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ALEDO

Council discusses safety solutions for FM 1187 railroad crossing

Motion failed to zone 500 Old Annetta Road as commercial

Brandi Addison
The Community News

Aledo staff and city council have begun looking at short-term safety solutions for the railroad crossing at Farm-to-Market Road 1187, after a private citizen came forward with drone footage that showed a car seconds from being hit by a train.

The private citizen, Rick Campbell, described the intersection as “dangerous situation.”

“My concern, of course, is safety with the railroad crossing because part of what I do professionally is investigate and work with major railroad crossing collisions across the country,” Campbell said. “I don’t want to see one in Aledo,

and we’re poised for one, I hate to say.”

He said a “myriad of traffic issues” at the crossing could someday cause a potentially fatal accident.

“It’s easy to sit in traffic for 15 minutes trying to get through this,” he said.

Mayor Kit Marshall and city administrator Bill Funderburk said the city is aware of the issue and faces the same concerns of safety as residents.

However, because it’s a state highway, city staff and council await a permanent fix from the Texas Department of Transportation.

“I’d like to have seen it taken care of a couple of years ago, but we don’t have control over that,” Marshall said. “We can do what we can do.”

She said she expects to see some relief in congestion when the new middle school is built,

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SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS

CLEAN SWEEP: Senior Olivia Caggiano swept first place in every journalism event at last weekend’s district UIL competition. More information about the event can be found on page 3.

Spring Ritual



CHRISTOPHER AMOS/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Avett Patterson get coaching at the plate from dad Brice Patterson during Aledo Athletics action on Saturday, March 27. More photos can be found on page 2.

WEATHERFORD COLLEGE

Farmer recognized with Phi Theta Kappa award

Special to The Community News

Phi Theta Kappa International has recognized Dr. Tod Allen Farmer, Weatherford College president, with the 2021 Paragon President Award.

This award is presented to new college presidents who have shown strong support of student success by recognizing academic achievement, leadership, and service

among high-achieving students at their college.

Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society for two-year colleges.

“While you were nominated for this award by the highest-achieving students on your campus, this award is really about your commitment to the success of all students,” wrote Dr. Lynn Tincher-Ladner,

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ALEDO ISD

Elgin picked to lead new Annetta School

New campus scheduled to open in August

Staff Reports
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Aledo ISD has named Walsh Elementary School Principal Holly Elgin as principal at the new Annetta Elementary that is slated to open in August 2021.



Elgin

Elgin has been the principal at Walsh Elementary since 2019, and she has worked in the Aledo ISD since 2013.

“Mrs. Elgin has been a great asset to Walsh Elementary, and we are excited that she will continue on our leadership team to serve our Bearcats at Annetta Elementary,” Superintendent Dr. Susan Bohn said. “Having been in Aledo ISD for eight years, Mrs. Elgin will be able to immediately make a difference by hiring a staff that understands the exceptional experiences expected in the Aledo ISD.”

Elgin was the district’s Don Daniel Assistant Principal of the Year in 2017, and she was the AISD Marva Collins Intermediate Teacher of the Year in 2014. She has a bachelor of arts in educational ministries from Moody Bible Institute and a masters of education in education administration from Texas A&M-Commerce. She will complete her certificate in school management and leadership from the Harvard Graduate School of Education this summer.

“The last two years at Walsh Elementary have been very rewarding, and I will always treasure my time as principal at Walsh,” Elgin said. “I am excited about this new opportunity, as it’s not very often that you get a chance to open a new school. I look forward to starting new traditions and instilling Aledo Bearcat spirit with our students at Annetta Elementary.”

Annetta Elementary is the district’s sixth elementary school, and it is being built as a part of the \$149.95 million Aledo Bond 2019 program that passed in November of 2019. Annetta Elementary, which

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Heart at the Border

Some love and compassion needs to be added to border debate.

COMMENTARY

First-time Title

Trinity Christian Academy captures its first district tennis title.

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Safe at Home

Ladycats shutting out district competition with three wins.

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FARMER

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international president and CEO of Phi Theta Kappa. “They know you are working hard to provide them more opportunities and stronger pathways to completion, transfer and employment—even amid a global pandemic.”

Farmer, an alumnus of WC and its Phi Chapter, said membership in the honor society forever changed his thinking.

“Despite working long hours in multiple jobs as a student, I challenged myself to make the high grades necessary to gain admittance to PTK,” he said. “When I successfully accomplished that lofty goal, I realized for the first time that I was capable of accomplishing difficult goals. Phi Theta Kappa was an important part of my college experience, and I am honored and humbled to be a recipient of this award.”

His twin daughters, wife, and father-in-law are also all members of WC’s Phi Chapter.

Shantee Siebuhr, Phi Chapter’s advisor, said Farmer’s history with WC and Phi Theta Kappa is inspiring to the students.

“For them to see that President Farmer was once a Weatherford College student, inducted into Phi Chapter and now works to make sure that students have the support they need to become who they want to — it’s a fantastic success story of how Phi Theta Kappa and Weatherford College change lives,” Siebuhr said.

“Not every Phi Theta Kappa chapter has such a passionate champion in their corner. We are beyond thankful that President Farmer understands just how empowered a student can feel knowing who is behind them, helping them succeed.”

Farmer will be recognized during the honor society’s virtual convention, PTK Catalyst, on Friday, April 9.

WC’s Phi Chapter, founded in 1929, is the oldest chapter west of the Mississippi River.

Saturday in the Park

Youngsters learn diamond skills at Aledo Athletics fields



Zeke Bryant gets a base hit.



Brogan Blair practices throwing skills.



Colby Pedrami runs to first base.



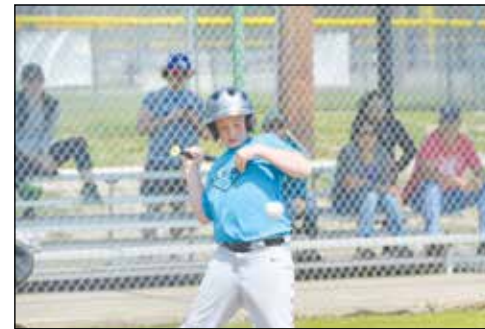
Samuel Stene reaches first on a single



Jack Bristow runs home



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Wyatt Sapien dodges an inside pitch.

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AHS journalism team sweeps district



SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS
Lydia Wood, Olivia Caggiano, James Ward, and Cassidy Cole placed first in the District 5-5A Journalism competition.

The Aledo High School UIL journalism team placed first place at district last weekend.

Senior Olivia Caggiano swept first place in every journalism event. In copy editing, senior Lydia Wood also placed fourth. In news writing, senior James Ward placed second and Wood placed fourth. In editorial writing, Wood placed second and freshman Cassidy Cole placed sixth. In feature writing, Ward placed second and Wood placed fourth. In headline, Wood placed third and Ward placed sixth.

ALEDO

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but that still doesn't offer an immediate solution.

Campbell suggested a short-term fix of traffic control from law enforcement to prevent drivers from stopping on the tracks.

Another potential fix, he said, is to place a queue-cutter signal at Underwood Road, which would measure traffic, and as it backs up, would automatically turn the light red.

"That's a year and a half away if TxDot said, 'OK, let's do this today,' and the problem is still going to exist tomorrow at 8 o'clock," Campbell said.

The city council did not vote on the item during the March 25 council meeting, but will continue to collaborate with city staff on potential short-term fixes.

Old Annetta Road

After a majority residents of the Parker Station subdivision — 48 of 51 homes — signed a petition against the zoning

change for 500 Old Annetta Road and several spoke out during public hearings, Aledo City Council voted against the change during the March 25 council meeting.

The property had already been rezoned to a commercial property in 1987, but the changes did not get reflected on the city's zoning maps, city officials said.

It was brought to the city's attention by longtime resident and former council member Jim Lasater, who owns the property and voted for the change in the late 1980s. City officials said he made them aware that he was paying commercial property taxes, but when trying to sell the land, it was zoned as a residential property.

Because the zoning maps did not accurately reflect the subdivision as a commercial property, the city was required to complete the traditional process for a zoning change, including two public hearings, a recommendation from the planning and zoning committee, and a vote by the council, which failed to pass.

ELGIN

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has a maximum capacity of 889 students and will serve grades K-5, is located on the far western side of the district off FM 5 about two-and-a-half miles south of Interstate 20 in Annetta.

Originally from Pennsylvania, Elgin attended Moody Bible Institute before getting married and moving to Texas. Her husband, Matt, went to Dallas Seminary, and she began teaching.

Shortly after she started teaching, she went to work on her Master's degree in education administration from Texas A&M Commerce. Later she worked on being an administrative intern for the next few years and worked in Garland ISD. She later became an assistant principal in the Wylie ISD in 2006.

After the birth of her oldest daughter she took some time off from public education.

"I worked at our church and in the preschool area. And then from there, I had my youngest daughter, and then I took off for two years at that time," she said. And then, nine

years ago, she came to McAnally as a teacher.

"I've always known that I wanted to be a teacher; from the time that I was very little, I was playing school and I loved everything about school," she said. "I enjoyed being in school throughout the years that I was involved with Student Council when I was in high school, and all of those good things. And then I started working in an elementary classroom while I was in high school."

In her senior year of high school, Elgin divided her time between her

classes and helping at the elementary school.

"And then when I went to college, I knew that's the direction I wanted to go," she said.

Elgin has said she feels fortunate to have worked with Bob Harmon, long-time principal at McAnally Intermediate School.

"He's the one who hired me at McAnally. And he was a great mentor those first few years that I was able to work alongside him, and he just had such a unique perspective that allowed me to see what mattered the most as we worked together."

At McAnally she taught for one year and was an assistant principal for five years.

Elgin was also the director of the First Baptist School of Wylie from 2008 to 2011, and she was an assistant principal in the Wylie ISD from 2006 to 2008. Elgin taught from 2000-2006 at Casa View Baptist School in Dallas (2000-2001), Club Hill and Pearson elementaries in the Garland ISD (2001-2005), and Davis Intermediate in the Wylie ISD (2005-2006). She was also an administrative intern in Garland and Wylie ISDs from 2003-2006.

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2019 BOND PROGRAM MCANALLY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL CONVERSION TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CSP 21-040221

The Aledo Independent School District (the District) will accept Competitive Sealed Proposals for McAnally Intermediate School Conversion to Elementary School until 2:00 PM on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, in the Business Department at the Aledo Independent School District Administration Building, 1008 Bailey Ranch Road, Aledo, TX 76008. A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held at 4:00 PM on Thursday, April 8, 2021 at the Aledo Independent School District McAnally Intermediate School, 151 FM 5 South, Aledo, TX 76008. A tour of the site will follow the Pre-Proposal Conference. Proposal evaluation criteria are published in the Instructions to Offerors section of the proposal documents. Plans and specifications will be released on Monday, April 5, 2021, and are available to interested parties from the following address upon deposit of \$250.00 per set: PBK Architects, Inc., 100 Throckmorton Street, Suite 1550, Fort Worth, Texas 76102, 817-332-4333. A link to digital copies may be found on the Business Department Bid Documents page of the District's website: <https://www.aledoisd.org/Page/4288>. The District reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals, to accept the proposal that provides the best value to the District, and to waive all formalities with respect thereto.

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Events

APRIL 3

Free Bible Handout

Pastor Scott Hogue and Clint Robinson will hand out free Bibles from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 3, at the north parking lot of the Church at the Crossing, 128 Elm St. in Aledo. One Bible per family will be provided. Pastor Scott will also offer prayer if needed.

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.

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 817-441-5770 or email info@annetatx.gov. Safety vests

will be provided, as well as a cookout 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) or Brandon Reese at 817-994-0074 (email: breesefw@msn.com).

APRIL 16

Star Parker to headline Bush Legacy dinner

Star Parker will be the guest speaker for the Bush Legacy Republican Women of Weatherford fundraising dinner at 6 p.m. Friday, April 16, at Dove Ridge Vineyard in Weatherford. The event is the major fundraiser for the club.

Parker is the founder and president of CURE, Center for Urban Renewal and Education.

CURE is a non-profit Policy Institute based in Washington, D.C. that fights poverty to restore dignity through messages of faith, freedom, and personal responsibility.

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ACROSS

44 residential bush
46 TXism: "the pot calling When _____ black"
48 tune of TX Henley group Eagles: "Take _____"
49 TXism: "he believes all the people all the time"
50 heavy beers
51 TXism: "_____ light" (dawn)
52 TXism: "bite a biscuit" before TX 7-11's Sturpee

23 Gary Morris created "Alley _____" "legal eagle" assn.
24 TX Gary Morris tune: "One Fall _____ It Takes"
25 TXism: "he'd be _____ in a battle of wits" (stupid)
26 Grandpa and Little Luke on old TV Stephens of Cowboy Cheerleader films
27 TXism: "hot enough to sunburn _____ toad"
28 TXism: "sounded like a rip saw running through pine knots"
29 Corpus Christi TV TX Wilson who is Lightning McQueen on "Cars" series
30 TXism: "_____ necklace" (barbed wire)
31 TX Joan Severance film: "See no _____, Hear no _____" (1989)
32 "I" in TX DWI underground pool of oil

DOWN
1 TX Vassar Miller poem: "_____ Deeply Enough"
2 TXism: "useless as a screen _____ submarine"
3 city near Wichita Falls (2 wds.)
4 this Jack starred in TV series "The Texas Wheelers"
5 in the middle of
6 TXism: "hell _____" (determined)
7 citrus drink ending
8 Gov. Hogg's daughter academic
9 TXism: "scarce as grass around _____ lick"
10 TX oral traditions noted TX pitcher _____ Nolan Ryan
11 "petticoat" actress TX Meredith Mac
12 "Niner QB Young who rarely beat the Cowboys (init.)
13 TX Sandy (init.)
14 dir. to Junction from Rocksprings
15 TXism: "just _____ yonder" (not far)

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Bush Legacy Republican Women of Weatherford are selling table sponsorships and tickets for the event. VIP guest will enjoy meeting Star Parker and take home a photo with her. For More information call 817-594-5029 or visit BLRWW.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.

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Alicia Smith
City Secretary
City of Willow Park, Texas

LEGAL NOTICE
Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Mixed Beverage Permit Food and Beverage Certificate by Willow Park Hotel Investments, LLC dba SpringHill Suites Willow Park to be located at 500 Shops Boulevard, Willow Park, Parker County, Texas. Officers of said corporation are: Hena Masters, Manager; Atul Masters, Member; Jeeten Masters, Member.

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Capital Highlights

Voting restriction bill passes Senate committee



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A Texas Senate committee on Friday passed an elections bill that would tighten the state's voting rules by limiting extended early voting hours, requiring proof of disability to qualify for mail-in voting, and prohibiting drive-thru voting. Senate Bill 7, sponsored by Sen. Bryan Hughes, R-Mineola, is one of Gov. Gregg Abbott's legislative priorities this session.

During testimony Friday, the committee received opposition testimony from AARP, the League of Women Voters, NAACP, and other groups. Hughes described his bill as attempting to strike a balance between "maintaining fair and honest elections with the opportunity to exercise one's right to vote," according to the Texas Tribune.

Any Texan old enough to legally drive can receive COVID-19 vaccine

More than 10.2 million Texans have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine as of Sunday, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. The pace is expected to quicken now that anyone 16 years and older can receive one of the three versions available in the state. A total of 3.57 million Texans are fully vaccinated — about 12% of the state's population. DSHS has directed vaccine providers to give priority to people 80 years and older.

To that point, a new outreach partnership between the Texas Health and Human Services Commission and several partners was announced last week by Gov. Gregg Abbott. Among those participating to expand the state's Save Our Seniors program launched in February are the Texas Employee Retirement System, Texas Teachers Retirement System, AARP, and various Medicare health plans.

More than one million doses of the vaccine are being shipped to Texas providers this week. Texans can call 2-1-1 or go to <https://tinyurl.com/9dvpem9> for more information about getting the vaccine.

COVID-19 cases in Texas drop slightly

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas dropped to 27,185 last week, with 741 deaths reported. Both are down just slightly from the previous week, according to the Coronavirus Center at Johns Hopkins University. Hospitalizations of confirmed COVID-19 cases also showed a slight decrease to 3,308, according to DSHS.

Health care fraud case ends with prison time, \$82.9 million restitution

The state's Department of Workers' Compensation announced last week that the remaining defendants in a health care fraud bribery scam were sentenced by a federal judge. The case involved surgeons, physicians, and hospital administrators at Forest Park Medical Hospital in Dallas. It began in 2016 and involved 14 defendants, who were sentenced to a combined 74-plus years in prison and ordered to pay \$82.9 million in restitution. According to a news release from DWC, the department's fraud unit identified health care providers at Forest Park who billed the state's workers' compensation system. The unit turned over the data to the FBI.

"Fraudulent billing within the health care system drives up the costs of health care for everyone," Debra Knight, DWC deputy commissioner, said. "These significant sentences demonstrate that health care fraud will not be tolerated."

Border transportation master plan approved by state

The Texas Department of Transportation has approved the Border Transportation Master Plan after years of research and analysis of current and future transportation needs and growth in the border region. Secretary of State Ruth R. Hughs, who chaired the Board Trade Advisory Committee, praised the decision. The plan recommended strategies to help U.S. and Mexican officials improve efficiency in the movement of freight, goods and people across the state's 28 border crossings.

"I look forward to our continued work together on the implementation of the master plan to raise awareness of its importance, improve quality of life for residents of the border region, and secure economic prosperity for all on both sides of the border," Hughs said.

Forest service acquires acreage through legacy grant

The Texas A&M Forest Service has acquired Fox Hunters Hill, a \$1.6 million conservation easement of sustainably managed forest adjacent to the Sabine National Forest in Deep East Texas. The acreage was acquired through the U.S. Forest Legacy Program, which acquired more than 23,000 acres throughout the South to protect forestlands at risk due to urban development or clear cutting.

TFS works with landowners on a "willing buyer/willing seller" basis to obtain the lands and enhance sustainable forest management. "A conservation easement is an interest in land acquired to protect certain conservation values," explained Gretchen Riley, the Forest Legacy Program Coordinator at Texas A&M Forest Service. "It is a good way to assure important, vulnerable landscapes — and the benefits they provide to Texans — are sustained for the future."

Fox Hunters Hill borders 213,000 acres of protected lands in the Angelina and Sabine National Forests, including one of the last undeveloped coves of Toledo Bend Reservoir.

Protect yourself from social media identity theft

The Texas Department of Insurance has some advice on taking simple steps to protect social media accounts and thus avoid most scams. Those tips include:

- Don't post ID cards, including a COVID-19 vaccination card.
- Watch out for online quizzes and surveys that ask for personal information, such as the model of your first car, name of your first pet, or your hometown. Those are often also security login questions.
- Don't overshare. The more a scammer finds out about you, the easier it is to create a fake account.
- Limit app sharing and close old accounts.
- Protect family members, especially teens, who are the most likely to overshare.

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Thistles & Roses

A little love needed for immigration debate



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Immigration.

The term stirs many emotional reactions: compassion in some, fear and anger in others.

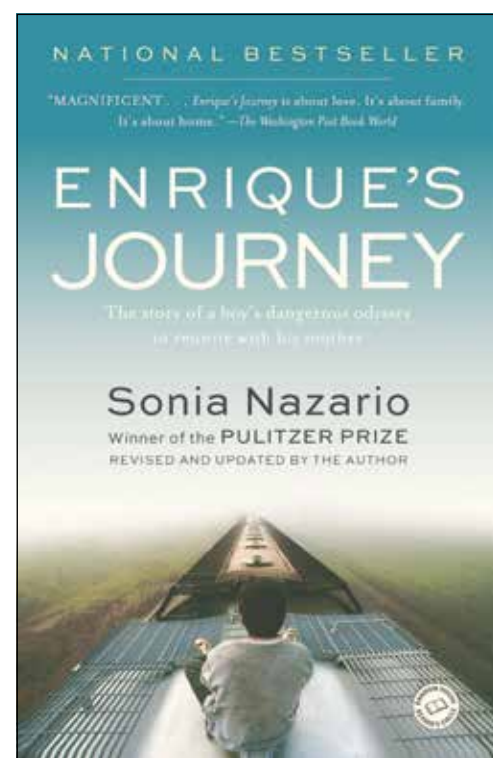
Most of us have many immigrants in their family histories. My great grandfather, James Gregg Henderson, came to Fort Worth from Scotland around 1880. He and his mother previously had to leave Australia where he was born in 1855 after his father, Andrew Henderson, was murdered there during a labor strike, according to family legend.

The trips around the tip of South Africa to Scotland, and later from Scotland to Fort Worth, must have been challenging. He was naturalized in Fort Worth around 1895. He had a large stone contracting business and built the St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in downtown Fort Worth from 1888-1892. He is buried in a Henderson family plot in Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth's North Side.

He brought with him family photos and photos of his home town Coupar Angus, knowing he would never see Scotland again. I think of the endless hours a young boy and young man spent on the ships, pondering his future destiny. When he got to Fort Worth with his strange accent, I hope he experienced compassion and not fear and anger.

The people who are walking 2,000-plus miles across Mexico from Central America must face great challenges and uncertainties. Most want a better life like my great grandfather. I think they share similarities with him. They are leaving their homes and walking, I mean walking, thousands of miles.

I believe most of them just want to work and raise families and live decent lives on this planet Earth that we all share. Many are taken into custody and returned to their countries. As President Biden has said, stay in place, apply and come legally. Despite these warnings,



desperation and poverty drive them to take risky chances.

A few years ago, Sonia Nazario wrote a book called *Enrique's Journey*. It was the story of a young Honduran boy who walked and rode dangerous trains across Mexico to find his mother in the U.S.

She spoke at the Aledo Untied Methodist Church. She showed photos of a huge garbage dump in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, where children and birds fight over the trash when trucks unload, trying to find food or anything of value. She noted that hospital waste is often mixed in. And she describes the unimaginable hunger and desperation the people face. That is why they come against all odds.

My sincere hope and prayer is that we find a way to deal with these disparate human beings with compassion instead of political rhetoric laced with fear and anger.

I think a little love mixed in might also help.

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BASEBALL

Win streak comes to an end

Pirates crimp 'Cats' style

By Nolan Ruth
The Community News

The Aledo baseball team won its district opener against Brewer on Tuesday, March 23. The next Friday night, the Bearcats completed the sweep of the Bears with an 11-4 win.

Zach Harrison drove in the first two runs of the game with a single to center field that drove in Parker Stegall and Gabe Baker. Nolan Garcia scored on a passed ball before the inning ended to give the Bearcats a 3-0 lead early on.

Adrian Guzman got the start on the mound for Aledo. He had only allowed one hit going into the third inning, but a walk and an error put a runner at third base for Brewer. Guzman balked to allow the run to score, but worked himself out of the inning.

Garcia scored Baker in the bottom of the inning, followed by Hunter Rudel crossing the plate on a wild pitch to extend the lead to 5-1.

All went quiet until the sixth inning. With Tristan Thurman in to relieve Guzman, the Bears scored three runs to draw within one run. With a tight lead late in the game, Head Coach Chad Barry decided to use catcher Creed Willems as the closer. Willems immediately struck out the only batter he faced in the sixth inning.

Needing a big inning, the Bearcats came out and put up six runs to distance themselves from the Bears. Stegall drove in Colton Campbell with a single to left field, Rudel doubled home Stegall, Garcia singled in Keaton Laidley, Rudel doubled in Harrison. Before anyone knew what had happened, Aledo's lead went from 5-4 to 11-4.

"We stayed hyped the whole time," Garcia said about the mood in the sixth inning. "The energy levels helped us score more runs and we've just got to keep that going throughout the whole season."

Garcia finished the game 2/3 at the plate, two RBI's, two runs, and two stolen bases.

Willems jumped back on the mound in the seventh and closed out the game by striking out the side.

"Usually when I go up there I'm looking to attack with fastballs," Willems said about closing the game out. "I love being put in those pressure situations. I love being in control of the game, and that's why I love catching as well."

Willems was walked twice at the plate; on the mound he went 1.1 innings pitched and struck out all four batters he faced.

The celebration was short lived though. On Tuesday night, the Granbury Pirates came to town with an edge, having lost their first two district games. With the Bearcats missing a crucial piece in the lineup, the Pirates went with their number one pitcher to try and get their first district win.

Granbury scored one in the second, and the Bearcats responded with an RBI single by Ethan Nawrocki that scored Guzman.

The game remained a 1-1 tie until the top of the seventh inning. Rudel

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McKenna Vela wrestles with a Centennial defender in the Ladycats' area championship game on Tuesday at Castleberry.

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SOCCER

Seasons end in playoffs

Ladycats fall in area, Bearcats in bi-district

Staff Reports
The Community News

The Aledo soccer season came to an end more quickly than coaches and players would have wished, but both teams qualified for the playoffs.

The Ladycats began the playoffs with a bi-district win against Birdville on March 25 at Bearcat Stadium.

Birdville got on the board first, but Aledo responded with a long assist from Grace Ornelas to Ashlyn Laughley. Ornelas kicked the ball across the field from about 15 yards out to Laughley, who outmaneuvered her Birdville opponent in from of the net for the score.

The score remained tied 1-1 at the half.

In the second half, Laughley also sent the ball for some yardage to McKenna Vela, who

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Clay Murador jockeying for position against a Heritage defender.

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GOLF

Ladycats capture district title

Staff Reports
The Community News

The Aledo Ladycats captured the District 5-5A golf title handily at the district tournament on March 29-30 at Canyon West.

The Ladycats dominated both days, beating second-place Granbury Purple by nine

strokes (329-338) on Monday and, improving their own score another nine strokes on Tuesday, besting Granbury Purple by 18 strokes (318-338).

Individually, Mason Lewis of Granbury took the top spot, but Aledo took the next four, placing five golfers in the top 10.

Next stop for the Ladycats is the UIL 5A Region I Golf Tournament on April 19-20 at Rawls Golf Course in Lubbock.

The Bearcats were playing in their district tournament at press time. A report will appear in next week's issue.

1	Aledo	329	318	647
2	Granbury Purple	338	338	676
3	Granbury Gold	393	407	800
4	Rider	399	411	810
5	Azle	412	408	820
6	Wichita Falls	444	430	874
7	Brewer	518	502	1020

1	Mason Lewis	Granbury Purple	72	70	142
2	Aly Saunders	Aledo	78	77	155
3	Ella Fisher	Aledo	82	79	161
4	Mallory Miller	Aledo	89	79	168
5	Sanaa Lemen	Aledo	85	83	168
6	Morgan Cain	Azle	86	87	173
7	Taylor Lawrence	Granbury Purple	90	83	173
8	Madison Kirk	Granbury Purple	83	97	180
9	Lily Myers	Granbury Purple	93	88	181
10	Madison Warner	Aledo Med.	93	92	185

ON THE SIDE

Spring Sports

MARCH 26

Baseball vs Brewer - Home - 7 p.m.
Varsity Tennis at Quad Match, Away
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

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

APRIL 2

Baseball vs. Granbury - Away - VAR - 7 p.m.
Baseball vs. Granbury - Home - JV - 4:30 p.m.; FROSH - 7 p.m.

APRIL 8

MS Track & Field at Burleson Hughes, Away
Baseball vs. Azle, Home, JV - 5 p.m.; FROSH - 7 p.m.

APRIL 9

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

APRIL 10

Baseball vs Trinity - Away - 1 p.m.

APRIL 12

Baseball vs Azle, Home, JV - 4:30 p.m.; FROSH 7 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 15

Baseball vs Joshua, Away, FROSH Double-header, 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

APRIL 16

Softball vs. Wichita Falls, Away, VAR - 7 p.m., JV - 5 p.m.
Baseball vs Azle - Home - 7 p.m.
Baseball vs. Azle - Away - JV - 4:30 p.m.; FROSH 7 p.m.

APRIL 19

MS Track & Field 7th Grade Zone, Home
Baseball vs. WF Rider - Home - JV - 4:30 p.m.; FROSH 7 p.m.

APRIL 19-20

Girls Golf Regional Tournament at Rawls Golf Course in Lubbock

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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SOFTBALL

Ladycats closing out district competition

Two runaways, one closer

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The Aledo Ladycats picked up three wins over the week, scoring 28 runs and allowing only one in the process.

Aledo 10, Rider 0

Offensive firepower along with junior pitcher Kayleigh Smith's perfect game gave the Ladycats a 10-0 win over Wichita Falls Rider when they ventured to The Falls on March 23.

The 'Cats took an early lead in the top of the first when Macy Graf drew a lead-off walk, and advanced on Claire Byars' sacrifice bunt. Marissa Powell popped up to left field and got to second base due to an error by the left fielder, scoring Graf. Powell scored on a Texas Ray line-drive single to left.

Aledo added three more runs in the second inning. Morgan Brown led off the inning with a single, and after one out Audrey Pearce was hit by a pitch. Graf singled on a bunt, loading the bases, and Brown scored when Byars walked.

A Powell single to center field scored Pearce and Graf, giving the Ladycats a 5-0 edge.

Two more runs were added to the tally in the fourth inning. Pearce reached base on an error, stole second, and scored when Graf bunted and rounded the bases on an error.

The top of the sixth gave the Ladycats their final three runs. Graf singled and then scored on a double by Byars, who scored on a single

by Madysen Boutwell. Boutwell advanced to second base on the throw to home plate and then scored on a double by Ray.

Smith had eight strikeouts in the outing.

Aledo 14, Wichita Falls 0

Another strong pitching outing, this time a Nathalie Touchet no-hitter, combined with strong offense and numerous Coyote errors, led to the Ladycats' shut out of Wichita Falls at home on March 26, 14-0, with only four innings of offense.

Byars walked in the bottom of the first and advanced on a passed ball. Powell doubled on a line drive to left field, scoring Byars. A Boutwell single to right scored Powell. Boutwell ended up at third base on a wild pitch and scored on a Ray double line drive to right field. Rhet Gabbert walked and Brown single to load the bases, but they were stranded there at the end of the inning.

Adding to their 3-0 lead, the Ladycats scored five more in the second. Byars singled, reaching third when Powell singled on a line drive to left. Powell advanced to second on the throw. Boutwell cleared the bases except for herself when she tripled on a liner to right field. Ray reached first on an error and then, with two outs, Brown doubled on a line drive to center, scoring Boutwell and positioning Ray at third. Ray and Brown both scored on a Touchet single to center, putting Aledo up 8-0 after two innings.



Claire Byars slides safely into home during Aledo's 14-0 win over Wichita Falls High School.

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In the third inning Byars was again the first Ladycat to reach base, this time second base on an error by the center fielder. Byars stole third base and Kaylee Lucas walked. Byars scored on an error by the Wichita Falls catcher, and Lucas scored when Caitlin Beaty singled to left.

Up 10-0 going into the fourth, Maddy Jarvis singled and Byars cleared the bases on a home run to left field. Lucas reached third base on an error and scored on a Boutwell single. Boutwell advanced to third when Beaty hit a line drive that was mis-handled by the center fielder, and scored when Gabbert

hit a pop fly and reached on another Wichita Falls error.

Touchet had eight strikeouts and allowed no hits

Aledo 4, Brewer 1

Brewer played the Ladycats closer on Tuesday, March 30, than the district opening Aledo blowout 11-1 at their first meeting on March 9. This time around Aledo took the home victory, 4-1.

Brewer was first on the board, scoring its lone run in the top of the first. The score stayed that way until the bottom of the sixth, when the Ladycats scored all four of their runs.

Reagan Davis led off the inning with a bunt single. After stealing second, Davis reached third when Graf singled on a bunt. Graf advanced to second on the throw. Both girls scored when Byars singled to center field. Byars was thrown out at second in the process.

With the bases clear, Powell hit an infield single and then stole second. Boutwell singled on a hard infield ball to the shortstop, scoring Powell. Ray doubled to score Boutwell, rounding out the Ladycats' scoring for the game.

Smith got the win in the circle, striking out nine batters and allowing five hits.




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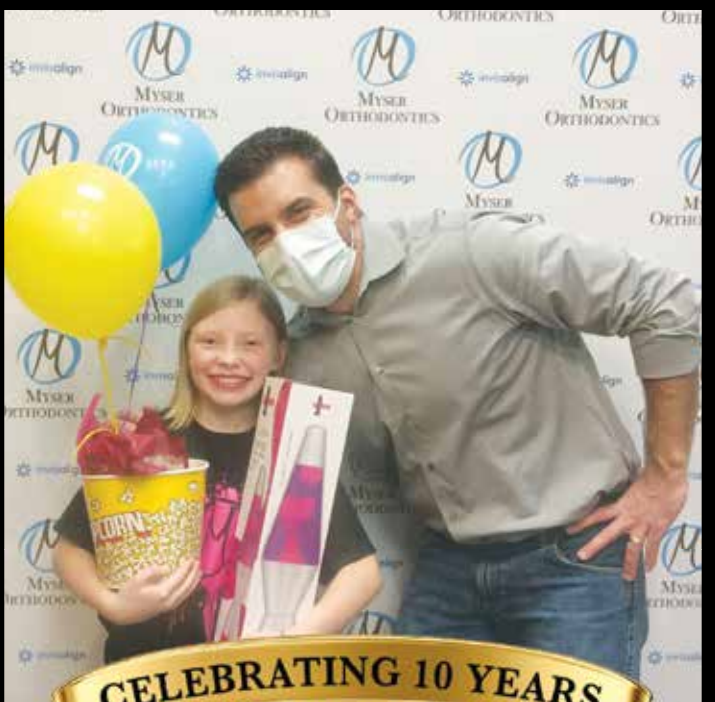


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TRACK & FIELD

Local athletes among top finishers at Decatur

JV girls take title

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Aledo track athletes placed either 1, 2, or 3 as a team at the Decatur Fit N Wise Invitational on March 25-26.

The JV girls won their title outright.

Varsity Mens

1 Decatur	135
2 Argyle	125
3 Aledo	123
4 N Rchld Hills	113.5
5 Brlsn Centennial	62.5
6 Brewer	27
7 Boyd	16
8 Lake Dallas	12
9 Hirschi	4

JV Mens

1 Argyle	194
2 Aledo	186
3 Brlsn Centennial	98.5
4 Decatur	60
5 Lake Dallas	35
6 Brewer	16
7 N Rchld Hills	14.5
8 Hirschi	14

Varsity Womens

1 Brlsn Centennial	226
2 Aledo	112.5
3 Argyle	107
4 Decatur	60.5
5 Brewer	56
6 N Rchld Hills	29
7 Boyd	20
8 Lake Dallas	9

JV Womens

1 Aledo	207
2 Brlsn Centennial	109
3 Argyle	84
4 N Rchld Hills	62
5 Decatur	60
6 Brewer	48
7 Lake Dallas	40

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4x100 Relay

Gary Earle, Demarco Roberts, Sammy Steffe, Brian Fleming, 1, 42.05
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4x200 Relay

Ryan Williams, Demarco Roberts, Sammy Steffe, Brian Fleming, 2, 1:30.10

Shot Put - 12lb

Jason Llewellyn, 4, 43'08.00

Discus - 1.6kg

Jason Llewellyn, 2, 140'08 PR
Isaac Knott, 7, 112'09

High Jump

Tristan Thurman, 2, 6'00.00

Pole Vault

Ford Maberry, 1, 14'09.00
Matthew Hickerson, 2, 14'03.00 PR
Sean Gribble, 4, 13'09.00

Long Jump

Gary Earle, 3, 21'07.25 PR
Triple Jump
Layne Ducote, 7, 40'08.75

Girls Varsity

100 Meters

Macy Graf, 10, 12.78 PR
Presley Bergen, 15, 13.02 PR

200 Meters

Macy Graf, 6, 27.45 PR
Maitlynn Mitchell, 9, 28.29

400 Meters

Sidney Tillotson, 2, 1:02.97
Madison Frank, 10, 1:07.14

800 Meters

Sidney Tillotson, 1, 2:25.61
Delaney Deller, 3, 2:29.11

100m Hurdles - 33"

Sophie Isham, 4, 16.31
Natalie Anderson, 6, 16.75

300m Hurdles - 30"

Sarah Tillotson, 5, 49.63
Olivia Tregellas, 10, 53.46 SR

Boys JV

100 Meters

Jaden Allen, 5, 11.73
Garrett Key, 6, 11.78

200 Meters

Ryan Jones, 6, 24.99
Austin Keith, 11, 26.32

4x100 Relay

Kaylee Halfmann, Ashley Canady, Ansli Lopez, Kaylee Mays, 5, 52.31
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4x200 Relay

Kaylee Halfmann, Ashley Canady, Kaylee Mays, Delaney Deller, 3, 1:53.26

4x400 Relay

Delaney Deller, Daniella Tregellas, Sarah Tillotson, Sidney Tillotson, 2, 4:16.09

Shot Put - 4kg

Madyson Boutwell, 1, 35'05.75
Carson Fronk, 5, 33'00.25
Lauren St Peters, 7, 32'00.75

Discus - 1kg

Lauren St Peters, 1, 111'08
Madyson Boutwell, 5, 93'09

High Jump

Ashley Canady, 3, 4'10.00
Kaylee Mays, 8, 4'08.00
Madison Frank, 8, 4'08.00

Pole Vault

Ansli Lopez, 1, 10'00.00 PR
Taylor Hindman, 3, 10'00.00 PR

Long Jump

Kaylee Halfmann, 6, 16'01.75 PR

Triple Jump

Madison Frank, 6, 32'07.00

400 Meters

Jackson Parker, 6, 58.08 PR
Zach Reilly, 12, 1:00.45

800 Meters

Vincent Luffey, 2, 2:19.21
Jacob Ellerbusch, 4, 2:20.02
Haddon Davis, 7, 2:21.79

1600 Meters

Vincent Luffey, 2, 5:09.04
Colton Snow, 4, 5:18.31 PR

3200 Meters

Vincent Luffey, 1, 11:08.68
Colton Snow, 4, 11:24.21 PR

110m Hurdles - 39"

Evan Thompson, 4, 17.28
Sawyer Storck, 8, 18.47 SR
Tyson Timms, 10, 18.85 PR

300m Hurdles - 36"

Evan Thompson, 3, 45.84
Sawyer Storck, 4, 46.03 PR
Tyson Timms, 9, 47.25

4x100 Relay

Garrett Key, Davhon Keys, Jaden Allen, Jalen Pope, 1, 45.51

4x200 Relay

Garrett Key, Ryan Jones, Jaden Allen, Jalen Pope, 1, 1:36.81
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4x400 Relay

Evan Thompson, Ryan Jones, Jackson Parker, Jalen Pope, 3, 3:48.61

Shot Put - 12lb

Bryon Moreno-Wheeler, 4, 38'00.00 PR
Maddox Epperson, 5, 37'06.00 PR

Discus - 1.6kg

Ansel Din-Mbuh, 1, 125'09 PR
Coleton Hope, 3, 114'11 PR

High Jump

Jack Mitchell, 1, 6'00.00 PR
Aven Lawrence, 2, 5'08.00
Alex Stadler, 3, 5'06.00

Pole Vault

Brad Campbell, 1, 12'06.00
Andrew Gamez, 2, 12'00.00
Bryce Vonasek, 4, 11'00.00 PR

Long Jump

Terry Lewis, 6, 17'08.00 PR
Jayton Owens, 7, 17'05.50
Terry Lewis, 2, 38'01.75

Triple Jump

Terry Lewis, 2, 38'01.75

Girls JV

100 Meters

Caitlyn Weimer, 5, 13.87
Kayla Scharlow, 9, 14.20

200 Meters

Caitlyn Weimer, 4, 29.12
Trinity Hindman, 8, 29.69

400 Meters

Averie Riser, 7, 1:11.78
Lyndsi Coble, 10, 1:12.88

800 Meters

Brooke Davis, 3, 2:46.71 PR
Lyndsi Coble, 5, 2:51.56

1600 Meters

Aubrey Connelly, 4, 6:28.50
Ava Bathurst, 5, 6:31.47

3200 Meters

Aubrey Connelly, 2, 13:48.15
Abigail Vestel, 4, 14:05.21

100m Hurdles - 33"

Kylee Martin, 2, 18.40
Ella Stewart, 3, 18.41
Anna D'avino, 5, 19.20 PR

300m Hurdles - 30"

Kylee Martin, 1, 52.85
Brooklyn Sands, 2, 52.94
Sadie Giddens, 4, 55.73 PR

4x100 Relay

Ella Stewart, Raylee McDonald, Taylor Hindman, Lexi Steffe, 2, 54.10
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4x200 Relay

Ella Stewart, Gigi Cabello, Trinity Hindman, Taylor Hindman, 2, 1:57.89

4x400 Relay

Averie Riser, Lyndsi Coble, Kylee Martin, Brooklyn Sands, 1, 4:42.48
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Shot Put - 4kg

Meredith Brown, 1, 28'01.00
Taylor Paetzold, 3, 25'05.00

Discus - 1kg

Taylor Paetzold, 1, 79'02 PR

High Jump

Taylor McKenzie, 1, 5'00.00
Lexi Steffe, 2, 4'10.00 PR
Raylee McDonald, 4, 4'10.00

Pole Vault

Anna D'avino, 1, 7'06.00
Jamie Smith, 2, 7'06.00 PR
Saddie Smith, 4, 7'06.00

Long Jump

Ella Stewart, 3, 14'00.00
Taylor Hindman, 7, 13'04.00
Triple Jump

Raylee McDonald, 2, 30'02.25

Taegan Meil, 6, 26'05.25

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Creed Willems checks the trajectory of the ball he just hit in action against Brewer last week.

BASEBALL

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was put on the mound for Carter Shands after six full innings and seven strikeouts. Two Pirate runners got on base, and a triple to left field scored both of them to give the Pirates the lead for good.

The Bearcats were unable to get anyone in scoring position in the seventh and fell to Granbury 3-1.

“We failed at the plate,” Barry said after the loss. “We took our

own swings, we were not taking team swings. That’s what happens when you can’t do the things you’re coached to do. Things like that happened. I thought Carter pitched great, Hunter came in was a little shaky and they came up with the clutch hit. We didn’t do that. We just didn’t put a lot of pressure on those guys.”

The Bearcats are now 13-6-2 on the year and will have a shot at revenge Friday night in Granbury at 7 p.m. before taking a week off after the Easter weekend.

SOCCER

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kicked what turned out to be the winning goal.

The Ladycats were not so fortunate on Tuesday night, when they faced Burlison Centennial at Castleberry High School. Centennial jumped right out of the gate with a score, and led 2-0 before Aledo got on the board.

Ashlyn Laughley had two unassisted goals for the Ladycats, who fell 4-2.

The Ladycats ended their season with a district record of 8-2 and an overall record of 14-5.

Bearcats Heartbreaker

The Bearcats lost a heartbreaker at Castleberry on Friday night against the Colleyville Heritage Spartans. In a game that on paper the Spartans should have won, Aledo took it to two overtimes, penalty kicks, and then sudden death.

Regulation play ended in a tie, 2-2. The Bearcats put up goals by Tyler Oetinger assisted by Clay Murador and Murador assisted by Oetinger.

Dylan Dobransky kicked a free kick past the Colleyville goal keeper in the first of two overtimes. After two overtimes the score was knotted at 3-3.

The match went to penalty kicks. Colleyville saved Aledo’s first shot and made their first four.

Murador scored on Aledo’s second kick, Rylan Shaffer scored on the third, and Dobransky scored on the fourth.

After Ryland Yates saved Colleyville’s fifth kick, Josh Zenteno scored Aledo’s fifth to tie after the shoot out, 4-4.

After that, it was sudden death.

Colleyville hit its shot and Aledo’s hit the post, giving Centennial the win.



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Taylon Kessler heads a ball during the Bearcats’ bi-district game against Colleyville Heritage.

“It was an amazing game. The kids played awesome,” Head Coach Derek Vierling said. “It was the best game we had all year. Colleyville probably should have beaten us by two or three goals. We went toe to toe with them and played some

awesome Bearcat soccer. Lots of heart! This was one of my top 10 games since I started at Aledo 20 years ago.”

The Bearcats ended their season 9-6-4 record overall, and 3-4-2 in district.

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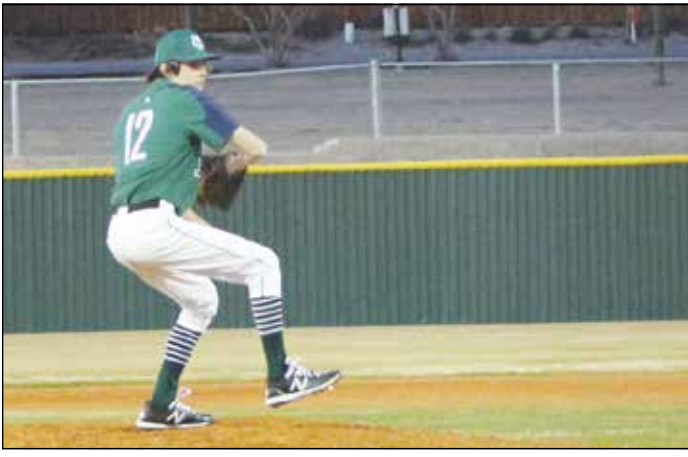
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Freshman pitcher Brody Morgan got the win for Trinity Christian Academy against top-ranked Lubbock Christian.

BASEBALL

TCA shocks Lubbock Trinity

Staff Reports
The Community News

The Trinity Christian Academy baseball team scored a dramatic walk-off bottom-of-the-seventh comeback on Friday, March 26, to upset No. 1 ranked Lubbock Trinity.

Down 6-2 going into the bottom of the seventh, TCA scored five runs to take the win.

The game, played at Weatherford College, was special not just because of the upset, but because it was also "Grandparent's Day at the Ballpark" to honor TCA grandparents.

Freshman pitcher Brody Morgan earned the win for Trinity Christian. The lefthander allowed zero hits and zero runs over one and one-third innings in relief,

striking out one and walking zero. Tyler Hollingshead also threw one-third of an inning in relief out of the bullpen for TCA.

Malen Baldrige started the game on the mound for TCA. Baldrige went five and a third innings, allowing six runs on seven hits and striking out five. Baldrige, Evan Chrane, Brayden Smalley, Colton St. Peters, and Eli Carter each collected one hit to lead TCA offensively.

The Eagles are in the tough TAPPS DIII - District 1 this season. All four district opponents are ranked in the Top 10 in the state.

The Eagles' next opponent is Lake Country Christian School. TCA's record is 7-3 going into the second half of district.

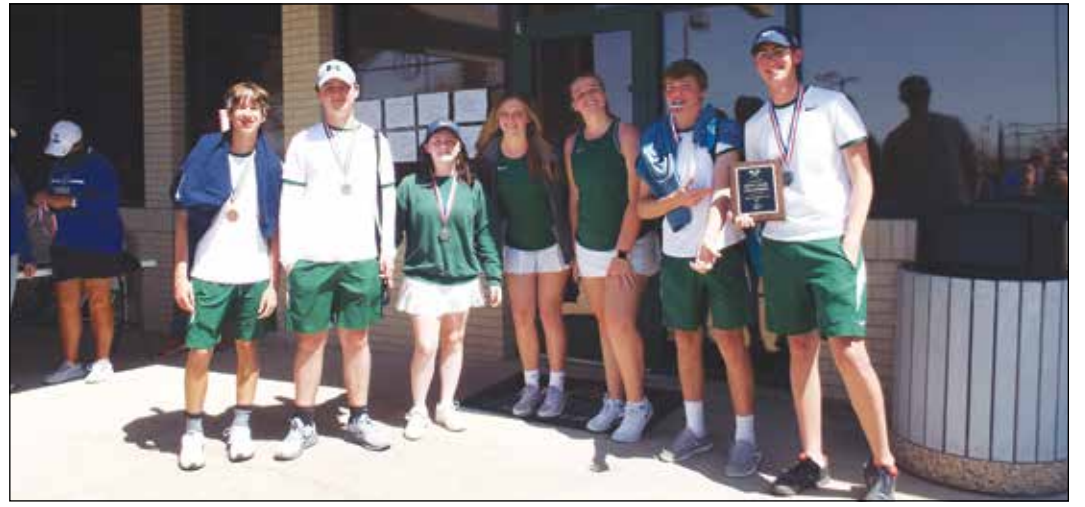
TENNIS

TCA captures district for first time

The Trinity Christian Academy boys tennis team captured its first ever district championship in tennis this week. The girls team finished third overall in team standings.

Individually, Janel Nickman placed second in girls singles; Faith Rodgers and Macy Prestwood placed fourth in girls doubles; Jonah Rodgers placed second in boys singles; Logan Ayers placed third in boys singles; and Parker Givens and Luke Ross placed second in boys doubles.

TCA's top finishers will now play in the TAPPS state tournament on April 6-7 in Waco.



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Logan Ayers, Luke Ross, Janel Nickman, Faith Rodgers, Macy Prestwood, Jonah Rodgers, and Parker Givens all placed in the top four at the district tennis tournament

TENNIS

Aledo RacquetCats compete in Weatherford

By Andrea Garnett
Special to The Community News

Last Friday, March 26, the Aledo varsity tennis team played in a quad match that was hosted by Weatherford High School. Aledo, along with Weatherford, Argyle, and Brownwood competed at the the WHS courts and the Weatherford Ninth Grade Center.

The girls' doubles team of Maddie Farmer and Georgia Posey placed first in their bracket while in boys' doubles Jax Joiner and Hogan Posey came in third place and

the team of Michael Birdwell/Zane Martin won consolation.

Mixed doubles pair Katie Siddons and Ian Leslie won first place and in girls singles Allie Farmer placed first with Cambell Charrier taking second place. Scott Mason won consolation in boys singles.

At press time the RacquetCats were traveling to Grapevine for the Grapevine/Colleyville Tournament, which should be great competition to prepare for the district tournament in a few weeks.



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ONE-TWO PUNCH: Allie Farmer (left) and Cambell Charrier placed first and second in girls singles.

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