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ALEDO Council discusses economic development incentives

New tax rate is down about two cents

By Brandi Addison The Community News

The Aledo City Council heard a list of economic development incentive options during the Aug. 26 council meeting in a discussion about bringing more beneficial businesses to the city.

A representative with TOASE – Taylor, Olson, Adkins, Sralla & Elam, LLP, which represents as the city attorney — said the goal is to "spend public funds to attract desirable businesses."

Among the incentive options were a tax abatement, 380 agreement and incentives with the Aledo Economic Development Corporation (EDC).

A tax abatement would allow developers to be exempt from taxation for up to 10 years on values that were added to the property. The base value would still be taxed.

A 380 agreement provides a wide range of benefits using expenditures from the city's general fund allocated specifically for economic development. This could include Lump Sum grants, rebates of sales and ad valorem taxes, waivers of building permit fees, loans, and procedural safeguards.

It's the Season



Student fans were out in force for the opening game of Bearcat football last week at home against Weatherford. Read more in Sports.



Couple arrested in connection with Aledo

KRISTIN MORALES

The Aledo EDC, in conjunction with the city, would offer various incentives, such as grants and rebates. But it could also offer infrastructure for commercial developments and expenditures for parks and other programs.

The city did not the issue. act on

New tax rate

The council unanimously approved a new tax rate - \$0.327147 per \$100 in property valuation – during the Aug. 26 meeting.

The new tax rate reflects a decrease of more than two cents, down from the current \$0.3481 per \$100 in property valuation.

It will go in effect Oct. 1 and remain effective through Sept. 30, 2022.

Parker County Emergency Services District No. 1, which includes Aledo and Annetta firefighters, has deployed a team leader and a Type 1 engine to assist with Hurricane Ida in Lafourche Parish, Louisiana.

ESD 1 Fire Chief Stephen Watson said the local firefighters are part of a north branch strike team from the Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System North Branch. Other departments on the strike team include Fort Worth, Waxahachie, Bedford, and Sanger.

"The local responders [in Lafourche Parish] have damaged facilities, equipment, and are resource depleted as many of their own homes have sustained damage and emergency response needs have been extensive," Watson said.

Watson added that the deployment is for 14 days, but based on

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Strike Team Leader Field Incident Tech Grant Hall and Strike Team Leader Battalion Chief Chris Balough.

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Repeat Bearcats win Peach Classic for a second time.

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car burglaries From the Parker County Sheriff's Office

Parker County Sheriff Russ Authier announced the arrest of a wanted couple in connection with several Aledo area vehicle burglaries.

Authier said the suspect and the suspect's vehicle, a silver 2007 Dodge Nitro, were seen last week on surveillance footage after the suspects used the stolen credit and debit cards.

said investigators Authier worked over the weekend to identify and locate the suspects. The male suspect was positively identified, and burglary arrest warrants were obtained for him on Sunday.

Sheriff's Fugitive Apprehension Strike Team members attempted to serve the felony warrants on Monday (Aug. 30) and saw the suspects leave in the same vehicle they were seen Turn to ARREST, page 9

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need can be cut short or extended, in which case there would be a crew swap.

Parker County personnel going to Louisiana include Strike Team Leader Battalion Chief Chris Balough, and Strike Team Leader Field Incident Tech Firefighter Grant Hall. Balough heads up a response force of five engines and twenty firefighters. Watson said Hall "drives, assists in field logs/documentation, crew time reports, everything we file for reimbursement with FEMA, and is an aid to the chief with communications and resource tracking in the field during emergency response."



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ABOVE: The Type 1 engine crew from Parker County heading to Louisiana includes Assistant Chief David Pruitt, Captain Robert Whatley, Lieutenant William Meyers, and Firefighter Tommy Bond. | TOP RIGHT: This volunteer fire department took major damage in Hurricane Ida. | BOTTOM RIGHT: Equipment from Sanger, Fort Worth, and ESD 1 is shown on site in Louisiana.

ALEDO ISD Bond Progress Committee presents community update

2019 bond reviewed

By Mercedes Mayer Aledo ISD

The Aledo ISD Bond Progress Committee released a Community Update to help district stakeholders track the progress of the Aledo Bond 2019. The report was released on Thursday, Aug. 26.

The committee, led by Aledo ISD parent and alumni Matt Morris, has met nine times as a committee and twice held community meetings over the past 20 months. The group of 23 community members, parents, and teachers - all of whom served on the district's 2019 Bearcat Growth Committee - has been charged by the Aledo ISD Board of Trustees to review the progress of the bond, to review the financial status of and expenditures related to the implementation of the bond, to meet quarterly, and to provide regular reports of its work and findings to trustees at public board meetings.

The BPC's report updates the community on the self-directed guidelines set by the Bearcat Growth Committee when forming the Aledo Bond 2019 recommendation, which included not raising the tax rate, borrowing within the district's limits, expanding capacity at the elementary and middle school levels for as long as possible, and making data-driven decisions based on consistently accurate demographic numbers. The \$149,950,000 Aledo Bond 2019 passed in November 2019 with 62 percent of voters approving.

"The BPC is excited to report that the expectations we set for Aledo Bond 2019 as members of the Bearcat Growth Committee have been met or exceeded," Morris said. "Through sound financial decision-making, being prudent with our tax dollars, and being thoughtful about building and growth in our district, the Aledo ISD has consistently delivered exceptional results with one year remaining for completion of the 2019 bond projects."

As shown on the report:

The district saved nearly \$17 million by securing a much lower interest rate on the bond than originally projected (4.5% estimate; actual sale 2.73%) by BOK Financial.

Enrollment figures provided by Templeton Demographics - even when adjusted for COVID-19 - have remained on target, and the district continues to grow at a rapid rate. The district promised a tax-rate decrease on the Maintenance & Operations side of the district, and the Aledo ISD's overall tax rate was lowered for the third year in a row on Monday, Aug. 23 (not reflected in the community update).

After choosing to recommend Bond 2019 projects that would increase capacity at both elementary and middle school levels, once all projects are complete, the district will be below capacity at the middle school level through 2025-2026 and at the elementary level through 2022-2023.

"Having representatives from our community who understand the bond process and have a vested interest in tracking bond progress is invaluable to our district leadership and our community," Superintendent

Dr. Susan Bohn said. "Our BPC members regularly provide feedback, insight, and ideas that have helped tremendously as we are working to provide learning opportunities and spaces for children that meet our community's expectations."

Also included in the BPC community update are bond project totals. Actual totals are nearly \$5.5 million under the estimated cost of Aledo Bond 2019 with only the AISD Early Childhood Academy (Old Vandagriff Elementary Renovation) still yet to bid. The Bond 2019 estimate for that project was \$1.709 million.

Aledo Bond 2019 information can be found online at www.aledoisd.org/bond.





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Where Healing Begins

Taking a tour of the **Parker County** Children's Advocacy Center.

By Randy Keck

The Community News

Children are the future, yet many do not live in a healthy environment. The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that more than one child in seven experiences abuse in a year. More than 1,800 children died from abuse in 2019.

The effects of child abuse are far-reaching – medically, economically, and emotionally, and Parker County is not immune from the problem.

The Children's Advocacy Center of Parker County (CAC) was a dream come true for organizers who saw the need when it opened in 2018 on Clear Lake Road in Weatherford. Since then, it has helped hundreds of children from ages two to 17.

The center works with a variety of entities to provide services to children who are victims of abuse: law enforcement, Freedom House (domestic violence shelter and counseling), Center of Hope, Child Protective Services, and Grace House (pregnancy assistance center).

In addition to short-term coping, CAC Executive Director Cheryl Bullock said a longterm objective is to help the children learn to have healthy relationships in later life.

"Our primary goal is to help them to start healing in a healthy manner," Bullock said. "We want to end the cycle of abuse. We want them to be healthy enough to set boundaries with people. We want them to be healthy enough where they're not turning to drugs or alcohol when they get older."

Bullock also pointed to studies that show abuse victims who do not learn to deal with their trauma can even develop physical diseases later in life.

Each Year the CAC opens its doors to supporters to hold a fund-raising event called the "Sugar Rush." This reporter was among those who toured the facility and learned of the services CAC provides in a Willie Wonka themed event.

They gave each person a slip of paper showing one of three stories. Bullock stressed that the stories were not actual events, but they were examples of the types of cases that might be addressed at the CAC.

See the sample stories in the sidebar.



Alex Vasquez The Tour:

The first person to see a case will probably be Alex Vasquez, whose job is statewide intake. All children's advocacy centers in the state cooperate, and Vasquez begins the process.

"Whenever a report is made either to law enforcement or to the child abuse hotline, it comes in on the statewide intake," Bullock said. "Alex looks at those as they come in and he puts them into our case tracking system and he sees what meets our criteria or what does not meet criteria for the center."

Bullock said law enforcement and Child Protective Services (CPS) are getting the case at the same time. Vasquez staffs with the other entities to see which cases need to go to the center.

"He will call and set up the forensic interviews for the police station or the police, the sheriff's department, whoever's working on that case and make sure CPS is involved," Bullock said. "He also takes care of any courtesy interviews."

Courtesy interviews might involve a case that happened in another town, but with local residents. Bullock said there are times that law enforcement does not want to inconvenience families by making them travel.

"Either enforcement travels here, or they get another law enforcement from the area to sit in on that interview, and then they will send all that information to the one investigating if it's out of another state or another county.



Lauren Authier

The next person likely to become involved is Family Advocate Lauren Authier.

While Vazquez might make an appointment for a family, the family may or may not need a forensic interview.

"Lauren sits down and does an intake with them and meets with them," Bullock said. "She goes over what kind of needs they have. Do they need a referral for counseling? Do they need help with food? Anything need help with she gets resources in the community. She works closely with Center of Hope. We also work with Grace House, Freedom House, So if there's anything that they can help us with, we call on them and we work closely together."

Authier can also help clients their victim compensation paperwork if they've been out due to a crime or if they've had to move.

The next person on the tour was Brittany Lain, a forensic interviewer.

"She is the one that meets with a child and lets them tell their story," Bullock said. "We call it an interview but it's more fact gathering than it is an interview."

Lain has to ask open questions, like "tell me more about that." She can't ask leading questions.

"She's very trained on getting the information, getting it correct," Bullock said. "She makes sure she's not leading the child in telling a story that maybe wasn't necessarily true, or that wouldn't stand up in court."

SAMPLE STORIES*

Child A

A 3-year-old female was sexually abused by her father. While father was at work the girl disclosed to her mother that father was touching her private parts when taking a bath. Mother called the Weatherford Police Department to make a report. Mother and child went to her sister's home to get away from father. Mother was asked to come into the CAC the following morning so the child could be interviewed.

Child B

An 8-year-old male who tried to intervene when he witnessed his mother being physically abused by stepfather. Stepfather strangled the child and pushed him into a wall leaving a hole. Mother and her son drove away and went to the hospital where CPS and the Sheriff's office were called.

Child C

A 16-year-old female has been texting with a 34-yearold male friend of her family. It started with him sending her money through Venmo and him asking for pictures of her. It then escalated to him asking for nude pictures. He invited her to a party where she was drugged, and men paid the 34-year-old to have sexual relations with her. She felt like she could not get out of the situation, so she disclosed it to her friend, who reported it to a teacher and the school resource officer contacted the CAC.

*These are compilations. Age, genders, and details have been changed.



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Brittany Lain



Bayleigh Garvin

There is video and sound equipment in the small forensic interview room used by Lain, and next door Administrative Assistant Bayleigh Garvin showed the Observation Room during the tour.

The observation room has closed-circuit equipment that allows the interviews next door to be seen by the investigation team.

"We don't allow anyone else in there except for who is working on that case," Bullock said. "They watch it on the TV in real time and then we record that onto the DVD so they can put that into evidence."



Elise Saltzgiver

crucial, once it has been collected

CAC's work is just beginning. The

next step on the tour was one ele-

ment named for its function - the

Healing Garden. The garden was

introduced by Elise Saltzgiver, a

parts. One one side is a calming,

with their therapist," Bullock said.

"There's a fountain; there's more of a

lack of formal area. And then when

you cross over the bridge, it's more

magical - a kid area. They have a

sandbox, they have a little tent that

they can go into, they have a swing,

and they have a table out there

that they can do any journal work

or anything like that. So it's just a

different area that they can see their

The Healing Garden has two

"The clients will go out there

receptionist at CAC.

natural environment.

clients in."

While gathering information is



Amber Gentry Lopez

The next room is somewhat more intense. Because the CAC is working with children, they provide a variety of ways for children to express themselves that might not involve verbal communication.

The sand tray room has a small (maybe 2-foot square) sand box. The walls of the room are lined with miniature figures - objects and people. Children can show what they are feeling by arranging the items in the sand tray.

"It can be as simple as 'what is it like to be you?" Bullock said. "It's just another way of expressing oneself or expressing what they're going through if they can't put it into words."

The room was shown by Amber Gentry Lopez, Mental Health Program Director.

PHYSICAL - the intentional use of physical force that can result in physical injury. Examples include hitting,

NEGLECT - failure to meet a child's basic physical and emotional needs. These needs include housing, food,

SEXUAL - pressuring or forcing a child to engage in sexual acts. It includes behaviors such as fondling, penetra-

FOUR TYPES OF CHILD ABUSE

tion, and exposing a child to other sexual activities.

clothing, education, and access to medical care.

kicking, shaking, burning, or other shows of force against a child.

EMOTIONAL - behaviors that harm a child's self-worth or emotional well-being.



themselves is through play. Kaila Bellinghausen showed the play room. "With play therapy, especially for

the younger kids, they can express themselves, because they can't really express how they feel and what's going on. They might be mad but they can't express why they're angry or what's going on. So they can play out and talk through that. Play is a child language."

Counselor Mackenzie Lowe showed the group room and the sensory court.

Bullock said the sensory court is a good place for kids who have been disassociating for a long time.

"Your brain goes to somewhere else. It's not with you in the present, usually because of extensive physical

- Centers for Disease Control



Mackenzie Lowe

or sexual abuse," Bullock said. "They can go up there and get back in touch with their bodies, because sometimes they lose movement they can walk and do all of those things, but they just lose sense of self. And so everything out there is movement.

The sensory court has a trampoline, a swing, and a crawl tunnel. It also has items that allow children to build an obstacle course.

"That's just another way of them getting back in touch with themselves," Bullock said.

In 2021 as of June the CAC had served 194 people, including 138 new clients. It conducted 89 forensic interviews, provided 125 individuals with counseling services, and provided 476 hours of counseling. A satellite location was opened in Springtown in April.

Children's Advocacy Center of Parker County is a Non-Profit 501(c) (3) entity. It is located at 1224 Clear Lake Road in Weatherford. For more information, visit cacparkercounty.org.



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Capital Highlights Elections bill passes House along party lines



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The Texas House approved an elections bill Friday along party lines with 21 Democrats declining to participate. The bill, slightly different from previously passed Senate legislation, now heads to a conference committee that will negotiate a final version.

The measure passed after House Democrats largely ended a second walkout that broke quorum. The Austin American-Statesman reported the bill would ban drive-thru and 24-hour voting, add ID requirements to mail-in ballots, and give greater leeway to partisan poll watchers' ability to observe both polling places and vote counting.

Republicans supported the bill as a means to reassure voters that elections are fraud-free. Critics called it an attempt to suppress voting among minorities and other groups that tend to support Democrats.

State Rep. Chris Turner, D-Grand Prairie, said the bill was inspired by former President Trump's claim the election was stolen.

"This bill was never about election security or voter integrity. It was always about using the big lie to justify restricting access to the ballot box," Turner said.

\$1.4 billion in summer food benefits

Texas families with children who have temporarily lost access to free or reducedprice school meals can receive electronic food benefits under a third round of grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) covers the summer months and provides a one-time benefit per eligible child. It can be used in the same way that Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program cards work to buy groceries. The A number of hospitals have reported all intensive-care unit beds are filled. DSHS reported only 325 available ICU beds statewide as of Sunday. People under the age of 50 are being admitted to hospitals with COVID-19 in the largest numbers since the pandemic began in early 2020.

Gov. Greg Abbott and the Texas Division of Emergency Management have announced openings of several COVID-19 therapeutic infusion centers to provide Regeneron's monoclonal antibodies to COVID-19 outpatients throughout the state. Visit meds. tdem.texas.gov to find a site near you.

Meanwhile, the pace of vaccinations has increased as the delta variant spreads, with an average of more than 80,000 vaccine doses reported daily during the past month. DSHS reports 13.6 million Texans are fully vaccinated, which is 46.6% of the state's population.

Dust in the wind equals hazy skies

If the skies seem unusually hazy lately, even as temperatures approach the century mark in much of the state, the answer lies to the east — and we're not talking Louisiana. Every year about this time plumes of dust make their way from Africa's Sahara Desert to America. Non-scientists call it rain dust, according to an article on the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's website.

Summer storms in the Sahara kick up about 180,000 tons of dust into the atmosphere each year, causing some problems for folks with asthma or other chronic lung conditions, according to Weslee Copeland, TCEQ's senior meteorologist.

"The dust does degrade air quality when it's here," he says. "Most of the time it falls within the moderate range of EPA's Air Quality Index, which means most healthy individuals will not be affected, but those who are more sensitive may experience some respiratory effects."

The dust has one beneficial attribute: It generally suppresses the formation of tropical storms and hurricanes, though it did not prevent Hurricane Ida from hitting Louisiana Sunday as a Category 4 hurricane, on the 16th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina's landfall.

Tax rate calculation

Most of us were encouraged in 2019 when the Texas Legislature passed property tax reform. This reform required any taxing authority to obtain ballot approval from voters BEFORE any increase in excess of 31/2%. School Boards were limited to 21/2%. This change replaced the previous 8% rollback mechanism with a new VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE limit.

Calculating Willow Park's 2021 increase to be 5.6% over 2020 was therefore quite a shock. [2020 rate was 0.5367; 2021 proposed 0.56665 per \$100 valuation] Thinking the

Your Views LETTERS TO THE EDITOR 3¹/₂% limit might apply only to

the Maintenance & Operation rate, my shock escalated after calculating that the M&O had increased 12.3%. [2020 M&O rate was 0.2685; 2021 proposed 0.30162]

Turns out that the "limits" for which our Legislature took credit were offset by another less-publicized concept in 2019: the UNUSED INCREMENT RATE [see Texas Property Tax Code section 26.013] Willow Park calculated their 2020 Unused Increment to be over \$0.05 allowing them to push the Voter Approval Tax Rate to 0.56665. While this seems to

be legal, it is also 16% over the NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE of 0.488340. Simply put, the Willow Park Council wants 16% more property tax dollars over the take from 2020-2021.

I don't believe I know a lot of folks that got a 16% raise this year. It doesn't seem to matter that the groundwork from previous councils enabled our current and growing income from sales tax. It does seem that there is never enough to satisfy the spending needs of our current administration and council.

> - Gene Martin WILLOW PARK



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child in the healing process.

Social media took it from there, and 30,000 residents became 30,000 homes, which In the sand tray scene I saw extrapolated out to about

program is administered by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

"As children across the state start going back to school, we're thankful we can provide this added benefit so Texans can provide nutritious food for their families," said Wayne Salter, HHS Deputy Executive Commissioner of Access and Eligibility Services. Eligible families will receive the summer P-EBT benefits in the fall. Visit hhs.texas. gov/pebt or call 833-442-1255 to learn more.

COVID-19 cases drop in Texas; hospitalizations, deaths rise

The number of new cases of COVID-19 in Texas dropped 14% last week when compared to the previous week, to 107,489. However, 1,351 deaths in the state were reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University, up 44% from the previous week.

The Texas Department of State Health Services reported 13,735 lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients in hospitals, an increase of 6% from the previous week. The number of hospitalizations is approaching the alltime high of 14,218 reached in mid-January.

Pay-to-play requirements eased under new law

Texas taxpayers who challenge a state tax assessment or are denied a refund should find it easier to take their cases to court under measures passed during the regular legislative session.

State Comptroller Glenn Hegar pushed a bill that took aim at "pay-to-play" rules that forced businesses and individuals to pay tax bills under dispute before taking them to court to seek a refund.

Under HB 2080, taxpayers who disagree with a tax bill can now take their cases to the State Office of Administrative Hearings without first paying the disputed taxes.

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Touring the Children's Advocacy Center is revelatory because it gives us a clear-eyed view of evil that happens right under our noses. Most of us (including me) live our lives day-to-day unaware.

My tour of the center was okay until I got to the Sand Tray Room. The scenes I saw last year and this year haunt me because I simply can't wrap my head around the fact that people would do these things to children.

The phrase comes to mind, "there's a special place in Hell..." for the people who perpetrate these things, but in the mean time the staff at the CAC is tasked with determining

on last year's tour, the child had placed a bed in the middle and a man was on top of a little girl. The child surrounded the scene with snakes.

It was a picture I'll never get out of my mind, and I'm thankful the CAC is there to help children cope and resolve the emotions that come with these traumatic events.

On another topic — **Veale Ranch**

Yes, the Veale Ranch was sold. Yes, it falls mainly in the Aledo ISD. No, no plans have been announced to build 30,000 homes there.

Because PMB Capital bought the Veale Ranch, and because that company developed Ventana in Benbrook, a major metropolitan newspaper extrapolated that the Veale Ranch could possibly support 30,000 residents.

99,000 people based on the 1.3 children per household number.

A lot of hearts got to beating really fast, a lot of misinformation was shared, all because a major metropolitan newspaper made an assumption in a news story without any factual basis for the number it published.

In my business we all like to get stories out first.

Here at *The Community* News we are not infallible, but we do live by the motto that we would rather get it right than get it first.

We are reaching out to pertinent sources, and when there is something solid to report, we will. But for now, all anyone other than PMB Capital *really* knows is that the ranch was sold.

Stay tuned.

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SEPTEMBER 6

Rotary Club of Aledo

The Rotary Club of Aledo meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month at Sunny Street Cafe, 229 Shops Blvd. Suite 103 in Willow Park. For more information, visit aledorotary. org.

SEPTEMBER 10

Parker County Women's and Newcomers' Club

The Parker County Women's and Newcomers' Club meets at 9:30 a.m. on the second Friday of every month at First United Methodist Family Life Center, 301 S. Main in Weatherford. The social hour, including Club Shop, begins at 9:30 a.m. The business meeting, including program, is at 10:30 a.m. Lunch is \$11. Please make lunch reservations by calling Shirley at 817-757-7379. For more information on the organiza-



tion, visit pcwnc.org. **SEPTEMBER 11**

Back to the 80s Dust off your leg warmers,

tease up your hair and mark your calendars to go 'Back to the 80's' beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 at the Will Rogers Memorial

Center Roundup Inn. The event is a fundraising gala to benefit Project Celebration 2022, a parent-driven group at Aledo High School that raises money to host a drug-free, alcohol-free safe alternative after prom for seniors. The Back to the 80's Gala will include entertainment by the band "Live 80." They'll perform 80s hits while guests enjoy dinner, cash bar, live-band karaoke, dancing, and more. There will be auction items and special activities throughout the night to help support Project Celebration

2022. Tables are available for purchase for \$1,000 and individual tickets are \$100 each. Sponsorships are available with a variety of branding opportunities for local businesses and a few limited live-band karaoke spots are available. Purchases are tax deductible since Project Celebration is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. For more information, email AledoPC2022@gmail.com or visit www.aledopc2022. com.

SEPTEMBER 14

Cancer Support Group

A support group to create a space for those who have battled or are battling cancer meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Aledo United Methodist Church, 100 Pecan Dr. in Aledo. For more information, email Joan Ward at jcjkat1959@ gmail.com.



SEPTEMBER 18

Willow Bark Before the dog days of summer come to an end, you can celebrate your furry friends at Willow Park's inaugural dog festival, Willow Bark. The event will be held at at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Paul Balint Jr. Memorial Park.

The event offers a dog costume contest and parade, as well as "weenie dog races," which will actually consist of two dog races, separated by small and large sizes. Admission is free to the public, but the registration fee for competitions is \$5 per pet. There will also be several food trucks and vendors. Juliebean's Ice Cream truck will bring ice cream treats for pups (though they are human-safe, too). For humans, the Rocky Lott Band will perform live, and a play area for children will offer several kid-friendly activities. All proceeds will benefit Parker Paws. For more information, call Rosealee Hoffman Kertok at 817-441-7108 or 940-452-

7099 or email rkertok@

willowpark.org.

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SEPTEMBER 28

Aledo Community Lions Club

The Aledo Community Lions Club meets from 12-1 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Aledo Community Center. The public is invited. For more information call Bob Carlson at 817-718-4902.

SEPTEMBER 30

Western Hills Class of '71 Reunion The Western Hills High School Class of 1971 will hold its 50-year reunion beginning with a Brazos River Party at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, at a location to be named later. The party will include a Fuzzy's Taco fajita buffet, two drink tickets, and complimentary wine. The main event will be held from 6-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, at Ridglea Country Club in Fort Worth, and will include dinner and two drink tickets. The cost for the icebreaker and main event is \$150 if paid by July 31, or \$170 if paid by Sept. 7 (the last purchase date). Checks can be sent to Western Hills Class of 1971 50 Year Reunion, P.O. Box 1621, Fort Worth, TX 76097. There is an optional golf

scramble outing on Sept 30 at Ridglea Country Club. For more information on the outing, email Mark Dinkins at markdinkins@houseloan. com.



OCTOBER 01

Pink Luncheon

Pat Smith will be the keynote speaker at the annual Pink Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, at Willow Park Baptist Church, 129 S. Ranch House Road in Willow Park. A project of the Parker County Health Foundation, the Pink Luncheon raises funds for mammography screenings for Parker County residents. Sponsorships and tickets are now available on a mailin only basis. Sponsorships range from \$1,200 to \$10,000. To download a sponsorship form, visit https://www.pinkluncheon. com/images/pink_luncheon/2021/2021_Pink%20 Luncheon-sponsorshipform_04212021.pdf. Individual tickets are \$125. To download a ticket form, visit https://www. pinkluncheon.com/images/ pink luncheon/2021/2021 Pink_Luncheon_indiv_ticket_form_04212021.pdf.



FEBRUARY 26, 2022

TCA Legacy Dinner Colt McCoy, former University of Texas quarterback and current NFL quarterback, will be the keynote speaker at Trinity Christian Academy's Legacy Dinner and Auction at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022. The Legacy Dinner is a biennial event that raises funds for special projects at TCA.

The event will include dinner, silent auction, and a live auction led by a TCA crowd favorite, auctioneer Dean McCurry. The dress is western attire and TCA invites the community to join in this fun and inspirational evening. To secure an individual sponsorship before individual tickets go on sale, call Kim Quarles at 817-441-5897 or email quarles@tcaeagles.org.

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Fall Sports

Please note sports schedules are subject to change.

SEPTEMBER 3

AHS Volleyball - Fresh, JV, Varsity vs. Highland Park; Fresh - 5 p.m., JV - 5 p.m., Varsity - 6 p.m., Away SEPTEMBER 4

AHS Volleyball - JV at Lamar Tournament; JV - TBA AHS Cross Country at Weatherford Invitational, TBD, Weatherford Disc Golf Course

SEPTEMBER 7

AHS Volleyball - Fresh, JV, Varsity vs. Burleson Centennial; Fresh - 5:30 p.m., JV - 5:30 p.m., Varsity - 6:30 p.m., HOME AHS Tennis - Varsity vs. Rider, 4 p.m., Aledo HS

SEPTEMBER 9

AHS Football - Fresh Black vs. Arlington Heights, 5:30 p.m., Bearcat Stadium

AHS Football - Fresh Orange vs. Arlington Heights, 5:30 p.m., Bearcat Stadium

AHS Football - JV Black vs. Midlothian High, 6:30 p.m., Away AHS Football - JV Orange vs. Arlington Heights, 7 p.m., Away AHS Tennis - JV vs. Brock, 4 p.m., Aledo HS

SEPTEMBER 10

AHS Football - Varsity vs. Arlington Heights, 7 p.m., Bearcat Stadium TCA Football - Varsity vs. Temple Christian, 7:30 p.m., Temple Christian School AHS Volleyball - Fresh, JV, Varsity vs. Abilene Wylie; Fresh - 6:30 p.m., JV - 6:30 p.m., Varsity - 5 p.m., Away AHS Cross Country at Cowtown Invitational, TBD, TBD **SEPTEMBER 11**

AHS Volleyball - JV at Martin Tournament; JV - TBA, Away AHS Volleyball - Fresh vs. FR @ Bridgeport Tournament; Fresh - TBA, JV - , Varsity - , Away

Bearcats repeat Peach Classic win

Top Weatherford 47-7 **By Nolan Ruth** The Community News

Another season of football officially got underway in Aledo on Friday, Aug. 27 as the Bearcats played host to cross-county rival Weatherford in the second annual Parker County Peach Classic. In 2020, Aledo defeated Weatherford 70-7 in Arlington and the Kangaroos came looking for vengeance this time around. They did not get it as the Bearcats rode a strong defensive performance to a 47-7 win.

"It felt good," quarterback Brayden Fowler-Nicolosi said after the game. "This was my first time playing in front of a full stadium due to the crazy year last year. It's just awesome to see this community and theirs show up the way they did, and we got the win. It was solid and we were super consistent, so I'm happy with it."

The Kangaroos' game plan of keeping the Aledo offense off the field appeared to be working in the first quarter. The only points in the first quarter came when Brayden Fowler-Nicolosi completed a pass to Jason Llewellyn who carried four defenders on his back into the end zone to give the Bearcats a 7-0 lead.

Weatherford held the ball for the rest of the first quarter and into the second quarter. On that same drive, quarterback CJ Thornton carried the ball in from one yard out to tie the game. From there, Bearcat running back Ryan Williams took over the rest of the first half, scoring on backto-back drives from two and 18 yards respectively, giving Aledo a 19-7 halftime lead after a couple of failed conversion attempts.

Despite the lead, Weatherford's game plan wore on the defense, keeping them on the field for most of the first half.

"There was a lot of frustration going into the half," defensive end Jack Tregellas admitted after the game. "We were doing our jobs, just not executing in the first half. That running back ran hard, fast and low. We were shooting ourselves in the foot. It was definitely a morale tester." The Bearcats got the ball to start the second half and went on a five-play, 55-yard drive capped off by Nicolosi's pass to Jalen Pope in the end zone for a none-yard strike. Down to the final second of the third quarter, Williams added his third rushing score of the night to put Aledo up 33-7 going into the fourth quarter. Senior running back Connor Smith came into the game for Williams in the fourth quarter and made some noise himself as he added the final two touchdowns on the ground to bring the final score to 47-7. For the second straight year, the Bearcats start their season at 1-0, and were scheduled to travel to Toyota Stadium in Frisco on Sept. 2 to take on the Lone Star Rangers. Check www.community-news for a game report.



RAMON MORALES

Wide receiver Brian Fleming pulls in a pass against Weatherford during the Bearcats' 47-7 win to open the season.



SEPTEMBER 13

AHS Golf at Mansfield Invitational, 8 a.m. Shotgun, Meadowbrook Golf Club

SEPTEMBER 14

AHS Volleyball - Fresh, JV, Varsity vs. Springtown (Middle School Night); Fresh - 5 p.m., JV - 5 p.m., Varsity - 6 p.m., HOME AHS Tennis - Varsity vs. Old High, 4 p.m., Wichita Falls HS

SEPTEMBER 15

AHS Golf at Brock Scramble, 8 a.m., Canyon West Golf Club, Weatherford

SEPTEMBER 16

AHS Football - Fresh Black vs. Burleson, 5:30 p.m., Away

AHS Football - Fresh Orange vs. Burleson, 7 p.m., Away

AHS Football - JV Black vs. Burleson, 5:30 p.m., Bearcat Stadium

AHS Football - JV Orange vs. Burleson, 7 p.m., Bearcat Stadium AHS Tennis - JV vs. Cleburne, 4:30 p.m., Aledo HS

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KRISTIN MORALES

Defensive end Jack Tregellas (83) and defensive tackle Ansel Din-Mbuh celebrate after a stop.



PUBLIC NOTICE Explanatory Statements for the November 2, 2021 Constitutional Amendment Election

Proposition Number 1 (HJR 143)

HJR 143 proposes a constitutional amendment expanding the circumstances in which a professional sports team charitable foundation may conduct raffles to raise money for the foundation's charitable purposes. The proposed amendment would allow professional sports team charitable foundations of organizations sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association or the Women's Professional Rodeo Association to hold charitable raffles at rodeo events.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the professional sports team charitable foundations of organizations sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association or the Women's **Professional Rodeo Associ**ation to conduct charitable raffles at rodeo venues."

Proposition Number 2 (HJR 99)

HJR 99 proposes a constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to authorize a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area within the county and to pledge for repayment of those bonds or notes increases in property tax revenues imposed on property in the area by the county. The Texas Constitution gives the legislature the power to authorize an incorporated city or town to issue such bonds or notes but does not expressly give the legislature the power to grant that same authority to counties. The proposed amendment also provides that a county that issues bonds or notes for transportation improvements may not pledge for the repayment of those bonds or notes more than 65 percent of the increases in ad valorem tax revenues each year, and a county may not use proceeds from the bonds or notes to finance the construction, operation, maintenance, or acquisition of rights-of-way of a toll road. The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a county to finance the development or redevelopment of transportation or infrastructure in unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted areas in the county."

ly held religious belief. The proposed amendment

will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to prohibit this state or a political subdivision of this state from prohibiting or limiting religious services of religious organizations."

Proposition Number 4 (SJR 47)

SJR 47 proposes a constitutional amendment changing certain eligibility requirements for a justice of the Supreme Court, a judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, a justice of a court of appeals, and a district judge. The proposed amendment provides that a person is eligible to serve on the Supreme Court if the person, among other qualifications, is licensed to practice law in Texas; is a resident of Texas at the time of election; has been either a practicing lawyer licensed in Texas for at least ten years or a practicing lawyer licensed in Texas and a judge of a state court or county court established by the legislature for a combined total of at least ten years; and during that time has not had the person's license to practice law revoked, suspended, or subject to a probated suspension. The same eligibility requirements would apply to a judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals and to a justice of a court of appeals. The proposed amendment further provides that to be eligible for appointment or election as a district judge, a person must be a resident of Texas; be licensed to practice law in Texas; and have been a practicing lawyer or a judge of a court in Texas, or both combined, for eight years preceding the person's election, during which time the person's license to

ing that residents of certain facilities have the right to designate an essential caregiver with whom the facility may not prohibit in-person visitation. The proposed amendment would apply to a nursing facility, assisted living facility, intermediate care facility for individuals with an intellectual disability, residence providing home and community-based services, or state supported living center. The proposed amendment also would authorize the legislature to provide guidelines for these facilities to follow in establishing essential caregiver visitation policies and procedures.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment establishing a right for residents of certain facilities to designate an essential caregiver for in-person visitation."

Proposition Number 7 (HJR 125)

HJR 125 proposes a constitutional amendment permitting a person who is 55 years of age or older at the time of death of their spouse who is receiving a limitation on school district property taxes on their residence homestead on the basis of a disability to continue receiving the limitation while the property remains the surviving spouse's residence homestead.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to allow the surviving spouse of a person who is disabled to receive a limitation on the school district ad valorem taxes on the spouse's residence homestead if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of the per-



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using in the commission of the burglaries. The suspect driver led FAST members in a brief pursuit before he crashed into a barrow ditch at FM 1187 and Winscott-

Plover Road in Tarrant

County. Both suspects were taken into custody.

Sheriff's investigators said they connected both suspects to at least six additional Parker County vehicle burglary cases dating back to Aug. 6. Authier said the suspects broke into several vehicles and garages stealing purses, wallets, cell phones,

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SEPTEMBER 17 AHS Football - Varsity vs.

Burleson*, 7 p.m., Away TCA Football - Varsity vs. Lake Country, 7:30 p.m., **Godley High School** AHS Volleyball - Fresh, JV, Varsity vs. Bishop Lynch; Fresh - 6:30 p.m., JV - 6:30 p.m., Varsity - 5 p.m., HOME AHS Tennis - Varsity vs. Birdville, 4 p.m., Birdville HS AHS Golf at Granbury Fall Classic, 8 a.m., Harbor Lakes, Granbury AHS Golf at Bart Granger, TBA, Pecan Valley, Fort Worth, TX

currency, debit and credit cards, and later used them at area businesses.

The suspects were identified as Leonard Demond Marcus Green, 39, and Shonia Kay Barmore, 34, both of Fort Worth.

Green was arrested on three second-degree felony burglary of a habitation charges.

Barmore was arrested for fraud use possession of identifying information. As of Monday afternoon their bonds have not been set.

Authier said the case is ongoing and identity theft charges for both suspects are pending the investigation.

"We would like to thank the public for providing the sheriff's office with information on social media, calling in tips, and helping our investigators identify the suspects involved," Authier said.

Authier also recommended that residents make a habit of locking the doors and removing all personal items and debit and credit cards from their vehicles. When shopping, keep your purchased items and bags out of sight.

"Sometimes just locking your doors and taking the extra precautions can divert a criminal from breaking into your car," he said.



Proposition Number 3 (SJR 27)

SJR 27 proposes a constitutional amendment barring the State of Texas or a political subdivision from enacting, adopting, or issuing a statute, order, proclamation, decision, or rule that prohibits or limits religious services. The proposed amendment would apply to religious services, including those conducted in churches, congregations, and places of worship, in the state by a religious organization established to support and serve the propagation of a sincerepractice law has not been revoked, suspended, or subject to a probated suspension.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment changing the eligibility requirements for a justice of the supreme court, a judge of the court of criminal appeals, a justice of a court of appeals, and a district judge."

Proposition Number 5 (HJR 165)

HJR 165 proposes a constitutional amendment allowing the State Commission on Judicial Conduct (SCJC) to accept complaints or reports, conduct investigations, and take any other authorized action with respect to a candidate for a state judicial office. Currently, the Texas Constitution only permits the SCJC to take such actions as to persons holding a judicial office.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing additional powers to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct with respect to candidates for judicial office."

Proposition Number 6 (SJR 19)

SJR 19 proposes a constitutional amendment establish-

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son's death."

Proposition Number 8 (SJR 35)

SJR 35 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the United States armed services who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty. The Texas Constitution provides a property tax exemption to the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services who is killed in action, but the current exemption does not include members of the military who die during their service due to injuries sustained that are not combat-related.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty."

SEPTEMBER 18

AHS Volleyball - JV at Arlington High Tournament; JV - TBA, Away AHS Volleyball - Fresh at Fossil Ridge Tournament; Fresh - TBA, Away AHS Cross Country at Paschal Invitational, TBD, Athletic Performance Ranch

SEPTEMBER 21

AHS Volleyball - Fresh, JV, Varsity vs. Keller Timbercreek; Fresh - 5 p.m., JV - 5 p.m., Varsity - 6 p.m., HOME AHS Tennis - Varsity vs. Brewer, 4 p.m., Aledo HS

SEPTEMBER 23

AHS Football - Fresh Black vs. Midlothian Heritage, 5 p.m., Bearcat Stadium AHS Football - Fresh Orange vs. Everman, 6:30 p.m., Bearcat Stadium AHS Football - JV Black vs. Azle, 5:30 p.m., Threre AHS Football - JV Orange vs. Everman, 6 p.m., Away AHS Tennis - JV vs. Brewer, 4 p.m., Brewer HS AHS Cross Country at Flyin' Hawks Invitational XVI, 8 a.m., The Buff

SEPTEMBER 24

AHS Football - Varsity vs. Everman* (Homecoming), 7 p.m., Bearcat Stadium TCA Football - Varsity vs. Shelbyville High School, 7:30 p.m., Shelbyville High School AHS Volleyball - Fresh, JV, Varsity vs. Brewer (Homecoming)*; Fresh - 6:30 p.m., JV - 6:30 p.m., Varsity 5 p.m., HOME

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Lexi Littlefield goes up for a block in recent action at Bearcat Gym.

VOLLEYBALL Ladycats finish out tournament season

Sweep final day at Leander

By Nolan Ruth Community News

As the volleyball season progresses, one part of the season has come to an end as the Ladycats played in their final tournament of the preseason in Leander. The tournament started

on Thursday, Aug. 26, with a revenge win over Keller High School. Earlier in August, the Ladycats had lost their opening match of the season to Keller three sets to one. This time around, Aledo was up to the challenge, winning the best-of-three match two sets to one.

The team finished the day with back-to-back losses to San Antonio Cornerstone Christian School and Cedar Park Vista Ridge in straight sets. However the Ladycats were persistent and managed not to lose a single set on Friday, Aug. 27.

The day started with a convincing win over Waxahachie; 25-18, 25-17. Immediately following, the girls played a close match against Midlothian Heritage but still managed not to lose a set, winning 25-21 and 25-23. The day wasn't over yet though. Aledo still had one more match for the day against host school Leander. The Ladycats won the first set decisively, 25-10. The second set was much closer but Aledo finished the job, 25-22, for a complete sweep of the day.

Just 24 hours after defeating Leander, the Ladycats played a tough match against Canyon Randall but came up short losing in straight sets 20-25 and 22-25.

Aledo's record is 12-10 on the season, with the tournament portion of the season now complete. The next match for the Ladycats will be 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, at Highland Park.

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- Theodore Roosevelt



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TENNIS

Racquetcats get win in Weatherford

Lose in Argyle the following week

By Andrea Garnett Special to The Community News

The Aledo Varsity and JV tennis teams traveled to Weatherford on Thursday, Aug. 19. This was the Varsity's fourth fall team tennis tournament to play, bringing their record to 3-1 this season. The JV team beat Weatherford JV 14-5 in their first tournament of the season.

Varsity boys' doubles only win came from Line 2 Ian Leslie/Scott Mason 8-0 and girls' doubles won all three lines with Line 1 Katie Siddons/Georgia Posey 8-2, Line 2 Cambell Charrier/Bryanna Orr 8-2 and Line 3 Payton Bierle/ Paige Federman 8-1.

Boy's singles posted wins from Line 2 Ian Leslie (6-2) (6-1), Line 3 Hogan Posey (6-2)(6-1), Line 4 Scott Mason (6-2)(6-3), Line 5 Ben Farmer (6-3)(6-1) and Line 6 Craig Mason (7-6)6 (4-6), 10-5. Girl's singles won with Line 1 Katie Siddons (6-4)(6-0), Line 2 Cambell Charrier (6-2) (6-0), Line 3 Georgia Posey

(6-0)(6-1), Line 5 Payton Bierle (6-2)(6-1) and Line 6 Paige Federman (6-1)(6-0).

The Varsity Team faced Argyle High Tuesday, Aug. 24 in Argyle. Aledo lost to the Eagles 5-14. Winning only Line 1 in boys' doubles with Jax Joiner/Hogan Posev 9-8 (4) and in Girls' doubles Line 2 Cambell Charrier/Bryanna Orr 9-8(1) and Line 3 Payton Bierle/Paige Federman 8-6 posting wins. Girl's Singles victories were Line 3 Georgia Posey 8-3 and Line 5 Payton Bierle 8-3.

Although the final score showed a loss for Aledo what it didn't show were the games that came down to deuces, sets that came down to tie-breakers and excellent sportsmanship displayed by Aledo athletes. The RacquetCats played Nolan Catholic at home Tuesday, Aug. 31. Their first district match is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7 at home against Wichita Falls Rider.

Scott Mason is shown in doubles action against Nolan Catholic on Tuesday. RANDY KECK/THE COMMUNITY NEWS



Former **Bearcats crack** college rosters By Nolan Ruth

The Community News

With the college football season upon us, multiple schools are releasing their starting lineups for their first matchups of the season. Among those listed over the week, multiple former Bearcats have been named starters.

Alabama head coach Nick Saban revealed the starters for his reigning national champion Crimson Tide squad. The biggest news from that reveal is that true freshman Jo Jo Earle will be one of the four main receivers for Alabama, as well as being the punt returner. On top of Earle's starting role, it was also announced that Jase McClellan will be the number two running back for the Tide, while also taking some kickoff return duties.

A little closer to home, TCU head coach Gary Patterson also announced that linebacker Wyatt Harris will be in the starting lineup Week 1. It is unclear where his brother, right guard Wes Harris will be on the depth chart. Wes had his 2019 and 2020 seasons shortened by injury, only seeing action in six games over the two seasons. Also on the roster is defensive end Colt Ellison, who is expected to see playing time in 2021, though it is unclear where he stands on the depth chart as well. The junior pass rusher played in the final six games in 2019, and the final eight in 2020.

The Community News will continue to monitor and give occasional updates on these athletes, and those not mentioned in this article, throughout the college football season.



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