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There is something gratifying about constructing something by hand. Businesses from around Garland are discovering that feeling of accomplishment through Habitat for Humanity's first **Playhouse Palooza** fundraiser.

Organizations are grabbing their tool belts and creating playhouses to be raffled off to benefit **Habitat for Humanity of Greater Garland**.

Helping put the "fun" in the fundraiser are the community groups modeling their playhouses after their respective organizations. For instance, the **Garland Citizens Police Academy** is making a kid-sized jailhouse, and the **Sunnyvale Garden Club** is furnishing a gazebo.

On the cover, you can see **Baylor Medical Center at Garland** employees working to build a 6



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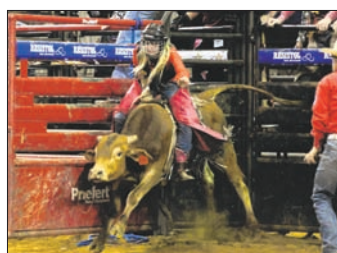
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foot by 8 foot Victorian home for a lucky raffle winner.

Learn more about the project on **Page 8**.

This week we also take a look at a non-traditional side of a classic sport with a feature about women's bull riding at the **Mesquite Championship Rodeo**.

Neighborsgo videographer and reporter **Elena Harding** helps tell the story of two female bull riders, teenager **Maggie Parker** and 26-year-old **Wendy Persons**. The story is reinforced



Submitted photo by AMY GHORMLEY/aegphotography.com

Wendy Persons comes bucking out of the gate in a women's bull riding exhibition at the Mesquite Championship Rodeo in July. She will be competing again Friday and Saturday at Resistol Arena.

by photos from contributing photographers **Marcos Quintana** and **Amy Ghormley**, who were at Resistol Arena capturing the riders' go rounds in July. **Persons** and **Parker** return to the dirt oval of the arena Friday and Saturday this week.

Learn more about their rodeo career on **Page 12**.



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ON THE COVER

Baylor Medical Center at Garland staff members Bob Duncan of Mesquite (left), Karen Schelfhout of White Rock, Dr. Jeff Kopita of University Park, Michael Smith and Ron Sadler of Garland build a Victorian playhouse Aug. 1. The house is for Habitat for Humanity of Greater Garland's first Playhouse Palooza fundraiser. Read the story on **Page 8**.

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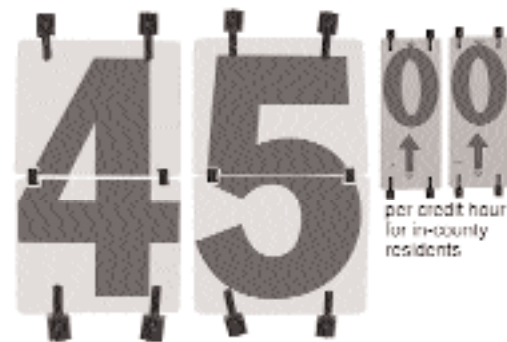


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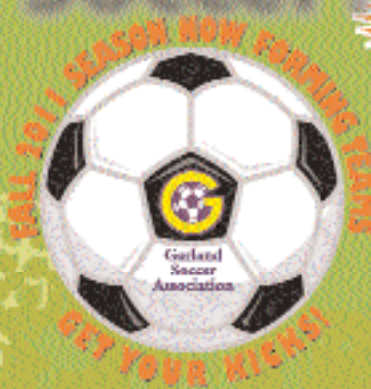
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WILLY WONKA — FRIDAY
 1 p.m. Friday and Sunday, and 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Plaza Theatre, 521 W. State St. The Company of Rowlett Performers will present *Willy Wonka*, Roald Dahl's timeless story of the world-famous candy man and his quest to find an heir. Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$10 or \$15 at the door. For advance tickets, call 972-977-7710 or visit corptheatre.com.

ART EXHIBIT — FRIDAY
 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at Patty Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. in Garland. A retrospective collection of pastel and watercolor paintings by Sue Gibson Parks will be on display through Sept. 6. For more information, call 972-205-2780.

LIVE MUSIC — 7 to 10 p.m. at D'vine Wine, 426 Town Center Blvd. Mark McKenzie Quarter will perform.

THE MIKADO — FRIDAY
 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 2:30 p.m. Thursday through Sunday at Patty Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. in Garland. Gilbert and Sullivan's operetta still stands strong with its comedy romp, tangled love stories, colorful and imaginative characters and a beautiful score set in ancient Japan. All tickets are \$17 and are available at the Arts Center Box Office or by calling 972-205-2790. For more information, visit garlandcivictheatre.org.

▲ CAR SHOW — SATURDAY
 5 to 9 p.m. at Bass Pro Shop, 5001 Bass Pro Drive in Garland. For more information, call (469) 471-8668 or visit memorylanecarshows.com.

GARLAND PAWSIBILITIES — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Firehouse Adoption Center, 3136 South Shiloh Road in Garland. Dogs and cats from the Garland Animal Shelter will be available for adoption. For more information, visit garlandpawsibilities.org or meetup.com/garlandpaws.

TEXAS HOLD'EM — SATURDAY
 5 p.m. at 1831 State Highway 205 in Rockwall. Participate in a Texas Hold'em match with poker player TJ Cloutier. Proceeds will benefit Toys for Tots through the Child Advocacy Center. The event includes raffle prizes, dinner and a chance to win a trip to Las Vegas. For more information or to sign up, contact Chris Mays at 214-535-2813 or email holdemchrismays@yahoo.com.

▼ FIND-A-FRIEND — SUNDAY
 Noon to 4 p.m. at Petco, 1500 N. Town East Blvd. in Mesquite. Rockwall shelter pets will be available for adoption. For more information, visit rockwallpets.com/fridays.html.

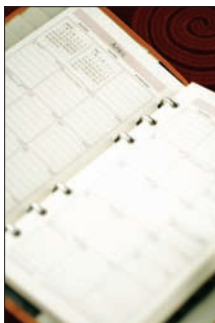
HORSEBACK RIDING CAMP — MONDAY
 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at Capricorn Equestrian Center, 6101 Ben Road in Sachse. Summertime horseback riding camps will take place on weekdays until Aug. 19. The camp, which costs \$275 weekly, is for beginning and advanced riders ages 6 to 14. For more information, call 972-530-1124 or visit capricornhorse.com.

THREE MUSKETEERS UNPLUGGED — WEDNESDAY
 1 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and 7 p.m. Aug. 12 and 13 at Plaza Theatre, 521 W. State St. Breitling Youth Theatre, formerly Children's Christian Theatre, will present *The Three Musketeers Unplugged*. Tickets for evening shows are \$9 for those 12 and up, \$6 for children 11 and under and free for children age 2 or younger. Tickets for the matinee are \$6. To order tickets, email actingforchildren@hotmail.com, call 972-658-3915 or visit actingforchildren.org.



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◀ JOB FAIR — THURSDAY
 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Garland Chamber of Commerce, 520 N. Glenbrook Drive. Companies in the area that are currently hiring will be present. For more information, contact Diane Whitlock at diane.whitlock@garlandchamber.com or 469-326-7447.

Garland resident leads Poetry Society of Texas

Catherine L'Herisson felt like laughing when by surprise she was called to accept a first-place award at the National Federation of State Poetry Societies, Inc.

This Garland poet has won prizes in the past.

"I never thought of myself as a writer of humorous poetry, but that was the award," she said.

The poem's title was "Plant Sale." She also brought home a Minute Award for a poem with certain meter and rhyme and, coincidentally, a humorous subject about emergency rations on hand.

Now president of the **Poetry Society of Texas**, she credits the late **Bea Land** as her mentor.

"I'm still amazed that so few people know about the Poetry Society of Texas and that there is a local chapter. Many of the Texas Poet Laureates have been PST members," she said.

The state group will celebrate its 90th year in the fall. And the next meeting of the local chapter in Garland will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd.

Catherine's inspirations

Subjects for poems crop up readily for this Louisiana native. Still untold is the story of her father who played high school football in Northern Louisiana. After graduation, he and the entire



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team served in World War II.

Her father was co-piloting when the plane was shot down over China, resulting in his serving a long time in a prison camp.

Persistent in her interest in poetry, she has driven to Fort Worth and Dallas in recent years to hear **Billy Collins**, former U.S. Poet Laureate, speak.

So far she hasn't been able to inspire her son and daughter to follow her lead, but she has hopes for her 11-year-old granddaughter, a brain cancer survivor.

Sue Watkins is a neighborsgo community columnist. She can be reached at sue.watkins@hotmail.com.

MORE INFO

To learn more about Catherine L'Herisson, call 972-270-4994 or email catherinepoet@juno.com.

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A caring touch



Photo submitted by KATHY CORCORAN

Hospice volunteer Kathy Corcoran (left) visits with Joan Roberts, 78, in the common area of a Garland nursing facility with her dogs Brea and Atom on July 31. Corcoran, a Garland resident was drawn to work with the terminally ill and their families because she wants to make sure patients do not feel alone. In Oct. 2008, she became a hospice volunteer for the Visiting Nurse Association of Collin County. Read Elena Harding's story about the organization at neighborsgo.com/stories/73324.

Drought conditions prompt mandatory water restrictions

Cities served by the North Texas Municipal Water District will implement mandatory water restrictions over the next three weeks.

District officials met with member and customer cities on Friday to announce that it would be moving to Stage 2 of its drought plan. The goal of Stage 2 restrictions is to reduce water consumption by 5 percent. While every affected city's drought plan varies, the primary provisions include limiting landscaping watering with sprinklers to twice a week and prohibiting watering during the day.

The district asked the cities to put restrictions in place by Aug. 19.

The district serves Collin, Rockwall and Kaufman counties, as well as northeastern Dallas County, including Richardson, Garland and Mesquite.

"Our water deliveries continue to in-

crease," water district spokeswoman Denise Hickey said. "We're seeing that increase in delivery due to those triple-digit temperatures over multiple days and the ongoing drought."

The district on July 25 set a single-day use record of 554 million gallons. That surpassed the previous record of 537 million gallons set last August.

The drought is compounded by the presence of zebra mussels in Lake Texoma. As state, federal and district officials have sought to curtail the spread of the invasive species, they stopped pumping water from Texoma to Lavon Lake. That cut off nearly a quarter of the district's water supply.

Lavon and Jim Chapman Lake, the district's other major sources of water, are also several feet below capacity because of the lack of rain.

This is the first time since the 2005-07 drought that the water district has implemented mandatory restrictions.

-Ian McCann, imccann@dallasnews.com

GARLAND POLICE REPORT

The police blotter summarizes selected crimes, listed by street and block with the time reported.

- **Ridgemoor Drive, 3100 block**, 3 a.m. July 11: Criminal mischief
- **Eastgate Drive, 1400 block**, 12:30 p.m. July 11: Theft
- **Classic Drive, 3500 block**, 10:50 a.m. July 12: Burglary of a residence
- **East Centerville Road, 1000 block**, 6 p.m. July 12: Burglary of a residence
- **Bucknell Drive, 4000 block**, 5:30 p.m. July 13: Burglary of a residence

- **Thistle Drive, 300 block**, 11 p.m. July 13: Burglary of a vehicle
- **West Oates Road, 400 block**, 2 p.m. July 14: Theft
- **Henderson Circle, 500 block**, 5 p.m. July 14: Burglary of a residence
- **Market Street, 2600 block**, 7 a.m. July 15: Theft
- **Broadway Boulevard, 3300 block**, 2:30 p.m. July 15: Burglary of a vehicle
- **Patton Drive, 2000 block**, 1:20 a.m. July 16: Burglary of a vehicle
- **South Country Club Road, 4600 block**, 3:40 a.m. July 16: Burglary of a building



Photos submitted by ALEX LIEHR

Matthew Jeffcoat calls out orders to Scouts during an overturned canoe exercise for his canoeing merit badge. The Scouts of Troop 57 completed 95 merit badges during the Colorado campout at Pikes Peak.

Troop 57 Scouts challenge Colorado mountain camp

By **ALEX LIEHR**
Contributor

Boy Scout Troop 57, which is chartered by First United Methodist Church of Garland, returned on July 24 from Camp Alexander, a Pikes Peak Council Boy Scouts of America camp just west of Colorado Springs, Colo.

Fifty six scouts and 21 adults under leadership of Scoutmaster Kevin Harrison made the two day road trip to the camp and then spent 6 days in the mountains and six nights under the stars before returning to Texas.

At Camp Alexander, Scouts worked on merit badges and rank achievements.

A total of 95 merit badges were completed and four new ranks were awarded by the

end of camp. Scouts could also participate in the Blue Mountain hike, which took hikers for a sunrise mountain view at about 9,500 feet above sea level.

Some campers took part in the Iron Man Competition, which pitted troops against each other in a series of physical challenges.

The all-camp climbing competition was won by Troop 57's Braden Johnson who climbed three rock formation walls in the fastest time.

In addition, Troop 57 members were able to make new friends with troops from Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma.

Alex Liehr contributes to neighborsgo on behalf of Boy Scout Troop 57 of Garland.



Alex Liehr and Braden Johnson of Troop 57 prepare to scale the rock face during the climbing competition. Johnson won the Scout camp wide contest.

Bridging Ceremony honors Scouts from Service Unit 148

By **AMY CRAWFORD**
Contributor

Girl Scouts from Service Unit 148, Troop 3001 were recently recognized at the group's Bridging Ceremony at Heritage Park in old downtown Plano.

Bridging ceremonies are used in Girl Scouts to honor "when a girl becomes aware of her achievements and is ready for new adventures and responsibilities," according to the Girl Scouts website.

"This ceremony is a really beautiful and special way to recognize the hard work that these girls have put into scouting, and to celebrate their move into the next level of involvement," said Troop Leader Melanie Wied of Wylie who watched as the girls, their friend and fam-

ilies gathered for the special event.

Prior to and at the bridging event, the girls collected diapers for the Collin County Children's Advocacy Center as part of a community service project.

Many of the troop's members have been involved in scouting for several years together. The troop has earned the President's Award for their hard work two years in a row.

In addition to collecting diapers and helping to raise funds for the Collin County Children's Advocacy Center, the Girl Scouts make birthday boxes for the facility each year and provide additional support in a variety of ways.

Amy Crawford contributes to neighborsgo on behalf of Girl Scout Service Unit 148, Troop 3001.



Girl Scouts from Service Unite 148 join after their special recognition for service to the community and moving to a new level of scouting responsibilities at their July Bridging Ceremony. Photo submitted by AMY CRAWFORD

FOCUS ON FAITH



The Rev. Steve Leatherwood speaks as Fire Chief Larry Wright stands by at the opening of the new Rowlett Fire Station 1, which replaced the old fire station in downtown Rowlett in 2006. DMN file photo

Church celebrates pastor's 20 years of service

By **TODD GOTTEL**
Contributor

First Baptist Church of Rowlett will celebrate the 20th anniversary of The Rev. Steven Leatherwood as pastor on Aug. 7.

Leatherwood also serves as chaplain to both the Rowlett Fire Department and Rowlett Police Department, as well as chaplain to the Rowlett Eagles football team.

Prior to coming to Rowlett, Leatherwood served more than nine years at Cockrell Hill Baptist Church in Dallas. He also served as pastor of churches in Mesquite and in his home state of Alabama.

Leatherwood earned both his master of divinity and doctor of ministry from Southwestern Theological Seminary. He has served on several Dallas Baptist Association committees.

First Baptist also celebrates with Leatherwood's wife, Gail, who is currently minister of education at the church. Prior to accepting this position, she wrote curriculum for the Baptist Sunday board.

The Leatherwoods are parents of two children, Eric and Joy; and the grandparents of three, Ben, Andrew and Kate.

Todd Gattel is Rowlett mayor and contributes to neighborsgo on behalf of First Baptist Church of Rowlett.

MORE INFO

The celebration of pastor Steven Leatherwood's tenure will begin with worship at 8:30 a.m. and then a luncheon at noon Aug. 7. First Baptist Church of Rowlett is at 4309 Main St.

PRAYER BOX MINISTRIES

Buckingham Church of Christ to participate in day of prayer

By **BO CARTER**
Contributor

On Saturday, the Buckingham Road Church of Christ will sponsor a variety of prayer activities as part of its official start to a new outreach effort called Neighborhood Prayer Box Ministries.

This day coincides with Texas Rick Perry's proclamation of Aug. 6 as a Day of Prayer and Fasting For Our Nation's Challenges.

The church as part of its Neighborhood Prayer Box Ministries program will begin its local prayer mission effort by sending out post cards to every address around the church in what BRCC has identified as the church's "primary neighborhood."

The neighborhood encompasses the area from Interstate 635 to the south, President George H.W. Bush Highway 190 Tollway to the north, U.S. Highway 75 to the west and Interstate 30 to the east.

The goal of the ministry is for every address in the church's primary neighborhood to receive a post card letting the recipients know that the church is supporting them through daily prayers.

The mailing will not be directed at any particular person, group or individual, and its only purpose will be to let whomever resides at that location know that the church is in prayer for and care for all the people in their neighborhoods.

The sanctuary at the church will be open from 6 a.m.-9 p.m. on Aug. 6 for neighbors to come in and pray.

Bo Carter contributes to neighborsgo on behalf of Buckingham Road Church of Christ.

MORE INFO

To learn more about Neighborhood Prayer Box Ministries, the Texas Day of Prayer and Fasting For Our Nation's Challenges or additional ministries of Buckingham Road Church of Christ, call 972-494-0136 or visit brchurch.org.

Playhouse raffle to benefit Habitat for Humanity

By **MARCUS MURPHREE**
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With temperatures pushing 100 degrees, the construction crews knew they had to work fast.

A couple floor fans only keep the stifling summer air circulating for so long in the metal building next door to Baylor Medical Center at Garland.

Hammer meets nail, and another beam on the house is sealed into place.

The thermometer reads 99 degrees at 10:50 a.m., and the high is supposed to reach 106.

Talk about dedication.

Crews from Baylor Garland worked Monday and Tuesday in the hospital's metal-walled Varo Building to construct a kid-sized Victorian home for Habitat For Humanity's Playhouse Palooza fundraiser — an area effort between businesses to create replica playhouses to be raffled off starting Aug. 13 for the benefit of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Garland.

"It's wonderful when we can engage people in a way that is interesting and fun, [and] when you can walk away and see the final product and the pleasure it brings someone," said Beth Leos, director of development for Habitat for Humanity of Greater Garland.

Leos said she hopes Playhouse Palooza will raise about \$10,000 for Habitat for Humanity of Greater Garland.

Among the companies helping to build these homes, which will be displayed in a miniature village by AMC Firewheel, are the Garland Firefighters Association and the Sunnyvale Garden Club.

Each organization is putting its special touch on the houses to create a typical neigh-



Staff photo by JULIETA CHIQUILLO/neighborsgo

Dr. Jeff Kopita of University Park drills a nail while **Ron Sadler** of Garland holds a playhouse in place Aug. 1 at Baylor Medical Center at Garland. Hospital staff built a playhouse for a Habitat for Humanity fundraiser.

borhood. For instance, the church is being constructed by First Baptist Church of Garland and the jail is a product of the Citizen Police Academy.

"The build takes us back to being kids with tree houses and forts," Baylor Garland president Tom Trenary said. "It's great knowing the excitement it will bring a child who gets the house."

The fundraiser strikes a balance between Habitat for Humanity's traditional full-scale home building projects and local business' teambuilding efforts. At Baylor, about 80 volunteer hours went into the playhouse, a surprise to Trenary who wasn't sure how to gauge the hospital's response when the idea was first proposed.

The playhouse raffle will run through

Aug. 27 at Firewheel Town Center by the AMC Theater.

Neighborsgo editor Marcus Murphree can be reached at 469-330-5638.

TINYTOWN

Playhouses of various buildings built by Garland businesses will be on display at Firewheel Town Center as part of the Playhouse Palooza fundraiser. The houses include:

Fire station - Garland Firefighters Association

Jail - Garland Citizen Police Academy and Richland Lumber

Montessori school - New Century Montessori

Church - First Baptist Church of Garland and Wilson Plywood and Lumber

Victorian home - Baylor Medical Center at Garland

Gazebo - Sunnyvale Garden Club

Additional homes from various local sponsors include two log cabins, a schoolhouse, country cottage and general store.

MORE INFO

The Playhouse Palooza raffle begins Aug. 13 at Firewheel Town Center with a special kickoff event in the playhouse village from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Raffle tickets for a house are \$5 or \$20 for five and are available until Aug. 27. To learn more, visit garlandhfh.org.

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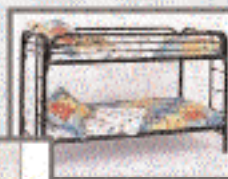
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August 05, 2011

Garland Civic Theatre's season begins with 'Romeo and Juliet'

By CELESTE ROGERS
Contributor

Garland Civic Theatre begins its 44th season with a MainStage production of William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*.

The popular love story comes to life as William Shakespeare weaves his classic tale of two star-crossed lovers amidst a whirlwind of desperation, love, hate, jealousy, confusion, passion, comedy and despair against the beauty and splendor of Verona, Italy.

The production will run Friday through Sunday, Aug. 26 through Sept. 17 with Thursday performances Aug. 25 and Sept. 1 at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. in downtown Garland. Thursday performances are at 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday evenings are at

8 p.m., and matinees are at 2:30 p.m.

Call the Arts Center Box Office at 972-205-2790 for tickets. All tickets are \$22 which includes service fee. There are discounts available for KERA members and groups of 10 or more. Tickets for the preview on Aug. 25 are \$17.

Kyle McClaran is directing the production with a cast that includes Austen Anderson Gorney as Romeo and Ruby Westfall as Juliet.

Celeste Rogers contributes to neighborsgo on behalf of Garland Civic Theatre.



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Their will to ride

Women bull riders hang tough with the boys

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Maggie Parker was an hour away from home heading to her first bull ride in Michigan when she decided to call her parents and tell them where she was going.

She wasn't going to turn back, but she did give her parents a little bit of warning as she trucked through the countryside in her old Ford F-250. There was a roughstock pen in the state about two hours away from her family's land, and the teenager wanted to ride a bull before she died.

At 16, Parker successfully checked off an item from her bucket list. Some hard knocks and a dislocated shoulder later, she had a new passion.

"You never see girls doing it, and I wanted to ride," Parker said. "I love it, that's why I do it. The same reason the men do it."

On Friday and Saturday at Resistol Arena in Mesquite, Parker, 18, and Wendy Persons, 26, will exhibit women's bull riding on the dirt oval at the Mesquite Championship Rodeo.

This will be their second ride in Mesquite during this summer's rodeos as a move to promote the development of the women's side of the sport.

"I love being on the bulls," said Persons, a rider for about four years. "It's the adrenaline rush and being able to ride against the guys in a sport that's male dominated, [and] showing them we're just as tough."

Persons lives and trains in Aliso Viejo, Calif., and Parker is planning on moving from her current home in Edmond, Okla. to the Golden State to further her training with a professional crew.

Both women share the same goal of being able to compete with the men in an eight-second challenge that is, to them, the greatest thrill imaginable.

"You hear that whistle and you finish and you are like, 'I was able to ride



Submitted photos by MARCOS QUINTANA
Wendy Persons (left) and Maggie Parker watch one of the bulls make its way through the pen before riding it at the Mesquite Championship Rodeo. Both women have been riding bulls for at least three years and are hoping to regularly compete alongside the men.

that for eight seconds," Parker said.

A 2,000-pound hoof-stomping, dust-snorting mammal is the equalizer between men and women in bull riding. For Wendy and Maggie, it's just another obstacle in a sport where they are working to earn respect.

"Once you show [the guys] that you're serious, you really want to learn and you want to do well you'll get their respect, and they'll help you out as much as they can," Persons said. "If you get hurt, you just have to keep going.

"You have to heal and then get back on."

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Maggie Parker, 18, hangs on tight while exhibiting women's bull riding at the Mesquite Championship Rodeo. She will be riding Friday and Saturday this weekend at Resistol Arena with Wendy Persons. See Elena Harding's video and interviews with Maggie Parker and Wendy Persons at neighborsgo.com/video/3185.

IF YOU GO

What: Mesquite Championship Rodeo and women's bull riding

Where: Resistol Arena, 1818 Rodeo Drive, Mesquite.

When: Friday and Saturday, doors open at 6:30 p.m. with events starting at 7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$12 general admission, \$34 VIP seating, \$24 adult reserved, \$14 senior reserved, \$5 parking.