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Pride on parade: All-star event to honor Western's success
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The Western All-Stars mean the world to Lubbock, and they will be given a world-class welcome back this evening.

The team that finished third in the Little League World Series will be honored with a parade and communitywide party.

The baseball players and their families will parade down 50th Street starting at 6 p.m. They'll wave and throw T-shirts to the crowd.

The parade will begin at United Market Street at 50th Street and Indiana Avenue and will proceed west.

Fans are asked to line the north side of the street because only the westbound lane of 50th will be used for the parade.

After the 30-minute procession, a ceremony to honor the team's accomplishments will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. at City Bank, 5211 Brownfield Highway.

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Parking

- Terrace Shopping Center, 4902 34th St.
- Coronado High School, 3307 Vicksburg Ave.
- Shuttle buses will be available at the parking lots to take residents to the party. Parade
- Starts at 6 p.m. at Market Street, 50th Street and Indiana Avenue.
- Travels west on 50th Street to Slide Road and north to City Bank Parkway.
- Attendees are asked to line the north side of 50th Street. Party
- 6:30-8 p.m., City Bank, 5211 Brownfield Highway.

Local leaders are expected to make proclamations at the ceremony.

Food and beverages will be served, and attendees will receive a commemorative baseball card poster.

Organizers expect several thousand people to attend the celebration.

"We're just so proud of these kids," said Kim Britz of City Bank.

Britz said even though the team didn't win the world championship, the players are winners in everyone's hearts.

To accommodate a large crowd, shuttle buses will be available at nearby parking lots to get residents to the party location.

The shuttle services will be available at Terrace Shopping Center, 4902 34th Street, and Coronado High School, 3307 Vicksburg Ave.

The parade and party are being hosted by City Bank and United Supermarkets.

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