

Around the State: Auditorium renovation underway at Wayland

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Trevor Morris, executive director of property management at Wayland Baptist University, inspects a box of seat cushions before they are assembled and installed in Harral Auditorium.

The renovation of Harral Auditorium on the Wayland Baptist University campus is on schedule for completion before the start of the fall semester. The 1,200-seat facility is being updated with new seating, as well as two retractable video screens, ceiling-mounted projectors and updated sound equipment. Work crews unloaded 50,000 pounds of seating from two tractor-trailers on June 24-25, and the assembly and installation of the new seats began June 28. More than 11,000 pounds of scrap metal was hauled off when the old seats were removed. Older seats that are still in good working condition are being stored.



Emily Cook



Savannah Green

Two young women from Texas Baptist churches were recognized for their achievements during the recent National Invitational Tournament for Bible Drill and Speakers. Since last year's event was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, both 2020 and 2021 finalists competed. **Savannah Green** won first place in the 2020 speakers' tournament, and **Emily Cook** won second place in the 2021 speakers' competition. Both represented First Baptist Church at the Fields in Carrollton. Green is a member at First Baptist Church at the Fields, and Cook is a member of Cliff Temple Baptist Church in Dallas.

Hardin-Simmons University will offer a major in engineering, beginning in fall 2023. The university's new engineering department will be housed in Abilene Hall. HSU Provost **Chris McNair** said employers already have been identified to help students secure internships, as well as employment after they graduate.