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WILLOW PARK

## Council approves 2019-2020 audit

COVID-19 emergency declaration rescinded

By Brandi Addison  
The Community News

The Willow Park City Council unanimously approved their 2019-2020 audit at its regular meeting on March 23.

Chris Knopik of Clifton Larson Allen LLC presented the audit report to council members on Tuesday. The report was based on the fiscal year that ended on Sept. 30.

"You're basically right on target," Knopik told the council, adding that the city's net position increased by \$778,747.

The statement of net position combines all the city's finances, including assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources.

Comparing the net position over-time may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the city is improving or deteriorating, according to a report from the accountancy firm.

Knopik said other highlights include the city's increased expenditures in both governmental and business-type activities. The city ended with an end-of-year general fund balance of more than \$1.4 million, an increase of more than \$27,000 from the beginning-of-year fund balance.

Willow Park received more than \$3.3 million in revenues, and nearly half came from property taxes.

The city reported more than \$3.8 million in expenditures, with the police department accounting for the highest expenditure of \$1.2 million for the year.

Additionally, at year-end the city had more than \$32.8 million in debt, including long-term bonds and leases.

"No concerns of the city having too much debt, from my point of view, but I always just like to throw that caveat out there," Knopik said.

### Emergency declaration

Nearly two weeks after Gov. Greg Abbott reopened Texas, the city council unanimously voted to rescind the emergency declaration issued by Mayor Doyle Moss in March last year.

Council members said this decision will not increase the risk for residents or other community members.

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## Looks like Spring



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We all got over the hump and are now officially in the spring season. It may be time to get out and enjoy the colors!

WILLOW PARK

## Winter storm Uri reveals problems, blessings for TCA

By Melissa Winn  
Special to The Community News

Winter Storm Uri is one no Texan is likely to forget anytime soon.

The mid-February storm brought frigid temperatures as low as minus-2 degrees, causing power and water outages that devastated the state. And then it warmed up.

The fear for many was how the thaw would affect frozen pipes, structures, and water wells. At Trinity Christian Academy, the additional worry was not knowing what could happen that might affect the staff and students.

At first blush, it seemed the school had escaped major damage and would not be adversely affected.

"When the thaw hit, we found out that wasn't the case," said Mike Skaggs, TCA's Head of School, explaining that he and several others from the facilities team and administration discovered a busted water line in a first-grade classroom the weekend of the thaw. Additionally, the water well that feeds the elementary campus and Eagle Gym had frozen, and more burst pipes were found. Also, the secondary campus - which gets its water from the city's lift station - was showing a system failure. "At that point, the ship

PARKER COUNTY

## Damaged properties qualify for tax exemption

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The Parker County Appraisal District has announced that certain properties damaged by Winter Storm URI may qualify for a temporary exemption to a portion of the value of the damaged property.

Based on Governor Gray Abbott's disaster declaration on Feb. 12, people who own qualified property that is damaged by the storm by at least 15 percent can apply for a temporary exemption.

Qualified property includes:

- tangible personal property used for income production;
- residential buildings (homes), commercial buildings (businesses), industrial buildings (manufacturing), multi-family buildings (apartments),

and other real property buildings; and

- certain manufactured homes.

The appraisal district must send written notice of the approval, modification, or denial of the application to the applicant. The temporary disaster area exemption expires on Jan. 1 of the first tax year in which the property is reappraised.

To apply, visit [parkerad.org](http://parkerad.org) and click the "TEMPORARY DISASTER" link on the left, or visit <https://comptroller.texas.gov/forms/50-312.pdf>.

Completed applications should be sent to: Parker County Appraisal District, 1108 Santa Fe Dr. Weatherford, TX 76086.

The deadline for filing the application for exemption is May 28, 2021.



Russ Authier

PARKER COUNTY

## New Sheriff in Town

Authier sworn in as county's chief law enforcement officer

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Following the untimely death of Parker County Sheriff Larry Fowler, the Commissioners Court voted to appoint Chief Deputy Russ Authier as the new sheriff.

Authier was sworn into office on March 15 by District Judge Craig Towson, and Authier then swore in a majority of deputies in the department.

Authier began his law enforcement career in 1978 with the Taylor Lake Village Police Department as a reserve officer after graduating from San Jacinto College in 1978 with an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice.

A year later he was hired as a patrolman with the Nassau Bay Police Department. In 1982 Authier was recruited by the Texas Department of Public Safety, and after rigorous training, he earned the position of Texas State Trooper.

In 1994 Authier tested for and was promoted to Sergeant in the Ranger Service and assigned to Ranger Company "B" and stationed in Parker, Palo Pinto, and Young Counties. Authier served in that capacity until his retirement in 2008.

Shortly after his retirement Authier was hired by then-District Attorney Don Schnebly as a criminal investigator for the Parker County District Attorney's Office. In 2009, Sheriff Larry Fowler appointed Authier to Chief Deputy of the Parker County Sheriff's Office, where he served with distinction until his appointment to sheriff.

Sheriff Authier is the current Board President of the Freedom House and a former board member with

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Aledo teams dominate Bearcat Relays.

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# TCA

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had sunk and we made the call for Monday and Tuesday to be online classes only.”

Skaggs said Facilities Manager Kenneth Fain had been up at the school several days during the week checking on everything and wasn't about to take that for an answer.

“We told him to go home and rest up and that we would tackle it on Monday,” Skaggs shared. “He semi sort-of nodded his head in agreement but secretly we all knew he wouldn't.”

Fain then got in touch with someone from the lift station and got the secondary building back online later that Saturday, and also was able to contact Brackeen Plumbing, who sent a couple of plumbers to help with the issues at the elementary campus. Along with Facility Operations Coordinator Cody McKenzie and Facilities Assistant Matthew Spaight, they were able to get water flowing again and repair the 18 leaks that had sprung.

“I got home from church around 1 p.m. that Sunday and there was a text from Kenneth that said the water had been running for a couple hours and it was good to go,” Skaggs said. “You could've knocked me over with a feather at that point; I was just amazed. Those three men [along with Brackeen Plumbing] made it happen.”

McKenzie said, in total, there were about 23 pipe busts and that the upstairs boys and girls bathrooms at the elementary campus needed a complete remodel due to multiple leaks.

While the storm was just another obstacle to overcome, McKenzie said with every hiccup comes a blessing. This time, it was that the damage to the upstairs bathrooms was something that needed to be done at some point anyway.



Members of TCA's facilities team are, from left, Matt Spaight, Kenneth Fain, and Cody McKenzie.

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“The elementary is the oldest campus and this gave us a chance to take a building inventory,” he said. “We can better prepare for a worst-case scenario should it happen again and have insulation as opposed to heat lamps.”

Business Administrator Gary Squyres, who also spent time that weekend helping to clean up, said the estimated cost for the repairs will hover around \$25,000. He added that even though it wasn't unexpected, the situation was a little disheartening.

“It has been a difficult year for all schools with the challenges we have faced with COVID-19,” he admitted. “We have just had to trust in God who has it all under control.”

McKenzie has been with TCA for four years and said it was a complete team effort to get the school up and running, but that

seeing Skaggs and Squyres helping out was something that warmed his heart.

“There's your two senior leaders at the school and they're on their hands and knees cleaning up water so the facilities guys can handle the more technical issues,” he said. “Those are people you can get behind and it's awesome to see the team served the school well.”

Skaggs and Squyres, in turn, praised Fain, McKenzie, Spaight and Brackeen Plumbing for their efforts in helping ensure a promise to students' families would be kept.

“All along [with the pandemic and other minor issues] we have said as long as we can have school safely and effectively, we will,” Skaggs said. “It would've been easy to stick to having only online school those two days but when you can deliver on something unexpected, that's a good day.”



PARKER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

District Judge Craig Towson (left) congratulated Russ Authier after swearing him in as Parker County's new sheriff.

# SHERIFF

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the Children's Advocacy Center of Parker County. He is a member of the Texas Ranger Foundation, Former Texas Ranger Foundation, Texas Department of Public Safety Mural Association, Homicide Investigators of Texas, and Texas Sheriff's Association.

Authier has been married to his wife Linda for 38 years. They have two married children, Mandy and her husband Stephen and their son Simon; and Mike and his wife Lauren and their daughters Brinlee and Kirby, all of Weatherford.

After taking office, Authier announced his intent to run in the 2022 general election to continue his service to Parker County citizens as sheriff.

“First, I have to say that I am honored to have served as chief deputy under Sheriff Larry Fowler for the last 10 years,” Authier said. “It

has truly been one of the highlights of my law enforcement career. Under the leadership of Sheriff Fowler, this agency met challenges facing our county head-on and put innovative practices into place.

“I can assure you, I plan on preserving this philosophy and addressing our future needs as we look at the continuous growth and development in Parker County. I am well-trained and have extensive experience in all areas of law enforcement. I have already started working with each division commander to proactively implement the necessary measures to address the growth we are experiencing in our community to secure the safety of our citizens.”

Authier said believes that working collaboratively with outside agencies, prosecutors, the commissioner's court, and the County Judge's Office is critical for continued improvement of the sheriff's office.

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## PARKER COUNTY New Convenience Center to open

The long lines of people waiting to unload debris on the annual County Cleanup Day are now a thing of the past.

Parker County Commissioner Pct. 4 Steve Dugan announced that a year-round Convenience Center will open on April 6 at 2833 Tin Top Road in Weatherford.

The facility will be open from 9-3 on Tuesdays through Fridays and from 9-1 on Saturdays.

The Convenience Center will not accept commercial waste, hazardous waste, household garbage, ceramic tile, or ceramic toilets or bathtubs.

It will accept tires without rims, bulk furniture such as couches and chairs, mattresses, televisions and computers, household brush, and scrap metal.

There are fees for using the facility, and proof of residency is required.

Fees include:

Tires, first four are free, then \$2 each;

Truck and tractor tires are charged according to size;

General items (furniture, etc.), \$5 per single item;

Load from car or SUV, \$10;

Van load, \$15;

Pickup (bed level), \$15;

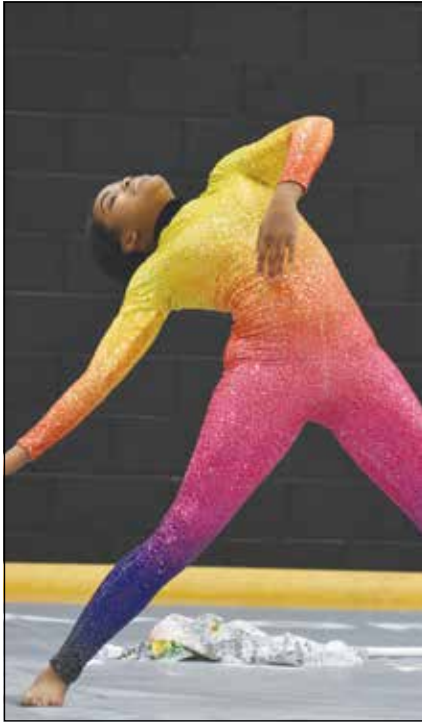
Pickup (above bed level), \$20;

Trailer, \$40;

Large Trailer, \$60

For more information, visit [parkercountytx.com](http://parkercountytx.com).

# The Aledo ISD Colorguard present their 2021 Winterguard productions.



Jalayah Rowls



Austen Rupp

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Residents who would like to see presentations of the Aledo ISD's award-winning Winterguard can do so at the Bid the Sound auction event from 2-6 p.m. at Bearcat Stadium.

Although the squads will be in competition that day, the audience can see recordings of their performances on the big screen.

The Aledo Middle School guard program presents their show "Put Your Records On." The concept of this production is just a fun, light-hearted show set to a floor design of vinyl records. The members showcase their talents with a dance and flag routine. This year the middle school guard competed at the Alvarado NTCA competition and placed first in their class. They also competed at the Mansfield NTCA competition and placed third in their class. The middle school has one more competition March 27 at Lake Ridge High School.

The Aledo JV guard presents their show "Lost Love." The concept of this show is a story of first love. The show is set on a floor design of a nighttime scene. This year the JV guard competed at the Alvarado NTCA competition and placed first in their class. The JV guard will compete next at the Lake Ridge NTCA competition March 27. The JV guard submitted their show to the WGI virtual competition and are awaiting the results. This is the first time that the JV guard has entered a WGI event, which is a national competition.

The Aledo Varsity presents their show "Imagine." This amazing show developed from all the negativity that came from this past year. With the use of flags, uniforms, and floor



Emilia Witt

PHOTOS: Keith Mathis/Special to The Community News

design, they were able to tell the story of this negativity and how we all can overcome it, if we just "Imagine." The varsity has been very limited with their competitions because they are having to compete virtually. The Varsity guard competed at the Alvarado virtual NTCA competition and placed third in their class. The guard has submitted their show to the WGI virtual competition and will find out results on March 27.

The program director is Junior Marquez.

"The Aledo Middle School, JV, and Varsity Winterguard have put in a lot of work and been through

so much, having to deal with Covid-19," Marquez said. "The use of masks while practicing has made it extremely difficult, but the members have done an incredible job overcoming all the obstacles. I and the staff are extremely proud of all the group!"

Colorguard auditions will be held from 4:30-6 p.m. Monday, March 29, and Tuesday, March 30, in the Aledo High School Cafeteria.

Auditions are open to Aledo High School students.

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**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:**  
Texas Materials Group, Inc., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit No. 9562, which would authorize continued operation of the Hot Mix Asphalt Plant located at 12301 Camp Bowie West Boulevard, Aledo, Tarrant County, Texas 76008. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

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# Walk Across Texas

The annual Walk Across Texas program is underway. A program of the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service, Walk Across Texas encourages youth and adult teams to band together and walk a total of 832 miles, the distance from El Paso to Orange, Texas. Equivalent activities can also be logged as miles.

Adult teams can have up to eight members. Youth teams are unlimited. Teams can be business associates, church groups, friends — anyone who wants to answer the challenge and log some walking miles. Each team should select a team captain. The team captain will set up a team

profile at <https://howdy-health.org/programs>. After the team is registered, each team member can log in to create a profile. For more information, call Kathy Smith, County Extension Agent - Family and Community Health, at 817-598-6168.

## National Newspaper Association adds voice to the call for Congressional Action on USPS

National Newspaper Association Chair Brett Wesner, president of Wesner Publications, Cordell, Oklahoma, today echoed the call of Postmaster General Louis DeJoy for quick Congressional action in providing \$58 billion in financial support to the Postal Service. Wesner's comments came at the conclusion of DeJoy's release of the USPS 10-year plan "Delivering for America," in which multiple changes in USPS' approach to preserving Universal Service were laid out in broad strokes. Much detail in how the plan will be executed is yet to come. Wesner said NNA would take a "wait and see" approach on specifics, but was watchful for any threat to service reliability. The plan includes the expectation of \$44 billion in higher postage revenue from mailers and package businesses over 10 years, following the Postal Regulatory Commission's authorization of higher postage rates that

could cost newspaper mailers up to 9% increases each year. The plan also asks Congress for \$58 billion in changes for funding of employee benefits. DeJoy said if Congress acts, the Postal Service might not need to use the full authorized postage rate increase. USPS will eliminate air transportation for much of its long-distance First-Class mail, but does not expect a loss of actual service performance for local First-Class mail, DeJoy said. He noted that by reducing hand-offs of mail and packages to multiple legs of air travel, USPS hopes to make surface transportation more dependable than air freight. USPS also rolled out a plan for a new service called USPS Connect to make it easier for local businesses to send packages. More detail on that service also is expected in days to come. Wesner said NNA was concerned about losses in service performance as well as higher prices, but said

he believed the key action would be from Congress. "USPS has faced many challenges from reduced mail volume to COVID shutdowns," Wesner said. "But the point where we find ourselves today is largely because of inaction from Congress, which has spent a decade failing to find the sweet spot to support the nation's need for universal service. NNA has long called for Congress to change the requirement for USPS to prefund its retiree health benefit, to use the Medicare benefit that mailers have paid for on behalf of postal workers and to make sure the money captured in the Civil Service Retirement System is actually the Postal Service's obligation only and not money being used to support other federal needs. "Now we amplify this call. If Congress does not act, the entire system is in jeopardy."

### TEXAS CROSSWORD

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### TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

#### NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT RENEWAL

PERMIT NUMBER 9562

**APPLICATION** Texas Materials Group, Inc., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit Number 9562, which would authorize continued operation of the Hot Mix Asphalt Plant located at 12301 Camp Bowie West Boulevard, Aledo, Tarrant County, Texas 76008. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=32.716944&lng=-97.537258&zoom=13&type=r>. The existing facility and/or related facilities are authorized to emit the following air contaminants: carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, organic compounds, particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less and sulfur dioxide.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on March 5, 2021. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, TCEQ Dallas/Fort Worth regional office, and the Benbrook Public Library, 1065 Mercedes Street, Benbrook, Tarrant County, Texas beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Dallas/Fort Worth regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. In addition to the renewal, this permitting action includes the incorporation of permits by rule related to this permit. The reasons for any changes or incorporations, to the extent they are included in the renewed permit, may include the enhancement of operational control at the plant or enforceability of the permit. **The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** You may submit public comments, or a request for a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to address in the permit process.

After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING** You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. **If no hearing request is received within this 15 day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided.** According to the Texas Clean Air Act § 382.056(o) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the applicant's compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compliance history requirements and if the hearing request is based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues submitted during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

**A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility; and (7) a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period. If the request is made by a group or association, one or more members who have standing to request a hearing must be identified by name and physical address. The interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.**

If any requests for a contested case hearing are timely filed, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. Unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing, the executive director will mail the response to comments along with notification of Commission meeting to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material air quality concerns submitted during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

**MAILING LIST** In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk for this application.

**AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION** Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at [www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/](http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/), or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Texas Materials Group, Inc., 420 Decker Drive, Irving, Texas 75062-3952 or by calling Mr. Robert Brown, Environmental Manager, at (903) 561-1321.

Notice Issuance Date: March 9, 2021

## The Center is proud to welcome, Talha Riaz, MD

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## MARCH 30

### Certified Food Managers Course and Exam

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will offer a one day Certified and Re-Certification Food Manager Course and Exam from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 30, at the Parker County Agricultural Service Center located at 604 North Main Street in Weatherford.

The ServSafe Certified Food Manager Exam will be administered immediately following the class. The cost for the course is \$115, which includes the course, ServSafe Certified Food Managers examination, course book, and all course materials. This course is an update and review of food safety principles and practices and will help prepare you for the exam.

For questions, a registration form, or to register for either or both courses call 817-598-6168 or visit [parker.agrilife.org](http://parker.agrilife.org).

## MARCH 30-31

### Auditions

Theatre Off The Square in Weatherford is seeking collaborative and creative actors to develop and perform in their upcoming production of "BOB: A Life in Five Acts" by Peter Sinn Nachtrieb, presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc. This production will be directed by Seth Hunter Williams and assisted by

Jesse James.

All roles are available:

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In accordance with the theatre's COVID protocols, auditions will be by appointment only on Tuesday, March 30 or Wednesday, March 31 at Theatre Off The Square, 114 N. Denton St. in Weatherford. No walk-up auditions will be allowed.

Masks must be worn at all times during auditions, rehearsals, and performances.

To schedule an appointment, visit to Schedule an Appointment: <https://forms.gle/ktR45ztwhbgizMMSM8> or call 817-341-8687.

## APRIL 1

### Republican Party Meeting

New Parker County Sheriff Russ Authier will be the guest speaker at the Parker County Republican Party meeting at 7 p.m. in the Strain Community Room at Weatherford College. Sheriff Authier will discuss the transition from Chief Deputy to Sheriff and his

vision for the Parker County Sheriff's Department. For more information, email [ParkerCountyGOP@gmail.com](mailto:ParkerCountyGOP@gmail.com).

### Food Handlers Class

A Food Handlers Food Safety class will be offered from 4-6 p.m. on Thursday, April 1, at the Parker County Agricultural Service Center located at 604 North Main Street in Weatherford. The cost for the class will be \$20.

This two-hour course is for all food employees to help promote the service of safe food. The certificate is good for two years and is valid anywhere in the State of Texas. The course is a basic overview of food safety practices that are necessary to ensure that safe food is served at your establishment. Practices discussed include good personal hygiene, cross contamination and time and temperature abuse.

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## APRIL 3

### Free Bible Handout

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## APRIL 5

### Jazz Concert

The Weatherford College Jazz Orchestra will present a "Family Ties Concert" featuring parents and students in concert at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 5, in the Alkek Fine Arts Center at Weatherford College, 239 College Park Drive in Weatherford.

Doors will open at 7 p.m. and admission is free.

Directed by Fredrick Sanders.

## APRIL 9-10

### Master Gardener Plant Sale

The 2021 Annual Master Gardener Plant Sale run from 3-6 p.m. Friday, April 9, and from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 10, in the Animal Pavilion at Heritage Park, 317 Santa Fe in Weatherford.

Every spring, Master Gardeners update the list of plants that are proven winners for the area. There will be a selection of perennials, herbs, vegetables, annuals, shrubs, and roses available to help get spring gardening off to a great start or to find replacements for any plants lost in the February Arctic Blast.

Many of the plant varieties are native or adaptive to Parker County and are drought-tolerant. Some are ideal for butterfly gardens and can provide a waystation for migrating Monarchs and other butterflies.

Some of the plants come from local nurseries, but most are grown by Master Gardeners in gardens in Parker County or propagated in the Master Gardeners' own greenhouse. Master Gardeners will be on hand with information and answers to your questions as well as to assist with your plant selection.

Proceeds from this annual sale go toward providing horticultural education to the citizens of Parker County and promoting sound horticultural practices in everyday gardening.

For more information, visit [www.pcmg-texas.org](http://www.pcmg-texas.org).

## APRIL 10

### Annetta Community Cleanup

The Town of Annetta will hold its Fourth Annual Community Clean-up and Beautification Day from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 10.

The event will concentrate on picking up litter along roadways and on lots. There will not be a collection of debris, old appliances, tires, or hazardous materials.

To participate, call 817-441-5771 or email [info@annetatx.gov](mailto:info@annetatx.gov). Safety vests will be provided, as well as a cook-out following the clean-up.

### Spring Car Show

The Parker County Cruisers will hold their Spring Car Show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 10, at 1435 Fort Worth Highway in

Weatherford.

Registration will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.. For more information, Call Jackie Collins at 817-597-1572 (email: [jackiewcollins@gmail.com](mailto:jackiewcollins@gmail.com)) or Brandon Reese at 817-994-0074 (email: [breesefw@msn.com](mailto:breesefw@msn.com)).

## MAY 16

### Parker County FCA Victory Banquet

Former NFL running back Chris Johnson will be the speaker when the The Parker County Fellowship of Christian Athletes holds its inaugural Victory Banquet from 6-8 p.m. on Sunday, May 16, at The Gathering Place, 1306 Dennis Road in Weatherford.

Table levels range from \$2,000 for All American, \$1,000 for Team Captain, to \$500 for MVP.

Checks may be made payable to FCA Parker County, 104 Rock Ct., Aledo, TX 76008, and should include Name, address, email, and number of guests.

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## Capital Highlights

### PUC chair resigns after call to energy investors



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Arthur D'Andrea, the chair and sole remaining member of the Public Utility Commission, resigned late last week at the request of Gov. Gregg Abbott. D'Andrea pledged to remain on the PUC until Abbott names a replacement. In the announcement Abbott said in part, "Texans deserve to have trust and confidence in the Public Utility Commission, and this action is one of many steps that will be taken to achieve that goal."

Texas Monthly obtained a recording of a March 9 call D'Andrea had with investors to discuss the fallout from the mid-February power crisis in the midst of a fierce statewide winter storm. In that 48-minute call, D'Andrea promised to put the "weight of the commission" in opposing efforts to reverse skyrocketing power rates during the blackouts.

Those efforts are being spearheaded by Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who in effect controls the Texas Senate. That body passed SB 242 last week, calling on the PUC and the Electrical Reliability Council of Texas to correct what Patrick called "billions in pricing errors that occurred" during the winter storm.

However, House Speaker Dade Phelan has called repricing "an extraordinary government intervention into the free market, which may have major consequences for both residential and commercial consumers going forward." The House is holding hearings on restructuring ERCOT and related issues this week.

#### Rise in pedestrian fatalities rings alarm bells

With spring arriving and COVID-19 restrictions easing, state officials warn that pedestrian deaths continue to increase each year. They urge both drivers and pedestrians to watch out for each other. According to the Texas Department of Transportation, pedestrian fatalities account for

one in five of all state traffic fatalities.

In 2019, the latest year for which figures are available, 5,973 traffic crashes involved pedestrians, resulting in 669 deaths and 1,317 serious injuries.

The two leading causes of pedestrian fatalities are: 1) Pedestrians failing to follow traffic safety laws and being struck crossing streets and roadways, and 2) motorists failing to yield the right of way, driving distracted, or driving too fast.

TxDOT's pedestrian safety campaign is a component of #EndTheStreakTX, a social media effort to encourage drivers to make safer choices, such as wearing a seat belt, driving the speed limit, not texting while driving, and never driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. The last deathless day on Texas roadways was Nov. 7, 2000.

#### COVID-19 vaccinations up more than million in a week

With more than 900,000 additional COVID-19 vaccines arriving in Texas this week, the state has now administered more than 9 million doses, according to the Texas Department of Health and Human Services. More than 3 million are now fully vaccinated, roughly 10.8% of the state's population.

Nearly one in seven of all Texans at least 16 years of age are now fully vaccinated, according to DSHS. Anyone older than 50, health-care workers, long-term care residents, people with chronic health issues, and school and childcare workers are all eligible for the vaccine.

You can find a list of vaccine hub providers at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/2u5een4w>

#### COVID-19 cases, deaths in state still dropping

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas dropped again last week, with 27,672 reported, down about 12 percent from the previous week. Deaths also dropped, with 932 reported, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. That's down 16.5% from the previous week.

Hospitalizations of confirmed COVID-19 patients also continue to decrease, with 3,620 in Texas hospitals as of Sunday, according

to DSHS. That's down 14.1% from the previous week and 75% lower than the record high of 14,218 hospitalizations in mid-January.

#### Nature Challenge launched by forest service

The Nature Challenge website has launched, connecting Texans with ways to explore the outdoors, acquire new skills, and get involved in their community. The collaboration between the Texas Children in Nature Network, Texan by Nature and the Texas A&M Forest Service encourages Texans to explore nature and earn digital badges to track their progress. The website, [naturechallenge.tamu.edu](http://naturechallenge.tamu.edu), features an interactive map and resources for users of all ages.

"The Nature Challenge provides the perfect opportunity for every Texan to have fun and learn something new while enjoying the physical, mental and emotional benefits of being in nature," said Joni Carswell, CEO and President of Texan by Nature.

Nature-related organizations are encouraged to use the site to promote their services and opportunities at no charge. Information for providers can be found on the Nature Challenge website.

#### Webinar slated to help homeowners file insurance damage claims

Folks who need help with an insurance claim for winter storm damage can register for a free online webinar set for 11 a.m. Thursday, March 25. Staff with the Texas Department of Insurance will explain what to expect once a claim is filed and cover the options available if a claimant disagrees with an insurance company's decision. Register for the webinar at: <http://bit.ly/TDI-winter-storm-claim-webinar>.

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## Thistles & Roses

### Driving Blindfolded



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The Feb. 12 chain reaction wreck of 100 plus vehicles on an icy portion of I-35 North in Fort Worth is starting to fade out of memory, especially after the winter storm Uri affected so many others Feb. 15.

But maybe we need to revisit the subject and contemplate the various human behaviors that killed many people and caused many injuries and damage.

When I was watching the video recordings of the wrecks, it reminded me of those similar wrecks when people drive head-on into dense fog at high speeds.

I remember driver safety courses where we were

taught never to overdrive our line of sight by day or night and maintain safe speeds. Many of the vehicles in the recordings seemed to drive head-on in the dark, crashing at high speeds and seemingly never touching their brakes. Certainly they were not intentionally driving past their lines of sight to their deaths.

What happens is that we humans expect certain things to exist and we have a hard time reacting and comprehending when things are not what we expect. We expect the road to be clear and for nothing to be in our way.

Part of the investigation centers on why those elevated portions of express lanes were open to begin with and whether they had been properly treated to deal with the ice. That actually deals with a pre-emptive intervention into human behaviors. It does not explain why people kept driving at high speeds into disaster.

One accident reconstruction expert, a former law

enforcement officer I saw on a news report, said simply that from what he saw of the Feb. 12 videos, there was much human error, especially on the part of some of the truckers by overdriving their line of sight at high speeds.

The disasters of chain-reaction fog wrecks is extremely hard to understand. If you see a wall of fog or smoke in front of you on an interstate highway, why would you keep driving into it?

I think the answer is that we don't expect anything to be there because there has not been anything there in the past. Our brains expect a clear road with no obstructions.

So, I don't know what the answer is. I just hope when I see fog or a wreck up ahead in the road, I will slow down and not run into the middle of disaster!

As one driver safety instructor I remember once said, expect that the driver next to you will do something stupid, so expect the unexpected!

## Slings&Arrows

### Toward Normality



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Along with pretty much everyone else, I am ready for the COVID-19 stuff to be over, and it appears that there is light at the end of the tunnel.

Cases are trending downward, although in this case it means that we are at roughly the levels of cases we saw during the second wave last summer.

Daily death counts in the United States have dipped below 1,000 on a number of days recently — that's still way too high, but better than the 3,000-4,000 per day we saw in January and February.

I hope and pray that the numbers continue to decline as more and more people get vaccinated.

I received a call from an elderly reader this week who was hoping for a vaccination opportunity near her home. Unfortunately, while we have done a pretty good job of getting nursing home residents vaccinated, there doesn't seem to be a program locally

to provide vaccinations to the homebound elderly.

Here in Texas new cases also continue to decline, running about 2,500 to 5,000 per day.

The good news is that active case numbers are on a definite downward trajectory. This doesn't mean we can all let our guards down, but if we continue masking, social distancing, et al, we may soon be looking at COVID-19 in the rear view mirror as far as social disruption is concerned.

Speaking of concern, a big one is the plight of small business during the pandemic.

Our country has lost about 500,000 small businesses during the pandemic.

More and more people turned to online shopping to fulfill needs during the crisis.

Our company is a small business, and we depend on other small businesses for the majority of our revenue, so it is a topic near and dear to my heart.

It's time to close the browser and find ways to support our local businesses.

Monday, it turns out, is Mom & Pop Business Owner's Day. A post sent out by The Hartford described the advantages of shopping and patronizing small businesses:

Small businesses are important because they:

- Create jobs;
- Give back to the community;
- Keep money in your neighborhood economy;
- Increase tourism;
- Help you create community relationships;
- Offer more personalized customer service;
- Increase your access to diverse products; and
- Focus on providing quality items.

Here are some ways to support your local small businesses:

Share your favorite mom-and-pop shop's website on your social media platform.

Write positive reviews on their website.

Stop or reduce your shopping at big online retailers.

Tip extra. (Providing a tip is often expected at certain businesses like restaurants. However, giving a little extra can help support small business' staff and keep them working hard.)

Stock up on items you'll need later. Paying small businesses now can help them through tougher times. You can also buy gift cards for your friends and family. This can be a good way to help a business gain new customers.

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# Sports

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## BASEBALL

### Bearcat bats extend win streak

District begins  
with a win

By Nolan Ruth  
The Community News

The Aledo Bearcats baseball team enjoyed an extended break after the Drew Medford Memorial Tournament ended two weekends ago. It wasn't until this past Friday that the Bearcats (12-5-2) took the field again in Abilene.

The hometown Eagles didn't make it easy on Aledo in the first two innings, retiring the Bearcats in order in the first inning, and stranding runners in the second.

With Carter Shands on the mound, Abilene could not muster anything offensively either, only getting one baserunner in the first seven batters.

In the third inning, Ethan Jaques and Max Belyeu led off by being walked. Zach Harrison laid down a bunt on the next at bat, and an errant throw to first allowed Jaques to score. Creed Willems loaded the bases by getting hit by a pitch, setting up a double play on the next at bat, but scored Belyeu.

Abilene got on the board in the bottom half of the inning with a single to left that drove in a run to cut the lead in half. Things went quiet again in the fourth inning.

In the fifth, Belyeu got on base again and scored on a sharp line drive by Hunter Rudel that also scored Parker Stegall. Two at bats later, Ethan Nawrocki knocked in Rudel with a double to right field to give Aledo a 5-1 lead.

Luke Paulsen came in to pitch for Shands in the fifth inning, due to Shands being named the starter for the district opener just days later. Paulsen allowed a walk to his first batter faced, but retired the next three, striking out one.

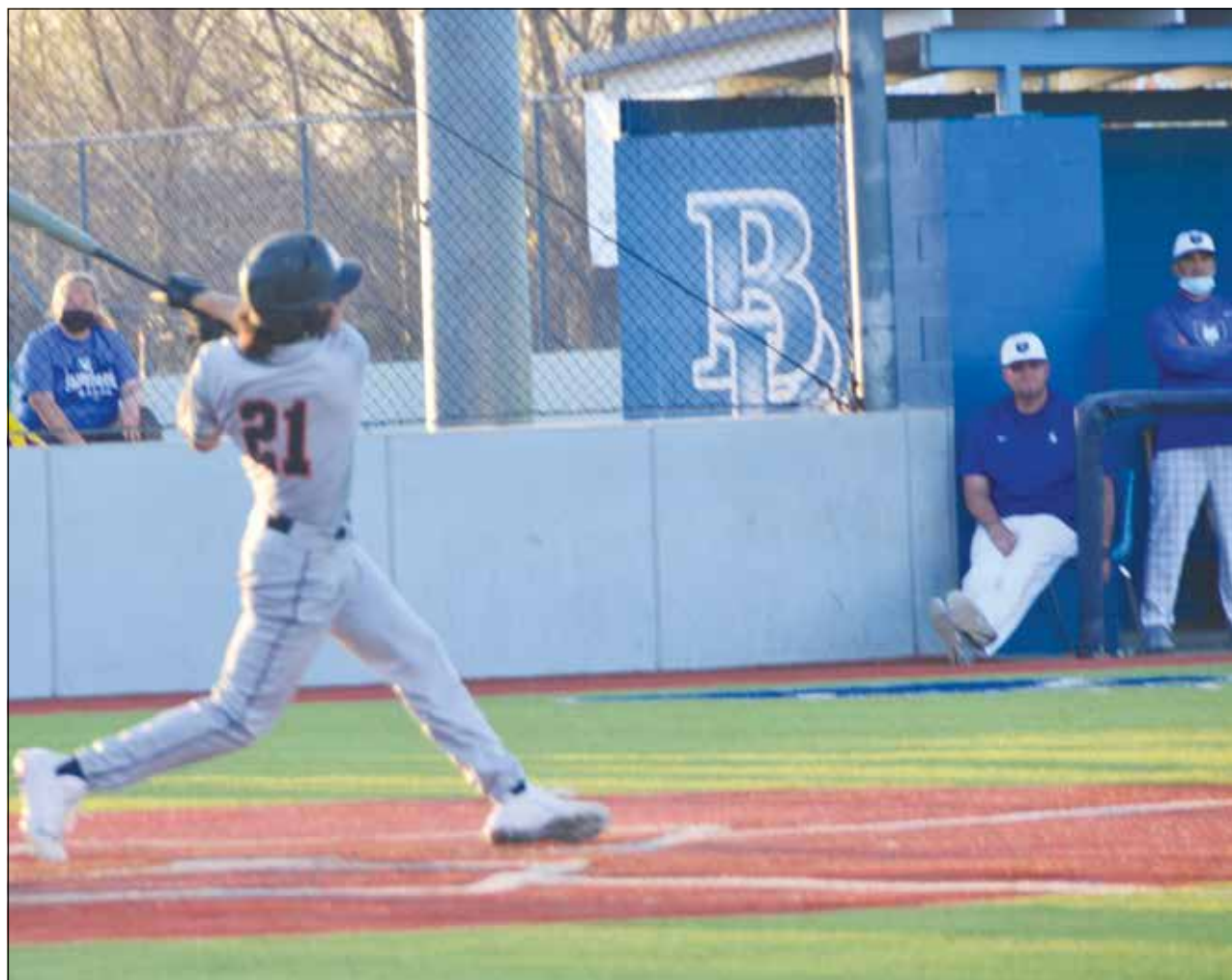
Again the bats went quiet until the seventh inning when Zach Harrison scored on a wild pitch, followed by a Nolan Garcia double that allowed Rudel to cross the plate. Stegall wrapped up the scoring with a single that scored Garcia to give Aledo an 8-1 lead. Kevin Taylor came in to close out the game, and put the game away with just four batters faced.

"We didn't want to have a week and a half off before district," head coach Chad Barry said about the game. "We found one in Abilene and we wanted to see how the kids would react after a long bus ride, especially while on spring break with no regimented schedule. We wanted to see how they'd respond, we came out a little flat but Carter pitched really well, Paulsen pitched well, and Taylor closed it out."

#### Joshua

Less than 24 hours later, the team was back at home to play the Joshua Owls in the last game before district.

Joshua got the game started with one run in the first inning off of pitcher Adrian Guzman. Aledo went down in order in the first, and then made the Owls do the same. A walk and two hit batters loaded the bases for the Bearcats in the second inning.



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**Adrian Guzman hits a ground-rule double over the left field fence in the Bearcats' opening district game at Brewer.**

Sam Sisk then ripped a hard ground ball to left field that drove in Rudel, Garcia, and Stegall to clear the bases. On the very next pitch, Keaton Laidley tripled to right field to score Sisk. Belyeu followed that with an RBI single to give the Bearcats a 5-1 lead through two innings.

Joshua put up two more runs in the third to close the gap. It wasn't until the bottom of the fourth inning that Aledo scored again on a ground ball that retired Belyeu but allowed Bridger Wilson to score. The next inning, Wilson knocked an RBI single to score Rudel and make the Bearcat lead 7-3.

In the sixth, Aledo loaded the bases to set up a two run single by Stegall, allowing Taylor and Gabe Baker to score. The Owls tried to spark a rally in the seventh, scoring one run, but they failed to score anymore. Officially, the game ended by a score of 9-4. However, Joshua requested the bottom of the seventh inning to be played to allow a pitcher to get pitches in.

The Bearcats scored once on a sacrifice fly by Colton Campbell that scored David Jones. However, the run did not count towards the official score.

"We didn't really help [Guzman] out today defensively," Barry said about the defensive game. "We had a ground ball that got caught in Sisk's glove; otherwise that first run doesn't happen, then we had a missed fly ball, just some things we need to clean up. Adrian wasn't as sharp as he otherwise has been, but even then he has the stuff to go out and pretty much dominate, so we saw what we wanted to see from him."

#### District Opener

On Tuesday night, the Bearcats traveled to White Settlement to take on the Brewer Bears in the first district game of the year. The offensive production from the Bearcats made the difference early, and Shands' pitching kept the Bears at bay.

It was a fast start for the Bearcats as Belyeu and Stegall each drew walks to lead off the

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**Carter Shands pitched a complete game against Brewer, allowing only two hits and striking out nine.**

## ON THE SIDE

Spring Sports

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Softball vs. Wichita Falls, Home, VAR - 7 p.m., JV - 5 p.m.  
Track & Field at Decatur Tour Var, Away

### MARCH 30

Baseball vs. Granbury - Home - 7 p.m.  
JV Tennis at Grapevine Tournament, Home  
Softball vs. Brewer, Home, VAR - 7 p.m., JV - 5 p.m.  
MS Track & Field at Granbury, Away  
JV Track - District Meet - Aledo

### MARCH 31-APRIL 1

Varsity Track - District Meet - Aledo

### APRIL 1

Baseball vs. Granbury - Away - 7 p.m.  
Varsity Tennis at Grapevine Tournament, Home  
Softball vs. Granbury, Away, VAR - 7 p.m., JV - 5 p.m.

### APRIL 8

MS Track & Field at Burseson Hughes, Away

### APRIL 9

Softball vs. Azle, Home, VAR - 7 p.m., JV - 5 p.m.

### APRIL 10

Baseball vs Trinity - Away - 1 p.m.

### APRIL 13

Baseball vs Azle - Away - 7 p.m.  
Softball vs. Rider, Home, VAR - 7 p.m., JV - 5 p.m.  
MS Track & Field at Stephenville, Away

### APRIL 16

Softball vs. Wichita Falls, Away, VAR - 7 p.m., JV - 5 p.m.  
Baseball vs Azle - Home - 7 p.m.

### APRIL 19

MS Track & Field 7th Grade Zone, Home

### APRIL 20

MS Track & Field 8th Grade Zone, Home  
Baseball vs Rider - Away (Hoskins) - 4:30 p.m.

### APRIL 23

Baseball vs. Rider - Home - 7 p.m.

### APRIL 27

Baseball vs. Wichita Falls - Away (Hoskins) - 4 p.m.

### APRIL 30

Baseball vs Wichita Falls - Home - 7 p.m.



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TRACK AND FIELD

# Home teams dominate Bearcat Relays

## Aledo teams take three of four top spots

**Staff Reports**  
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The Aledo track and field teams dominated competition at the Bearcat Relays on March 10-11 at Bearcat Stadium.

Aledo's boys and girls JV teams won their respective team competitions on March 10.

In the Mens' Division, Aledo racked up 244 points, far outpacing second-place Burleson Centennial, with 87.

Likewise, in the Womens Division, the first-place Ladycats outpaced second-place Weatherford with 231 points to 92.

On the varsity side to point spreads were closer. The Bearcats placed first with 180 points with Decatur coming in second, tallying 110.5. Burleson Centennial won the Womens Division with 195 points to Aledo's 152.

Aledo Pole Vaulters went to the Joshua meet on March 18. Aledo senior Ford Maberry placed first, Matthew Hickerson was fourth, and Brad Campbell placed 9th. Freshman Ansil Lopez placed third in the Womens Division.

Maberry set a personal record at Joshua, clearing 15-03.00.

Maberry placed second at the Graham Possum Kingdom Relays on March 20, clearing 14-06.00.

**JV, Mens**

1 Aledo	244
2 Burleson Cntl	87
3 Burleson	79
4 Decatur	59
5 Haltom	58
6 Weatherford	52
7 Brewer	22
8 Boswell	19

**JV, Womens**

1 Aledo	231
2 Weatherford	92
2 Burleson Cntl	92
4 Decatur	52
5 Brewer	44
6 Boswell	41
7 Burleson	36
8 Haltom	28

**Womens Varsity**

1 Burleson Cntl	195
2 Aledo	152
3 Boswell	106
4 Weatherford	59
5 Brewer	37
6 Burleson	30
7 Decatur	28
8 Haltom	13

**Mens Varsity**

1 Aledo	180
2 Decatur	110.5
3 Burleson Cntl	70.5
4 Weatherford	61
5 Haltom	53
6 Burleson	49
7 Boswell	47
7 Brewer	47

**JV MENS RESULTS**

**100 Meters**

Garrett Key, 1, 11.90
Jaden Allen, 2, 11.94 PR
Ryan Jones, 4, 12.12 PR
Andrew Chasteen, 7, 12.17 PR
Boston Epley, 11, 12.27 PR
Hudson Knox, 13, 12.34 PR
Colt McCoy, 13, 12.34 PR
Trace Clarkson, 19, 12.60 PR
Austin Keith, 20, 12.62 PR
Ryan Cox, 25, 12.71 PR
Terry Lewis, 27, 12.77 PR

**200 Meters**

Ryan Jones, 3, 24.45 PR
Colt McCoy, 11, 25.09 PR
Boston Epley, 12, 25.11 PR
Austin Keith, 14, 25.30 PR
Trace Clarkson, 18, 25.56 PR
Zach Reilly, 22, 25.82 PR
Ryan Cox, 24, 25.95 PR
Terry Lewis, 25, 26.11 PR

**400 Meters**

Jackson Parker, 8, 58.47 PR
Zach Reilly, 10, 59.19 PR

Jonathan Zenteno, 13, 59.71 PR

Jacob Ellerbusch, 14, 59.87 PR

Kyle Scharlow, 16, 1:02.57 PR

**800 Meters**

Samuel Haught, 1, 2:10.18 PR
Vincent Luffey, 4, 2:15.61 PR
Jacob Ellerbusch, 5, 2:17.41 PR

**1600 Meters**

Vincent Luffey, 1, 5:01.61
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**3200 Meters**

Vincent Luffey, 1, 10:45.52 PR
Jackson Bone, 8, 12:26.11 SR

**110m Hurdles, 39"**

Evan Thompson, 3, 17.76
Tyson Timms, 11, 19.27 PR

**300m Hurdles, 36"**

Evan Thompson, 1, 45.16
Andrew Parkhurst, 6, 46.39
Tyson Timms, 8, 46.76

**4x100 Relay**

Garrett Key, Layne Ducote, Jaedon Allen, Austin Keith, 1, 46.28
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**4x200 Relay**

Garrett Key, Layne Ducote, Jaedon Allen, Hudson Knox, 2, 1:36.35
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**4x400 Relay**

Ryan Jones, Layne Ducote, Jackson Parker, Tyson Timms, 2, 3:46.42
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**Shot Put, 12lb**

Matthew Bell, 1, 42-01.00PR
Maddox Epperson, 6, 37-01.00PR
Devron Williams, 10, 35-07.00PR
Caleb Tisdale, 11, 35-05.50PR

**Discus, 1.6kg**

Coletton Hope, 1, 111-00PR
Stanton Smith, 3, 107-00PR
Alex Arana, 7, 99-11PR
Jack Tregellas, 8, 96-08PR

**High Jump**

Alex Stadler, 1, 5-08.00PR
Aven Lawrence, 1, 5-08.00PR
Jack Mitchell, 3, 5-08.00PR

**Pole Vault**

Brad Campbell, 1, 13-00.00PR
Andrew Gamez, 2, 12-06.00PR
Bryce Vonasek, 3, 10-06.00PR
Brett Turner, , NH

**Long Jump**

Layne Ducote, 1, 19-08.25PR
Andrew Parkhurst, 3, 18-11.00
Ryan Cox, 6, 17-08.00
Terry Lewis, 12, 17-01.25PR
Layne Ducote, 1, 40-09.00
Andrew Parkhurst, 2, 40-07.00PR
Terry Lewis, 5, 38-09.50PR
Caitlyn Weimer, 7, 14.10 PR
Lexi Steffe, 9, 14.18 PR
Kayla Scharlow, 11, 14.24
Mia Little, 14, 14.43 SR
Aiden Stover, 18, 14.97 PR
Caitlyn Weimer, 3, 29.15 PR
Trinity Hindman, 4, 29.16 PR
Mia Little, 6, 29.34 PR
Kayla Scharlow, 9, 29.56 PR
Valerie Tello, 17, 31.31 PR
Aiden Stover, 18, 31.40 PR

**400 Meters**

Brooke Davis, 4, 1:10.98 PR
Averie Riser, 5, 1:11.64 PR
Anna Kate Bone, 6, 1:12.48

**800 Meters**

Lyndsi Coble, 2, 2:43.01 SR
Brooke Davis, 5, 2:47.95 PR
Emily Lewis, 6, 2:48.30 PR

**1600 Meters**

Ava Bathurst, 4, 6:14.19 SR
Aubrey Connelly, 6, 6:20.05 PR
Abigail Vestel, 7, 6:20.18 PR

**3200 Meters**

Aubrey Connelly, 2, 13:44.64
Abigail Vestel, 4, 13:58.00
Ava Bathurst, 7, 14:28.78 SR

**100m Hurdles, 33"**

Ella Stewart, 1, 18.05 PR
Kylee Martin, 2, 18.59 PR
Maddie Jarvis, 3, 18.96 SR
Anna D'Avino, 10, 20.64 PR

**300m Hurdles, 30"**

Brooklyn Sands, 1, 50.45 PR
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Kylee Martin, 2, 51.02 PR  
Daniella Tregellas, 3, 51.20 PR

**4x100 Relay**  
Ella Stewart, Raylee McDonald, Taylor Hindman, Lexi Steffe, 1, 53.29

**4x200 Relay**  
Ella Stewart, Gigi Cabello, Trinity Hindman, Taylor Hindman, 2

**4x400 Relay**  
Daniella Tregellas, Lyndsi Coble, Kylee Martin, Brooklyn Sands, 1

**Shot Put, 4kg**  
Meredith Brown, 1  
Taylor Paetzold, 3  
Adrianna Quinones, 15  
11.90

**Discus, 1kg, 11.94 PR**

**Taylor Paetzold, 4, 12.12 PR**  
Adrianna Quinones, 14, 12.17 PR  
12.27 PR

**High Jump, 12.34 PR**  
Taylor McKenzie, 1, 12.34 PR  
Raylee McDonald, 2, 12.60 PR  
Lexi Steffe, 7, 12.62 PR  
12.71 PR

**Pole Vault, 12.77 PR**  
Saddie Smith, 1  
Anna D'Avino, 2  
Jamie Smith, 4, 24.45 PR  
25.09 PR

**Long Jump, 25.11 PR**  
Ella Stewart, 2, 25.30 PR  
Taylor Hindman, 5, 25.56 PR  
Trinity Hindman, 7, 25.82 PR

**Bearcat Relays, Varsity**

**MENS RESULTS**

**100 Meters**  
Brian Fleming, 1, 10.94 PR  
Clay Murador, 3, 11.03 PR  
Bryan Allen, 5, 11.30 SR

**200 Meters**  
Bryan Allen, 1, 22.79 PR  
Sammy Steffe, 2, 22.83 PR  
Jacob Costello, 4, 23.40 PR

**400 Meters**  
Kenneth Lohmer, 8, 55.38  
Maverick Savage, 12, 56.82 PR  
Landry Simmons, 13, 57.23 PR  
Gabriel Sherrod, 14, 57.42

**800 Meters**  
Maverick Savage, 6, 2:09.57 PR

**1600 Meters**  
Isaac Hernandez, 6, 4:46.57 SR  
Henry Zedler, 7, 4:48.61 PR

**3200 Meters**  
Isaac Hernandez, 2, 10:23.69  
Henry Zedler, 3, 10:28.92 PR

**110m Hurdles, 39"**  
Dylan Martin, 2, 15.62 SR  
Caden Boukadoum, 6, 17.06 SR

**300m Hurdles, 36"**  
Caden Boukadoum, 4, 43.26  
Dylan Martin, 5, 43.68

**4x100 Relay**  
Brian Fleming, Demarco Roberts, Sammy Steffe, Logan Flinta, 1, 41.88

**4x200 Relay**  
Sammy Steffe, Brian Fleming, Bryan Allen, Logan Flinta, 1, 1:28.09

**4x400 Relay**  
Jacob Costello, Ryan Williams, Logan Flinta, Clay Murador, 2, 3:32.55

**Shot Put, 12lb**  
Jason Llewellyn, 4, 44-00.25PR  
Gunner Allen, 14, 38-00.75SR  
Bryon Moreno-Wheeler, 16, 37-01.50PR

**Discus, 1.6kg**  
Jason Llewellyn, 2, 137-

10PR  
Isaac Knott, 3, 127-03PR

**High Jump**  
Tristan Thurman, 1, 6-06.00PR  
Bryan Allen, , NH

**Pole Vault**  
Ford Maberry, 1, 14-00.00  
Sean Gribble, 2, 14-00.00PR  
Matthew Hickerson, 4, 13-06.00PR

**Long Jump**  
Gary Earle, 4, 20-09.00SR  
Taylon Kessler, 11, 19-06.00

**Triple Jump**  
Taylon Kessler, 7, 40-02.25PR

**WOMENS RESULTS**

**100 Meters**  
Emily Delaune, 11, 13.55 SR  
Maitlynn Mitchell, 14, 13.66 SR  
Presley Bergen, 16, 13.84 PR  
Alyssa Nickerson, 17, 13.87 PR

**200 Meters**  
Maitlynn Mitchell, 10, 28.23 PR  
Presley Bergen, 11, 28.74 PR  
Alyssa Nickerson, 12, 28.93 SR

**400 Meters**  
Sidney Tillotson, 3, 1:03.09  
Makayla Brinkman, 10, 1:08.24

**800 Meters**  
Sidney Tillotson, 1, 2:25.63  
Delaney Deller, 2, 2:27.90  
Addison Durand, 3, 2:30.73

**1600 Meters**  
Sarah Tillotson, 6, 5:51.17  
Addison Durand, 7, 5:51.23

**3200 Meters**  
Caroline Browning, 7, 13:26.10 PR

**100m Hurdles, 33"**  
Sophie Isham, 4, 16.70  
Natalie Anderson, 5, 17.33  
Olivia Caggiano, 10, 18.52

**300m Hurdles, 30"**  
Sarah Tillotson, 2, 48.04 PR  
Olivia Tregellas, 13, 55.07  
Olivia Caggiano, 14, 55.33

**4x100 Relay**  
Kaylee Halfmann, Ashley Canady, Anslie Lopez, Kaylee Mays, 5, 51.64

**4x200 Relay**  
Kaylee Halfmann, Ashley Canady, Kaylee Mays, Delaney Deller, 3, 1:48.45

**4x400 Relay**  
Delaney Deller, Makayla Brinkman, Sarah Tillotson, Sidney Tillotson, 2, 4:16:26

**Shot Put, 4kg**  
Madyson Boutwell, 1, 36-09.25PR  
Lauren St Peters, 3, 35-06.50PR  
Carson Fronk, 6, 33-05.50SR

**Discus, 1kg**  
Lauren St Peters, 1, 119-09PR  
Madyson Boutwell, 3, 99-03SR  
Caroline Erb, 10, 75-04SR

**High Jump**  
Ashley Canady, 1, 5-00.00SR  
Kaylee Mays, 5, 4-08.00  
Madison Frank, 6, 4-08.00

**Pole Vault**  
Kaitlyn Walker, 1, 9-06.00PR  
Taylor Hindman, 1, 9-06.00PR  
Anslie Lopez, 4, 9-00.00PR

**Long Jump**  
Kaylee Halfmann, 5, 15-09.25  
Anslie Lopez, 5, 15-09.25PR  
Addy Mosley, 9, 15-00.25

**Triple Jump**  
Madison Frank, 4, 33-06.25SR  
Natalie Anderson, 7, 31-10.00PR



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# Trinity has successful clay shoot

The Trinity Christian Academy Clay Shooting Team paced fourth out of 10 teams at a clay shoot on March 20.

Individually, Wes Roddie received first place HOA Varsity Men's and High Combined score for the shoot.

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Marla Stanfield was third in junior varsity ladies.

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# BASEBALL

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game. Willems drove in Belyeu with a fly ball to center field. Two batters later Guzman scored Baker, who was courtesy running for Willems, with a ground rule double over the left field fence.

Brewer was able to load the bases in the bottom half of the inning, but Shands was able to work out of the jam without surrendering a run. In the next half inning, Belyeu doubled in Sisk on the second at bat to make it a 3-0 game. Belyeu reached third base on the throw to the plate and scored two batters later on a



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**LEFT: Nolan Garcia singled on a line drive to center field in the first inning. | Max Belyeu slides safely into third base after a wild pitch by Brewer on Tuesday, March 23.**



CHRISTOPHER AMOS/THE COMMUNITY NEWS  
**Parker Stegall catches a fly ball for out number 3 in the first inning.**

sacrifice fly by Willems. Garcia followed with a sacrifice fly of his own that scored Stegall.

In the third, Belyeu continued his stellar performance with a triple that allowed Wilson to score. In the fourth, Garcia was able to score from third on a wild pitch, extending the lead to 7-0.

The Bearcats did not score any more runs in the game, but the damage had been done. Brewer scored a run in the fifth inning after an

unfortunate series of errors, but that was all they could muster.

Shands finished the night pitching a complete game, only giving up two hits and striking out nine.

“I just tried to keep the ball low,” Shands said about the performance. “When I was in warmups my curveball wasn’t working too well, but once I got on the mound it started feeling good. Creed didn’t call it until the third or fourth inning. Once he did, he started calling it

back-to back-to back. It felt good. The defense can have some errors sometimes, I mean they save me a lot of the time so it all evens out.”

Belyeu finished 3 for 4 with a triple, double, single and a walk. He came up in the seventh inning just needing a home run to complete the cycle, but was unable to accomplish the feat.

“This season is going well,” Belyeu said after the game. “Tonight was just one of those days where it’s

going to get better as the year goes on. Our approach right now is just one game at a time, we have something to prove. If we play like that, nobody’s going to beat us.”

The Bearcats have now won five straight games and started the district schedule off with a win. They will face Brewer again on Friday night at home, before playing a two game set against Granbury next week.

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