

COLLEGE ATHLETICS



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Madison Wolf, a Texas State student and a West native, sheds a few tears before Tuesday night's game against Texas A&M. Wolf is a member of the baseball sup-

port organization known as the Diamond Sweethearts. Prior to Tuesday's 4-1 win, the Bobcats recognized those affected by last week's tragedy in West, Texas.

Emotions flow for West



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Texas State junior outfielder Brooke Keel is a native of West. Keel started 13 games for the Bobcats in 2013 and is batting .140 with six hits in 43 at-bats.

Small-town tragedy affects Texas State athletes, supporters

By TYLER MAYFORTH
Daily Record Sports

No matter how hard Texas State sophomore Garrett Matlage tried to concentrate in last weekend's games at San Jose State, he couldn't.

"I was so scatterbrained that it's a wonder that I played decent," said Matlage, who went 3 for 14 with three runs batted in during the three-game series. "I probably couldn't recall what happened Friday or Saturday."

Matlage, just like Bobcat softball player Brooke Keel, is from West. That's where the West Fertilizer Co. plant exploded April 17, killing 15 and injuring 200 more.

West is a classic small town, with less than 3,000 people inside its

limits according to the 2010 census. Each of those people, however, has a never-ending pride in their town that had been most known for the Czech Stop until eight days ago.

"Don't mess with the Czech Stop," Matlage said. "It's unbelievable, if you haven't been there. That's been our landmark, but that's obviously changed now."

Last Wednesday's explosion did more than level the plant. It destroyed property — as the shockwave spread across multiple city blocks — and affected lives.

"It's such a small town and we're all intertwined," Matlage said. "Even though my personal house wasn't dam-

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Texas State sophomore shortstop Garrett Matlage collected one hit in Tuesday night's 4-1 win over Texas A&M. Matlage, like Keel, is from West.

OUTDOORS

ShareLunker trophy bass program producing some worthy descendants

The Sharelunker trophy bass program is truly living up to its name.

For example, on Dec. 2004, Jerry Campos was fishing for largemouth bass on Falcon Reservoir when he caught a 14.28-pound fish that became ShareLunker 370.

On April 13, 2013, Allen Lane Kruse of Nacogdoches caught a 12.54-pound bass from Lake Naconiche that has been submitted as a water-body and catch-and-release record for the new impoundment near Nacogdoches.

The connection? DNA testing revealed that ShareLunker 370, which



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spawned at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center (TFFC) in Athens, is the mother of the Lake Naconiche fish. If Campos had not entered his fish into the ShareLunker program, Kruse would not have had the opportunity to catch his fish, because it would not have existed.

"This is the perfect example of why the ShareLunker pro-

gram was established," said Allen Forshage, director of TFFC. "It's called ShareLunker because the program gives anglers the opportunity to share their catch with others. Fingerlings from ShareLunkers that have spawned have been stocked into more than 60 reservoirs across Texas."

The father of the Lake Naconiche fish has deep roots in the ShareLunker program as well. Genetic data showed its mother is ShareLunker 305 (caught by Nathan Strickland from Lake Fork in 2000) and pedigree data showed its grand-

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TPWD Photo

Allen Lane Kruse caught a 12.54-pound bass from Lake Naconiche that was related to a previous ShareLunker.

The Daily Record's
TWO MINUTE DRILL

LOCAL SCHEDULE...

- Thursday, April 25**
Women's College Golf
• Texas State at Western Athletic Conference Championships, Mesa, Ariz.
Women's College Tennis
• Texas State at Western Athletic Conference Championships, Denver
High School Baseball
• Wimberley at Boerne, 7 p.m.
- Friday, April 26**
College Baseball
• Cal State-Bakersfield at Texas State, 6:30 p.m.
College Softball
• San Jose State at Texas State (DH),

- 4 p.m.
High School Baseball
• New Braunfels-Canyon at San Marcos, 7 p.m.
• Lehman at Boerne-Champion, 7 p.m.
• Kerrville-Tivy at Hays, 7 p.m.
• Boerne at Wimberley, 7 p.m.
High School Softball
• Class 5A bi-district playoff: San Marcos vs. San Antonio-Churchill, at San Antonio Northest Complex, West Field, 7:30 p.m.
Women's College Tennis
• Texas State at Western Athletic Conference Championships, Denver
College Track and Field
• Texas State hosts Bobcat Classic, all day
High School Track and Field
• SMHS athletes at Class 5A, Region

- IV Championships, Heroes Stadium, San Antonio
- Saturday, April 27**
College Baseball
• Cal State-Bakersfield at Texas State, 2 p.m.
Women's College Tennis
• Texas State at Western Athletic Conference Championships, Denver
College Track and Field
• Texas State hosts Bobcat Classic, all day
College Softball
• San Jose State at Texas State, 1 p.m.
High School Track and Field
• SMHS athletes at Class 5A, Region IV Championships, Heroes Stadium, San Antonio

BRIEFLY...

Wounded Warrior Golf Tournament

The Texas Wounded Warrior Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, May 11 at Quail Creek Country Club. Cost is \$125 per player in the four-man scramble tournament, which starts at 1 p.m., and includes cart, driving range balls, a tournament shirt, gift bag, door prizes, lunch, dinner and live music. For more information, go to www.twwgolf.com.

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Fishing Report

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CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water clear; 60-64 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and white tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are very good on live bait, frozen shrimp, liver, and blood-bait. Yellow catfish are slow.

BELTON: Water clear; 58-62 degrees; 7.16' low. Black bass are good on green pumpkin crankbaits and spinnerbaits. Hybrid striped are fair on live shad. White bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are good on minnows under lights at night. Channel and blue catfish are good on shrimp and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines and throwlines baited with live perch.

BROWNWOOD: Water clear; 57-61 degrees; 10.80' low. Black bass are fair on craw colored crankbaits, chartreuse/blue Bass Hogg spinnerbaits and jigs, and watermelon soft plastics. Hybrid striped are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on white tube jigs and minnows over brush piles. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

BUCHANAN: Water lightly stained; 58-62 degrees; 28.41' low. Black bass are good on pumpkin/chartreuse tailed Whacky Sticks, white/chartreuse spinnerbaits, and watermelon soft jerkbaits along drop-offs of points and pockets of creeks. Striped bass are fair to good light lining live bait and vertically jigging silver Pirik Minnows. White bass are good on Bleeding Shiner Tiny Traps, 2" Spoiler Shads, and live minnows in the upper end of the lake. Crappie are good on minnows. Channel catfish are good on live bait. Yellow and blue catfish are fair on jugs.

CANYON LAKE: Water lightly stained; 59-63 degrees; 9.26' low. Black bass are good on white Terminator spinnerbaits, pumpkin Whacky Sticks, and albino soft plastic jerkbaits along stickups. Striped bass are slow. White bass are fair on pet spoons. Crappie are fair on minnows upriver. Channel catfish are fair upriver. Yellow and blue catfish are good on jugs.

COLEMAN: Water lightly stained; 58-62 degrees; 14.05' low. Black bass are good on spinnerbaits and dark soft plastic worms or lizards. Hybrid striped are fair on live shad. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are good on yellow catfish are slow.

COLORADO RIVER: (At Colorado Bend State Park) No report available.

FAYETTE: Water stained. Black bass are good on watermelon Wacky Worms and Senkos, white and white/chartreuse spinnerbaits, and pumpkin-seed Dead Ringer worms along the outside edges of breaks. Channel and blue catfish are good on cut shad and shrimp over baited holes.

GRANBURY: Water stained; 58-62 degrees; 5.68' low. Black bass are good on chartreuse soft plastic worms with white tails. Striped bass are slow. White bass are fair on minnows and pet spoons. Crappie are fair on minnows and blue tube jigs. Catfish are fair on shrimp and stinkbait.

GRANGER: Water stained; 58-62 degrees; 0.21' high. Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits around standing timber. White bass are good on spinnerbaits upriver near Dickerson's Bottom. Crappie are good on minnows and pink tube jigs in coves and sloughs. Blue catfish are good on prepared baits, and on jugs/lures baited with cut bait and Zote soap. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live bait in the river.

LBJ: Water clear; 60-64 degrees; 0.23' low. Black bass are fair on green pumpkin Whacky Sticks, blue/white Terminator spinnerbaits, and soft plastic jerkbaits in 3-10 feet. Striped bass are fair on 2" Spoiler Shads and white bucktails early. White bass are fair on chrome/blue Tiny Traps, Spoiler Shads, and Blade Runners early. Crappie are good on blue tube jigs and live minnows. Channel catfish are good on live bait. Yellow and blue catfish are fair on trotlines.

NAVARRO MILLS: Water lightly stained; 58-62 degrees; 0.41' low. Black bass are good on watermelon crankbaits and spinnerbaits along banks and near the dam. White bass are fair on slabs and spoons. Crappie are good on chartreuse tube

jigs and minnows. Channel catfish are fair on shrimp and stinkbait. Blue catfish are good on jugs/lures baited with minnows and shrimp. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with perch and goldfish.

PROCTOR: Water lightly stained; 57-61 degrees; 5.55' low. Black bass are fair on watermelon soft plastic worms and lizards. Striped bass are fair on silver striped jigs. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows and pink tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are fair on live shad. Yellow catfish are slow.

SOMERVILLE: Water murky; 58-62 degrees; 1.85' low. Black bass are fair on green pumpkin spinnerbaits and crankbaits. Hybrid striped are slow. White bass are fair on minnows and slabs. Crappie are good on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are fair on shrimp and chicken livers. Yellow catfish are slow.

STILLHOUSE: Water lightly stained; 58-62 degrees; 6.24' low. Black bass are fair on green pumpkin crankbaits and Rat-L-Traps. White bass are good on minnows near Long Bridge. Crappie are good on minnows near Long Bridge. Channel and blue catfish are good on live bait. Yellow catfish are slow.

TRAVIS: Water clear; 58-62 degrees; 50.37' low. Black bass are good on Rat-L-Traps, smoke grubs, and Baby Brush Hogs. Striped bass are fair on chartreuse striped jigs. White bass are fair on chrome crankbaits and watermelon grubs in 10-25 feet. Crappie are good on minnows and blue tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

WALTER E. LONG: Water lightly stained. Black bass are fair on watermelon Rat-L-Traps, crankbaits, and spinnerbaits. Hybrid striped are slow. White bass are good on slabs and chartreuse soft plastics. Crappie are good on minnows and blue tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are good on stinkbait and hot dogs. Yellow catfish are slow.

WHITNEY: Water lightly stained; 57-61 degrees; 8.82' low. Black bass are good on pumpkinseed spinnerbaits, crankbaits, and soft plastics. Striped bass are fair on chartreuse striped jigs. White bass are fair on silver spoons and minnows. Crappie are fair on minnows and pink tube jigs. Catfish are good on live bait and frozen shrimp.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water clear; 65-74 degrees; 51.31' low. Black bass are good on crankbaits, jerkbaits, soft plastics, spinnerbaits, and swimbaits. Striped bass are fair on slabs, jigging spoons, and live minnows. White bass are fair on slabs, jigging spoons, and live minnows. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair on cheesebait, shrimp, and liver over baited holes. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines and droplines baited with live perch. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

BRAUNIG: Water clear. Black bass are good on watermelon soft plastics along shorelines and structure. Striped bass are good on chicken livers and Tony Accetta Spoons. Redfish are good on live perch and tilapia. Channel catfish are very good on shrimp, liver, and stinkbait. Blue catfish are fair on chicken livers, shrimp, stinkbait, and nightcrawlers. Yellow catfish are slow.

CALAVERAS: Water clear. Black bass are good on green pumpkin soft plastic worms and grubs around reed beds along shorelines. Striped bass are good on chicken livers, shad, and spoons. Redfish are good on perch and shrimp on the bottom. Channel and blue catfish are very good on nightcrawlers, shad, and liver. Yellow catfish are slow.

CHOKE CANYON: Water clear; 62-66 degrees; 18.40' low. Black bass are good on swimbaits and Texas rigged soft plastic lizards. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows and fair on jugs under lights at night. Channel and blue catfish are good on punchbait. Yellow catfish are fair on live bait.

COLETO CREEK: Water clear; 2.69' low. Black bass are fair on green pumpkin soft plastics and spinnerbaits in 5-10 feet. Striped bass are slow. White bass are fair on Charlie Slabs. Crappie are fair on minnows and white tube jigs in 8-15 feet. Channel and blue catfish are good on perch, liver, and shrimp. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines

baited with live bait.

FALCON: Water stained; 66-78 degrees; 29.71' low. Black bass are good on watermelon spinnerbaits and shallow running crankbaits. Striped bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are very good on shrimp, stinkbait, and cut bait under cormorants. Yellow catfish are slow. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

COASTAL

NORTH SABINE: Trout are fair to good on the Louisiana shoreline on topwaters and Corkies. Flounder are fair on jigs tipped with shrimp around marsh drains.

SOUTH SABINE: Sheepshead and black drum are good at the jetty on live shrimp. Trout are fair to good around Lighthouse Cove on topwaters.

BOLIVAR: Trout are fair to good on the south shoreline on soft plastics and plugs. Black drum and redfish are good at Rollover Pass.

TRINITY BAY: Trout are good for drifters working pods of shad and mullet on Bass Assassins, Trout Killers and Sand Eels. Redfish are good in the marsh on shrimp. Some trout have been caught on the east shoreline.

EAST GALVESTON BAY: Trout are good on the south shoreline on topwaters and soft plastics. Whiting and sand trout are good on the edge of the Intracoastal on fresh shrimp. Black drum are fair to good in the Ship Channel on crabs.

WEST GALVESTON BAY: Trout are fair to good for drifters working shell on live shrimp. Trout are good on the mud and shell on topwaters and Corkies in the afternoon. Sheepshead, redfish and black drum are good at the jetty on shrimp and crabs.

TEXAS CITY: Black drum are good in the channel on crabs. Sand trout and whiting are good from the piers on fresh shrimp.

FREEPORT: Sand trout and sheepshead are good on live shrimp on the reefs. Black drum are good at the jetties on cracked blue crabs. Redfish and black drum are good in Bastrop Bay on shrimp.

EAST MATAGORDA BAY: Trout are fair to good for drifters on live shrimp over humps and scattered shell. Redfish are fair to good on the edge of the Intracoastal on crabs and mullet. Redfish are schooling in the middle of the bay.

WEST MATAGORDA BAY: Redfish are fair to good on the edge of Oyster Lake and at Shell Island on shrimp and crabs. Trout are fair on shell and grass on soft plastics. Black drum and sheepshead are good at the jetty on crabs.

PORT O'CONNOR: Trout and redfish are good on topwaters over soft mud in waist-deep water in San Antonio Bay. Trout and redfish are fair for drifters working the back lakes with live shrimp.

ROCKPORT: Trout are fair to good in Morris-Cummings Cut on free-lined shrimp. Black drum are good in the Lydia Ann Channel on crabs. Trout are fair over grass while drifting with live shrimp.

PORT ARANSAS: Redfish are fair to good at East Flats on shrimp. Black drum are good in the Shrimptboat Channel on crabs and finger mullet. Redfish, black drum and sheepshead are good at the jetty on shrimp.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Trout are fair to good on the edge of the spoils on Gulps and live shrimp. Black drum are good in the Humble Channel at night on crabs and table shrimp.

BAFFIN BAY: Trout are fair while wading mud and grass on Corkies and topwaters. Redfish are good on bait around the spoils. Black drum are good in the Land Cut on crabs. Trout are fair to good in the Land Cut on live shrimp.

PORT MANSFIELD: Trout are fair to good on topwaters around sand and grass at Green Island. Redfish are fair to good while drifting pot holes on Gulps and shrimp. Trout are fair to good for waders working the edge of the channel on topwaters and soft plastics.

SOUTH PADRE: Trout are good around the spoil islands, channel edges and color changes on DOA Shrimp in 3-4 feet of water. Black drum, sheepshead and redfish are good at the jetty.

PORT ISABEL: Trout and redfish are fair to good at Gas Well Flats on live shrimp. Redfish are fair at Three Island on small topwaters and soft plastics under rattling corks.

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mother is ShareLunker 184 (caught by Richard Crow from Lake Fork in 1994), and its great-grandmother is ShareLunker 9 (caught by Troy Johnson from Gibbons Creek in 1988).

ShareLunker 370 produced 12,699 fingerlings, some of which held at TFFC as possible future broodfish. The Kruse fish was one of 173 adult ShareLunker offspring that were released into Lake Nacochie in 2009 along with 95,389 ShareLunker fingerlings.

The adult fish are now eight years old and are on the threshold of being old enough to attain the 13-pound size necessary to be entered into the Toyota ShareLunker program.

The Toyota ShareLunker Program (formerly called Operation Share A Lone Star Lunker) was established in 1986 to promote catch-and-release of large fish and to selectively breed trophy largemouth bass. To enter a bass in the program it had to be more than 13 pounds. The first fish entered into the program was also a state record, a 17.67-pounder caught from Lake Fork.

In 1993 the name of the program was changed to Share a Lunker, Inc. and it was merged with the Parks and Wildlife Foundation of Texas. The name was changed to the Toyota ShareLunker Program in 2009 when Toyota became the new sponsor.

Since the program's inception more than 400 largemouth bass have been donated from 55 public reservoirs and more than a dozen private lakes.

Originally the lunkers were housed at the Tyler hatchery but as the program grew it became obvious that the Tyler hatchery was inadequate. Today the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens, which was completed in 1996, is home to the program.

More evidence that catch and release works is evident in fish number 538 caught by Gary Sims on Dec. 12 of 2012. This trophy weighed 15.02 pounds and was caught in Lake Fork.

Surprise! This was lunker number 518 caught by Ed Carter on 3-13-11. It was released three weeks later back into Lake Fork. Gary Sims says, "Thanks, Ed."

The largest ShareLunker caught since 2002 was landed by Richard Scibek of Granbury on February 2. It was a 16.04 pound monster from Lake Fork. Scibek's fish is the 22nd largest bass ever caught in Texas. He was fishing with a live "Black Salty" goldfish.

Don't be surprised that the name "Lake Fork" keeps appearing. Almost half of the 550 plus ShareLunker bass have been pulled from Lake Fork.

If you plan to catch a ShareLunker this season you had better hurry. The program begins receiving fish on October 1 and ends April 30.

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aged, I still felt like my home was destroyed."

While Mattlage's home stood five miles from the plant, Keel and her family weren't as lucky. Keel's house, which has since been declared uninhabitable, was less than 500 feet from the blast site.

Once Keel received word from a family member via text, she got in contact with her mom, who'd been in Austin. They traveled north and met her father in a Waco hospital, where he was treated after being knocked unconscious by the blast and having received 30 stitches.

"I didn't realize how serious it was until I saw my dad and the rest of the patients," Keel said. "Hugging my dad was the best feeling in the world."

Keel spent the next five days around her hometown, volunteering at one of several donation spots that overflowed with generosity.

Donations for West weren't just reserved for that area, as Texas State held a fundraiser throughout Tuesday's baseball game against Texas A&M. Fans contributed more than \$2,500 to the National Fallen Firefighters Foun-

ation.

Prior to the Bobcats' 4-1 win over the Aggies, Heath Harris threw out the first pitch which his best friend (Mattlage) caught. Harris' father, Dallas-Fire Rescue Captain Kenny 'Lucky' Harris, died in the explosion.

"We grew up doing stuff like that (playing catch)," Mattlage said. "We were always on the same team and always going over to each other's houses. Of course, 'Lucky' would always be there with my dad. It was a really big deal to be out there."

Even though permanent scars remain from the explosion, Texas State head coach Ty Harrington said Tuesday was meant to provide a "good feeling."

"It's been really rough on those guys," Harrington said. "I'll tell you this: That's a badass town. I grew up around it. They're tough people. They're resilient people."

As each day passes and more and more of West is reopened to its residents, they'll continue to pull together to create a stronger bond.

"We're going to rebuild it bigger and better," Keel said. "It's going to be a long road, but we have each other and that's all we need."

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Cinco de Mayo 5K and Kids Run

Hosted by Beta Sigma Phi, the race will be held Saturday, May 4 at Hernandez Elementary School in San Marcos. The 5K starts at 8 a.m. followed by the Kids Run at 8:45 a.m. The 5K race is on an out-and-back course within the Willow Creek subdivision. Preregistration before April 27 is \$20 for the 5K and \$25 afterwards and on the day of the race. Admission for the Kids Run (12 and under) is free. Proceeds will be used to provide scholarships for local high-school students. For more information, contact Laura Mason at (512) 665-2974 or E-

mail hummingbird_laura@yahoo.com.

FUMC 5K Faith Run set for May 25

The First United Methodist Church of San Marcos will host its annual 5K Faith Run Saturday, May 25 at Country Estates in San Marcos. The race starts at 8 a.m., and costs \$20 before May 18 and \$25 afterwards and on the day of the race. Pre-registered participants are guaranteed a "Faith Run 5K" technical T-shirt. Proceeds benefit the non-profit San Marcos ministry program called Wednesday Connect. For more information, contact Marguerite Lucas at (512) 675-6728 or e-mail mlucas331@yahoo.com.

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& State Menudo Cook Off

Schedule of Events:

Friday, May 3, 2013 7 p.m. — Midnight
Hays County Civic Center
• Carnival • Food & Dancing

Saturday, May 4, 2013 9 a.m.
Beautiful Downtown San Marcos Parade
Hays County Civic Center 9 a.m. 'til 8p.m.
• Carnival
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• Menudo Cook-off
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