

# THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Serving Aledo • the Annettas • Hudson Oaks • Willow Park, Texas

PARKER COUNTY

## Incumbents win some, lose some

May 1 election settles local races

By Randy Keck  
The Community News

Voters in the May 1 municipal and school board elections expressed support for all three challenged incumbents in the Aledo ISD races but turned out two City of Aledo incumbents.

In the school board races, Jessica Brown in Place 3 was the top vote-getter overall, outpolling Zachery Clark 1381 to 720. Jennifer Loftin won her race against Laura Morrow for Place 2, 1229 to 932, and David Lear returns to Place 1 after outpolling Trish Watson, 1,273 to 881.

While turnout across the county was low, the races in the City of Aledo drew the largest percentage of turnout overall with about 11% of the city's registered voters casting ballots.

The largest vote-getter among the contested seats was Nick Stanley, who unseated Clint Robinson, 291

Turn to **VOTES**, page 3



Avery Anderson and Bella Nascimento compete in a "Super Soaker" game at the annual Willow Park Palooza held April 24.

RANDY KECK/THE COMMUNITY NEWS



Amber Wheeler

ALEDO ISD

## Teacher of the Year Award goes to Amber Wheeler

Awards held virtually

The Aledo ISD kicked off Teacher Appreciation Week by honoring 15 employees on Monday and Tuesday with special awards. Instead of the traditional Marva Collins Teacher of the Year award ceremony at the Aledo High School Auditorium, the district surprised the recipients while broadcasting live on social media due to COVID-19 protocols. Recipients were awarded a combined \$35,000 given by donors.

Aledo High School English teacher Amber Wheeler received the Marva Collins Aledo ISD Teacher of the Year award and \$10,000 prize donated by the Reilly Foundation.

According to information provided by Aledo ISD, "Wheeler's mission is to ensure high levels of learning for all students. She has a deep understanding of how to ensure success of all students, no matter what level they are on. She does

Turn to **AWARDS**, page 4

### CORRECTIONS

Two corrections need to be made from previous issues. In a recent issue we referred to Laura Morrow as Jennifer Morrow.

In the recent guest column by Leah Vann, we said she works at the Mason City Globe Gazette. She actually works at the Cedar Rapids Gazette. We regret the errors.

PARKER COUNTY

## Suspect arrested in connection with drug death of Aledo teen

By Danie Huffman  
Parker County Sheriff's Office

The Parker County Sheriff's Office, working in collaboration with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and Fort Worth Police, spearheaded an investigation leading to the arrest of a suspect in connection with the drug-related death of an Aledo teen.

Parker County Sheriff Russ Authier said the case stemmed from the death investigation of an 18-year-old teen who died April 13. Law enforcement authorities believe the teen crushed and snorted one-quarter of a round, blue tablet marked "M30" that they believe was sold to him as Percocet.

Parker County Special Crimes Unit (SCU) and Criminal Investigations Division (CID) began the investigation, discovering the identity of the person who supplied the teen with the drugs on the day he died.

SCU investigators working in an undercover capacity purchased additional pills from the suspect the very same day the victim died and submitted them to a Drug

Enforcement Agency (DEA) drug laboratory for testing. The laboratory results confirmed both sets of pills purchased in the undercover buy and those seized at the teen's home contained Fentanyl and were likely from the same source.

Based on this information, the case was submitted to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Fort Worth to investigate the findings as a federal case.

On April 14, the suspected supplier, Bronson Marquis Ashton, 29, of Fort Worth, was arrested by Tarrant County Sheriff's deputies for a felon in possession of a firearm warrant with the assistance of Parker County Special Crimes Unit and sheriff's investigators.

On Thursday, April 29, DEA Task Force investigators recruited the assistance of Fort Worth Special Weapons and Tactics Unit to execute a search warrant of Ashton's vehicles and home on Heidelberg Drive in Fort Worth. Ashton left the residence at 12:15 p.m., and was apprehended a few blocks away by Fort Worth Police without incident.

Another female individual found inside the home with a 2-year-old toddler was detained by Fort Worth Police and later released to the custody of DEA agents. Child protective services was contacted due to the narcotics being accessible in proximity to the child. The female was later released on scene pending the child protective services investigation. The toddler was released to the custody of a family member.

Law enforcement authorities seized numerous amounts of illegal narcotics found inside the home including 22 grams of blue M30 tablets containing suspected fentanyl, 71 grams of suspected cocaine, 620 grams of suspected marijuana, eight grams of suspected Adderall (amphetamine), 36 partial bottles of suspected Promethazine liquid, and \$3,000 in currency believed to be from the illegal sale of narcotics.

Federal charges against Ashton include possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance causing death, conspiracy to possess a controlled

substance with intent to distribute and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking offense. Law enforcement authorities are seeking that Ashton be held without bond.

Authier said the case against Ashton would not have been made possible without the Parker County Sheriff's Office SCU and CID investigators and the assistance of Fort Worth Police, Fort Worth SWAT and DEA.

"Our hearts go out to the family of the teen who lost his life senselessly," Authier said. "We hope this arrest may prevent other individuals from falling victim to these deadly counterfeit drugs. We are grateful to our SCU investigators who worked relentlessly on this case and were able to make a buy from the suspect within 18 hours from the time they started their investigation. We wish to also thank several local and federal agencies who routinely collaborate and work with us on these types of cases. All the investigators worked tirelessly to see the case culminate with an arrest."



Volume 31, Number 19  
Published Weekly

### New principal

Trinity Christian Academy names new secondary principal.

PAGE 5

### Bearcats ready

Bearcats baseball team ready to take the field in bi-district games.

PAGE 8



### En route to rout

Ladycats clobber Lake Dallas in bi-district.

PAGE 9

go2fbt.com

First Bank ★ Texas

Member  
FDIC

# Palooza!



Ava Reed gets a caricature.



Samuel Herman, 4, sports a new Willow Park fire hat with his dad, Tim.



Ryder Taggart

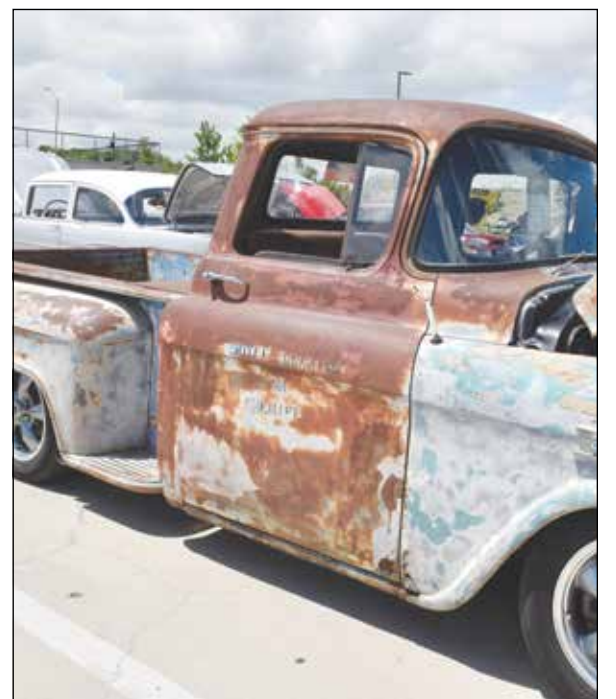


Food trucks had lines of hungry people.



The classic car show had everything from spiffed up Corvettes to semi-clunkers ready for an overhaul.

PHOTOS BY RANDY KECK/THE COMMUNITY NEWS



**WE'RE OPEN!**

**WILLOW PARK BAPTIST CHURCH**

WWW.WILLOWPARKBAPTIST.ORG

**Sundays**  
8:30, 10:00,  
11:30a, & 6:00p

**Wednesdays**  
7:00p



Pastor, Clark Bosher

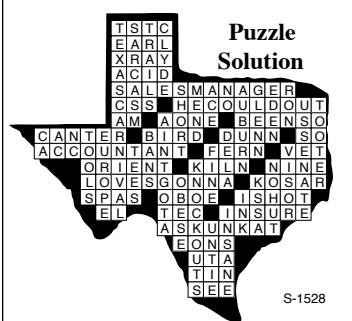
*"Serving every family as part of our own for over 60 years"*

**Galbreath-Pickard**  
FUNERAL CHAPEL

913 N. Elm St., Weatherford, TX 76086  
**817-594-2747 | 800-593-2747**

Our newest additional location Galbreath Pickard Hilltop Chapel  
4941 I-20 Frontage Road | Willow Park, TX 76087

**Puzzle Solution**



S-1528



**Cirra NETWORKS**  
YOUR INTERNET. OUR PRIORITY

**HIGH SPEED INTERNET SPEEDING IS ENCOURAGED**

**CALL CIRRA NETWORKS TODAY**  
**(817) 259-1100 | www.cirranet.net**

**DOWNLOAD OUR APP**

Search: Willow Park Baptist Church

- > Get up-to-date news and event information
- > Watch/Share the latest sermons
- > Follow a Bible reading plan
- > Sign-Up for events
- > Give

Available for  
**Apple & Android**



**CLEAR FORK MATERIALS**

*Residential & Commercial*

**"Are you growing with us?"**

- Topsoils & Custom Soil Blends
- Compost & Mulches
- Rock & Sand Products



**CFM**

*Serving North Texas since 1986*  
Pick up or Delivery Available

800 OLD ANNETTA ROAD  
ALEDO, TEXAS  
HOURS: M-F 8-5 • SAT 8-2

**817-441-7777**  
WWW.CLEARFORKMATERIALS.COM

## Obituaries

### Donna Mae Linn

Donna Mae Linn passed away on Good Friday, April 2, 2021, in Westworth Village.

Donna was born on August 2, 1928, in Omaha, Nebraska, to parents, Ernest George Cathro and Evelyn Maire Hester. She was raised in Omaha and enjoyed spending time with her brother, Bob, and their friends growing up.

Donna married Wallace 'Wally' Linn on March 1, 1958. They were married 41 years when Wally passed away on July 16, 1999. Wally was in the US Air Force, so they traveled across the United States throughout his career. Upon Wally's retirement, he and Donna moved to San Antonio.

She was active in Parent Teacher Association activities, organizing fund-raising events and supporting classroom development activities. She was also active in church, Eastern Star, and Nile. Donna became active in Aggie Moms when her son, Bill, began college at Texas A&M University. Following Wally's passing, she moved to Weatherford to be close to family — in particular, Bill and Karen — and her two grandchildren, Jonathon and Brian. Grandma attended her grandsons school activities, band concerts, and competitions. In the past few years, she became an extremely proud Great-Grandma — 'GiGi' — for Millie and Beau.

Donna loved her family very much and touched everyone's heart.

She was preceded in death by, her parents, Ernest and Evelyn Cathro; her husband, Wallace E. Linn Jr.; her brother, Robert Cathro, her aunt, Marcella Ogren; and cousins, Barbara J. Cathro and Nancy M. Healy.

Donna is survived by her son, William R. Linn (Karen); her grandsons, Jonathan C. Linn (Rachel), and Brian Linn (Guillermo); and her great-grandchildren, Millie Linn and Beau Linn.

Any memorial donations are requested to be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children or Scottish Rites Hospital for Children in lieu of flowers.



Donna Linn

### Charles McAnally

Charles Vaughan McAnally (Mr. Mac to all who knew him) passed away peacefully at his home on Saturday, May 1, 2021.

Mr. Mac was born on May 6, 1928, to Tom and Clota McAnally in Parker County. He attended Aledo and Springtown public schools, then went on to attend North Texas Agricultural College and then Texas Tech University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in kinesiology. He was drafted by the Army and served in the 28th general medical unit near La Rochelle, France during the Korean War from 1951 to 1953. After returning from France, he earned a master's degree in education from Texas Tech. During his first summer back he met the love of his life, Nell Ruth Bloodworth, and they married December 27, 1957. They had three children together.

Mr. Mac's dedication to education was evident throughout his entire career at Aledo ISD. Although he held official positions as teacher, coach, principal, and ultimately superintendent, he also served in constant unofficial capacities as a custodian, bus driver, mechanic, line cook, and counsellor to all who entered his office. His passion for education combined with tremendous support for his teachers and students led to an intermediate school in Aledo being

named in his honor. During his early years as superintendent, he worked to make Aledo ISD one of the first integrated schools in the region.

After retiring from the school business, Mr. Mac enjoyed working the family ranch.

He and his brother Roger built a log cabin on this property. He continued to work on the ranch populated by spoiled cattle and horses, with Roger and ultimately his son, Kent until he was into his 90s.

He was preceded in death by his sons, Shane, and Kent; and his siblings, Roger McAnally and Jean Morris.

He is survived by his wife, Nell; daughter, Laurie Patel and her husband, Sunil Patel; daughters-in-law, Judy McAnally, and Kim McAnally Lawrence; grandchildren, Justin McAnally, Rajal, Jayna, and Vijay Patel; and great-grandchildren, Sophie Nell, and Charlie McAnally.

A memorial service will be held from 3-4 p.m. Saturday, May 8, in White's Chapel of Memories, 130 Houston Ave. in Weatherford.

Visitation will be from 2 - 3 p.m. Saturday at the same location.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to charitable organizations.



Charles McAnally

## VOTES

from page one

to 171. Shane Davis upset incumbent Spencer Perry, 238-201.

Stanley campaigned hard for the position and believes that is partially responsible for the turnout in his race.

"I think they came out to vote because we ran a get-out-the-vote campaign," Stanley said. "We understood from previous years and numbers and looking at the historical data of voting in Aledo that we really needed to emphasize the importance for people to get out and vote."

Stanley said he also thought having three contested seats in the school board races was a factor contributing to the turnout in his race.

"We led with the idea of reaching people here in Aledo where they live ... and so a lot of my campaign centered around door-to-door contact, block walking, targeted phone calls, and Facebook messages," Stanley said.

He said he visited with numerous people even before he filed to run for office, "and then hundreds more to follow after I started my campaign and really got out into the community and started visiting with people.

"I think that people also turned out because they understand in Aledo that we're at a crossroads. And we have an opportunity here that's presenting itself in a way of economic growth and development. And they're concerned, and I think their concerns are founded. ... I think that I was able to earn the trust of people here in Aledo."

Both Davis and Stanley said they are looking forward to taking office.

"I am excited and ready to go to work and serve the citizens with honor and dignity," Davis said.

In the Town of Annetta, Bruce Pinckard, who is retiring as mayor, won the Place 3 city council seat over Al Gloer, 282 to 141.

Voters in Parker County Emergency Services District No. 1 voted to approve a half-cent sales tax increase in areas that are not already at the statutory maximum of 8.25%. The winning margin was 2,664 to 1,784.

"We are honored to receive the support our citizens have provided in approving the sales tax proposition," said ESD1 Fire Chief Stephen Watson. "We are immediately commencing planning on implementation of the numerous improvements this will fund, including additional firefighters on duty and assigned to the Aledo and Annetta stations. Parker County is a dynamic place, bringing many hazards such as wildland fires, major transportation thoroughfares, oil and gas installations, a class 1 railroad, frequent severe weather, and rapid suburban growth, some of it in areas with limited water supply. We hold in high regard that our citizens have entrusted us with the responsibility to protect their lives and property."

Watson added that because Parker County is a family-oriented area, "We seek to do our part to preserve those characteristics at the fire department. Our citizens are always welcome to contact us or visit any of our firehouses. This funding approval will empower us to improve service and do more to keep up with the demands of rapid growth."

All vote totals are unofficial until canvassed.

**HOLY REDEEMER**  
CATHOLIC PARISH

16250 Old Weatherford Road • Aledo, Texas

For current Mass Times visit our website at:  
[www.HolyRedeemerAledo.org](http://www.HolyRedeemerAledo.org)

For more information contact the Parish Office at 817-441-3500

FM 3283  
N  
Old Weatherford Rd  
I-20  
FM 1187

**Railhead Realty**

**Jim Martin**  
REALTOR®

Owner - MartinLandSales.com

5600 E. I-20 Service Rd S  
Willow Park, TX 76008  
Ofc: 817.441.2102  
Fax: 817.441.2511  
Cell: 817.538.6846  
Jim@MartinLandSales.com

[RailheadRealty.com](http://RailheadRealty.com)

**Sundays**  
Bible Study 8:30 AM  
Service 10:00 AM

**817-901-9455**  
5050 S Hwy 5  
Aledo, TX

**PCCC**  
PARKER COUNTY COWBOY CHURCH

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

[WWW.PCCOWBOYCHURCH.ORG](http://WWW.PCCOWBOYCHURCH.ORG)

**CHARITABLE REALTY**

Where Commissions become Donations

*New office located in Aledo!*

Lori Fowler, Ph.D.  
BROKER, OWNER

405 S. FM 1187  
Suite 400  
817.825.8293  
[CharitableRealty.org](http://CharitableRealty.org)

**DURAMEX**

**FENCE SUPPLY**

*Come and check out our new store!*

**Wholesale to the Public**

**1508 Mineral Wells Hwy**  
**Weatherford • 817-841-8577**  
**@DuramexFenceSupplyWeatherford**

**M Metal Mart**

Proudly serving the great Southwest for 28 years!

**THE TRUSTED SOURCE FOR ALL YOUR METAL BUILDING COMPONENT NEEDS!**

- ★ RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL STEEL ROOFING
- ★ CUSTOM TRIM AND FLASHING ★ PURLIN & TUBING
- ★ EASY BOLT PRE-FABRICATED STEEL BUILDINGS
- ★ MINI STORAGE SYSTEMS ★ POWER TOOLS
- ★ VENTS & SKYLIGHTS ★ HARDWARE & ACCESSORIES
- ★ SYNTHETIC UNDERLAYMENT ★ INSULATION
- ★ SEALANTS & CLOSURES ★ CARPORT PACKAGES

**GOING GREEN with COOL ROOFING**

**ENERGY EFFICIENT & LOOKS GREAT! WIND & FIRE RESISTANT**

**STEEL BUILDINGS AVAILABLE IN MULTIPLE SIZES**

**817-599-4186 • Fax: 817-599-3326**  
2100 Burton Street • Weatherford, Texas 76087

[www.metalmarts.com](http://www.metalmarts.com)

**I-20 ANIMAL HOSPITAL**

**817-341-3331**

**OPEN 24 HOURS DAILY**

- GENERAL PET WELLNESS
- HEALTH CARE
- INTERNAL MEDICINE
- SURGERY
- General and Advanced
- RADIOLOGY
- Digital including dental
- LASER THERAPY
- Computed Tomography (CT scan)-NEW!

- EMERGENCY & CRITICAL CARE
- COMPLETE IN-HOUSE LABORATORY
- DENTAL CARE
- General and Advanced
- ULTRASONOGRAPHY
- ONCOLOGY
- ENDOSCOPY

**3713 Fort Worth Hwy Hudson Oaks, TX 76087**

**Between Exits 415 and 414**

[www.I-20animalhospital.com](http://www.I-20animalhospital.com)

**Moss INSURANCE GROUP**

705 N FM 1187  
P O Box 967  
Aledo, Texas 76008  
[www.doylemoss.com](http://www.doylemoss.com)  
817-441-9053  
fax 817-441-7145

We represent:

- Germania
- State Auto
- Allstate
- Progressive
- Safeco
- and many others

Serving Aledo, Parker County and Texas

**Auto - Home - Life**  
**Business - Legal Shield**

Doyle Moss  
[doyle@doylemoss.com](mailto:doyle@doylemoss.com)

Linda Moss  
[linda@doylemoss.com](mailto:linda@doylemoss.com)

# AWARDS

from page one

this by looking at what support and differentiation her students need. She credits her success as a teacher to having structure and consistency along with humor and empathy."



Smith



Shiflett

## Secondary Teacher

**Katelyn Smith, Aledo High School English teacher**

**Prize:** \$2,500

**Donated by:** PBS of Texas

One of Ms. Smith's strengths is her preparation and planning. She believes this creates a productive learning environment where students know what standards she's teaching and have clear expectations for the day on what they will learn and what will be accomplished.

## Intermediate Teacher

**Liz Shiflett, McAnally Intermediate math teacher**

**Prize:** \$2,500

**Donated by:** Hardick Family

All in the name of math, Mrs. Shiflett works to create a fun, safe learning environment. Part of that results in "mini concerts" where she allows students to pick a song to play (where she may very well sing along!) at the end of class if they get through their lessons in a timely manner. Students are also quite fond of her math songs that help them remember steps to math problems and more.



Hull



Boyer

## Elementary Teacher

**Jessica Hull, Vandagriff Elementary fourth-grade teacher**  
**Prize:** \$2,500

**Donated by:** First Financial Bank  
Ms. Hull is focused on not only the academic success of her students but also their emotional well-being. She lives the phrase, "Know your students and you can grow your students." She has created a safe learning environment that supports all of her students. She also shares her ideas and experiences with fellow Vandagriff staff members and employees from throughout the district.

## Beginning Teacher

**Jessica Boyer, Vandagriff Elementary fifth-grade math and science teacher**  
**Prize:** \$2,500

**Donated by:** Walsh Family  
Ms. Boyer had her "aha" teaching moment earlier this year when she realized that often when she asked her students why they were learning something, they said it was for "when they got older." As Ms. Boyer worked on relevance in her instruction, she realized she needed to make that connection for them in the moment, not in the future. Once she made this change, she said student engagement increased and students took more ownership in their learning.

## Dan Manning Innovative Dedicated Educator Award (IDEA)

**Kyle Christensen, Aledo High School**  
**Prize:** \$2,500

**Donated by:** Dan Manning Endowment



Christensen



Bennett

Kyle Christensen's engineering students were challenged this year to come up with a solution to a simple COVID-19 problem: washing hands and not spreading germs. Mr. Christensen's students created touchless hand sanitizer stations for the campus, using computer-aided drawing, building prototypes and testing their final products in order to build their stations.

## Marsha Miholovich Professional Support Award

**Debbie Bennett, McCall Elementary librarian**  
**Prize:** \$2,500

**Donated by:** Don R. Daniel Endowment  
After studying the correlation between home libraries and academic success, Ms. Bennett came up with the idea to fill weekly Snack Packs that were prepared and donated by local churches to Aledo ISD students with books in addition to food. That has resulted in hundreds of books being sent home with students to build their own home library. Ms. Bennett's idea was picked up by Scholastic Book Fair representatives and has now been shared with districts across the state.

## Principal

**Holly Elgin, Walsh Elementary**  
**Prize:** \$2,500

**Donated by:** Anonymous donation  
Ms. Elgin has a focus on leadership development and continuously improving and growing as a leader. She was one of 62 school leaders from across Texas selected in the 2020 cohort of educators to attend summer institutes at the Principals' Center at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.



Elgin



Windwehen

## Assistant Principal

**Loryn Windwehen, Aledo High School**

**Prize:** \$2,500

**Donated by:** Anonymous donation

Ms. Windwehen is a champion for kids who puts students at the center of every decision she makes. She joined the Aledo ISD mid-pandemic and has jumped in to do whatever it takes to help keep students and staff learning every day. She is committed to helping staff members grow through her coaching and support.



Torres



Stover

## Child Nutrition Employee

**Daniela Torres, Aledo High School**

**Prize:** \$1,000

**Donated by:** The Hardick Family/Moritz

Daniela Torres' favorite part of the day is seeing her students excited to walk into the cafeteria where she keeps up with their successes and celebrates their accomplishments with them. Daniela remembers the smiles and warm greetings she always got as a child when she walked into her school cafeteria, so she wants to be that friendly smile when Aledo High School students come into the cafeteria.

## Maintenance Employee

**Robert Stover**

**Prize:** \$1,000

**Donated by:** Satterfield and Pontikes Construction

Robert Stover is a dependable, conscientious employee who is a great teammate. Even though he's an HVAC tech for the district, he can be seen doing whatever work is asked of him. He was an instrumental part of the maintenance team that worked so hard to get students back into Aledo ISD buildings to learn after the winter snowstorm earlier this year. He's a willing learner who is also willing to help others whenever they need assistance.



Christensen



Coffey

## Paraprofessional

**Pam Christensen, McCall Elementary**  
**Prize:** \$1,000

**Donated by:** The Hardick Family/Moritz

As a PEIMS clerk, Pam Christensen helps new Bearcat families when they first arrive on campus, greeting them, getting students registered and making them feel welcome. Pam has made it a goal to stay current in a position that is ever changing by attending workshops and training sessions to learn new programs and technology.

## Police Officer

**John Coffey, McAnally Intermediate**  
**Prize:** \$1,000

**Donated by:** Morningstar Development

Officer Coffey works hard to keep

Turn to next page



*Our family serving your family since 1908.*

*White's Funeral Home*  
130 Houston Ave. • Weatherford  
817-596-4811  
www.whitesfuneral.com

The Center is proud to welcome,  
**Talha Riaz, MD**  
He is seeing patients at our Weatherford and Mineral Wells locations



Medical Oncologist and Hematologist

Dr. Riaz is excited to be in North Texas where he will be close to his family and looks forward to helping and providing its community members with exceptional care. Dr. Riaz and his wife Dr. Bismah Siddiqui are parents to one daughter and are thrilled to be starting their new chapter in life here. In his spare time, Dr. Riaz loves to travel with family and friends, enjoys music, and is also a huge soccer fan (Fan of Liverpool FC).



**WWW.THECENTERTX.COM**  
817.759.7000

FORT WORTH CENTRAL CAMPUS • FORT WORTH SOUTHWEST • ARLINGTON  
WEATHERFORD • BURLESON • GRANBURY • MINERAL WELLS • STEPHENVILLE



Support Services provided by the Careity Foundation

Visit us today at  
**1911 S. Main St.**

**Fort Worth Community CREDIT UNION**

You're worth more (to us)  
Weatherford's #1 Family Credit Union

**(817) 835-5000**  
**www.ftwccu.org**

Open to those who live, work, or attend school in Tarrant, Denton, Parker, and Johnson Counties.

students safe and to build trust with them. He works every lunch every single day to be around students and build relationships and trust. He also volunteers to help with anything on campus needed - staff members often don't even have to ask.



Matej Reece

**Technology Employee**

**Vince Matej**

**Prize:** \$1,000

**Donated by:** VLK Architects

Vince works tirelessly to take care of the students and staff of Aledo ISD and he is always appreciated by his colleagues. He's been an integral part of AISD having remote learning and distributing thousands of devices for students to use for learning.

**Transportation Employee**

**Lisa Reece**

**Prize:** \$1,000

**Donated by:** Satterfield and Pontikes Construction

Lisa remembers growing up in Aledo and being dropped off at the bus barn by her parents some mornings when they had to be at work early. She knew all of the drivers and many of the routes. She's taken that childhood experience and become an integral part of the AISD transportation department, getting to know her students on routes while also taking on leadership roles within the department to help things run smoothly.

TRINITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY  
**New secondary principal named**

Trinity Christian Academy recently announced that Jesse Whiteaker has been named the new secondary school principal.

Since he was a high school student, Jesse knew that being an educator was in his future, and he has been working in professional education for 13 years with a career that encompasses public school teaching, youth ministry, and Christian school administration.

Between high school and college Jesse served in the U.S. army as a Chaplain's Assistant and served with an offensive infantry battalion overseas in Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2003-2004. It was during his time in the army that he met his wife Jenn, also a Chaplain's Assistant in the army, and they have been married for 19 years. They have two daughters, Gracee, 14, a competitive distance runner, and Kara, 12, a volleyball and softball player.

Jesse enjoys all of the adventure sports including running, mountain biking, skiing and boarding (water and snow), kayaking, and playing any sport available. He played competitive soccer all through childhood and early adulthood, and now serves as a referee.



SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS

**New Trinity Christian Academy secondary school principal Jesse Whiteaker is shown with his wife, Jean, and daughters Gracee and Kara.**

Jesse has been closely following Jesus since high school and his desire is to inspire and encourage others to do the same. He enjoys reading Christian literature, listening to audiobooks and podcasts, and is disciplined in his spiritual formation. He also plays multiple instruments and enjoys jamming music with other players.

Jesse has a Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education, and a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction, along with an All-Levels Principal's license through ACSI.

**TEXAS CROSSWORD**  
by Charley & Guy Orbison  
Copyright 2021 by Orbison Bros.

**ACROSS**

- 1 technical college north of Waco (abbr.)
- 5 "Tyler Rose" Campbell
- 6 Superman's vision
- 7 TXism: "strong as battery"
- 8 a "top dog" at a car dealership (2 wds.)
- 17 old designation for a confederate ship
- 18 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ run a six-legged bobcat" (fast)
- 21 TX soldier/actor Audie (init.)
- 22 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_loop man" (good roper)
- 23 TX Pride's "Never Loved"
- 24 horse pace
- 29 Lady \_\_\_\_\_ Johnson
- 30 famed late Austin bootmaker Charlie
- 31 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ tight he squeaks when he walks" (miser)
- 32 TXism: "bean counter"
- 34 flowerless plant
- 35 horse doc
- 36 TX Paula Prentiss film: "The World of Henry \_\_\_\_\_"
- 37 drying oven for TX Acme Brick
- 38 a baseball team
- 39 TX Buck Owens tune: "\_\_\_\_\_ Live Here"
- 41 former Aikman back-up Bernie
- 42 TXism: "body shops"
- 43 reed instrument in the Dallas Symphony
- 44 TXism: "strike while the iron \_\_\_\_\_"
- 45 \_\_\_\_\_ Chico
- 46 TX jobs agency (abbr.)
- 47 State Farm does this in TX
- 48 TXism: "as welcome as \_\_\_\_\_ a picnic"
- 50 a passel of years
- 51 Arlington university (abbr.)

**DOWN**

- 1 Red Skelton & Ester Williams 1951 film about TX (2 wds.)
- 2 cutting satirical utterance
- 3 1943 film featuring a Texas Ranger: "Thundering \_\_\_\_\_"
- 4 in Callahan County on I-20
- 9 TXism: "a day late and a dollar \_\_\_\_\_"
- 10 fix your jeans
- 11 TX Strait's \_\_\_\_\_ in the Hole Band
- 12 TXism: "leave \_\_\_\_\_ stone unturned"
- 13 TCU coach, Sullivan was a QB here
- 14 Tex Beneke was with the Miller Orchestra
- 15 TX Larry Hagman's "Jeannie" on "I Dream of Jeannie"
- 16 TX Tarzan Ely
- 19 TX Ted Cruz's group (2 wds.)
- 20 TXism: "a ring tailed \_\_\_\_\_"
- 22 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ prayer" (impossible)
- 24 governor (1894-98): \_\_\_\_\_ Culberson
- 25 summer house or car cooler (abbr.)
- 26 late wife of late John Connally (init.)
- 27 TX oil firefighters use brass \_\_\_\_\_ that don't spark
- 28 TX Bentzen flew a B-24 over this continent in WWII
- 29 prohibitions
- 30 Coleman's "Fiesta \_\_\_\_\_ Paloma"
- 33 pegs for TX golfers
- 34 TXism: "mighty \_\_\_\_\_" (okay)
- 35 poker or sun cap
- 37 victories by TX George Foreman
- 38 silent signal from Dak? (2 wds.)
- 40 TXism: "he's a dozen biscuits away from the circus"
- 41 Sulphur Springs FM before it was KRVA
- 44 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ slinger" (writer)
- 47 TXism: "touched in the head"
- 49 release shoe laces

**Carson Fronk receives DAR award**

Aledo High School senior Carson Fronk was selected to receive the 2021 DAR Good Citizen Award.

Carson's high school activities include being president of Young Republicans, Vice-President of National Honor Society, and varsity track captain. She is also a member of Aledo Players, Young Life and Young Life Capernaum. Through Young Life Capernaum, Carson works with 10 Aledo special needs students.

The DAR release said "Carson is a wonderful student and a true bright spot on the Aledo High School campus."



"Carson has one of the most precious spirits of anyone I know," said AP English teacher Jamie Rinehart. "Her

enthusiasm and bright smile fill a room, and her vivacity bubbles over onto anyone in her presence. Carson laughs and plays while keeping all her many responsibilities in check. Leadership roles are what she was born to 'play' as she resides comfortably in the spotlight but paradoxically does so humbly and graciously. It is clear her peers look up to her and find ways to model her passion and zest for life."

Carson plans to attend Auburn University in the fall and major in law and justice. After completing her bachelor's degree, Carson wants to go to law school. Her career goal is the be a child advocate attorney.

**RANCH HOUSE PROFESSIONAL BUILDING**

**ALEDO FAMILY EYE CARE**

**MARCUS GLEATON, OD**  
Suite 1000 • (817) 441-0010



A MEMBER OF *VISION SOURCE*  
visionsource-aledofamilyeyecare.com



**PROTECT YOUR WORLD**  
AUTO • HOME • LIFE • RETIREMENT

Dale Mares, AAMS  
817-441-5061  
126 S. Ranch house Rd., #600  
Aledo



Insurance and discounts subject to terms, conditions and availability. Allstate Vehicle and Property Insurance Co., Allstate Fire and Casualty Insurance Co. Life insurance offered through Allstate Life Ins. Co. & Allstate Assurance Co. Northbrook, IL; and American Heritage Life Insurance Co., Jacksonville, FL. Securities offered by Personal Financial Representatives through Allstate Financial Services, LLC (LSA Securities in LA and PA). Registered Broker-Dealer. Member FINRA, SIPC. Main Office: 2920 South 84th Street, Lincoln, NE 68506. (677) 525-5727. © 2018 Allstate Insurance Co.

**Mark A. McAdams, DDS**

Suite 800 • (817) 441-8003

**CATLIN, LILLARD & CO. PC**



Tax, Assurance,  
Consulting,  
Business Advisors



S. Brian Catlin, CPA Ralph Lillard, CPA

Trusted since 1977 Suite 1200 • (817) 441-2600 • clc-cpa.com

**126 RANCH HOUSE ROAD**

**WE'RE HIRING!**

The Community News, the largest paid-circulation newspaper in Parker County, is looking for a **B2B Marketing Specialist**.

The successful applicant will be:

- excited by the idea of working in a high-growth market;
- creative in developing new strategies;
- someone who can excel in an entrepreneurial environment;
- someone who has a contagious smile;
- a team player.

The responsibilities of this position include:

- generating new business;
- generating leads;
- building on and growing existing business relationships;
- participating in networking;
- communicating with new companies;
- providing proposals;
- reporting new contacts;
- helping to organize and participating in promotional events;
- helping to develop sponsorships
- event planning.

The Community News is a consistent award-winning publication based in east Parker County, the western edge of the expanding Fort-Worth-Dallas Metroplex. This is a great place to live and work. It is a rapidly growing, highly-engaged community with excellent public schools and easy access to urban and suburban amenities.

Reach out if you are ready to go and ready to grow!

Email: rkeck@community-news.com

**CITY OF ALEDO  
ORDINANCE NO. 2021- 140**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE IV "WATER AND WASTEWATER IMPACT FEE ORDINANCE" OF CHAPTER 81 "UTILITIES" OF THE ALEDO CODE OF ORDINANCES BY REVISING WATER AND WASTEWATER IMPACT FEES AND UPDATING LAND USE ASSUMPTIONS AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANS; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**SECTION 5.**

This Ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of ordinances of the City of Aledo, Texas, except where the provisions of this Ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such ordinances, in which event the conflicting provisions of such ordinances are hereby repealed. Prior impact fee ordinances of the City of Aledo shall remain applicable to the assessment and collection of impact fees on properties that are not subject to the assessment and collection of impact fees under this Ordinance.

**SECTION 6.**

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this Ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

**SECTION 7.**

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, and it is so ordained.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 22nd DAY OF APRIL 2021.**

**Kit Marshall, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**Deana McMullen, City Secretary**

**Get it Faster!**

E-Version subscribers receive their copy of *The Community News* first!  
No extra charge for print subscribers.  
Visit [community-news.com/subscribe](http://community-news.com/subscribe)

## Capital Highlights

### State shows largest population gain



**Gary Borders**  
gborders@texaspress.com

Texas stands to gain two seats in the U.S. House of Representatives after results of the 2020 census released last week show the state had the largest numerical gain of any state since the 2010 census

The population increased by nearly 4 million in the past decade, to 29.14 million. That's a population increase of 15.9% in 10 years — third highest by percentage in the nation, behind Utah and Idaho. The state's clout in the House will increase to 38 congressional districts, with redistricting likely coming this fall.

The increase has been driven for the most part by increases in the state's Hispanic population, which accounted for half of the growth in the past decade, according to the census. As the Texas Tribune pointed out, annual increases in Hispanic residents in Texas have been greater every year since 2010 than the combined growth among white, Black and Asian residents.

#### Abbott gets bill allowing to-go alcohol sales from restaurants

Restaurants can continue to sell alcohol to go after both chambers passed a measure making Gov. Greg Abbott's pandemic declaration permanent. Abbott is expected to sign the measure.

When restaurants were forced to close their dining areas last March, the measure allowed beer, wine and mixed drinks to be sold along with takeout and delivery food orders. While pandemic restrictions on in-dining seating have been lifted, many restaurants continue to rely on takeout and delivery options.

The Texas Restaurant Association reports 700,000 restaurant workers in Texas lost their jobs in the early weeks of the pandemic, with thousands of restaurants permanently shuttered.

#### Vaccination pace slowing; new COVID-19 cases, deaths steady

The Texas Department of State Health Services reported the number of Texans who have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine reached 11.1 million Sunday. As in the rest of the country, the pace has slowed — up just a bit over 4% from the previous week. A total of 7.92 million state residents are now fully vaccinated — more than one-fourth of all residents, according to DSHS.

Meanwhile, a total of 23,054 cases of COVID-19 were reported last week, a drop of about 600 people; 353 deaths were reported, down just slightly from the previous week, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. Lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 patients hospitalized dropped slightly to 2,648, according to DSHS.

#### ERCOT announces interim CEO

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas has picked Brad Jones to be interim CEO for the Texas grid operator. Jones has more than 30 years of industry experience, including two stints with ERCOT.

The previous CEO was fired after the widespread power blackouts during the February winter storm, and nearly half the board resigned. Under ERCOT's bylaws, Jones can serve as interim CEO for up to a year.

ERCOT falls under the umbrella of the Public Utility Commission. Its newest member and chairman, Peter Lake, was recently confirmed by the Texas Senate.

#### State releases \$11.2 billion in federal funding for schools

The state's top leadership announced last week the release of \$11.2 billion in fresh federal funding to help public schools "address student learning loss and costs incurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic."

Two-thirds of the nearly \$18 billion allocated by the feds is now available under grants administered by the Texas Education Agency. The remaining one-third in funding will be distributed contingent upon approval by the U.S. Department of Education.

Texas already had received roughly \$2.2 billion in federal funding to help school districts respond to COVID-19. School districts and others have been calling for the state to release the money so they could begin budgeting for the next school year. The federal government requires the state to maintain both public school funding and money for public colleges and universities at the same levels as in the three years before the pandemic to tap into the K-12 stimulus dollars.

#### Texas gets \$79 million to protect coastal areas

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality announced last week the state will receive an additional \$79 million as part of the RESTORE Act, which is the law passed in response to the 2010 Deepwater Horizon blowout and the resulting massive oil spill. The money will be used for land acquisition for coastal conservation; shoreline protections; restoring water quality and freshwater inflows on the Texas coast; and restoration of high-quality coastal habitats in the Texas portion of the Chenier Plain complex, which extends from Galveston Bay to Vermillion Bay, Louisiana.

*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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Setting an Example

People in the area of Aledo ISD should be shining examples of what a good community should be like. This is a wonderful area. I was shocked and saddened when I heard of the racist "slave trade" game some students were playing and the article by Leah Vann describing her experience of anti-Jewish or anti-anything-but-Protestant attitudes which made her feel she had to hide her faith was also shocking.

With all the emphasis on racism in the news, our community should be wise and check out

our own attitudes. If we recognize any of these attitudes or other attitudes of elitism (which is the deadly sin of pride), we need to correct them immediately. It's good to be proud when you have done a good job but not good if you are proud thinking you are "better" some how than someone else.

God made all people. After all, we all came from one set of parents named Adam and Eve. God gives people the ability to do different things. Every culture has its differences. They usually are not wrong but just different. If you have ever lived in any other part of the United

States or the world, you will see different cultures.

God has set down His excellent rules for life. He also set up government to keep us safe if we follow that government's rules and punish those who break that government's rules. But individually we are to work within God's guidelines to get along with others with our right attitudes.

Let's work together to be that shining example of respect for others and their differences.

- CASSANDRA TIDWELL  
WILLOW PARK

## Thistles & Roses

### Tiny turnout spurs concern



**Richard Henderson**  
richard@rahenderson.com

The turnout for all local elections held on May 1, 2021 in Parker County was a paltry 7,080 total voters out of 81,489 eligible voters. That is 8.6%. These 7,080 voters were split up among all of the school board and school bond elections, city council elections, and emergency service districts proposals in the county. This small amount of voters made the important decisions for everyone in a county with a population of 152,000.

Weatherford, the largest city in Parker County, had less than 800 people total vote for two contested city council elections. Aledo, a much smaller city, had just under 500 voters in its council elections.

The Aledo school board election had the most for a candidate election in the county with close to 2,200 voters. The Emergency Services District proposal had about 4,500 votes, passing by almost 60 per cent. It seems strange that 40 per cent in that area do not care about

fire or ambulance protection at their homes, but that is a subject for another time.

In the 2020 November presidential election, 76,422 out of 105,177 registered voters, or 73%, participated. If most of politics and important decisions are local, it seems like we should have equal numbers voting in these municipal and school elections.

Several cities and school districts had bond proposals on May 1 to improve their cities and schools. All but a very few passed. Parker County voters have a reputation for voting no on most such elections despite the need for education and municipal facilities and the overall improvement of the quality of life and improved property values that go with it.

Weatherford ISD has an outdated, antiquated stadium but many bond proposals to build a modern facility have been defeated. At least they did pass a bond issue several years ago and built a great high school.

Weatherford College has had a few successful bond proposals but most have failed miserably despite the need for better facilities and the need to invest in education for our youth.

On another note, if you have been to jury duty at the Parker County Courthouse recently, you know it is outdated and

antiquated. The county courts at law are scattered apart in different buildings as are the various clerks' offices. Our very conservative judges will be the first to say we need better, modern facilities.

This is not about liberal, free spending or anti-tax conservatism. This is about what we need to do as citizens of this county to invest in our future in a prudent, careful way.

When I became president of the East Parker County Library Board a few years ago, we inherited a major deficit and a mortgage. After six years, I left the board and we had carefully used the public's money to pay off the mortgage and became fiscally stable, and had a modest surplus of funds in the bank. We did it prudently and frugally. It took the hands-on stewardship of the board and the public to turn things around.

In short, the very few are making the very important decisions for the many here in Parker County. We keep mostly saying no to education and municipal bond proposals. Perhaps the people who run for office and serve the public can do a better job of educating the public as to the needs and how it just might in our best interests. Give the public a reason to vote, and say yes.

## A Quick Note from the Publisher

Try as I may to stay off of local social media gossip groups, someone will occasionally make me aware that either my name or the name of this newspaper have been invoked. I get a screen shot of a post or something like that.

More often than not, the content of the post is false — which is why I stay off social media gossip pages or groups.

An accusation was made about this newspaper, but so far no one has had the intestinal fortitude to approach me or ask me about it. *The Community News'* phone number and website and my e-mail address can usually be found at numerous locations in each week's newspaper.

Anyone who knows me knows that I can have a rational, adult conversation with people

who have a criticism of the paper or who disagree with me.

However, it is not my practice to respond to anonymous communications or snipings which have no basis in fact.

If you have questions about our operations, the proper place to address them is with us. Otherwise, what you have to say is irrelevant.

- RANDY KECK

# The Community News

**Mail:**  
P.O. Box 1031, Aledo, TX 76008

**Physical:**  
1015 Champions Drive, Aledo, TX

**Phone:**  
817-441-7661 • (Fax) 817-441-5419

**Web:**  
www.community-news.com

**Affiliations:**

- National Newspaper Association
- Texas Press Association
- North and East Texas Press Association
- West Texas Press Association
- East Parker County Chamber of Commerce
- Weatherford Chamber of Commerce

#### PUBLISHER/EDITOR

**Randy Keck**  
rkeck@community-news.com

#### OFFICE ASSISTANT

Barbara Russell

#### NEWS/PHOTOGRAPHY

Brandi Addison  
Christopher Amos  
Makenzie Plusnick

#### CONTRIBUTORS

**Photography**  
Cynthia Llewellyn

**Sports**  
Nolan Ruth

**Commentary**  
Richard Henderson

#### SUBSCRIBE

Mail subscriptions are \$29 per year in Parker and Tarrant Counties; \$37 per year elsewhere. Subscribe at [www.community-news.com/subscribe](http://www.community-news.com/subscribe). Receive our e-version, print version, or both all for the same price.

#### SUBMIT STORIES, PHOTOS OR IDEAS

We're always on the lookout for story ideas. To share one, call Randy Keck at 817-441-7661, ext. 207 or email [news@community-news.com](mailto:news@community-news.com). Please provide the basic story information as well as contact information in case we have questions.

We welcome letters, articles and guest opinions from our readers. Opinions expressed in this newspaper will be labeled as opinions, editorials or letters, and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the ownership. Letters should be signed, and limited to approximately 300 words. All submissions to the newspaper should

include a telephone number in case we have questions. Letters are due by Monday at noon for that week's paper. Community announcements, achievements and obituaries are due by noon Friday for the following week's paper. Send submissions to [news@community-news.com](mailto:news@community-news.com).

Photos submitted should include names of the people in the photograph. For ease in submitting photographs electronically, visit our contact form at [community-news.com/contacts](http://community-news.com/contacts).

The Community News does not charge for timely wedding, engagement and birth announcements provided they are of reasonable length. Lengthy announcements will either be edited to a reasonable length or, at the discretion of the person submitting the announcement, be charged a fee. The deadline for submitting announcements is noon Friday for the following week's paper.

## STATE BOUND!

### Ladycat golfers head to Georgetown



SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS

The Alejo Ladycats golf team qualified for state after taking second place at the Region 1-5A tournament. These ladies persevered through tough conditions to continue their season at the state tournament on May 10 and 11 at White Wing Golf Course in Georgetown, TX at the State 5A Girls Tournament. Shown are Madison Warner (Medalist), Ava Forman, Mallory Miller, Sanaa Lemen, Ella Fisher, and Aly Saunders. Coach James Mullins is not pictured.

### Even dozen TCA track athletes qualify for state

The Trinity Christian Academy boys and girls team had a great outing at the TAPPS 4A North regional track meet. The boys 4x200 team (Hudson Quinn, Jack Saadeh, Reece Hargrove, and George Brenner) qualified for state. Ben Camp qualified for state in shop put. Alex Marcantonio and Colton Bevering (110 hurdles) and Kennan Dowling (300 hurdles) also qualified. The girls 4x200 relay team of Avery Price, Marley Daniels, Libby Tovar, and Sophie Scott also qualified.



SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Avery Price, Libby Tovar, Marlie Daniels, and Sophie Scott qualified in the 4x200 relay.

### Three Bearcats qualify for state track meet



Clay Murador (400 meters), Tristan Thurman (high jump), and Ford Maberry are traveling to Austin this week for the UIL 5A State Track and Field Meet after each placed second at the regional tournament.

### Angling for State



Alejo Anglers teams of Cody Pokrifcsak/Aiden Yielding and AJ Reed/Trey Gonzales are headed to the state tournament on May 15-16 at Lake Texoma. The Alejo teams have competed against more than 1,200 teams across the state and fished a very tough regional tournament at Lake Lewisville in April to make it to state. Awards include more than \$100,000 in scholarships.

For more information about the Anglers' Club, visit alejoanglers.com for details and membership deadlines.

TOP LEFT: AJ Reed and Trey Gonzales | LEFT: Cody Pokrifcsak and Aiden Yielding

**Matt Morris**  
GUS BATES  
Insurance & Investments  
817-529-5325  
matt@gusbates.com  
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, PROPERTY & CASUALTY, RETIREMENT PLAN SERVICES  
Proud to Support the Alejo Bearcats

**Sarah J. Morris DDS**  
State of the Art Sterilization Room  
Invisalign and Zoom! Whitening  
Massage Chairs and HDTV  
Water Purification System  
817-732-4419  
www.sarahmorrisdds.com  
2551 River Park Dr. Suite 201 • Fort Worth, TX 76116  
FAMILY DENTISTRY WHERE HONESTY & INTEGRITY MATTER!

Henry Perez  
**PEREZ SERVICES INC.**  
Build Your Foundation Right The First Time  
• Concrete Work  
• Excavation, Dirt Work  
• Color Stain, Stamped Concrete in all Designs & Patterns  
• Driveways, Ramps, Curbs  
• Foundations  
• Retaining Walls  
432.209.1154 • hperezconstruction@yahoo.com

Since 1958  
**Texas BUTANE CO., INC.**  
63 YEARS OF PROPANE 1958-2019  
Propane Sales and Service  
On the Square in Weatherford  
103 W. Church • 817-596-8758 • 817-594-2612

Looking for the Top Dog?  
It's a local call - click - e-mail!  
817-441-7661 • www.community-news.com  
rkeck@community-news.com  
**THE COMMUNITY NEWS**  
Parker County's only locally-owned newspaper

BASEBALL

# Bearcats finish strong for playoffs

## Double senior nights

By Nolan Ruth  
The Community News

Weather has been an issue for the past week for both the softball and the baseball teams at Aledo High School. Rolling waves of storms affected the final two games of the season, creating an odd situation of celebrating senior day twice.

Friday morning as rain was still showering down on the town of Aledo, head coach Chad Barry made a call and moved that night's home game against Wichita Falls to a 3:30 p.m. in Bowie. Due to losing a home game and what was to be senior night, Barry submitted an all-senior lineup to battle the Coyotes.

Eliot Flaherty started the game on the mound and retired the first three batters he faced. In the bottom of the first, Nolan Garcia reached on an error by the Coyote shortstop, and Zach Harrison crossed the plate for the first run of the game.

The Bearcats then scored four more runs on each of the next four at bats. Bridger Wilson doubled in Garcia, Sam Sisk then singled home Wilson. Then, Gabe Baker and Kevin Taylor each doubled home the batter that went before each of them giving the Bearcats an early 5-0 lead.

Flaherty retired the next three Wichita Falls batters, followed by Aledo adding three more runs in the second. Zach Harrison started it off with a long home run over the left field fence. Three batters later, Wilson tripled to right field sending Garcia home to score. Baker drove in Wilson two plays later.

Ethan Headrick came in to pitch the third inning, and picked up where Flaherty left off, not allowing a single base runner. The Bearcats got a couple runners on base in the third inning but stranded them both.

Jaxon Simmons was the next pitcher in the game for Aledo. After giving up two runs, Simmons settled in and retired the final three batters in order. In the bottom of the fourth, Baker popped up to the right fielder, but was credited with a sacrifice fly when Wilson crossed the plate. Colton Campbell singled later in the inning to score Sisk, and a Parker Stegall ground out allowed Taylor to score.

Wichita Falls was not able to get another base runner for the rest of the game. In the bottom of the sixth inning, Campbell singled to center allowing Taylor to cross the plate for the winning run. The game was ended due to a run rule with a final score of 12-2.

Due to the loss of the final home game, the Bearcats scheduled Saginaw Boswell to come to Bearcat Park on Monday night for a proper senior night. Due to thunderstorms in the area, the game was moved to Tuesday.

Both teams used multiple pitchers in the game in an effort to prepare for the playoffs.

Tristan Thurman started in the first inning. He retired the first two batters on just two pitches, and then after giving up a single he struck out the fourth batter he faced. In the bottom of the inning, senior captain Creed Willems sent a ball far over the right field fence for a home run in his final game at Bearcat Park giving Aledo a 1-0 lead.

"As I went into the at bat, I realized I hadn't had a home run at home this year," Willems said of the special moment. "I wasn't trying to do too much but I knew if I got the right pitch to hit, I had to make them pay for it."

Carter Shands came in to pitch the second inning, retired the first batter, walked the second, and forced the third into a double play to finish a nine pitch

inning. The Bearcats went down in order in their half of the inning.

The third inning was Flaherty's to pitch. He allowed one base runner when he hit the first batter he faced. Then a fielder's choice, and Willems picking off the runner on first, set up a fly out to Max Belyeu to end the inning.

Belyeu started out the bottom of the inning with a triple to right center field. He scored two pitches later when Stegall singled into the gap in left field to make it a 2-0 Bearcat lead. Headrick took over on the mound in the fourth inning and retired the Pioneers in order.

Belyeu came up with another big play in the bottom of the inning, hitting an inside the park home run that the right fielder could not track. By the time the ball reached the cutoff man, Belyeu had already rounded third and slid home to double the lead with one swing.

Boswell's bats woke up in the fifth inning with Luke Paulsen on the mound. Despite giving up two runs, Paulsen struck out two and forced a flyout to keep the lead intact at 4-2. The Bearcats held that lead until the sixth inning, as Hunter Rudel pitched a shutout inning bringing the Pioneers to their final three outs.

In the bottom of the sixth inning, Stegall was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded to allow one run. Two pitches later, Willems popped out to center field but Sisk scored to make it a sacrifice. Adrian Guzman came on to close the game out and give Aledo the 6-2 win.

The Bearcats are now 27-7-2 on the season, and will start their playoff run with a three game series at Brewer against Justin Northwest. Game one will be Friday, games two and three will be Saturday.



TCA track athletes Kennan Dowling, Alex Marcantonio, and Colton Bevering qualified for state.

BASEBALL

# TCA wins bi-district

The Trinity Christian Academy varsity baseball team defeated Dallas Covenant 11-1 in the first round of the playoffs last Thursday night at Everman High School to claim the bi-district championship and move on to the area round to face Grace Prep next week.

Senior Malen Baldrige had four hits against Covenant. He doubled in the first, singled in the second, doubled in the fourth, and tripled in the fifth.

The scoring started for TCA when Tyler Hollingshead grounded out, scoring one run.

TCA scored four runs in the second inning. The offensive onslaught came from singles by Hollingshead and Baldrige and by Colton St. Peters.

Baldrige also pitched the game, allowing two hits and one run while striking out three. Freshman Brody Morgan threw one inning in relief out of the bullpen to close out the game.

TCA had nine hits on the day and seven stolen bases.

# Business Cards

**TRACTOR MOWING SERVICES**

CALEB W. COX  
817-980-2709

**HEARING CARE CENTER**

4736 Bryant Irvin Rd., Ste #702  
Fort Worth, TX 76132  
Located in Cityview Shopping Centre  
Phone: 817.263.1971  
www.chappell-hearing-aids.com

Vanity Tops  
Whirlpool Tubs  
Tubs  
Shower Walls

**DALE NICHOLS MARBLE**

2927 Greenlee Park Trail  
Weatherford, Texas 76088

Natural Granite • Solid Surface • Silestone  
817-341-8970

**DRAKE ELECTRICAL SERVICES L.L.C.**

**817-441-8633**

• • NOW PROVIDING BACK-UP GENERATORS • •

RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL  
SERVICE AND REPAIR • LICENSED & INSURED  
TECL #19987

**Jimmy Griffith, AAMS®**  
Financial Advisor

311 S FM Road 1187 Suite 100  
Aledo, TX 76008  
Bus. 817-441-4108 • Fax 800-656-0301  
jim.griffith@edwardjones.com  
www.edwardjones.com

**Edward Jones**  
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

**Fidelity National Title®**

*Kim Hanlon*  
ESCROW OFFICER

Office: 817.441.5423  
Fax: 817.585.4815  
khanlon@fidelity8thavenue.com  
1604 8th Ave • Fort Worth, TX 76104  
You'll appreciate the difference.

**FORT WORTH Custom Pools**

709 N FM 1187, Suite 800, Aledo  
817-732-7665 • 817-441-8100  
www.fortworthcustompools.org  
fortworthcustompools@msn.com

**GD GAYDOS DUFFER, P.C.**

Divorce, Custody, Collaborative Law,  
Adoption, Mediation, Assisted Reproduction,  
Wills, White Collar Crime, Government Investigations

401 Pitchfork Trail, Suite 705, Willow Park, Texas 76087  
Telephone: 817.548.5643 Fax: 817.719.9408  
Gaydosduffer.com

Lauren Gaydos Duffer | Larry Gaydos | Brooke M. Wilson | Courtney Harbaugh Walker

**HHD**  
**Hartman's Honey Doo's**

We will do the job your Honey can't or won't

Lite Electrical, Plumbing, and Carpentry  
Fences, Roofing, Tile and Sheetrock Repair

(817) 249-2028 **Ken Hartman, Proprietor**

**COLDWELL BANKER**

RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE

**KIMBERLY MEYER, ABR, CRS, GRI REALTOR®**

Cell (817) 929-0347  
kimberly.meyer@cbdfw.com

4500 Hartwood Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76109-1840  
www.coldwellbanker.com/kimberlymeyer  
Global Luxury Specialist

Free Estimates

**LANCE NORMAN ROOFING**

Locally Owned and Operated

**RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL**  
Insurance Claims Handled

- COMPOSITION SHINGLES
- WOOD SHINGLES
- NEW ROOFS • REROOFS
- REDECKS

**CALL (817) 443-0524 • mobile (817) 996-2726**

In Business Since 1996

**TANDY METAL BUILDINGS & FENCING**

Weld up • Bolt up • Horse Barns • Welding  
Custom Pipe Fencing • Fencing • Metal Homes

Mike Tandy  
Owner

Mobile: 817.925.5843  
www.tandymetalbuildings.com

**I187 MINI STORAGE**

We have lots of room for your stuff!

1515 E. FM 1187 • Aledo, Texas • 817-504-7662  
24-Hour Access • Immediate Move-in • Boat & RV parking - \$45  
Available Sizes: 10x10 (\$60), 10x20 (\$90), 10x30 (\$135)

**ALEDO FEED & SUPPLY**

- \*Livestock Feed
- \*Pet Food
- \*Bagged Fertilizer
- \*Salt Products
- \*Deer Feeders

Monday - Friday  
8:00am to 5:30pm  
Saturday  
8:00am to 12:30pm

215 Mesquite St. • Aledo, Texas 76008 • 817-378-4423

Thousands of Lifelong Customers.

**BILLY HARRIS ROOFING**

Same Name & Number Since 1973

**817-249-3338** Same Crews Since 1992

With the same name and number since 1973, Billy Harris Roofing is here before, during and after the Texas storms. Billy Harris Roofing has had the same crews since 1992 which has paved the way to 10 consecutive Angie's List Super Service Awards since 2006. Billy Harris Roofing prides itself on quality... not quantity! Give the experts a call today and find out for yourself why thousands of life-long customers have put their trust in Billy Harris Roofing • 817-249-3338 • www.billyharris-roofing.com



SOFTBALL

# Ladycats take schedule changes in stride en route to rout

26 runs scored in double header

By Nolan Ruth  
The Community News

It was a strange weekend for the Aledo Ladycats softball team during the first round of the playoffs. Three different schedule changes kept the team wondering when or if the games would get played. Finally, after much weather delay, Weatherford high school allowed the Ladycats to play Lake Dallas at their facility.

Everything got started Friday morning with Kayleigh Smith on the mound. She only allowed one hit the entire game as the Ladycats cruised to a 12-0 victory in just five innings.

Macy Graf led the offensive game off with a triple and scored on an errant throw to take the early 1-0 lead. Claire Byers started off her amazing day later in the inning with an RBI single that scored Madysen Boutwell.

The bats got going again in the third inning as Boutwell ripped a long home run to left field. Three consecutive singles loaded the bases for Smith, who hit a sacrifice fly to right field that allowed Texas Ray to cross the plate, giving the Ladycats a 4-0 lead.

Boutwell added to the lead again in the fourth with her second home run of the day, scoring Graf and Marissa Powell. In the fifth, Aledo was just three runs away from winning by run rule. With one runner on base, Graf smacked a long home run to right center field to pull within one run of victory.

With Marissa Powell on first base, Boutwell came up again, and after pulling one just foul she was



JACKIE HAYSLIP/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Madysen Boutwell is greeted at home plate by teammates after hitting a home run against Lake Dallas.

intentionally walked. Unfortunately for Lake Dallas, that brought Ray to the plate. On the second pitch she saw, she rocked a walk-off home run to left to win 12-0.

With game one in the books, game two was set to take place just 45 minutes after the first. Nathalie Touchet got the nod as pitcher, but had a rough first inning giving up a first-inning home run to give Lake Dallas an early 2-0 lead.

Byars put the Ladycats on the board in the bottom of the inning with a home run of her own. Caitlin Beatty added to it with an RBI single

that drove in Powell, tying the game at two.

Lake Dallas' bats went silent after that, but Aledo's were just getting started. The Ladycats scored six runs in the second inning. First, Byars drew a bases-loaded walk in the second inning, allowing Presley Hull to score. On the very next pitch, Powell ripped a single to left that scored Graf and Audrey Pearce.

Ray followed two batters later, reaching on an error and advancing to third, allowing Byars and Powell to score, extending the lead to 7-2. Ray scored two pitches later on a sacrifice fly by Beatty.

The Ladycats then followed up in the third inning, scoring five more runs. Graf started off with a triple to center field that scored Pearce from second. Then, as if on cue, Byars ripped her second home run of the game, making it an 11-2 ballgame.

Later in the inning, Hull drew a bases-loaded walk to score Boutwell. Pearce followed with an infield single that let Beatty cross the plate. The Ladycats held a 13-2 lead after three innings.

Ray kept things rolling in the fourth with an RBI single that scored Byars. One pitch later, Beatty doubled to score Powell and Ray,

bringing Aledo's run total to 16 for game two, and 28 on the day.

Lake Dallas added one last run in the top of the fifth, but it wasn't enough. The run-rule had been surpassed and Touchet finished off the Lady Falcons in the fifth to clinch the series.

The Ladycats' next opponent will be Burleson Centennial, the schedule is as follows:

- Game 1, 6:30 p.m. Friday at Weatherford
- Game 2, 3 p.m. Saturday at Cleburne
- Game 3 (if needed), 6:30 p.m. Monday at Cleburne

**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 for a Special Use Permit for an Auto Body Repair – Fully Enclosed Shop Area, Lot 2, Block 1, Porter Addition, located in the 4900 Block IH-20 Service Road S.

Planning and Zoning: Tuesday, May 18, 2021  
Time: 6:00 PM

City Council: Tuesday, June 8, 2021  
Time: 7:00 PM

Location: City Hall, 516 Ranch House Rd  
Willow Park, TX 76087

Any member of the public has the right to appear at the Public Hearing. Please contact the Development Department at 817-441-7108 or bchew@willowpark.org with any questions.

Posted: May 4, 2021

**Jennifer L. Harris, CPA**  
107 Larson Lane, Suite 300-A • Aledo, Texas 76008  
817-441-7757 • Fax 817-441-7739  
WWW.JHARRISCPA.COM

**Pediatric & Adolescent Dentistry**  
Robert Casey Stroud, D.D.S., P.C. and Michael Ball, D.D.S., P.L.L.C.

Diplomate of American Board of Pediatric Dentistry  
Fellow of American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

134 El Chico Trail, Suite 101  
Aledo/Willow Park, TX 76087  
Ofc: 817-441-2425 • Fax: 817-441-2491  
www.dfwpediatricdentistry.com

TEXAS STATEWIDE CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING NETWORK

**TexSCAN**

**TexSCAN Week of  
May 2-8, 2021**

**ACREAGE**  
Hunting/investment/recreational property. We have some of the best in Texas! From the Hill Country (Edwards, Menard, Coke, Val Verde County, free ranging exotics) to South Texas (Kinney, Duval, Live Oak County, whitetail, hogs). Large or small acreage. 30-year fixed rate owner financing, only 5% down. Call toll-free or email for individual prices and terms. www.ranchenterprisesltd.com, 800-876-9720.

**AIRPORT RFP**  
City of Pleasanton is accepting Requests for Proposals for A&P Mechanical, Inspection Authority and/or Aircraft Maintenance Services at the Pleasanton Municipal Airport. Sealed REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS will be received at City Secretary's Office, 108 Second St., City Hall Building, Pleasanton, TX 78064 until 4 p.m. CT, Friday, May 14, 2021. Contact Andres Aguirre, aguirre@pleasantontx.gov.

**GENERATORS**  
GENERAC Standby Generators provide backup power during utility power outages, so your home and family stay safe and comfortable. Prepare now. Free 7-year extended warranty (\$695 value!). Request a free quote today! Call for additional terms and conditions. 1-855-704-8579.

**INTERNET**  
AT&T Internet. Starting at \$40/month w/12-mo agmt. Includes 1 TB of data per month. Get More For Your High-Speed Internet Thing. Ask us how to bundle and SAVE! Geo & svc restrictions apply. Call us today 1-855-439-5457.

Texas Press Statewide Classified Network  
273 Participating Texas Newspapers • Regional Ads  
Start At \$250 • Email ads@texaspress.com

NOTICE: While most advertisers are reputable, we cannot guarantee products or services advertised. We urge readers to use caution and when in doubt, contact the Texas Attorney General at 800-621-0508 or the Federal Trade Commission at 877-FTC-HELP. The FTC web site is www.ftc.gov/bizop.

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

PROJECT: A&P Mechanical, Inspection Authority and/or Aircraft Maintenance Services at the Pleasanton Municipal Airport

Sealed REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS will be received at City Secretary's Office, 108 Second Street, City Hall Building, Pleasanton, Texas, 78064, until 4:00 p.m. (local time/CT) on Friday, May 14, 2021 and shall include acknowledgement of any addenda submitted.

The City of Pleasanton is issuing this Request for Proposal (RFP) in order to solicit and receive Proposals from qualified firms interested in leasing a maintenance hangar for the purposes of providing A&P mechanical services at the Pleasanton Municipal Airport (KPEZ).

Please submit one (1) marked original and three (3) exact duplicate copies of your complete proposal, labeled and clearly marked **Request for Proposals (RFP) for an A&P Mechanical for the Pleasanton Municipal Airport**. Bids sent via courier must be sealed in a separate envelope inside of the mailer.

POINT OF CONTACT: All inquiries regarding this RFP must be made, in writing, to Andres Aguirre, at aguirre@pleasantontx.gov. The City shall not be responsible for any verbal communication between any employee of the City and any potential firm. Only written requirements and qualifications will be considered. The City of Pleasanton reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive irregularities, and to accept the proposal deemed the most advantageous to the City.

**Bobby J Rignes, Agent**  
411 FM 1187 N  
Aledo, TX 76008  
Bus: 817-441-9966  
bobby@bobbyrignes.com

**Life insurance from a real life person.**

Get life insurance that comes with someone local (me). I'm here to help you protect your family's financial future. **LET'S TALK TODAY.**

**State Farm**

State Farm Life Insurance Company (Not licensed in MA, NY or WI)  
State Farm Life and Accident Assurance Company (Licensed in NY and WI)  
1708148  
Bloomington, IL

**CELEBRATING 10 YEARS**

**MYSER ORTHODONTICS**

Awesomeness. Joy. Community.

MyserOrtho.com • 817-441-8700 • Aledo & Willow Park

**NEED EXTRA CASH !!! ???**

**I BUY RVs & MOBILE HOMES**

Travel Trailers • 5th Wheels  
Goosenecks • Bumper Pulls

In Any Area!!! Any Condition!!!  
Old/New!!! Dirty or Clean!!!

**I PAY CASH 956-466-7001**  
No Title – No Problem – We Can Apply For One  
ANR Enterprises

★ ★ ★ **DRIVEN TO BE THE BEST** ★ ★ ★

**Be Your Own Boss, Choose Your Own Routes!**

Looking for CDL drivers to deliver new trucks all over the country, starting in Laredo, TX.

Experience preferred. Must have DOT physical and be willing to keep logs. No DUIs in last 10 years, clean MVR.

**Quality Drive-Away**

Apply Online at  
[www.qualitydriveaway.com](http://www.qualitydriveaway.com)  
or call 574-642-2023



ANDREA GARNETT/SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS

AHS tennis players Allie Farmer, Georgia Posey, Ian Leslie, Hogan Posey, Jax Joiner, and Katie Siddons

TENNIS

# Racquetcats end season in Lubbock at Regionals

No advancement to state for AHS Tennis

By Andrea Garnett  
Special to The Community News

The RacquetCat regional qualifiers traveled to Lubbock on April 26 in the hope of advance to state, but unfortunately they all fell short in that goal this year.

The district champion team in Boys' doubles Jax Joiner and Hogan Posey had to play the number 4 seed from Lubbock Coronado in their first match. Taking more than 10 games to deuce the duo could not make them go their way and were defeated (2-6) (3-6) ending their

very successful spring season in the first round.

Up next was Allie Farmer in girls singles who played against El Paso High. Allie came out strong in the first set taking the lead early but then faced a strong comeback from her opponent and lost in the first round (3-6)(0-6).

Girls' doubles team Georgia Posey and Maddie Farmer easily won their first match against Clint Horizon, crushing them (6-0)(6-0). Their second match put them up against the number 1 seed from Amarillo High and they lost (1-6) (0-6) which eliminated them from advancing.

The mixed doubles duo Ian Leslie and Katie Siddons had no problem advancing to round 2 by defeating Burleson (6-1)(6-0). They then had to face the very strong Amarillo High team that were seeded number 1 in the tournament and lost to them (0-6)(0-6).

The RacquetCats end this school year with very successful fall and spring seasons making it to the play-offs in both and building a strong foundation for next year. Coaches Christina Cribbs and Joe McCoy have developed the Aledo tennis program into something the whole community can be proud of.



SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS

The Bearcats golf team completed a successful season at the Region I 5-A Tournament in Lubbock. Team members are Braylon Mahanay, Jett Moore, Jake Phillips, Bryce Wolf, Tanner Smith, Coach Joe Roquemore and Tyler Pearce (not pictured).



SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Ben Camp qualified for state in shot put for Trinity Christian Academy.

# MORITZ | CHEVROLET

## 2021

### FIND NEW ROADS™

[moritzchevrolet.com](http://moritzchevrolet.com) 817.696.2000

9101 Camp Bowie West Fort Worth, TX 76116  
Sales Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30AM-8:00PM Sat 8:30AM-7:00PM

## SUMMER & FALL 2021

REGISTRATION DATES	SEMESTER START DATES	
<b>APRIL 13</b> REGISTRATION OPEN FOR CURRENT & RETURNING STUDENTS	<b>MAY 10</b> SUMMER MINI BEGINS	<b>JUNE 1</b> SUMMER I BEGINS
<b>MAY 11</b> REGISTRATION OPEN FOR EVERYONE	<b>JULY 7</b> SUMMER II BEGINS	<b>AUG. 23</b> FALL 2021 BEGINS

Visit [wc.edu/registration](http://wc.edu/registration) for important registration information.

**WEATHERFORD COLLEGE**  
1869  
STAY CLOSE • GO FAR

The following Federal Programs, authorized by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, may be available for eligible students attending private schools: Title I Part A and Part C, Title II Part A – Teacher and Principal Training, Title III English Language Acquisition and Immigrant, and IDEA – Special Education. Private Schools interested in learning more about these services are invited to attend an informational meeting on Monday, May 17, 2021 @ 1:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Aledo ISD Administration Building at 1008 Bailey Ranch Rd. Schools that choose to access these funds must comply with all requisite federal policies and procedures. For more information, contact Candace Summerhill or Rebecca Deatherage at Aledo ISD by email, [csummerhill@aledoisd.org](mailto:csummerhill@aledoisd.org) or [rdeatherage@aledoisd.org](mailto:rdeatherage@aledoisd.org). A packet of information concerning these federal requirements will be available at the meeting.

## Looking for the Top Dog?



It's a local call • click • e-mail!

817-441-7661

[www.community-news.com](http://www.community-news.com)  
[rkeck@community-news.com](mailto:rkeck@community-news.com)

**THE COMMUNITY NEWS**  
Parker County's only locally-owned newspaper