

CORRECTION: WHS Track Produces Produces Four Regional Qualifiers

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The Watauga High men's and women's track teams dominated their outdoor meet at Bunker Hill on Thursday. The WHS women won five events and bested the field with 133 points. Taylor Drummonds also qualified for regionals by

winning the women's pole vault (9-feet, 6-inches) and 100-meter hurdles (15.5 seconds). Tara Trivette won the high jump (4-10), Shelby Hickernell won the 3200-meter run (14:21.1) and WHS also captured the 4x100 (54.5) and the 4x400 relays (4:22.4).

On the men's side, the Pioneers won seven events and bested the field with 120 points. Jake Pifer qualified for regionals by winning the men's high jump event (6-2); Reid Harris was a regional qualifier as he captured the men's pole vault (14-6, which is a personal-best for him); Peter Vandenberg won the 800-meter runs (2:06.1); Steve Schmal won two events, the 400 (52.8) and the 200 (22.); Zach Helms won the 110 hurdles (15.8); and WHS also won the 4x400 relay (3:43.4) and 4x800 relays (9:17.5).

Greg Bailey of Ashe County became a regional qualifier as he captured the men's 3200-meter run (10:31.5).

The Pioneers travel to Lake Norman for a twilight meet next Friday night, March 16.

WHS GOLF STRUGGLES AT CATAWBA

The Watauga High men's golf team finished last on Thursday at a nine-hole, par 36 match at the Catawba Country Club. The Pioneers had a team score of 177. South Caldwell bested the field with a team score of 159; Alexander Central finished second with a 166.

Blake Childers of the Spartans was the leading medalist. He fired a two-under 34 to pace the field. Austin Northern paced WHS with a 39, five shots off the lead. Matt Byrum had a 44, Cameron Taylor and Troy McNeil each had a 47; Dylan Cook and Austin Graham each had a 50.

The Pioneers travel to the Brushy Mountain Country Club for a nine-hole match Monday. Alexander Central will be the host school.

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WHS TENNIS RAINED OUT

The Watauga High men's tennis team had its match with Alexander Central rained out Thursday night. The match will be made up as part of a double-header on April 3 in Boone. The Pioneers (3-0 overall; 2-0 Northwestern 3A/4A Conference) travels to South Caldwell next Tuesday.