

# Second Quarter 2025

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# News



ANN GEE QUINONES-BELIAN | CHEROKEE SCOUT, MURPHY, NORTH CAROLINA

**A vacant house in Murphy became a virtual hot-spot Saturday afternoon, giving firefighters and students a real-life training scenario. Fire from the training exercise unintentionally spread to a wooded area featuring bamboo. (April 2025)**





RANDY FOSTER | CHEROKEE SCOUT, MURPHY, NORTH CAROLINA

A Cherokee County sheriff's deputy, his hand gripping his sidearm, checks the trunk of a car at the intersection of Airport and IOI roads in Marble on Thursday during a search for an escaped inmate. (April 30, 2025)





**BILL BATTLE | WASHINGTON MISSOURIAN**

**SUPPORTING THE FLAG** — Washington Post 218 baseball alumni members hold the flag during the American Legion Mid-South Regional opening ceremonies Wednesday at Rotary Recreational Complex – Ronsick Field. Among the former players and coaches is Tom Buhr (white jersey), a member of the post’s 1957 state championship team. See 1C for full coverage of the event. (Aug. 10-11, 2024)





EILEEN WISNIOWICZ | WASHINGTON MISSOURIAN

Ben Morgan stands in what remains of his house in the Charing Cross subdivision after a tornado ripped through Villa Ridge on Friday night. Morgan and two of his children were retrieving some of the last of their personal belongings Monday morning.





LINDSEY HERTHA BENDER | WASHINGTON MISSOURIAN

Washington High School Graduate Lily Leesman waves to her family in the stands before she walked across the stage to receive her diploma. (May 28, 2025, publication)



# Features

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MARCO MONTERASTELLI | BUFFALO (WYOMING) BULLETIN

Ryan Nicholas displays the state championship trophy out the window of the team bus as the Buffalo High School soccer team is escorted into town after winning the 3A state soccer title. It is a Buffalo tradition for state champion teams to receive a police escort into town. (May 29, 2025)





LESLIE THOMPSON | ARGUS OBSERVER, ONTARIO, OREGON

Juan Mendez and his son, Ezeikiel, 8, walk on the sidewalk along Oregon Street on Saturday morning on their way to Bible study at Jolts and Juice, saying “God Bless” to people they passed. Ezeikiel carried a Bible, while his father carried a wooden cross with the letters “INRI” at the top. INRI is an acronym for the Latin phrase “Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum,” translated as “Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews.” (April 30, 2025)





**RANDY FOSTER | CHEROKEE SCOUT, MURPHY, NORTH CAROLINA**

While Cherokee County is not home to a Marine base, several significant Marine Corps facilities are in North Carolina, including Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Station New River in Onslow County and Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point in Craven County. The Marines often train in and around Cherokee County because of its geography. A CH-53E takes off at Western Carolina Regional Airport in Andrews on May 8.





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**A LEGEND LEAVES THE FIELD FOR THE FINAL TIME** — Coach Gildehaus' final game was a loss to Lift for Life Charter Academy in the Class 3 District 2 semifinals at home Nov. 8. Borgia finished the season at 9-1 and Gildehaus completed his 38-year run with the Knights at 304-123. (Nov. 23-24, 2024 edition)





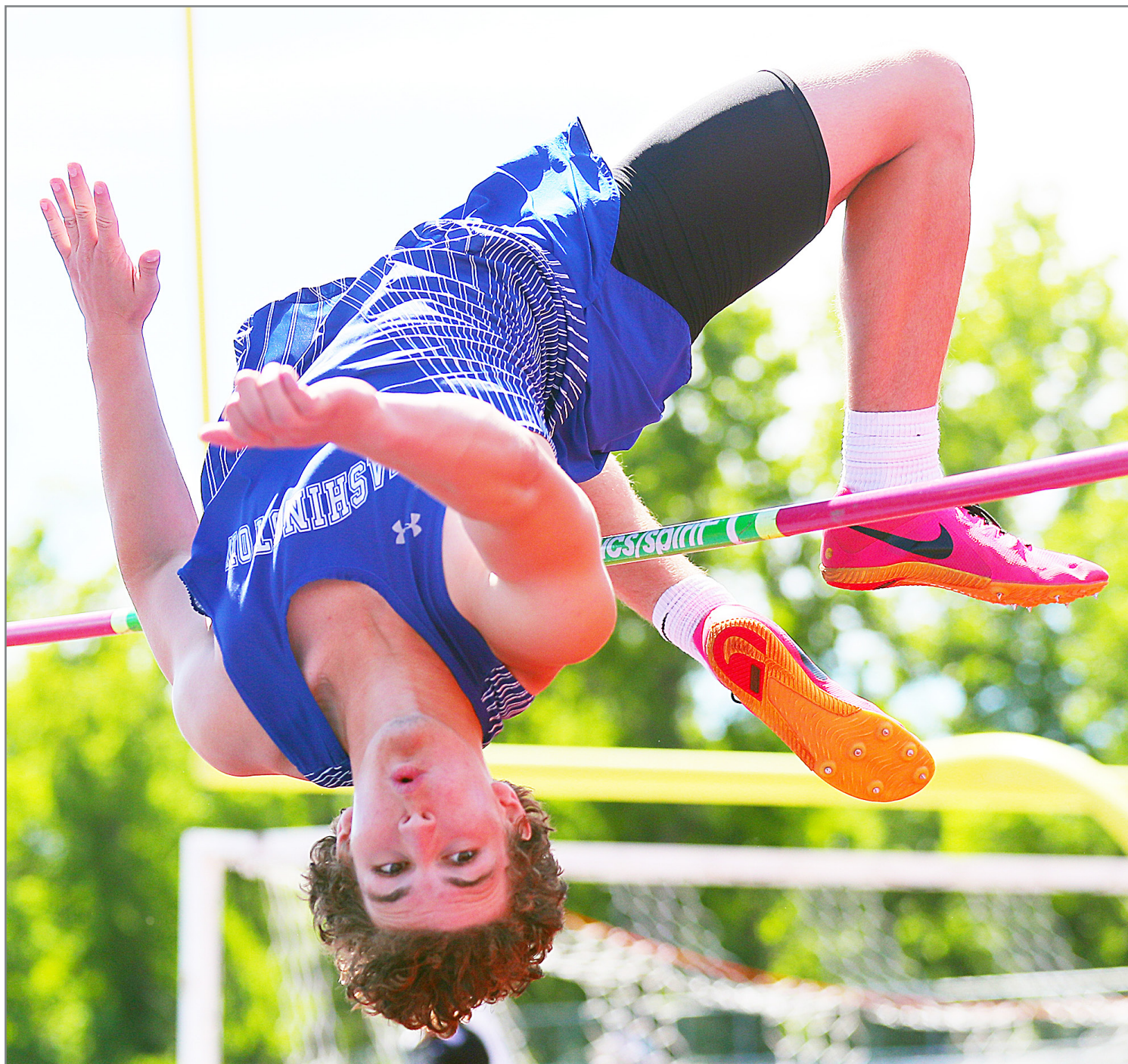
LAURIE WHITE KING | HERALD-BANNER (GREENVILLE, TEXAS)

Marco Zapien-Enriquez basks in the moment as he walks across the stage at Greenville High School's graduation ceremony on Friday.



# Sports

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**UPSIDE DOWN** — Washington high jumper Jack Henderson makes a tight wrap around the bar Saturday at the Class 4 District 5 meet, held at Scanlan Stadium. Henderson cleared 1.9 meters to finish second in the event. Washington qualified 20 entires for the sectional round and placed third in both the district boys and girls team standings.





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**STATING THEIR CASE** — Washington Post 218 Junior Legion infielders Nakai Scott (at base) and Lane Mallinckrodt try to convince the umpire that Jefferson City Post 5 runner Dylan Kliegel has come off the bag on a stolen base attempt. Kliegel was ruled safe, but stranded there during the bottom of the fourth inning Tuesday. Jefferson City scored twice in the fifth to defeat Post 218 in the SuperZone Tournament winner-take-all game, 4-2.





CANNON CROMPTON | CHEROKEE SCOUT, MURPHY, NORTH CAROLINA

Andrews Lady Wildcats' head coach Tim Wood yells in excitement after they defeated Robbinsville on Dec. 17. (Published December 25, 2024)