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# Turning dirt for one more

# McAnally Middle School takes AISD's campus count to double digits

**By Randy Keck** The Community News

Sometimes all it takes is a rock.

The site of Aledo's second middle school is on a high point north of Aledo, overlooking hundreds, if not thousands of acres of rolling hills and terrain.

That lofty vantage point was getting quite a gust of wind coming from Aledo as the Aledo ISD administration and school board held a groundbreaking ceremony for McAnally Middle School, AISD's 10th campus, and the latest such event for the projects that were approved in the 2019 bond election.

Having difficulty keeping pages in place, a rock did the trick in keeping the program pages from blowing to Azle or other points north.

With the Bearcat Regiment drum line setting the tone, local dignitaries were seated, including County Judge Pat Deen, Aledo Mayor Kit Marshall, and Hudson Oaks Mayor Marc Povero, in addition to the school board, school district officials, and Superintendent Dr. Susan

Bond Progress Committee Chair Matt Morris got the program underway.

"This has been a long-awaited day that we're super excited about," Morris said. "When my family moved here in the 80s Aledo was 2-A at the time, probably had more cows than people. I remember



Aledo ISD leadership turned the first ceremonial dirt on the new McAnally Middle School, which will be north of I-20 on Old Weatherford Road. Shown are (from left) school board members Julie Turner, Jennifer Loftin, David Lear, and Jennifer Taylor; Superintendent Dr. Susan Bohn; school board member Jessica Brown; and School Board **President Hoyt Harris.** 

standing in certain gyms and looking out literally seeing more cows than we had folks in school."

Morris played football and marched in the band, in addition to other activities, when he was a student at AHS in the 1990s.

"We had great people and great teachers; great staff, great hearts," he said. "Even back then, and what's been so neat is that we went to 3-A, went to 4-A, and as we grew

at various paces to keep up with demand, the one thing that hasn't changed, and I think won't change much, is just our hearts, our hearts as a community, and our people."

Morris referred to the pursuit of excellence or pursuit of greatness.

"It's an attitude and it's a mindset. And that doesn't change if we do this right," he said. "Certain things in life, they just don't end, right. There's not an end game and that's

hard for somebody like me from Aledo that's used to winning and you want to win. But with this, we are winning because we are always pursuing excellence and greatness and growth in tackling the next decade ahead. And this is a big step in that. This is the official groundbreaking of this new middle school that's been talked about for a long, long time in this community. So this is a big day.



The Bearcat Regiment Drum Line wa on hand for the McAnally Middle School groundbreaking.

"That will lead to years and years ahead of fun and laughter and learning of middle schoolers who will be at this campus and that will become great people, great human beings because of our hearts, because of our staff, and our faculty, and really what's at the center of Aledo and always will be, I hope and pray."

County Judge Pat Deen echoed the comments on the pursuit of excellence.

"I think it's an understatement when we talk about the pursuit of excellence when we talk about Aledo," Deen said. "It's a privilege to be invited to such an incredible

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# Suicide now leading cause of traumatic death at Cook Children's Medical Center

# JOY campaign aims to encourage hope and resilience

By Kim Brown

Cook Children's Medical Center

One year into COVID-19, it's clear the pandemic is taking a toll on the mental well being of children and teens.

In March, a record 43 patients were admitted to Cook Children's Medical Center after attempting suicide. This staggering figure is nearly double the number of suicidal patients seen during the same time period of 2020.

Even worse, kids are dying. Last year, Cook Children's recorded seven suicide deaths, marking the first time suicide was the leading cause of trauma deaths at the



hospital, surpassing child abuse and car wrecks.

"The mental health crisis was already happening, then it met a global pandemic and these are the consequences," said Kristen Pyrc, M.D., co-medical director of Psychiatry at Cook Children's.

"They're less engaged and have less interaction with others, and instead are spending more time online and in virtual settings. And it's hard for them to be hopeful about anything because so many things, like prom and graduation parties, are canceled."

The issue is not unique to north Texas. Doctors and nurses from across the nation are reporting similar statistics. In February, NPR released an article titled "Child Psychiatrists Warn That The Pandemic May Be Driving Up Kids' Suicide Risk." It found that children's hospitals across the U.S. are seeing a 250% increase in suicidal patients in emergency rooms since the pandemic began. While there are no nationwide numbers on child suicides in 2020 available

yet, experts agree there is reason to be concerned.

# The Impact

More children are suffering from stress, anxiety, depression, and suicidal thoughts than at any time in recent memory. Pediatricians like Kathleen Powderly, M.D. from Cook Children's Pediatrics Magnolia, say children as young as seven years old are needing help.

"I've had a couple of elementary school students, which you don't see very often, who are actively suicidal or have already had a suicide attempt. I've also managed more kids on antidepressants since the pandemic because it's hard to get into doctors right now," Dr. Powderly said. "COVID-19 is not as impactful in terms of volume of cases in pediatrics, but our volume of psychiatric patients has increased quite a bit."

Previously, Dr. Powderly was the medical director of Cook Children's Hospitalist Group, the attending physicians who care for children in the hospital. She says her team was seeing an increase in suicidal patients before she transitioned into



the office setting five years ago and that the pandemic created a perfect storm. On top of the stressors kids were already dealing with, they're now struggling with isolation, virtual school, and a loss of activities.

We're not going to be able to flip the switch and just go back to normal when this is over," said Dr. Powderly. "This is going to take some time to come out of. I've even had patients tell me they're struggling with being around people."

Members of Cook Children's Youth Advisory Council shared similar experiences in a recent meeting. The teens said they feel more anxious being around their friends in person because they're so used to only seeing people online now. In addition to new stressors, there is a severe lack of mental health resources across the board.

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event, an incredible group of people. And I want to start with Dr. Bohn. I have worked very closely with her on various issues. Whether it's COVID or just a variety of different things, it's incredible the leadership that is here today, how you worked so collaboratively with all the multiple entities to come together to make this happen is incredible.

"You set a precedent for how ISDs are run, and how and what you did with the bond packages - Aledo set the tone and set the leadership role of how these are to be transparent. That bond would not have passed had it not been for a ground roots-up dealing with the public, making sure that they understand, educating them of what this means and where we are today."

Deen then presented a proclamation to the school district proclaiming April 6, 2021, as McAnally Middle School Day.

#### **Defining the needs**

When Morris returned to the microphone he seconded the endorsement of Bohn's leadership.

"Dr. Bohn, when you came, and when this whole journey started, it was very clear to me that the vision, your vision, and our district's vision was there."

Morris spoke of the community meetings that were held early in 2019 when the school district's needs and priorities were being defined. He said there were sometimes 50 people in the room hashing out opinions and ideas.

"These were four-to six-hour meetings," Morris said. "These weren't an hour and we're all excited and going to happy hours; [it was] a four- to six-hour meeting. Over and over to the point that many of our spouses, mine included, would text and go 'Are you coming home



#### **McAnally Athletic and Fine Art Entry**

tonight? Do I need to bring a sleep-

"And it was a grassroots process where we would go out into the community and try to be the eyes and the ears. That's what they charged us with — go ask questions, go get feedback, go see what we need. It's not an easy task at all. ... It would be remiss not to mention the two folks that led us through that journey. They weren't able to be here today. But I know they're here with us in heart and they would love to be but Christi James and Jim Scott were up for that challenge, and they were the perfect Dynamic Duo to lead that. They brought this community together, they really did; not in one meeting, not in eight meetings. But over many, many weeks and months, they brought the community together, made the right decisions, and got a bond passed and that's what this is all about."

Sterling Naron addressed the group as a member of the Bearcat Growth Committee that developed the 2019 bond proposal.

"Like Matt was saying, to be in a room with 38 different views and



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SHANNON BEARDEN/HUCKABEE

Scarlett Grimes and Kalee Mays led the Pledge of Allegiance. Matt Morris is shown in the background.

different opinions, and at the end of the day come together with what is a great bond package that got great support from the community is something to be proud of," Naron said. "And I know I'm proud of it, and we should all be proud of that.

"For 10 months we studied the demographics, the finances, instructional priorities, the facility needs, and much, much, much more. We toured campuses, we had candid discussions. We didn't always agree. But at the end, we did come to a consensus. I think one thing that came back to us over and over and over was our model

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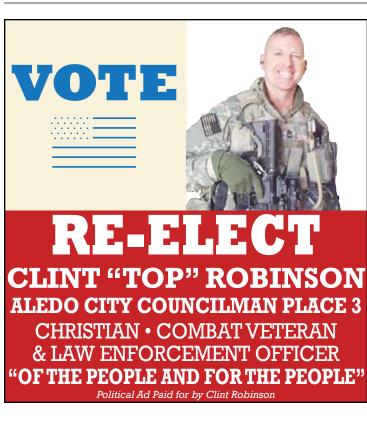






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**TOP: County Judge Pat Deen** presented a proclamation to the school district. « CENTER: Aledo **ISD School Board President Hoyt** Harris talked about the career of Charles McAnally. | BOTTOM: AISD Superintendent Dr. Susan Bohn spoke of the transparent process in developing the 2019 school bond.





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#### **City of Willow Park Notice of Public Hearing**

The City of Willow Park City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on the matters listed below; PUBLIC HEARING to consider a request to rezone from "C/IH-20" Commercial/IH-20 Overlay District to PD Planned Development District RV Storage, 12.49 acres being Lot 1R2 and 1R3, Block A. Crown Bluff Addition and 7.59 acres. David Addington Survey. Abstract No. 21, City of Willow Park, Parker County, Texas located in

Planning and Zoning: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 Time:

the 4400 Block of IH-20 Service Road and Clear Fork Circle.

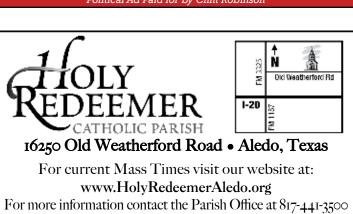
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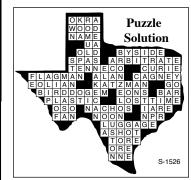
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# **Obituary**

#### **Marcia Walters**

Marcia Karen Walters. 67, passed away on April 3, 2021. In her final days, she was surrounded by her family and dearest lifelong friends.

Born May 2, 1953, to Frank and Mary Walther. Marcia led a full life as a wife, a mother, and a Mimi. Marcia graduated from O.D. Wyatt in

1971 where she was Homecoming Queen her senior year. She attended North Texas University where she was a Zeta - "Once a Zeta, always a Zeta!" She would later take that kind, caring heart of hers and share that with others as she became a pediatric nurse, serving in that capacity for 40 years.

Being a mom and Mimi was one of Marcia's greatest joys. She loved getting to watch and cheer for Brett and Marianne, and then later getting to watch and cheer for her four grandchildren in all of their endeavors. Always willing to show her support in any way possible, she was mom and grandmother to all that met her - that is how loved she made everyone around her feel. She was everyone's #1 fan! She loved football and was an avid fan of the Aledo Bearcats, the TCU Horned Frogs, the Dripping Springs Tigers, and of course her Alma Mater, O.D. Wyatt Chaparrals.

Along with Marcia's family, friends have always been an important part of Marcia's life. She was a dear friend to all and she greatly enjoyed getting together with her high school friends and her robust Keno group each month. She had many hobbies, but some of her happiest times were when she was in her sewing room making beautiful monogrammed clothes seen all around Aledo



(and the rest of Texas). If you have

seen an Aledo cheering uniform, you have seen Marcia's work. Marcia deeply val-



rageous in her fight and treasured all who rallied to support her. She was named the Aledo Thanksgiving Trot's first Blessing Recipient in 2011, sharing afterwards that "the Aledo community I call home has been one of my biggest support groups. I thank God every day to be blessed by such a wonderful community."

Marcia lived a full and warm life, filled with joy. While her legacy will live on through so many who fondly remember her, she will be deeply missed.

Marcia is survived by her husband of 46 years, Ronnie Walters; son, Brett Walters and wife Tracey of Aledo and daughter, Marianne Gibson and husband Travis of Dripping Springs; grandchildren, Blake and Ellie Walters, Ty and Cole Gibson; sister, Kathy Goode and brother, Keith Walther.

Marcia was preceded in death by her parents Frank and Mary Walther, her brother Mike Walther, and her in-laws G.C. and Louise Walters (Mama Eze).

A service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at Bearcat Stadium, 1000 Bailey Ranch Road in Aledo.

The family requests that any donations or memorials be made in the way of becoming an organ donor through the "Donate Life" organization.

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# Tri-County hires Aledo grad to boost communications

Tri-County Electric Cooperative has added an Aledo native to its headquarters staff as it works to improve communication with its members throughout North Texas.

Danielle Voss, who came aboard during the historic February ice storm, is a 2012 graduate of Aledo High School and earned bachelor's and master's degrees at Texas Tech University.

At Aledo High School, she worked with the athletic department doing coaches' videos for football, soccer, baseball, and volleyball games. Coach Tim Buchanan introduced her to Sonny Cumbie, now Texas Tech's offensive coordinator, and she worked for the athletic department the entire time she was in Lubbock.

Voss, who serves as a communications specialist, left a job with the San Antonio Spurs of the NBA last year after the COVID-19 pandemic hit the league especially hard.



**Danielle Voss** 

"It's a big plus to be home again," she said. "Most of the time we either had games on Christmas or we were traveling, so holidays were not something I got to experience with my family. Being back close to the family is nice."

Voss said she is eager to learn the utility industry and work with director of communications Annie McGinnis to

get the co-op's messages out there. "The only experience I had, coming into this, was sports," she said.

Her first day of work was the first day of the deep freeze storm that nearly paralyzed the state's electric delivery system. Tri-County Electric Co-op personnel worked constantly to maintain power to essential facilities and roll outages as the state's grid teetered on the brink of collapse.

"It was pretty exciting, getting thrown right into the deep end right off the bat," she said. "It was a first, for me, from an industry standpoint. But it was a learning experience."

Voss will be responsible for internal communications and work in various graphic applications, including social media, to help expand the co-op's growing presence in that

"It'll be nice when I can hold a conversation and not use the words, 'What does that mean again?" she laughed. "I'm excited to be able to help wherever I can. I know the online presence has been relatively new in the last few years, and it's neat to be at the start of that wave."

McGinnis is glad to have the help.

'We are excited for Danielle to join our co-op family," McGinnis said. "Her background and skills will bring countless benefits to the team and allow us to expand on our communication efforts."

Tri-County Electric Cooperative serves more than 94,000 members in 16 counties in the north Texas region. The co-op provides power to more than 121,508 meters on 9,424 miles of distribution line.

# Cross Timbers Park to open April 15

# Run, Walk, Crawl moves to city

The City of Willow Park has announced that the grand opening of the new Cross Timbers Park will be April 15.

We are thrilled to announce the grand opening of the new Cross Timbers Park on April 15! The day will begin with a ribbon cutting at 10 a.m. with the East Parker County Chamber of Commerce. A party will be held from 4-6 p.m. that day complete with sno cones and other fun.

The park features special sensory play areas, inclusive swings, ground covering, and other features.

The Aledo Children's Advocats will hold their annual Run, Walk, or Crawl at 8 a.m. Saturday, April 24, in conjunction with the Willow Park Palooza at the Shops at Willow Park. For more information, visit aledoadvocats.com.





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# COOK

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#### A Growing Need

"There weren't enough psychiatric beds to begin with, and then COVID happened and the capacity was reduced because you can't have patients sharing rooms," said Dr. Pyrc.

The need for more inpatient psychiatric beds for children and teens has been known for years. In 2017, Cook Children's opened the Rees-Jones Behavioral Health Center to help address the issue. The unit has 15 inpatient beds available for children between the ages of 2 and 12. As reported when the center opened, the kids who end up here are patients with complex trauma, medical and social needs. They are often suicidal or have tried to hurt someone else. Eight out of 10 have had something traumatic happen to them. They have either been abused physically or sexually, or they have experienced some sort of neglect.

Teenagers who need inpatient psychiatric care have to be treated elsewhere but often end up waiting on

the medical floor of Cook Children's until a bed opens up in the community, which can take days. With more kids needing these services, it's not uncommon for Cook Children's to have a dozen or more patients waiting in a regular hospital room for a transfer to a psychiatric facility that can care for them.

"There are just not enough resources in general," said Dr. Pyrc. "It's an awful place to be in. This is a national problem, but it affects us here locally. We need more funding and we need more mental health professionals to care for these patients."

On the outpatient side, finding a licensed therapist to see a child can take months. The waitlist just to see a counselor at Cook Children's can be as high as 250 days at any given time. Even with easier access to appointments with virtual visits, there are not enough mental health professionals to meet the need.

Kia Carter, M.D., co-medical director of Psychiatry at Cook Children's, has been a vocal advocate for increased mental health funding. Testifying in front of the Texas Senate's Committee on Health and Human Services recently, she said

early identification, intervention and treatment is essential to preventing further complications from mental illness. But there are roadblocks.

"We get insurances denying a specific level of care saying that a child doesn't need an inpatient level of care. We also get a lot of pushback about medication," Dr. Carter said.

She also asked lawmakers for increased support and to consider giving mental health care providers more leverage with insurance companies.

#### **Hoping for JOY**

In the meantime, Cook Children's aims to bring awareness to the mental health crisis affecting children and teens with the launch of a new suicide prevention campaign.

The JOY campaign is an acronym that stands for:

Just breathe.

Open up.

You matter.

"If we can just get kids to slow down, realize that what they are experiencing is temporary and that they have a long life ahead of them, I think we can make an impact," said Dr. Powderly.

If you feel your child might be struggling, here are some of the warning signs to watch for:

- Anger
- Declining grades
- Lack of concern about appearance and hygiene
- Changes in eating and/or sleep
- Self-injury such as cutting
- Less motivation
- Alcohol/drug use
- Acting highly anxious or agitated
- Recklessness
- Giving away possessions

If you're concerned about your child's mental health, seek help early. Schedule an appointment with a licensed counselor. If your child is actively suicidal, call 911 or take them to the nearest emergency room.

For the next month, Cook Children's will release a series of articles on checkupnewsroom.com weekly that address many of the issues at play, such as the pandemic, the role of over-the-counter medications, social media, as well as how minorities and LGBTQ+ young people are impacted. We'll also be speaking with families who have lost a child to suicide to examine the effects on parents and siblings.

# THISTLES

that is an appropriate name as most of Waco needed fixer-upping when I was there. I say that fondly and certainly tongue-in-cheek, as I enjoyed my time there. I still have many friends there. I recommend Vitek's and Jasper's barbecue to all who pass through. The old suspension bridge in downtown over the Brazos River was built by the same company that built the Brooklyn Bridge In New York. Of course, it is the birthplace of Dr. Pepper and that DP Museum is worth a visit.

But today there is a major celebration in Waco. Some of the teetotalers may sip champagne behind closed doors. The rest may hoist a bottle of Dr. Pepper! Sic 'em Bears!

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Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 1, 2021, for voting in a general election to elect Board of Trustees, Place 1, Place 2, and Place 3.

(Notifiquese, por la presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 1 de Mayo de 2021 para votar en la Elección General para elegir Board of Trustees, Place 1 y Place 2 y Place 3.

**Election Day Pollsites:** (SITIOS DEL DIA DE LAS ELECCIONES)

#### **Main Voting Site**

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# **MCANALLY**

that says 'Our Kids.' This isn't my kids. This isn't your kids. These are our kids of the district and what do they need? And what can we do to facilitate their learning experience with Aledo ISD? These are our Bearcats and we're proud to say that we encompass that inside this bond package."

Naron envisioned 16 months from now when the school is expected to be completed.

"We'll be walking the halls in what will be a completed building. And I know I'm very excited about it, and we should be as a community."

#### **Back to the Rock**

AISD School Board President Hoyt Harris began his remarks referring to the rock that was keeping the program script from blowing

Clutching his own notes, he said "I have been hanging on to this for dear life and somewhere in the new school this rock needs to have a place on the principal's desk as his or her paperweight."

Harris looked back on the career of Charles McAnally as he developed a definition of "Bearcat."

"What does a Bearcat look like? And it hit me today. I was speaking to Mr. [Jeff] Streetman. And I just randomly asked him, 'do you know a little bit about Charles McAnally?'

"Mr. McAnally was a student at the Aledo ISD. He was a teacher, he was a coach. He was a principal. He was a superintendent. He was a janitor, he drove the bus, he fixed the buses, he cooked the food, he served the food. Doesn't that sound a lot like a Bearcat — all in, you know — take on any task provided to you. So what a great honor for us to have this new middle school here in his honor."



RANDY KECK/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

#### Sterling Naron described the work done by the Bearcat **Growth Committee.**

Harris referred to some of the other projects that were approved in the 2019 bond election, including the new Annetta Elementary School and the refurbishing of the existing middle school.

"The 2019 bond addresses our most critical need, which is space at the elementary and middle school levels. I'll have a daughter in middle school next year. So I know I'll probably hear some stories about how crowded it is. But I'll say 'one more year, hang in there, we'll have space for everybody."

Introducing representatives of architect Huckabee and contractors Satterfield & Pontikes (McAnally Middle School) and Imperial Construction (Aledo Middle School), Harris said, "all these folks are supporting us and ensuring equity between the two middle school campuses and to make sure our Bearcats have exceptional experiences and amazing buildings no matter which middle school they attend."

Bohn closed out the program before the ceremonial turning of the dirt, emphasizing the bond was a community-led effort.

"As a fast-growth district, we'll continue to look ahead and plan for growth," Bohn said. "It's not stopping anytime soon, as you know. And it's still coming. And we've set a standard for transparency and community input that we're very proud of, and that the board our staff, and I are committed to in the future, not just the Bearcat Growth Committee, but all of our community is invested in these projects."

Bohn recalled her conversation with the McAnallys and relayed their pleasure at the honor of being the namesake of a school.

"It's vital to have the support and partnership of many different entities to accomplish a project such as McAnally Middle School, and we certainly have had this and will continue to as we build the school," Bohn said. "We've worked with the City of Fort Worth, with TxDOT, with the North Central Texas Council of Governments, with Parker County, with the residential developers that surround us and will continue to surround us, and of course, our new neighbors at Holy Redeemer Catholic parish. We're thankful for these partners who understand the value of having good schools for our kids. We have so many things to accomplish over the next 16 months. But we are obviously looking forward to and envisioning what this beautiful land will look like, how it will feel, and most importantly, how it will serve our children, our staff, and our community."

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#### **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

Master Gardeners will be on hand with information and answers to your questions as well as to assist with your plant selection.

Proceeds go toward horticultural education to the citizens of Parker County and promoting sound horticultural practices in everyday gardening.

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@annettatx.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.

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

The vision of CURE is to preserve, promote, and protect Christianity, capitalism, and our constitution to improve culture, reduce dependency, and to build race relations.

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.



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**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** 

CSP 21-040221

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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

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Inc., 100 Throckmorton Street, Suite 1550, Fort Worth, Texas 76102,

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**New Braunfels Area Car Club** 

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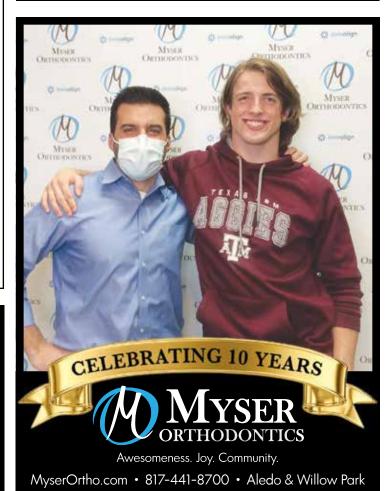
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New Braunfels Area Car Club Swap Meet & Sunday Car Show, April 30-May 2, Comal County Fairgrounds, 801 E. Common St., New Braunfels. www.newbraunfelsareacarclub.com. Face Masks

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# Commentary

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**Capital Highlights** 

# **April is Child Abuse Prevention Month**



**Gary Borders** 

The latest report on child maltreatment fatalities and near fatalities, compiled by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, indicates 251 children in Texas died in fiscal year 2020 due to abuse and neglect. That figure includes 28 children who died after being left unattended in hot vehicles.

During Child Abuse Prevention Month, DFPS is encouraging communities to increase awareness of resources available to help prevent child abuse in Texas. Resources are available at getparentingtips.com.

#### **DSHS launches Texas** vaccine scheduler

With anyone 16 and older now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine, the Texas Department of State Health Services has launched the Texas Public Health Vaccine Scheduler. It establishes a single place to sign up for a vaccine through multiple public health agencies. Texans can visit getthevaccine.dshs.texas.gov to create a profile and pick a preferred day and time for an appointment. In most cases, people will be matched with the next available appointment in their home counties.

People without internet service or who have difficulty using the online registration tools can call 1-833-832-7067 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week for assistance.

As of Sunday, 7.92 million Texans had been vaccinated, meaning 41 percent of the state's residents have received at least one shot. Some 4.46 million are fully vaccinated. DSHS announced Friday that more than 2.5 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines are shipping out this week — more than double the previous high.

Meanwhile, new COVID-19 cases in Texas dropped again compared to the previous week, with 21,754 reported, down about 20% week to week. The number of deaths dropped to 637 last week, down about 14% from the previous week. Hospitalizations of confirmed COVID-19 patients again dropped, to 2,840 statewide.

#### McAdams appointed to PUC

Gov. Greg Abbott has nominated Will McAdams to the Public Utility Commission, subject to state senate confirmation. McAdams will join the sole remaining member of the three-person commission, Chairman Arthur D'Andrea, who previously announced his resignation but agreed to stay on until Abbott could appoint new members. McAdams is president of the Associated Builders and Contractors of Texas and worked for legislators for more than a decade in various senior staff positions.

The PUC came under fire after the disastrous electrical blackouts during the mid-February winter storm, since it has supervisory power over the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which controls the power grid for most of the state. Nearly half of ERCOT's 15-member board has since resigned.

An investigation by the *Houston Chronicle* indicates nearly 200 people died in the winter storm, primarily from hypothermia or carbon monoxide poisoning. More than 4 million homes in Texas were without power at the peak of the crisis. As State Rep. Rafael Anchia, D-Dallas, noted in the article, the winter storm death toll was almost double that from Hurricane Harvey in 2017.

#### Housing affordability, homelessness exacerbated after storm, pandemic

A Fiscal Notes report from the state comptroller's office indicates median-priced housing in all 10 of the state's largest metro areas is unaffordable to Texans with median incomes. Median income is the point where half the people earn more and half earn less. For example, the median income in Austin in 2019 was \$39,418, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. In Brownsville, it was \$19,432, or less than half of Austin's median. But in both metro areas, a home at the median price - \$491,000 in Austin and \$167,800 in Brownsville — is unaffordable to families whose annual income is at or below the median. (All figures are from 2019, the latest year available.)

The report notes a strong correlation between homelessness and housing affordability. Red-hot real estate markets in those metro areas have driven up home prices and rents. After a dozen years of decreases in the number of homeless people in the state, the number has risen since 2018. The latest count of individuals experiencing homelessness on a given night accounted for nearly 26,000 in Texas.

#### **Drought conditions blanket two** thirds of the state

While drought conditions have improved in the northern Panhandle, they have gotten more severe in South and East Texas, with 68% of the state's land now under drought conditions ranging from abnormally dry to exceptional. According to the Texas Water Development Board, for the first time in five weeks the total area of the state affected by drought didn't increase.

#### New film series reenacts key moments of Battle of San Jacinto

To mark the 185th anniversary of the Battle of San Jacinto, in which Gen. Sam Houston and the Texian forces defeated Mexican Gen. Santa Anna to secure Texas' independence in 1836, the Texas Historical Commission is releasing San Jacinto: A Lone Star Shines video series. Every day between April 19-22, the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site will release a short digital film depicting key scenes from the battle. Each day's video will premiere at 11 a.m. with encore showings at 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. on the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site's Facebook page, and on the Texas Historical Commission You Tube channel. The films are free to view.

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and Cedar Park. Email: gborders@texaspress.com.

# Your Views

Mr Robinson, due his integrity, dedication, knowledge, and confidence is a person anyone would feel willing to go to. He is always accessible and approachable and a good listener.

During our church studies Mr. Robinson always brought people together and encourages others to have faith this was evident especially during this last year. Recently he also took on the church school teaching as well, which is a true blessing for the children of Aledo.

Due to his impressive background in military and the police force, he has the leadership skills needed to drive new initiatives. Mr Robinson has already taken on several new projects and initiated innovative ideas to improve life for citizens in Aledo. He is a natural and strong leader that other listen

- Katarina Koefield

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#### **Supporting Jessica Brown**

Jessica Brown has proven to be an outstanding Aledo ISD Trustee. She is actively engaged in our school district by serving on both the Board Bond Oversight and Legislative Subcommittees AND volunteering with local nonprofits such as Aledo Children's AdvoCats, Aledo Education Foundation, and Aledo PTO.

She does all this while working a full-time job and being an informed, engaged mom of two high school kids. Since being elected to the Aledo ISD Board in 2018, Jessica has been extremely transparent, informative, and communicative. She continually keeps parents/ residents updated on school issues, and she has always been forthcoming with her contact information for further conversations. She is fair, approachable, and you always know where she stands on the issues. These are qualities I admire in an elected official. Please join me in voting for Jessica Brown, Aledo ISD Trustee, Place 3.

> - Penny Shelton Aledo

# Thistles & Roses

# **Celebrating Sweet Victory**



**Supporting Clint** 

Dedication, deep knowl-

edge, a natural leader, and

foremost always there to help

others — that summarizes my

experience of Officer Clint

Robinson and his family, my

family were new to Aledo and

he welcomed us above and

beyond expectations. Due to

Mr Robinson we are proud

members of the local church,

have a wonderful experi-

ence of the city of Aledo, and

would proudly recommend

any person in this country to

move here. This is by far the

best welcome to a new city we

dedication to children and

teenagers and the church is

an enormous strength for the

city of Aledo. That combined

with his extensive military

and police officer background

is a unique combination and

gives Mr Robinson the skill-

set that is required to be part

of the leading committee in

humble and Christian atti-

tude to life is one of Mr

Robinson's fine qualities.

A strong leader with a

the City of Aledo.

Mr Robinson's particular

have ever experienced.

When I first met Mr

Robinson

Robinson.

**Richard Henderson** 

The Baylor Bears have won the NCAA Men's basketball championship for 2021. The Women's team won it in 2005 and 2019. I could not be happier for my "second" alma mater this week. My undergraduate degree is from TCU and my law degree is from Baylor. I have allegiances to both schools. I root for both teams.

The Baylor win is so improbable. Coach Scott Drew was hired in 2003 after Dave Bliss was fired following the most horrific scandal in which one Baylor basketball player murdered another player. Then followed the sexual and physical assault scandals during the last decade which saw then President Ken Starr and football coach Art Briles fired. Players left. It was rock bottom.

Those of us alums from the 1970s just could not understand how and why

these things were happening. When I was there, the leadership of President Abner McCall and then Herbert Reynolds and Dean Angus McSwain, dean of the law school, just would not have tolerated these things.

Baylor has had to struggle to recover. It seems things Drew had multiple losing seasons and would have been fired most places, but Baylor administration decided that winning was not the only thing. Regaining Baylor's reputation was more important.

I send money to the law school but not athletics. The law school always existed in a bubble on campus. We were on the four quarter system, out of step with the rest of the traditional semester system. I remember we had an "unofficial" cigarette machine in the law school lounge. One student decided to start a laws school newsletter and published one issue with a liquor store ad. A Baptist teetotaler alum complained and the newsletter was canceled after one issue.

I went to many an athletic event, including basketball, when I was at Baylor. NBA star Vinnie Johnson was

there at the time and handed TCU some of its worst losses.

Eternally grateful am I that Baylor Law admitted me. That story could be the subject of another column. It changed my life for the better. I am extremely proud to be a Baylor lawyer!

But I have to say I don't are on the right track. Coach know how Baylor has the success it has had in athletic recruiting. Waco, while a pleasant enough city, is not a major attraction and it is not easy to get to for out-ofstaters. I was active in the Chamber of Commerce and was told that early in aviation advances, Waco resisted growth and never got a major airport. It is too close to Austin and DFW to get a big airport. McLennan County had about university, which was on the 150,000 population when I left in 1981 and has about 250,000 today. Without I-35, you just couldn't get there from here.

One Waco friend once told me that Waco is a great place to visit but vou wouldn't want to live there!

Chip and Joanna Gaines with the TV show "Fixer Upper" have put Waco and McLennan County on the international map. I think

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# Up, Up, and Over!



KRISTINMORALES.NET

Tristan Thurman cleared 6-0 to win the boys varsity District 5-5A medal at the district track meet last week. For meet results, see page 8.

# ON THE

**Spring Sports** 

#### 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,

Baseball vs. WF Rider - Home - JV -4:30 p.m.; FROSH 7 p.m.

# Bearcats win district to bookend Ladycats' victory

**Staff Reports** 

Both Aledo golf teams, as well as an additional boy and girl qualifier, will head to Lubbock in a couple of weeks after winning their respective District 5-5A golf district championships.

As reported in the April 2 issue of The Community News, the Ladycats won district handily, placing four in the top five on March 29-30 at Canyon West.

Making their own statement, the Bearcats placed seven golfers in the top ten at their district tournament April 1-2 at the same location.

Bryce Wolf topped the individual standings, shooting 71-72-143. Ty Holbrook of Granbury Purple placed second with a combined 146.

In addition to Wolf, the Aledo Black team includes Braylon Mahanay, Jett Moore, Jake Phillips, and Tanner Smith.

Tyler Pearce of the Aledo Orange team qualified for the regional tournament as an individual by placing eighth.



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SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS Ella Fisher looks to sink a putt.

Individuals					
1	Bryce Wolf	Aledo Black	71	72	143
2	Ty Holbrook	Granbury Purple	73	73	146
3	Braylon Mahanay	Aledo Black	71	76	147
4	Jet Moore	Aledo Black	81	79	160
5	Jake Phillips	Aledo Black	78	83	161
6	Garrison Smith	Wichita Falls	78	84	162
7	Tanner Smith	Aledo Black	80	82	162
8	Tyler Pearce	Aledo Orange	83	80	163
9	Tanner Larsen	Granbury Purple	80	83	163
10	Payne Boyd	Aledo Orange	85	79	164

Senior Brice McCullough swings off the tee.

leams					
1	Aledo Black	300	309	609	
2	Granbury Purple	318	332	650	
3	Aledo Orange	335	331	666	
4	Granbury Gold	356	364	720	
5	Azle Green	381	363	744	
6	Rider	409	424	833	
7	Wichita Falls	405	435	840	
8	Azle White	430	429	859	
9	Brewer	473	466	939	

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More golf photos are on page 10



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Madison Warner fires a chip shot at the girls golf district tournament.





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# **District Track Meet Results**

The Aledo track teams swept the 5-5A district track meet, held at Bearcat Stadium last week. All four teams placed first in their divisions.

The varsity boys compiled 242 points to second-place Brewer's 100. JV boys outpaced second-pace Granbury, 291-95.

Varsity girls ran up 206 points to outperform Brewer, 206-120, and the JV girls finished over Azle 270-146.

#### Varsity - Mens

1 Aledo	242
2 Brewer	100
3 Azle	93
4 WF Rider	83
5 Granbury	76
6 Wichita Falls	11

# **Junior Varsity -**

Mens	
1 Aledo	291
2 Granbury	95
3 WF Rider	90
4 Azle	87
5 Brewer	34
6 Wichita Falls	12

Vars	ity - W	omen
1 Ale	do	206
2 Bre	wer	120
3 Azle	е	119
4 Gra	nbury	84
5 WF	Rider	69
6 Wic	hita Falls	8

#### Junior Varsity -Wamans

womens		
270		
146		
76		
48		
42		
22		

#### **Boys Varsity**

#### 100 Meters

Sammy Steffe, 3, 11.27 Logan Flinta, 7, 11.60

#### 200 Meters

Sammy Steffe, 2, 22.54 PR

#### Jalen Pope, 6, 23.44 PR

400 Meters Clay Murador, 1, 50.71 PR Jacob Costello, 5, 53.47

# Kenneth Lohmer, 7, 56.82

#### 800 Meters

Samuel Haught, 1, 2:04.66 PR Maverick Savage, 4, 2:08.58

# Vincent Luffey, 7, 2:10.65

# 1600 Meters

Isaac Hernandez, 1, 4:28.11 PR Henry Zedler, 2, 4:44.97 PR

#### Samuel Haught, 3, 4:46.08 PR

3200 Meters Isaac Hernandez, 1, 10:15.46

Henry Zedler, 2, 10:51.95 Vincent Luffey, 3, 10:56.69 110m Hurdles - 39"

#### Dylan Martin, 1, 15.45 Luke White, 3, 15.80 PR Caden Boukadoum, 5,

16.67 PR 300m Hurdles - 36" Luke White, 2, 41.89 SR Dylan Martin, 3, 42.69

Caden Boukadoum, 5,

#### 43.67 4x100 Relay

Brian Fleming, Demarco Roberts, Sammy Steffe, Clay Murador, 1, 42.24

#### 4x400 Relay

Jacob Costello, Demarco Roberts, Logan Flinta, Clay Murador, 2, 3:30.24

#### Shot Put - 12lb Jason Llewellyn, 1,

46-03.75PR Kyan Hollingsworth, 5, 42-02.25PR Matthew Bell, 11, 36-08.50

#### Discus - 1.6kg

Jason Llewellyn, 3, 126-11 Isaac Knott, 4, 123-09 Ansel Din-Mbuh, 8, 116-

# High Jump

Tristan Thurman, 1, 6-00.00 Jack Mitchell, 2, 5-10.00

# Pole Vault

Ford Maberry, 1, 14-06.00 Matthew Hickerson, 2, 13-09.00

#### Sean Gribble, 3, 13-00.00 **Long Jump**

Demarco Roberts, 6. 19-01.00SR Clay Murador, 7, 19-00.00PR

#### Gary Earle, 8, 18-10.00 **Triple Jump**

Taylon Kessler, 1, 40-11.75PR Layne Ducote, 2, 40-04.75

#### **Girls Varsity**

# 100 Meters

Macy Graf, 5, 13.28 200 Meters

# Macy Graf, 1, 27.32 PR

Ashley Canady, 7, 27.95 400 Meters

Sidney Tillotson, 4,

#### 1:03.15 800 Meters

Sidney Tillotson, 3, 2:23.72 PR Delaney Deller, 4, 2:25.44

#### 1600 Meters

Sarah Tillotson, 1, 5:46.86 Caroline Browning, 4, 6:02.76 PR Aubrey Connelly, 9,

# 6:13.02 PR

3200 Meters Aubrey Connelly, 6, 14:12.39 Caroline Browning, 7,

# 15:18.32

100m Hurdles - 33" Sophie Isham, 1, 16.59 Natalie Anderson, 2,

# 16.82

Olivia Caggiano, 5, 19.04 300m Hurdles - 30" Sarah Tillotson, 1, 48.78

Daniella Tregellas, 2,

#### 50.45 PR Olivia Tregellas, 4, 51.67 PR

#### 4x100 Relay

Kaylee Halfmann, Ashley Canady, Ansli Lopez, Kaylee Mays, 4, 55.19

#### 4x200 Relay

Kaylee Halfmann, Ashley Canady, Kaylee Mays, Delaney Deller, 1, 1:49.16

# 4x400 Relay

Delaney Deller, Daniella Tregellas, Sarah Tillotson, Sidney Tillotson, 2, 4:18.48

# Shot Put - 4kg

Lauren St Peters, 1, 36-07.25PR Madysen Boutwell, 3, 35-08.75

Carson Fronk, 4, 32-01.75 Discus - 1kg Lauren St Peters, 1, 111-00

#### Madysen Boutwell, 5, 86-00

Caroline Erb, 10, 68-05

#### **High Jump**

Ashley Canady, 2, 5-01.00SR Taylor McKenzie, 3, 5-00.00

# Kaylee Mays, 5, 4-09.00

**Pole Vault** Taylor Hindman, 2.

Kaitlyn Walker, 3, 9-00.00 Ansli Lopez, 4, 9-00.00

# **Long Jump**

9-06.00

Kaylee Halfmann, 4, 16-06.25PR Addy Mosley, 5, 16-05.50SR Ansli Lopez, 6,

#### 16-05.25PR **Triple Jump**

Madison Frank, 3, 33-05.00 Natalie Anderson, 8,

# **Boys JV**

30-03.00

#### 100 Meters

Keyon Ivory, 2, 11.73 PR Jaden Allen, 3, 11,75 PR Garrett Key, 5, 11.88

200 Meters Talon Hollingsworth, 1. 24.04 PR

#### Ryan Jones, 3, 24.45 Andrew Chasteen, 4,

24.45 PR **400 Meters** 

#### Gabriel Sherrod, 3, 56.53

Jackson Parker, 5, 58.15 Zach Reilly, 11, 1:00.12

#### 800 Meters

Jacob Ellerbusch, 1, 2:15.21 PR Haddon Davis, 4, 2:17.73

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Kyle Scharlow, 9, 2:28.70 Alex Arana, 6, 87-02

#### 1600 Meters

Colton Snow, 2, 5:13.64 Mason Rauschuber, 8, 5:32.61 PR Jackson Bone, 12, 5:38.20 SR

# 3200 Meters

Colton Snow, 1, 11:22.25 PR Mason Rauschuber, 3, 12:03.66 PR Jackson Bone, 4, 12:10.51

# 110m Hurdles - 39"

Evan Thompson, 2, 16.98 Sawyer Storck, 4, 17.84 PR

# Tyson Timms, 5, 18.85

300m Hurdles - 36" Evan Thompson, 2, 44.72 Andrew Parkhurst, 4, 46.12

# Sawyer Storck, 8, 48.13

4x100 Relay Garrett Key, Davhon Keys, Jaden Allen, Keyon Ivory, 1, 44.68

4x200 Relay Garrett Key, Ryan Jones, Jaden Allen, Talon Hollingsworth, 1, 1:34.58

#### 4x400 Relay

Gabriel Sherrod, Jackson Parker, Ryan Jones, Talon Hollingsworth, 1, 3:44.88

#### Shot Put - 12lb

Gunner Allen, 1, 38-05.75SR Bryon Moreno-Wheeler, 2, 38-02.25PR Maddox Epperson, 3, 37-10.50PR

# Discus - 1.6kg

Coleton Hope, 1, 118-10PR Stanton Smith, 4, 92-05

#### **High Jump**

Aven Lawrence, 1, 6-00.00PR Alex Stadler, 2, 5-10.00PR

# **Pole Vault**

Andrew Gamez, 1, 12-00.00 Brad Campbell, 2, 11-06.00 Bryce Vonasek, 3, 11-06.00PR

#### **Long Jump**

Andrew Parkhurst, 1, 20-05.50PR Jayton Owens, 2, 19-09.25PR Terry Lewis, 4. 18-11.00PR

#### **Triple Jump**

Andrew Parkhurst, 1, 40-01.50 Terry Lewis, 3, 38-01.75

#### **Girls JV**

#### 100 Meters

Kayla Scharlow, 3, 14.15

Caitlyn Weimer, 7, 14.28 200 Meters

#### Trinity Hindman, 1, 29.12

Caitlyn Weimer, 2, 29.37 Gigi Cabello, 5, 29.81 SR

400 Meters Lyndsi Coble, 2, 1:08.52 SR

Averie Riser, 4, 1:10.77 Anna Kate Bone, 5,

#### 1:12.24 800 Meters

Brooke Davis, 4, 2:42.16 Lyndsi Coble, 5, 2:46.93

#### Emily Lewis, 8, 2:51.44

Ryan Germany, 14,

7:46.11 PR

1600 Meters Ava Bathurst, 1, 6:12.56 SR Abigail Vestel, 2, 6:21.26

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Kylee Martin, 2, 18.27 PR Anna D'avino, 3, 19.37 PR **300m Hurdles - 30"** 

Kylee Martin, 1, 52.30 Brooklyn Sands, 2, 52.33 Sadie Giddens, 4, 54.13 PR

#### 4x100 Relay

Ella Stewart, Raylee McDonald, Gigi Cabello, Lexi Steffe, 1, 53.45

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4x200 Relay Ella Stewart, Gigi Cabello, Trinity Hindman, Kayla Scharlow, 2, 1:56.69

#### 4x400 Relay

Lyndsi Coble, Averie Riser, Kylee Martin, Brooklyn Sands, 1, 4:34.02

#### Shot Put - 4kg

Meredith Brown, 1, 27-08.00 Taylor Paetzold, 3, 27-00.75 Adrianna Quinones, 12, 19-08.25

#### Discus - 1kg

Taylor Paetzold, 1, 79-03PR Adrianna Quinones, 11, 37-07

#### High Jump

Raylee McDonald, 1, 4-10.00 Lexi Steffe, 3, 4-08.00

#### Pole Vault

Saddie Smith, 1, 8-00.00 Anna D'avino, 3, 7-00.00 Jamie Smith, 4, 6-06.00

#### Long Jump

Ella Stewart, 2, 15-11.50PR Trinity Hindman, 4, 15-00.50PR

#### Triple Jump

Lexi Steffe, 3, 29-01.50 Raylee McDonald, 4, 28-11.75 Taegan Meil, 5, 27-10.50



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Jaden Allen participated in the first-place 4x100 and 4x200 relay teams, and finished third in the 100 meters.



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Macy Graf placed first in Varsity Girls 200 meters.



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KJ Ivory (center) ran in the first-place JV 4x100 team and placed second in the 100 meters.



Samuel Haught runs en route to his first-place finish in the 800 meters.

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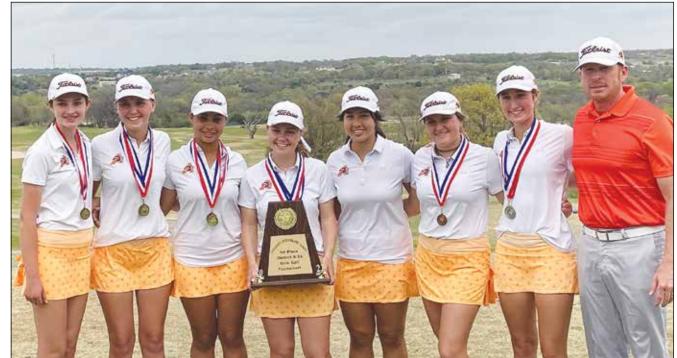
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