex started working with the youth at Mangum, it wasn't too long after there were 50-60 youth attending on Wednesday nights. Rex and Connie were married May 24, 1986 by Brother Dwaine at a Mangum Fish Fry and a blended family began with Kim, Klifton, Brian, and Shane. Less than a year after Rex and Connie married, Dwaine came and picked up Rex to show him the two original Gunsight Community Buildings across from Gunsight Cemetery. Dwaine and Rex asked around the community and neighbors to see if they were interested in having a church starting there. The first couple they met was Hershel and Louise Boles of the Gunsight Community. They were very excited to have Rex start up church services in the community. The original church had wooden pews, a piano full of wasps, Christmas decorations still up, and a horse trough for a baptistry. Connie and Rex fell in love with the Church. Rex stepped out in big faith saying with "God's help yes, we can do this" and Connie and the kids followed him not thinking twice.

From that day forward to this day you are here at the present Gunsight Baptist Church. Rex gave all he had serving our Lord and Savior, with trial and hardships he never wavered. Rex loved serving God, through church growing pains God provided, when Rex needed strong Christian men to direct him on the road God called him to, God provided. His health got worse through the years and God provided. God may not have healed Rex like we asked, but He provided everything that Gunsight Church and his family needed. I believe because God knows our hearts. Rex put it all in and trusted our Lord and never looked back. Now 37 years later, here we are today receiving the blessing of God while we celebrate the life of James Rex Boggs. In his last few days when people came to visit, he would let them know when you get to Heaven, you will find him at the feet of Jesus. What Christ has done for Rex, He can do for you.

Rex is survived by his wife, Connie; children, Kim and Cherie, Klifton and Phyllis, Brian and Mandy, Shane and Tessa, Tim and Jenny; his grandchildren, Becca and Bret; and great-grandchildren, LylaRay, Anthony, and Austin Luckey, Nathan and Riley Boggs, Chase, Taylor, Brooklyn, and Ryder Bird, Peyton, Lilly, and Stephen Bird, Katelyn and Jeremy Dodson; and great-granddaughters, Adalynn and Aspen Dodson.

Rex was preceded in death by his mother and father; his sisters, Laverne Myers, Brenda Messenger; his brother, Carroll Boggs; and nephews, Lonnie Messenger Jr., Tom Myers, James Boggs, Grady Boggs, and Mike Hallum.

Under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home. To sign the online registry, you may go to [www.edwards-funeral-homes.com](http://www.edwards-funeral-homes.com).

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## Awards

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history. ...One of the great things about being from Breckenridge is once a Buckaroo...We have a lot on this campus that are firm believers in the green and white."

### BHS Scholarship Recipients

•Christian Arellano – Dee Escalon Scholarship

•Valerie Beltran – Breckenridge Bass Club, Class of 1979 Scholarship, Stephens Memorial Hospital Foundation Scholarship, Suicide Awareness Scholarship

•Morgan Burns – Breckenridge FFA Alumni and Supporters

•Mia Castillo – ASA Softball Scholarship, Jimmy McCullough Memorial Scholarship, KLKX/Lance Kitchen Scholarship, Sharon Taylor Wilson Memorial Scholarship

•Andrew Cortez – Breckenridge Masonic Lodge Scholarship

•Ryleigh Cowan – ASA Softball Scholarship, Breckenridge Elks Floyd B. Watts Scholarship, Jimmy McCullough Memorial Scholarship

•Jackson Curtis – Bobby Anderson Memorial Scholarship, Breckenridge Golf Scholarship, Johnny Lewis Memorial Scholarship

•Kyla Curtis – Breckenridge Bass Club, Breckenridge Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, Stephens Memorial Hospital Foundation Scholarship, Suicide Awareness Scholarship, Tanner Ray French Memorial Scholarship, Weldon Edwards Memorial Scholarship

•Claire David – Rotary Club BISD Scholarship

•Thomas Dittmar – Bobby Anderson Memorial Scholarship, Breckenridge Bass Club •Morgan Duncan – Breckenridge FFA Alumni and Supporters, Stephens County Junior Livestock Show Scholarship

•Camden Escalon – Breckenridge Bass Club, Dee Escalon Scholarship, Owen D. Woodward Memorial Scholarship

•Alexis Franco – Dee Escalon Scholarship, Owen D. Woodward Memorial Scholarship

•Violeta Gallegos – Salutatorian, Little Bucks Volleyball Scholarship, Pamela Pardue Midkiff Memorial Scholarship, WINGS Scholarship

•Victorian Gotschall – Breckenridge Cham-

ber of Commerce Scholarship, Breckenridge Masonic Lodge Scholarship

•Bryson Her-ring – Bobby Anderson Memorial Scholarship, Dee Escalon Scholarship, KLKX/Lance Kitchen Scholarship, Owen D. Woodward Memorial Scholarship, Ron Downing Memorial Scholarship, This Is My Texas Art Contest Scholarship

•Kamryn Larremore – Class of 1960 Scholarship, WINGS Scholarship

•Caiden Marin – Breckenridge Bass Club, Dee Escalon Scholarship, Friends of Johnny Corbett and Mitchel Sullivan Scholarship, Larry Parker Memorial Scholarship

•Marissa Martinez – Breckenridge Bass Club

•Haylie Mendoza – Owen D. Woodward Memorial Scholarship

•Aaron Moore – Bobby Anderson Memorial Scholarship, Breckenridge Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, Breckenridge Lions Club Scholarship, Breckenridge Masonic Lodge Scholarship, Class of 1965 Scholarship, Dee Escalon Scholarship, Friends of Johnny Corbett and Mitchel Sullivan Scholarship, Marquis Martin Memorial Scholarship, Mitchel and Terry Sullivan Memorial Scholarship, Owen D. Woodward Memorial Scholarship, Ray Findley Memorial Scholarship

•Marcas Morin – Breckenridge Bass Club •Cole Morton – Jerry Tubbs Memorial Scholarship

•Margarita Mungia – John and Kate Bailey Memorial Scholarship, Stephens Memorial Hospital Foundation Scholarship

•Zaea Ragle – Valedictorian, Bobby Anderson Memorial Scholarship, Class of 1974 Scholarship, Marquis Martin Memorial Scholarship, STUCCO Leadership Award, Theater Scholarship, This Is My Texas Art Contest Scholarship, Woman's Forum Scholarship

•Ashton Reyes – Dee Escalon Scholarship, Stephens County Farm Bureau Scholarship

•Cora Roan – Class of 1960 Scholarship, Rotary Club BISD Scholarship

•Valeria Robledo – First Presbyterian Church Scholarship

•Taryn Russell – Breckenridge Bass Club, Breckenridge Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, Breckenridge Lions Club Scholarship, Cindi Woodward Breckenridge Buckaroos Cheerleader Scholarship

•Aalyiah Salazar – Breckenridge Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, Casey Rodriguez Memorial Scholarship, Cindi Woodward Breckenridge Buckaroos Cheerleader Scholarship, Johnny Corbett Memorial Scholarship, Suicide Awareness Scholarship, Tanner Ray French Memorial Scholarship

•Charlie Salazar – ASA Softball Scholarship, Breckenridge Lions Club Scholarship, Jimmy McCullough Memorial Scholarship, Joe Crousens Memorial Scholarship, Kimberley Brooke Pardue Memorial Scholarship, Larry Parker Memorial Scholarship, Margaret Hallauer Memorial Scholarship, Stephens Memorial Hospital Foundation Scholarship

•Steven Sanchez-Munoz – Breckenridge Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, MT7 Ranch Scholarship, Rotary Club Academic Excellence Scholarship

•Karter Smalley – Dee Escalon Scholarship, Friends of Johnny Corbett and Mitchel Sullivan Scholarship, Owen D. Woodward Memorial Scholarship

•Carlee Stewart – Jimmy McCullough Memorial Scholarship

•Jenna Stewart – ASA Softball Scholarship, Jimmy McCullough Memorial Scholarship, Margaret Hallauer Memorial Scholarship

•Chloe Whitmire – ASA Softball Scholarship, Breckenridge Bass Club, Cindi Woodward Breckenridge Buckaroos Cheerleader Scholarship, Johnny Lewis Memorial Scholarship, Howard Pardue Memorial Scholarship, Jimmy McCullough Memorial Scholarship

•Emma Williams – Cindi Woodward Breckenridge Buckaroos Cheerleader Scholarship, Jimmy McCullough Memorial Scholarship

*Editors note: The Buckaroo Awards for Academic Excellence and BHS state competitors will be recognized in next week's edition of the Breckenridge American.*



## BISD

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proved for the role during a called meeting Thursday, May 2.

Former Superintendent Bryan Allen was announced as the lone finalist for the same role at Clyde ISD, with his last day at BISD set for Friday, May 24.

The interim superintendent was later designated as the district's hiring authority. The temporary designation that expires Sunday, Aug. 31 will allow Freeman to make non-administrative hires during the summer.

"This keeps us from coming up all summer long and hiring folks," McClymond said. "(It) designates Prairie as the negotiator on our behalf."

Each hiring will be ratified at the next board meeting after the hiring.

### BISD awarded SAFE grant

Freeman said the district was awarded a Safety and Facilities Enhancement (SAFE) grant from the Texas Education Agency.

The board approved the use of this money to replace doors at Breckenridge Junior High School and Breckenridge High School with an agreement from Tex-Oma Builders Supply of Wichita Falls.

Freeman said the grant awarded the district just over \$450,000 and would

cover the entire cost of the door replacement. BISD director of district services Mitch Brewer said every aluminum door on the BHS and BJHS campuses will be replaced with grant funds.

"The doors that are there are the old style aluminum doors with the vertical rods and those rods bend as they get older. So this will be to replace that with ... fiberglass reinforced (doors)," Brewer said. Brewer said hinges on the existing doors are starting to fail and replacement parts are unavailable. The district has worked with what it has and this is some-

thing the district has already been looking at replacing.

This work is expected to be completed over the summer.

"They should be able to take the old ones out and put these new ones in and it should work with the mag locks and card reading system," Brewer said.

The BISD board typically meets on the second Monday of every month and is scheduled to meet again Monday, June 10.

*Editors note: The students of the month honored during the meeting will be recognized in next week's edition of the Breckenridge American.*

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### To All Interested Persons and Parties:

GCC Sun City Materials, LLC, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit, Registration No. 173973L002, which would authorize construction of a temporary concrete batch plant facility, consisting of two portable concrete batch plants located using the following driving directions: from the intersection of US Highway 180 East and Farm-to-Market Road 717, travel South on Farm-to-Market Road 717 for approximately 7.7 miles. Stay left at the fork and travel on County Road 128 for approximately 0.61 miles to find the facility site on the left, Breckenridge, Stephens County, Texas 76424. This application is being processed in an expedited manner, as allowed by the commission's rules in 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 101, Subchapter J. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

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## Arrest

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Center in Abilene for an examination the following week, before taking them to a child advocacy center for a forensic interview.

During the interview, the victim reported that they were staying the night with a friend at Livingston's residence Friday, March 8 and Saturday, March 9.

According to the complaint, on Saturday night the victim and defendant were sitting alone in the living room.

Livingston's wife had gone to bed and the victim's friend had been sent to bed by Livingston.

Livingston allegedly kissed the victim, before continuing the sexual contact in various ways.

The victim told the forensic interviewer that this made them scared and uncomfortable.

According to the complaint, the victim's mother told police that the victim had been cutting themselves on the arms since the day after the incident.

Livingston is currently awaiting trial.

# OPINION

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Wednesday, May 22, 2014

## Preparation and fatherhood...

Years ago, I was a project manager at a large construction company. I was fortunate to oversee around 300 people at any given time. With that many souls, logistics can be a nightmare. Keeping my crew, administrators, sub-contractors, and customers happy proved an ongoing challenge.

Due to the complexities of everyday work, I was forced to implement many training tools and tactics. One mechanism that good leaders can apply involves creating language to shape the culture. For me, slogans and mantras were low-hanging fruit in the construction industry. To ensure preparation on every job, I taught the 5Ps: Proper Plan-



Bryan Bivens

ning Prevents Poor Performance.

They say an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. In construction, applying fail-safe building materials to various terrains and working with autonomous men and women who do things their own way can shape a chaotic environment. In this setting, preparation remains vital to produce a good product. It also works to

keep morale high and mistakes low.

These lessons have spilled over into many areas of life, but none so much as fatherhood. John Conley sang about "living a domestic life" several decades ago. I'm not sure he envisioned domestication in the same manner our culture does today. We live in a world that changes every day. Natural disasters, economic instability, political upheavals, and frustrating Dallas Cowboy seasons keep a man on edge. These challenges make domestic manhood extremely complicated.

In the last two weeks, my small farm received over one foot of rain. I wish I was exaggerating, but a recent statistic stated that this has

been the wettest spring on record for North Texas. Our soil feels like a giant sponge, and my lawnmower is on the verge of tapping out.

A few days ago, we watched a giant storm cell materialize to our west. As quickly as it appeared, so did the tornado warning on my app. I saw this as a great opportunity to hold a tornado drill.

This would not only help us prepare for a possible future event. It would also allow us to hang out with our kids in the cellar and have a discussion. It brings me great joy to bore my kids with wisdom and teachable moments.

While listening to hail fall on the door of the concrete underground

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## Woodson News: School's out for summer

Time flies when you're having fun. It has been a big year for our tiny school district. Classes end Wednesday, May 22. The Class of 2024 walks the stage Friday, May 24, at 8 p.m. The junior high ceremony begins at 7 p.m.



Tracy Ellis

Woodson News

There will be a Memorial Day Celebration Monday, May 27 at the Throckmorton County Courthouse, at 5 p.m. There will be a pulled pork feed to follow. Everyone is welcome. Some students will take part. There will be different activities for all. Contact Judge Hodges if you have questions.

The Woodson eighth graders will put flags out at the Woodson Cemetery on Tuesday, May 21.

The 4-H kids will put flags out in Throckmorton and Elbert on Thursday, May 23 beginning at 10 a.m. at the Throckmorton Cemetery. We will carpool to Elbert from there. Anyone is welcome to help with this meaningful event. Flags will be taken down on Tuesday, May 28 at 8:45 a.m. in Woodson and 10 a.m. in Throckmorton, with Elbert to follow. Thank you for honoring our brave.

There is a baby shower for Sarah Ellis on Sunday, June 2 at 2 p.m. at the First Christian Church. She'll be having a baby girl in July.

Six Woodson High School students competed at the state level May 14-15. John Gilmore, Austin Priddy, Jack Sullivan and Sam Mills competed in the Current Issues and Events contest, and competed as the fourth place team in the state in a tie-breaker for third. Sullivan was the high point-getter on the team, placing ninth as an individual. Sullivan also competed in the Spelling contest for the second

time at the state level, memorizing 1500 words, including 350 vocabulary words. Sullivan emerged as the silver medalist in Spelling, and second high individual, with a score of 87, with 89 being the high score that day.

In Persuasive Speaking, Colt Nelson earned the fifth highspot in the state, advancing from preliminaries to the finals. This is Nelson's second time to speak at the state level. Madison Poston also spoke and is ranked 12th in the state as a freshman. Kiersten Buse attended as the highest scoring regional competitor (non-advancing) and helped make sure other students had what they needed.

Will Scruggs placed fourth in the state Persuasive Speaking Contest.

Our FFA swept the area contest. Our department is the best single teacher department. The kids, in the order they are in a photo I am looking at, performed well. Claire Ellis, a junior, is headed to state in Senior Public Speaking. Claire placed first with her speech in the Natural Resources category, and this is her third year to advance to the state contest. Senior, Ella Hearn, competed in the Senior Prepared Public Speaking Ag Policy category.

Taylor Crook, served as an area officer this year. She was recognized as a retiring officer. Taylor and Ella both interviewed for

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## A Texan's view of touchdown Jesus

This is a backstory of "Touchdown Jesus" on the 50th anniversary of Notre Dame's football faithful making the massive Heshburgh Library's south wall mural better known than the building itself. Ever heard of the Heshburgh Library, or does "Touchdown Jesus" sound more familiar?

The artist properly majored on the depiction of Jesus. His arms raised as if to commend the work of teachers, theologians and doctors gathered around Him.

In 1964 Coach Ara Parseghian's Fighting Irish rose to national prominence. With the famous mural looming at 134-feet tall behind the north end zone, fans saw it regularly, framed by goal posts,

when touchdowns were scored. Almost immediately, the term "Touchdown Jesus" was born....

In the early 1990s, Notre Dame brain trusts opted to build the library and then expand the nearby stadium, creating "campus crossroads" and earmarking \$400 million for the joint project.

Part of the "price of progress" was a shortened vertical view of the mural from the stadium. When 4,000 seats were installed above the top rim-increasing stadium seating to 62,000—the horizontal view of Jesus was limited to His waist up.

My brother, Dr. Fred Newbury—the true academician in our family—visited the histor-



Don Newbury

The Idle American

ic stadium a few years back, returning home with a classic line of his very own. (Okay, so I'm jealous! I, and many others, respect his many contributions to higher education. He has taught economics for more than 50 years at Dallas College and is still at it. Author of several textbooks, he's been elected numerous times to lead Dallas College faculty associ-

ations and the Texas Community College Teachers Association.) I fear that he may overshadow my efforts in the "humor business." But, I want to be charitable. His observation at a Notre Dame Stadium game deserves attention in this space in boldface type....

He appears to be highly academic—think hound's tooth jacket, pipe in clenched teeth and shaggy hair. He often gazes toward the horizon, as if struggling to express thoughts that even I—and other subordinates—might understand.

Down deep, though, he's as country as I am. However, he has traveled worldwide, including his stadium visit after renovation. When the Irish scored, all eyes turned toward "Touchdown Jesus."

Digression aside and preamble explained, his comment upon seeing the mural showing Jesus from the "waist up"—His arms clearly raised—deserves to be archived in Notre Dame football lore. Here are his words: "After stadium renovation, Jesus' touchdown signal remains intact, but His signal for pass incompletions can't be seen."

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The Breckenridge American offers local readers an opportunity to share their opinions on community topics and issues of public importance. Mail or deliver letters to the office at 114 E. Elm Street in Breckenridge, or e-mail letters to editor@breckenridgeamerican.com. The deadline is 5 p.m. Friday for the mid-week edition. Letters that do not meet the deadline will not be printed in the paper. Letters must be submitted by the author/signee, and not by a third-party on behalf of the author/signee. Letters must contain the author's first name, last name, complete address, and telephone number. Only the writer's name and title of the letter, as appropriate, will be published with the letter. Names cannot be withheld. Letters from any candidate who is actively running for any political office will not be published. Writers may submit letters of up to 500 words. Letters are not guaranteed to be published in the next edition, but every effort to do so will be made. Unverified letters and letters containing personal attacks the newspaper deems to be of a libelous nature will not be published. In any event, the newspaper reserves the sole discretion to decide whether or not a reader submission will be published. All letters and columns featured on the Opinion Page are the views of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Breckenridge American.

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## Newbury

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Now I've shared his line, including words that can easily be pilfered. (I once attended a conference at Notre Dame and was awed by the mural which was funded to the tune of \$200,000 for the work of art.)....

Not so well known is another spiritual symbol in Brownwood, Texas.

Prominently stationed near the Best Western Plus Riata Hotel's entrance is a five-foot-tall granite monument bearing important biblical instructions. Bigger than most tombstones, it weighs almost one ton.

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Manager Patricia Henry making sure the granite remains spotless, says it draws praise from hundreds of guests monthly.

Criticism, however rare, usually comes from one or two guests monthly who also grump about the pillows, thermostats or breakfast menu.

Manager there for four years, Henry has

long dealt with the public. She feels that most people are friendly, honest and civil. She has operated a food truck, managed concession stands and served in numerous hotel roles before becoming named manager.

Understandably, she's mighty proud of the hotel's 900-plus point rating for the past two years, since 1,000 is a perfect score. Perfection is rarely reached, of course, but like

obeyance of the Ten Commandments, she's coming close....

Dr. Newbury is a long-time public speaker and former university president. Email: newbury@speakerdoc.com.

## Bivens

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safe house, we realized we were missing some things: more chairs, more candles, a phone charger, and a small generator.

My wife, the consummate decorator, also mentioned shelves, new lighting, and other various "necessary" items that would make the space livable. My concern was the crack in the foundation that began leaking water after the rain infiltrated the soil.

The trial run provided a positive experience with good feedback about what we can do better. It reminded me of the importance of preparation. I was forced to reckon with the motivation behind our efforts... why do we

do what we do? What are we preparing for in our society, in our families? What does our preparation (or lack thereof) reveal to our loved ones about our intentions? What does the future look like if we don't prepare and get caught in a storm? What am I doing to prepare my family for a chaotic and violent world? If my answer is "nothing," I would certainly be an over-achiever. But for a man who loves his family, it is better to be prepared and not need it than to need preparation and not have it.

As a society, how are we preparing? I'm not a so-called doomsday prepper, but history teaches that hard times

can cycle on and off. I want to have my ducks in a row if hard times come. Our kids realized that the tornado drill was an effort to prepare for something that may or may not happen. To the fatalist, this might seem a frivolous and unnecessary endeavor. To my wife and kids, however, the drill demonstrated a father's love for his family.

It revealed to them that my intentions as their dad are to protect and provide. My role in their lives is to ensure their safety to teach them how to cope in a fallen world. They say, "Necessity is the mother of all invention..." but preparation reveals all intention.

## Woodson

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scholarships. Elizabeth Singleton, served as a voting delegate. Kayser Smith was also a voting delegate.

Shirley Stephens interviewed for the John Justin Scholarship and was named an area finalist.

Baylee Gray earned first place with her Service-Learning Proficiency. Carson Bellah and Colt Nelson served as Area IV Courtesy Corp. Noah Leverton began his year of service as Area IV Vice-President. Nelson placed fifth in prepared speaking in the Plant Science category and Colt placed second in the Extemporaneous Speaking and is advancing to state!

Ellis, Singleton, Gray, Leverton, Romo, Valente and Mills are up for their Lone Star Degrees this summer.

I was sad to hear of the passing of Robert Que Measom. Bob seemed like such a kind man. He was born in Childress. He and Patricia married a couple years ago and had just finished their home here.

Please pray for Patricia and all of Bob's family. A memorial is scheduled for Saturday, June 1 at 1 p.m. It will be held at the pavilion

next to the First Christian Church.

Please continue to pray for Cindy, the family of Jerry Moss and the family and friends of Bo Smith.

Please pray for Peggy Brown, Doris Walters, LaDonna Wailes, Milford Hoskins, Roy Berl, Bob Carruthers, Jeffrie Arnold, Alene Forest, Earlene Bellah, Johnny Vickers, the Mayor's knees, Tillie, Rex and Cindy Sullivan, Trey and Linda Carrington, Pam Butler, Meschel Bellah, Paul Thurn, Janice Devenport, Donald Bulmer, Mae Boyd, Larry Long, Luis Pipkin, Butch Timms, LB and Barabara, Butch Hinkle, Carolyn Tate, Jean and Thomas, Upton Dean, Joanne Self, Mitchell Harris, Tom Ed Ramsey, and Dwayne Harrington.

Happy Birthday Bonnie Blue, Teagan Brockman, MayBelle McGovern, Logan Daniel, Abbeagle Alvarez, Edalia Oliver, Kim Miller, Marilyn Dickie, and Doris Walters.

Happy Anniversary! Joel and Gayle Dyer! Karon and Mike Martinson!

Okay, go enjoy summer break! School starts back for teachers the week before the kids return.

# Breckenridge Devotional Page

1. Is the book of Deuteronomy (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From John 20, by what other name was the apostle Thomas known? Caleb, Naaman, Omri, Didymus
3. Which book begins, "And the Lord spake unto Moses in the wilderness"? Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Joel
4. For what did Jesus and Peter pay for with a coin found in a fish's mouth? Tax, Bread, Lodging, Sandals
5. From Proverbs 11, what word did Solomon use to describe soul winners? Warm, Wise, Wealthy, Wonderful
6. Which prophet was saved from death by a talking donkey? Balaam, Ezekiel, Joel, Samuel

ANSWERS: (1) Old, (2) Didymus, (3) Numbers, (4) Tax, (5) Wise, (6) Balaam

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TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE  
LAUGHING AT GOD  
Genesis 17 and 22

Laughing at God? Sure! Both Sarah and Abraham did it. They did not see how God could fulfill his promise that "when old age had come upon many old servants, Abraham was said to be dead by Sarah, a nonbeliever, saying, 'could he live under such a blessing?'"

Sarah's laughter came when their visitor told her to name a son after him. She was told to name him Isaac. A name which was forbidden to her. She was told to name him Isaac. A name which was forbidden to her. She was told to name him Isaac. A name which was forbidden to her.

The Lord heard Sarah laughing and questioned her about it. She tried to deny that she had laughed, but the Lord knew what she had.

The Lord asked Abraham, "Is there anything you had for the Lord?"

He then stated that he would return to the appointed time next year and Sarah would have a son.

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and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Area firms are encouraged to submit proposals. The City of Breckenridge is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Servicios de traducción están disponibles por petición.

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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

### Consolidated Notice of Receipt of Application and Intent to Obtain Permit and Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision

An Quality Standard Permit for Concrete Batch Plants Proposed Registration No. 113971002

Application: GDC Sun City Materials, LLC, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit Registration No. 113971002, which would authorize construction of a temporary concrete batch plant facility consisting of two portable concrete batch plants located using the following driving directions: from the intersection of SH 143 and Farm to Market Road 717, travel South on Farm to Market Road 717 for approximately 2.3 miles. Day 1 of the batch plant and storage facility would be located on the east side of the road. The facility site is to the left of Breckenridge, Stephens County, Texas 76824. This application is being submitted as an expedited matter, as allowed by the commission's rules in 35 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 101, Subchapter 2. This link to an interactive map of the facility's general location is provided as a public notice and part of the application or notice. The map location is: <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permits/air/113971002>. The proposed facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter (total suspended particulate, coarse particulate matter with diameter of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less).

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on April 16, 2024. The executive director has the administrative and technical review of the application and determined that the application meets all of the requirements of a standard permit authorized by 35 TAC § 101.81, which would authorize the construction under which the plant would operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision to issue the standard permit. The application is being submitted as an expedited matter, as allowed by the commission's rules in 35 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 101, Subchapter 2. This link to an interactive map of the facility's general location is provided as a public notice and part of the application or notice. The map location is: <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permits/air/113971002>. The proposed facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter (total suspended particulate, coarse particulate matter with diameter of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less).

**Public Comment/Notice Meeting:** You may submit public comments or request a public meeting. See General section. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments or meeting requests is 30 days after newspaper notice is published. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to consider in the permit process.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held. The executive director determines that there is a need to hold a public meeting about the application or if requested by a local government. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. If a public meeting is held, the deadline to submit public comments is extended to the end of the public meeting.

**Contested Case Hearing:** You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding before a state trial court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is received within 30 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. To request a hearing, a person must actually reside in a permanent residence within 400 yards of the proposed plant. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name for a group or association, an official representative, mailing address, daytime phone number; (2) applicant's name and registration number; (3) the statement: "I/we request a contested case hearing." (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility; and (7) a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the hearing period. If the request is made by a group or association, one or more members who have standing to request a hearing must be identified by name and physical address. The interests which the group or association seeks to protect must be identified. You may submit your proposed adjustments to the application which would satisfy your concerns. See General section.

**TCEQ Action:** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. The executive director's decision on the application, and any response to comments, will be mailed to all persons on the mailing list. If no timely comments are filed, the executive director will proceed with the permit process. The executive director may also take action on the application, if it timely hearing requests are not withdrawn. The executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will have the discretion to approve and disapprove the permit. The executive director will also have the discretion to suspend the permit. The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues that the executive director has determined that are not subject to a contested case hearing. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material air quality concerns submitted during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

**Mailing List:** You may wish to be placed on a mailing list to receive additional information on this specific application. See General section.

**Information Available Online:** For details about the status of the application, visit the Commission's Integrated Database (GDI) at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permits/air/113971002>. Once you have access to the GDI using the link, enter the registration number at the top of the page.

**Contacts:** Public comments and requests must be submitted after electricity at: [permits@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:permits@tceq.texas.gov), or by visiting the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, 1001 P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, and address, will be made available to the public. For more information about this application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program at 1-800-831-6420 or visit their website at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permits/air/113971002>. To receive information on inspection reports, please call 1-800-621-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from GDC Sun City Materials, LLC, 2800 US Highway 12 West, Abilene, TX 79601-9450 or by calling Mr. Octavio Rodriguez, Environmental Engineer at 817-254-1073.

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| 5. Veander                 | _____ A _____ | Spectacle             | _____ O _____ |
| 6. Red gem                 | _____ T _____ | Harvest               | _____ R _____ |
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| 10. Rowling's young wizard | _____ T _____ | Wanted sign           | _____ S _____ |



## SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters in each row to form the 6-letter words. Then rearrange the letters in the bottom row to form the 6-letter word, which will complete the page.

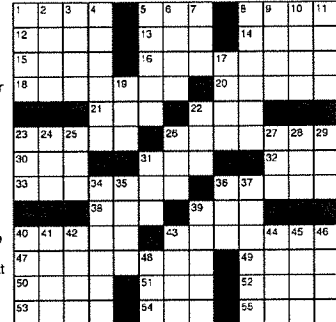
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Row 3: A I R F E R N  
Row 4: D E M E N T S  
Row 5: V E N T I S

TODAY'S WORD

## Crossword

### ACROSS

- Make over
- Lucy of "Kill Bill"
- Sch. for tots
- Flair
- Leb. neighbor
- Bart's sister
- Suffix for million
- Kipling poem
- "Even Now" singer
- "Old MacDonald" refrain
- French article
- PC linkup
- Type of wheat
- Prayerful chants
- Commotion
- Do sums
- "As I see it," to a letter
- "How-lo" books
- Dull
- Boy king
- Mandible
- Gold mold
- Capital of Nicaragua
- Work force
- Reddish brown
- Jai —
- Flamenco cheer
- Pedestal part
- Hari



- Quirky
- Swindle
- Deck in the ring
- Campus bigwig
- Permit
- Young fellow
- "Cheers" bartender
- Hi-tech organizer
- Very long time
- Rx writers
- Shred
- "I did" —
- Coffee vessel
- Lament
- Anger
- Actor Morales
- Car
- Mover's vehicle
- Prizes
- Hollywood's Leto
- Mosque VIP
- "The Lion King" lioness
- Bitty biter
- Blend
- Avocado dip, for short
- Fed. food inspector
- Physics bit
- Romance

Look for answers in the Classifieds.

# SPORTS

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## BHS athletes honored at all-sports banquet

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The Breckenridge community gathered Thursday, May 16 to honor its varsity high school athletes with the All-Sports Banquet.

Breckenridge High School athletic director Casey Pearce hosted the event which saw each varsity head coach giving out awards to top players.

Before giving a closing speech, Pearce handed out awards voted on by the coaches as a group.

"Another year gone by (with) a lot of success and a lot of failure. It's a part of sports. That's how we grow," Pearce said. "We've consistently advanced to the postseason. You need to be proud of that, but that can't be the end of it. Class of 2014... from your coaches, teammates and the faithful in the community, thanks for what you've done as

a Buckaroo, for you, our teams and this school.... You might leave next Friday... but when you come back, you're still Buckaroos and that's a special thing."

**Baseball**  
Jaxon Escalon - Fighting Heart; Nelko Martinez - Breckenridge Batting Champion, Team MVP

**Boys Basketball**  
Jackson Curtis - LT Cook Award; Camden Escalon - Fighting Heart; Alexis Franco - Outstanding Player; Karter Smalley - Outstanding Player

**Girls Basketball**  
Mia Castillo - Fighting Heart; Destiny Jamison - Buckaroo Determination Award; Zaea Ragle - LT Cook Award, Lions Club MVP; Karsyn Smalley - Fighting Heart; Kaysi Wilcox - Lions Club MVP

**Cheer**  
Giselle Reyes - Best All-Around; Taryn Rus-

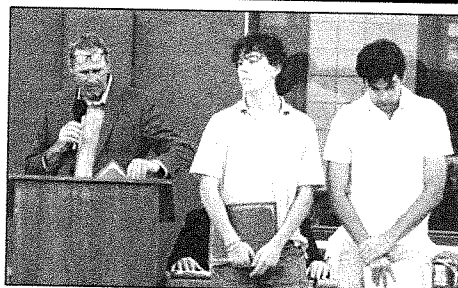
sell - Most Spirited; Aalyah Salazar - Permanent Team Captain; Emma Williams - Permanent Team Captain

**Cross Country**  
Chance Stewart - Outstanding Boy; Ruthe Valdez - Outstanding Girl

**Football**  
Camden Escalon - Jerry Tubbs Permanent Team Captain; Alexis Franco - Offensive MVP; Jerry Tubbs Permanent Team Captain, Jackie Cooper Memorial Award; Camden Escalon - Fighting Heart; Ruthe Valdez - Defensive MVP; Jerry Tubbs Permanent Team Captain

**Golf**  
Jackson Curtis - Outstanding Golfer

**Powerlifting**  
Carlos Alvarado - Boys Newcomer of the Year; Isabelle Biddison - Girls Best Lifter; Rylee Fuller - Girls Newcomer of the Year; Joni Jackson - Girls Iron Horse; Ashton Reyes



Jaxon Escalon (middle) was awarded the Fighting Heart award by baseball coach Jeremy West during the All-Sports Banquet held Thursday, May 16.

Photo/Mike Williams

- Amy Monroy Award; Nate Roberts - Boys Best Lifter; Erik Saucedo - Boys Iron Horse

**Softball**  
Mia Castillo - Fighting Heart; Ryleigh Cowan - Fighting Heart; Joni Jackson - Breckenridge Batting Champion; Chloe Whitmire - Player of the Year

**Tennis**  
Mia Castillo - Jenny Sloan Stanley Award; Charlie Salazar - Jenny Sloan Stanley Award; Solae Mendez - Buckaroos Girls Tennis Match Point Award

**Boys Track**  
Carlos Alvarado -

Newcomer of the Year; Braye Cantrell - Most Outstanding Boy; Camden Marin - Hold The Rope Award; Sawyer Wimberley - Fighting Heart

**Girls Track**  
Lane Bartoskewitz - Newcomer of the Year; Joni Jackson - Field Event Girl of the Year; Haylie Mendoza - Most Outstanding Girl; Karsyn Smalley - Determination Award; Saylor Townsend - Hold The Rope Award; Ruthe Valdez - Fighting Heart

**Volleyball**  
Mia Castillo - Outstanding Defensive

Player; Violeta Gallegos - Fighting Heart; Joni Jackson - Buckaroo Determination Award; Haylie Mendoza - Lions Club MVP; Zaea Ragle - Outstanding Offensive Player; Charlie Salazar - Buckaroo Determination Award

**Coaches Award**  
Mia Castillo - Best All-Around Senior Girl; Alexis Franco - Best All-Around Senior Boy; Camden Marin - Most Inspirational Boy; Aaron Moore - Scholastic Award; Zaea Ragle - Most Inspirational Girl, Scholastic Award

## Baseball camp next week

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With the school year nearing an end, Breckenridge High School coaches are beginning to announce this summer's athletic camps.

Buckaroos baseball will host its annual camp May 28-30 on Dee Escalon Field. Camp is open to incoming first through ninth graders.

Incoming first, second and third graders will participate

from 8-9 a.m. at a cost of \$25 per camper.

Incoming fourth, fifth and sixth graders can participate from 9:15-10:45 a.m.

Incoming seventh through ninth graders will go from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

All incoming fourth through ninth graders will cost \$40 per camper, with any eligible participating siblings costing \$10 each.

Each session will include drills to improve hitting, field-

ing, base running and throwing.

Participants will need a glove, bat, cleats or tennis shoes, hat and water bottle.

On-site registration will begin 30 minutes before each session. Checks can be made payable to Jeremy West.

Flyers and registration forms for all camps can be found online at breckenridgeisd.org/48884\_2.

## Martinez named Lady Bucks varsity basketball coach

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Breckenridge High School has found its new girls varsity basketball head coach.

The interim tag will be dropped as Sidnee Martinez officially takes over the BHS girls basketball program.

The decision was made official by Breckenridge ISD during the board's Tuesday, May 14 meeting.

Martinez will begin her 11th year in education in August and has previously served as an assistant coach and junior varsity head coach. She is also an assistant cross country coach and has served as the head tennis coach in the spring.

At BHS, Martinez has taught health and facilitated online classes.

A 2008 graduate of Eastland High School, Martinez participated in softball at Howard Payne University and basketball at McMurry University. She graduated from Tarleton University in 2014 with a bachelor's degree in kinesiology.

Following graduation, Martinez said she did not want to get out of sports.

"Sports has been my drive behind everything. It's the love and passion that I have, but more importantly into coaching, it's seeing the progress within the girls in the program throughout the years," she said.

Martinez has spent time in Ranger, Menard and Hamilton before landing in Brecken-



Sidnee Martinez officially takes over the Lady Bucks basketball program as varsity head coach.

Photo/Mike Williams

ridge in 2021. Her goal was always to get closer to home and her parents, Joe and Lil, who both reside in Eastland.

Coaching is turning into a family business for Martinez with her brother Joe, who is a defensive coordinator in football and head baseball coach at Cross Plains. Martinez has one son, 13-year-old Braxton, who attends Breckenridge Junior High School.

Martinez was named interim coach in January following the abrupt resignation of former coach Bryan Goehring. The Lady Bucks won three of their last five games of the season coached by Martinez.

"We're going to change the dynamics greatly," she said. "We're hoping (to) put more time in the gym and spend more time on the small things. The

better our small things are, the better the bigger picture is."

Going into her first season as head coach, Martinez said there could be some growing pains, which she hopes will lead to growth for the program in the future.

She wants her team to learn how to be comfortable in uncomfortable situations.

Martinez said the last year has been difficult for the Lady Bucks, but she remains confident in her team and the growth in the near future.

"I'm blessed with this opportunity that coach (Casey) Pearce has enough faith and given me this chance to see what I can do with this program," she said. "Hopefully, whenever my time does come, I've left this program better than (how) I found it."

## ★ EARLY DEADLINES ★

Due to the Memorial Day holiday on Monday, May 27, deadlines for both retail and classified ads will change.

Wednesday, May 29 edition Breckenridge American  
Retail Ads: 9:00am Friday, May 24  
Line Ads: 10:00am Friday, May 24

Wednesday, May 29 edition Jacksboro Herald-Gazette  
Retail Ads: 9:00am Friday, May 24  
Line Ads: 10:00am Friday, May 24

Wednesday, May 29 edition The Graham Leader  
Retail Ads: 9:00am Friday, May 24  
Line Ads: 10:00am Friday, May 24

Please note these changes and plan accordingly.

Have a happy and safe Memorial Day!