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Westwood Waves

All Gas No Brakes '22!

By Coach Trey Kohlhausen,
Westwood Aquatics Director

The Westwood Waves definitely attacked the competition this season. They finished their summer league season UNDEFEATED in 2022. They were 7 and 0, the Waves got 1,474 best times, had 79 undefeated swimmers, and five pool and team records were set. All Waves enjoyed an exciting celebration of the season at our awards banquet on June 17.

After the award presentation and slideshow/video in Westwood's dining room, the party moved to the pool area where there was a dunking booth for the swimmers to dunk their coaches, the fun "bouncy house" was out for the swimmers to jump, then the swimmers did a raft race, a greased watermelon race, and a relay where the swimmers put on heavy clothes to swim to the other side and pass off the clothes to the next swimmer.

The finale was a Westwood popular, as always, Soda Scramble. What a fantastic celebration highlighting a successful season. At the Waves Banquet, **Trep Thomas** received the coveted Price Malone Award for outstanding sportsmanship and leadership. The award is given to an 11 & up swimmer who is a team leader on the Waves. Trep is an excellent athlete-student and all the swimmers on the team look up to him for advice, swimming help and "fun."

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Coach Trey and Coach Sean with Price Malone recipient, Trep Thomas

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Age 11-up Big Waves on Lake Travis with their coaches

Lilly Tierney, Farrah Uglietta, Anna Quy, Charlotte Yoch, Addie Craig

Finley Perez, Mary Kathryn Rigby

7-8 Girls, Westwood Waves

Dylan Dennison, Winn Fowler, Beau Opalka, William Fowler

Waves President, Lily Lloyd and her son Baur Lloyd with Coach Trey

7-8 Boys, Westwood Waves

Elizabeth Chang, Lilly Embrey, Eliza Miller, Nora Hale, Maible Epp, Adelaide Cronin

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WESTSIDE STORIES

Voiceover artist Dana Freitag Lerway and Joel in a production session at The Block House.

Joel Block

BY FORREST PREECE

One of the great things about writing these columns is that at times I have chances to reconnect with old friends. Joel Block, for instance.

If you've been around Austin for a few decades, you have heard the dulcet tones of his voice on the radio. You have certainly heard his production work on commercials by the hundreds over the years, and maybe you can remember his hosting the Star Date and Earth & Sky radio series.

I first met Joel and his brother Michael when they were working for KRMH (Good Karma) Radio back in the early 1970s. What a time to be alive – I was getting traction in my career, a new decade stretched ahead, and this radio station with its long album cuts format and its young, laid-back crew of vocal talents was a perfect fit and soundtrack for the time. Their production studios and offices on 11th Street just west of Lamar were near one of Austin's hottest night clubs, Mother Earth (I took a lot of dates there), and I kept the station tuned in all the time in my apartment on West Lynn.

Radio worked well for the Block brothers but starting a production studio had always been their goal. In 1972, they opened The Production Block, which quickly became our town's go-to commercial and music production studio.

After I opened my ad agency in 1977, they had moved their studios to Timberline Office Park off of South MoPac, and I spent a lot of time there doing radio spots and soundtracks for clients like House of Jeans (remember the Rusty Wier jingle?), Stars disco/nightclub, Karavel Shoes (Bobby Bridger sang that jingle), Execucom, and others.

A major positive shift for The Production Block happened when Bill Harwell, also a KRMH alumnus, joined the team in the mid-1970s. Michael had moved one of their studios into the 501 N. I-35 complex and was focusing more on music recording, while Bill and Joel were honing their craft on commercials, industrials, radio series and audio tape duplication.

One day, I was in their studio for a production session and noticed a framed, dramatic photo of a distinguished gentleman on the wall. He was seated at a table in shadowy light, was lighting a cigarette, and had on a tuxedo. I asked Joel who that was, and he said it was Martin Block, his dad, and that it had been taken at The Stork Club in New York City. It turns out that Martin was among the first "disc jockeys" in the country – a term coined by Walter Winchell to describe him. He got his start playing records between updates on the Lindbergh baby kidnapping trial in downstate New Jersey, literally broadcasting out of the men's restroom. Martin decided that playing records on-air could be a viable format, but many bigshots in the radio business didn't believe him.

Ignoring the naysayers, Martin Block went on to create the "Make Believe Ballroom" on WNEW in New York City. During these shows, he would create the illusion that recording artists like Harry James, Rosemary Clooney or Frank Sinatra were right there with him in his crystal ballroom. On some happy occasions during Joel's youth, Martin would bring him and his older brother Pete to the studio and they would watch from a control room above the studio where their dad was working. They would observe in awe as their dad slip-cued the records and provided his sophisticated repartee.

Fast forward to Joel's year between the end of his college days and entering the US Air Force. Martin was then semi-retired and working at WOR-AM in New York City, and Joel was "gophering" at WOR's progressive sister station, WOR-FM. Joel's dad had finished his on-air shift and the producer said he had three or four voiceover commercials he wanted Martin to record for him. "Dad read them perfectly, adding his magic touches along the way," Joel says. After the spots were on tape, the producer said, Thanks, Martin. You'll be getting a check for about $1150 for doing these." (Remember – this was 1969, when $1100 was a good monthly wage.) At that moment, Joel decided that audio production, and especially voice work, were for him.

During Joel's stint in the Air Force, he was stationed first at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls and then he was sent to Thule AFB in Greenland, 700 miles south of the North Pole, serving in the American Forces Radio and Television Service (AFRTS). "I quickly found out that when you got to Thule, you were replacing somebody else who had done their year of time. You could be as creative or non-creative as you wanted," Joel says. And at Sheppard, they would work in teams creating training films for all branches of the military. "One week you might be a technical director on a film about maintenance of an aircraft and the next week you would be narrating a film about personal hygiene. The military was a great learning experience."

After that, Joel managed to wangle a transfer to Bergstrom Air Force Base in Austin (a long story in itself) and that is where he and his brother Michael heard about a new concept radio station, KRMH, that would soon be on the airwaves. They were both hired, along with other talented fellows like Bill Harwell, Alan Stone, Art Young and Bill Dante. That is where I first made contact with the Blocks, who sometimes voiced commercials for me, and it's been a great relationship ever since.

After Joel got out of the Air Force, he was able to work full time at the station, but his goal was always to start his own production studio. Finally, around 1972, he took the plunge, rented a duplex on Quarry Road, and opened his business. In the following few years, there were stops at Timberline Office Park (he moved out of there when the rent was raised to an outrageous $350 a month); a studio complex on Rio Grande built by Rick Hardin; then 18 years at 906 East Fifth and 11 years at West 30th and Lamar.

Joel Block (left) with his father Martin and brother Pete at WNEW in New York City. During his heyday, Martin Block was one of the most famous DJs in the country.

Joel laughs about it now, but one of his earliest rental disasters was leasing an apartment near Highway 183. On the day he and his roommate signed the lease, they felt there was no reason they shouldn't live there. But after moving in, they quickly noticed that the Air Force's jets would pass over the complex about every 30 minutes on final approaches to Bergstrom AFB, their jet engines screaming. As a result, they'd have to take many breaks during production sessions, like it or not. The good news, though, was that he was working with clients and friends like Dave Helfert, Tim McClure, Peck Young, Frank Nichols and other up-and-coming ad types. And for 30-plus years, the business and the relationships grew.

Fishing always relaxes Joel – he reeled in this nice catch at Grand Lake, Oklahoma.

So now, fast-forward decades to late 2010. Joel, Bill and the staff had been at the 3011 N. Lamar studios for quite a while. He and his partners had sold the building in which they officed, and expenses were climbing and about to exceed profits. They collectively took a deep breath, looked at where they were in life, and made a decision – they'd had a good run, over 30 years. It was time to move on.

Today, Joel operates a clean, comfortable studio in northwest Austin. He is "one happy guy" – with his wife Delores, and his dog, Sully, at his home, taking on the audio production jobs that please him.

In today's studio, he is recording and producing a lot of audiobooks, among other things. He says that a typical audiobook can take a month to finish. For one thing, the average reader can only voice about 50-60 pages a day before their voice and their eyes start to tire out. Then, after cleaning up the takes, editing, and putting a bow around it all for audible.com, a month's worth of working days can go by in a hurry.

One audiobook project that was going to start a few days after our interview was a book written and voiced by Dale Dye, who has become Hollywood's preeminent technical adviser for military movies. He is a decorated Marine, a Vietnam veteran, and regular consultant for directors like Oliver Stone and Stephen Spielberg when they do war movies. Some of his projects have been blockbusters like Platoon, Delta Force, Saving Private Ryan, Mission: Impossible, and Band of Brothers. Dale is recording his novel "Laos File." Oh, and by the way, Dale and Joel were classmates at the Missouri Military Academy, way back when.

Joel voicing an Earth & Sky series recording.

Another enjoyable project was Admiral Bill McRaven's "Sea Stories." Joel says, "He was such a gentleman and a pleasure to work with." Famous singer and songwriter Darden Smith just finished voicing his book "Western Skies" with Joel. And legendary newsman Neal Spelce did a take on his book, "With the Bark Off." That was "an adventure," Joel says. Neal wanted dozens of audio inserts to be put into it for added flavor. That project was a lot of fun, and working with Neal brought back a good bit of nostalgia for Joel.

B.B. Kemp's "Black Wall Street Burning" was another project with a historical background. This novel is based on the infamous riot in Tulsa in 1921 that left the prosperous Black section of that city destroyed. An exciting true-adventure audiobook Joel produced was West Hansen's "The Amazon from Source to Sea." This was West's novel about kayaking the Amazon River from its source in the mountains all the way to the ocean – over 3,000 miles. West is now about to embark on a new challenge - kayaking the Northwest Passage.

As he puts it, Joel is as busy as he wants to be. He has maintained regular clients for commercial and industrial presentations all along the way, but he can be choosy about taking on new tasks. As for relaxation, Joel and Delores, his wife of nearly 40 years, help take care of their eight-year-old grandson once a week. They also find time to travel. About a year ago, they sold their boat, but he does love to fish and wishes he was doing a bit more of that these days.

Joel says, "I've got all in the world I need! I'm a happy guy."

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Age 5 Boy – Max Espinosa
Age 6 Girl – Charlotte Sawyer
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Age 7 Girl – Jules Carlson
Age 7 Boy – Winn Fowler
Age 8 Girl – Anna Quy
Age 8 Boy – William Fowler
Age 9 Girl – Lilly Embrey
Age 9 Boy – Collier Dipasquale
Age 10 Girl – Eliza Miller
Age 10 Boy – Pierce Curry
Age 11 Girl – Adelaide Cronin
Age 11 Boy – Hayes Newberry
Age 12 Girl – Brynn Lloyd
Age 12 Boy – Miggs Thomas
Age 13 Girl – Carson Dipasquale
Age 13 Boy – Whit Davenport
Age 14 Girl – Kate Terry
Age 14 Boy – Baur Lloyd
Age 15 Girl – McAlpine Kirkland
Age 15 Boy – Trep Thomas
Age 16 Girl – Kara Killeen
Age 16 Boy – Jack Davenport
Age 17 Girl – Kat Kester
Age 17 Boy – Lawson Thomas

MOST IMPROVED SWIMMERS

Age 5 Girl –Marie Kay
Age 5 Boy – Hayes Guthrie
Age 6 Girl – Frances Pieratt
Age 6 Boy – Whit Stein
Age 7 Girl – Caroline Fox
Age 7 Boy – Kevin Nixon
Age 8 Girl – Mary E. Jones
Age 8 Boy – Tucker Dodson
Age 9 Girl – Genevieve Miller
Age 9 Boy – Luca Ferreri
Age 10 Girl – Nora Hale
Age 10 Boy – Crawford Rogers
Age 11 Girl – Parker Laguarta
Age 11 Boy – Juda Schwartz
Age 12 Girl – Mary Kathryn Rigby
Age 12 Boy – Zane Perez
Age 13 Girl – Izzy Thomas
Age 13 Boy – Bennett Jaros
Age 14 Girl – Juliet Auby
Age 14 Boy – Andy Stahlman
Age 15 Girls – Jessica Ream
Age 15 Boys – Ben Sullivan
Age 16 Boy – Pierce Propst
Age 17 Girl – Kristin Svahn
Age 17 Boy – Matthew Farmer

TOUGH AS NAILS

Age 5 Girl – Romily Young
Age 5 Boy – Heyward Taylor
Age 6 Girl – Millie Wilson
Age 6 Boy – Storm Crain
Age 7 Girl – Maggie Kay
Age 7 Boy – Kenneth Uglietta
Age 8 Girl – Helena Castelluccio
Age 8 Boy – Declan Dunigan
Age 9 Girl – Vivienne Carlson
Age 9 Boy – Forest Johnston
Age 10 Girl – Maible Epp
Age 10 Boy – Clay Schlicher
Age 11 Girl – Sutton Reimers
Age 11 Boy – Robert Donaldson
Age 12 Girl – Finley Perez
Age 12 Boy – Olly Thomas

UNDEFEATED SWIMMERS

Gray Georgoff, Colin Decareau, Charles Glasgow, James Hill, Luke Opalka, Whit Stein, Will Tice, James Alter, Oliver Chang, Eli Erickson, Max Ferreri, James Fox, Hayes Newberry, Hayes Paddock, Judah Schwartz, Olly Thomas, Miggs Thomas, Helia Askew, Litty Dasch, Carson Dipasquale, Katy Gooch, Leila Hartmann, Allie Laverty, Clara Rogers, Avery Simmons, Kate Terry, Izzy Thomas, Julia Van Houten, Hughes Butterworth, Bennett Jaros, Tatum Capitani, Caroline Dasch, Kat Kester, Sarah Kester, Kara Killeen, McAlpine Kirkland, Mary Elizabeth Oakley, Jessica Ream, Kristin Svahn, Hannah Van Houten, Cal Auby, Max Bisang, Jack Davenport, John Erickson, Andrew Farmer, Matthew Farmer, Will Perkins, Pierce Propst, Preston Propst, Ben Sullivan, Lawson Thomas, Trep Thomas

COACHES CHOICE AWARD

Age 5 Girl – Elizabeth Beckworth
Age 5 Boy – DJ Kanne
Age 6 Girl – Merrill Quy
Age 6 Boy – Nash Schlueter
Age 7 Girl – Addie Craig
Age 7 Boy – Miller Lloyd
Age 8 Girl – Lilly Tierney
Age 8 Boy – Beau Opalka
Age 9 Girl – Kendall Newberry
Age 9 Boy – Sam Fox
Age 10 Girl – Elizabeth Chang
Age 10 Boy – Davis Baker
Age 11 Girl – Caroline Shepard
Age 11 Boy – James Fox
Age 12 Girl – Cassidy Bray
Age 12 Boy – Hayes Paddock
Age 13 Girl – Avery Simmons
Age 13 Boy – Hughes Butterworth
Age 14 Girl – Katy Gooch
Age 14 Boy – Wes Yonge
Age 15 Girl – Sarah Kester
Age 15 Boy – Max Bisang
Age 16 Girl – Elle Middleton
Age 16 Boy – Preston Propst
Age 17 Girl – Caroline Dasch
Age 17 Boy – Andrew Farmer

WACKIEST WAVE

Age 5 Girl – Margot Hill
Age 5 Boy – Hooper Brice
Age 6 Girl – Marianne Smith
Age 6 Boy – Gus Coover
Age 7 Girl – Campbell Trantham
Age 7 Boy – Jacob Schwartz
Age 8 Girl – Hannah Pohl
Age 8 Boy - Charlie Clauer
Age 9 Girl – Hadley Matson
Age 9 Boy – Elliot Young
Age 10 Girl – Lily Labunski
Age 10 Boy – Charlie Butterworth
Age 11 Girl – Caroline Terry
Age 11 Boy – Miles Erlanson
Age 12 Girl – Greta Wolfe
Age 12 Boy – Charlie Schlicher

WESTWOOD WAVES

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Westwood Country Club hosted the All Star Meet on June 20 as it has since 2009. Westwood Waves had to qualify and make all star times to compete in the meet, which they won, beating all nine of the other teams' all stars, which is the best of the best from each team.

Swimmers received many best times and many placed in the top eight places of the All Star Meet. **Miggs Thomas** (age 11-12) won the High Point Award in his age group and **Lawson Thomas** (age 15-17) won the high point in his age group. **Whit Stein** (age 6 & under), **Luke Opalka** (age 6 & under), **Baur Lloyd** (age 13-14), **Preston Propst** (age 15-17) finished in the high points runner up. Way to go Waves!! The Coaches were so proud of the team. Westwood Waves had 86 swimmers qualified for this FAST and challenging meet. Waves swimmers of all ages scored the most high points. Westwood was first (by only 12 points which is CLOSE in swimming...came down to one relay race, the 15-17 men's free relay), Barton Creek West was second and Lakehills was third.

In our regular season, we swam Austin Country Club, Riverplace Country Club, Barton Creek West, Rollingwood, Lakeway, Lost Creek Country Club, Lakehills. Team camaraderie was at an all time high this season as always. The strength of the Waves, as many of our families say, is the cohesive spirit and loving atmosphere that we all have — swimmers, parents, and coaches. The swimmers are easily motivated to swim FAST! CONGRATS on a great season!!

Thanks to all our parent volunteers who help us have swim meets! Waves parent volunteers worked extra special hard. We appreciate you all. Our Waves President, **Lily Lloyd** is INCREDIBLE! Thanks to her for an amazing year leading our team. Lily helped us organize and run our Waves with over 295 swimmers and their parents. The coaches Love you, Lily, more than you know.

Age 11 & Up Big Waves with Coach Trey

Coach Trey with Hayes and Kendall Newberry

Ivy Curry swims Breaststroke

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Chris Del Conte Shares the Inside Scoop on UT's Move from the Big 12

On Sunday, May 15th, thirty guests came together at the stunning lakeside home of **Melody** and **Shain McCaig** to talk sports with the University of Texas' Vice President and Atheltic Director, **Chris Del Conte.** The casual dinner party was yet another creative event in the St. David Foundation's annual "Toast of the Town" fundraiser series.

During the event, special guest Chris Del Conte shared the inside scoop about Longhorn football's controversial future move from the Big 12 to the Southeastern Conference (SEC). Making the move with UT will be longtime rival, the University of Oklahoma. With college football fans still reeling from UT's decision to join the SEC and football season just around the corner, Chris Del Conte's discussion was timely and insightful.

In addition to good conversation, guests also enjoyed a delicious meal provided by El Alma Café, accompanied by an acoustic performance by one of country music's most notable singer-songwriters, **Drew Womack.**

The Toast of the Town fundraiser series will support the St. David's Neal Kocurek Scholarship Fund. The scholarship is a need and merit-based program for Central Texas students pursuing vital careers in the healthcare profession.

Chris Del Conte with Albert and Yvonne Wong

Thomas and Karen Vaughn

Chris and Chandra Hosek

Lisa Trahan, Molly Sherman, and Cara Abazari

Susan Chen and Chris Hosek

Tom and Kelly Wala

Kelly Wala and Shea Sturdevant

Robin Ward, Brian Walters, and Susan Chen

Melody McCaig and Chandra Hosek

Anderson girls golf team: Caroline Dash, Karime Nichols, Farah O'Keefe, Sloan Painter, and Darrelyn Webster, with coaches Daniel Pittsford and Melissa Williamson.

Anderson golf teams win girls and boys state titles

Anderson High School made Austin ISD history this spring when both girls and boys golf teams won state titles and players on both teams were named individual state champions.

Anderson girls golf beat Alamo Heights to win the state championship, and Anderson player Farah O'Keefe captured the individual champion title. Anderson girls golf players are O'Keefe, Darrelyn Webster, Caroline Dash, Sloan Panter, and Karime Nichols.

Anderson boys golf won the state championship, held in Georgetown, by beating four-year champions Highland Park, and Keaton Vo won the individual state champion title. Anderson boys golf players are Vo, Ethan Parker, Trent Mierl, Lucas Chan, and Max Weisser.

John McPherson coaches Anderson golf, and assistant coaches are Daniel Pittsford and Melissa Williamson.

Coach Daniel Pittsford, Lucas Chan, Trent Mierl, Keaton Vo, Ethan Parker, Max Weisser

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Father Daughter Duo Reveals *Exclusive Presidential Stories* at St. David's Fundraiser

On Friday, May 6th, 40 distinguished guests gathered at **Ruthie** and **Gene Burrus's** stunning hilltop property to raise funds for the St. David's Foundation Neal Kocurek Scholarship and hear from the nation's only father-daughter TV anchor team. The intimate Friday-night event was the second party in the St. David Foundation's month-long fundraising "Toast of the Town" extravaganza.

Special Guests **Neal Spelce** and **Cile Spelce Elley** discussed humorous and intimate insights from their careers. Throughout Neal's six-decade career, he has interviewed, consulted, and interacted with such notable figures as Harry Truman, John Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, George H.W. Bush, George W. Bush, John McCain, and Ann Richards. Neal's daughter, Cile Spelce Elley, has enjoyed an equally exceptional career as an award-winning journalist and documentarian. During the event, the dynamic father-daughter duo shared exclusive, sometimes hilarious, stories about an assortment of presidents, governors, and well-known Texans.

In addition to fascinating stories, the event also featured a speech by Neal Kocurek Scholarship recipient **Quinton Pham** and a lovely dinner prepared by Austin Catering's. Set on the backdrop of the Burrus' terrace overlooking downtown Austin, I can't imagine a better way to spend a Friday night.

Neal Spelce holds his highly acclaimed memoir, WITH THE BARK OFF: A Journalist's Memories of LBJ and a life in the News Media.

Dan McClellan and Bobbie Barker

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Quinton Pham with Louis and Marci Henna

Joan Holman and Ali Abazari

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Anderson's Aseel Rawashdeh

McCallum's Samantha Powers

Anderson's Rachel Lindsey

McCallum's Alexander Kim

Congratulations to four area students who have been named National Merit Scholarship winners.

Anderson High School graduate Rachel Lindsey received a National Merit TCU Scholarship to study interior design.

Receiving $2500 National Merit scholarships were McCallum High School graduates Alexander Kim and Samantha Powers, both of whom plan to study law.

Anderson graduate Aseel Rawashdeh also received a $2500 National Merit scholarship, and her field of study is biomedicine.

By the end of this year, more than 7,500 graduates in the 2022 competition will have won National Merit Scholarships worth approximately $28 million. More than 16,000 academic scholars entered this year's competition for National Merit Scholarships. National Merit Scholarship Program began in 1955 and is underwritten by about 400 independent corporate and college sponsors to honor scholastically talented students and to encourage academic excellence.

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Coach Jim DeLine, Scottie Archers honored for fifth state archery title

Scottie Archers and Coach Jim DeLine

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Highland Park Elementary School hosted a late afternoon assembly in the spring to recognize Highland Park's archery program and the fifth grade Scottie Archers who won first place at state archery competition in Belton. Lamar Middle School won first place in Belton in its category as well.

The 2022 state champ Scottie Archers are Brandon Alexander, Bodhi Allison, Grayson Atwater, Eve Boulette, Branson Burton, Khloe Cantu, Caitlyn Clements, Eloise Darnall, Charlotte Dasho, Reagan Filer, Adam Fullerton, Beau Green, Ian Harris, Jenna Hissey, Beckett Hoffman, Maddie Hunte-Beasley, Kohen Hurd, Chloe Jones, Orion Kim, Marina Krause, Gavin Krische, Evan Lippert, Salvador Lofat, Owen Marcus, Frances McCabe, William Moffett, Adella O'Neil, Denali Patel, Josh Polega, Max Rapaport, Owen Raty, Max Riemer, Aria Rocap, Lilliam Roustan, Khloe Seiler, Finn Stout, Terefech Sutton, Jane Taylor, Tristan Todd, Connor Truitt, Cora Vienne, Valerie Wang, Miles Windler, and Ford Withers.

Before Highland Park PE coach Jim DeLine handed out medals and trophies to the school's 43 Scottie archery competitors, Austin City Council member Alison Alter took the stage to read a proclamation from the City of Austin naming April 22, 2022, as Highland Park Elementary Scotties Archery Day in Austin, recognizing that Highland Park Elementary has won five consecutive state archery titles.

Alter read a second proclamation that named April 22, 2022, as Coach Jim DeLine Day, recognizing DeLine's 37 years as a teacher and his work with National Archery in Schools Program to bring archery to Highland Park, Lamar Middle School, McCallum High School, Brentwood Elementary, and Kealing Middle School.

Highland Park archery program coaches for 2021-22 were DeLine, Kat Davis, Daniel Filer, Smokey Todd, Steve Caplan, and Jason Boulette.

Proclamation

Be it known that

Whereas,
Coach Jim DeLine has admirably served the physical education and emotional development of more than 20,000 Austin ISD students since 1983, producing dozens of Scotty Olympics, gymnastics, archery, and other creative units, and earning Austin ISD Teacher of the Year during his 37 years of teaching PE at Highland Park Elementary; and

Whereas,
Coach DeLine brought the National Archery in the Schools Program to Highland Park Elementary in 2012, started competing in 2017, and has since expanded full-fledged teams at Lamar Middle School, McCallum High School, and started programs at Brentwood Elementary, Kealing Middle School, and has been named National Archery in the Schools Program Coach of the Year; and

Whereas,
Jim DeLine has coached 5 NASP Texas State Championship teams from Highland Park (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022) at the Elementary School Division and this year Lamar won the State title in the Middle School Division; and

Whereas,
Coach DeLine has been deservedly recognized for his indispensable contributions by the National Association for Sport and Physical Education, the University of Texas College of Education, the Michael and Susan Dell Center for Healthy Living, and the Online Physical Education Network;

Now, Therefore,
I, Steve Adler, Mayor of the City of Austin, Texas,
do hereby proclaim

April 22, 2022
As
Coach Jim DeLine Day

in Austin.

Steve Adler, Mayor, City of Austin

Proclamation for Coach Jim Deline Day in Austin

Coach Jim Deline, first place individual state archer Eve Boulette, Coach Jason Boulette

Frances McCabe, Coach DeLine, Lillian Roustan, Grayson Atwater, Finn Stout

Beau Green, Tessa Green

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