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ALEDO ISD

New bag policy introduced for home football games

Additional attendance policies reiterated

Staff Reports
The Community News

The Aledo Independent School District has announced some new safety and stadium security policies at home varsity football games.

Effective with the homecoming game scheduled for Sept. 24, the district will enforce a clear bag policy like that used in some other school districts.

Purses larger than a clutch bag, coolers, backpacks, fanny packs, cinch bags, computer bags, and camera bags will no longer be permitted in the stadium.

Items that are permitted include:

- Clear plastic, vinyl or PVC bags not exceeding 12" x 6" x 12;"
- One-gallon clear plastic freezer bag (Ziploc bag or similar);
- Small clutch bag that is approximately the size of a hand (4.5" X 6.5") with or without a handle or strap;
- Diaper bags are allowed as long as they are accompanied by an infant/small child;
- Simple seat cushions without pockets, zippers, compartments, or covers;
- Binoculars, phones; or cameras can be carried into the stadium as long as they are not in an unapproved bag.

Exceptions will be made for medically necessary items

Aledo ISD Superintendent Dr. Susan Bohn said in a letter to parents that the new policies are being instituted to "enhance public safety and improve stadium access for all fans.

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RANDY KECK/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

As Willi greets passersby, Dudley gets attention from Kevin Riley as the inaugural Willow Bark event started in Willow Park on Sept. 18. More information and photos can be found on page 5.

ALEDO ISD

Students recognized by National Merit Scholarship Program

By Mercedes Mayer
Special to The Community News

Aledo High School is home to two National Merit Semifinalists as Bearcat seniors Bud Green and Trevor Hennington were recognized last week among the 16,000 semifinalists nationwide and 1,500 in Texas in the 67th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state.

"We are thrilled for Bud and Trevor for earning this recognition and representing Aledo High School," AHS principal Angi Tims said. "They have worked incredibly hard and have had amazing teachers along the way to help guide them. Congratulations to J.L. and T.J., and we can't wait to follow your success for years to come."

Green and Hennington will have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,500



SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Bearcat seniors Bud Green and Trevor Hennington were recognized last week as National Merit Semifinalists.

National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$30 million.

High school juniors entered the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2020

PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

In addition to National Merit Semifinalist honors for Green

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CORRECTION

In the Sept. 17 issue of The Community News, our headline and story were incorrect. The story stated "Willow Park City Council unanimously voted Tuesday to move forward with the first phase of the Street Improvement Plan."

The council actually voted to have city staff update the city's debt schedule to reflect a \$7-million dollar issuance for road reconstruction. At a future meeting the council will review the updated information and decide whether or not to move forward with the project.

City Manager Bryan Grimes told the council that if they were to move forward with a certificate of obligation for the debt, the reconstruction project could potentially begin as early as next summer.

We regret the error.

COVID 19

Booster vaccine site set up in Fort Worth

Special to The Community News

Third-shot COVID-19 booster vaccines for immunocompromised patients, along with first and second doses for all people 12 years of age and older, are available without charge from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday at Wilkerson-Greines Activity Center, 5201 C.A. Roberson Blvd. in south Fort Worth.

The City of Fort Worth administers the drive-through clinic with support from Tarrant County Public Health and the Fort Worth Independent School District. The site will expand capacity once COVID-19 vaccine and booster shots are expanded to other groups.

Immunocompromised patients are eligible for a third-shot booster starting 28 days after they received their second dose of a mRNA vaccine such as Moderna or Pfizer. Studies are still being conducted to determine when those who received a Johnson & Johnson vaccine will need a booster dose.

Read the Centers for Disease Control guidance on third-shot boosters for immunocompromised individuals.

"COVID-19 prevention through vaccines and mitigation efforts such as wearing a mask and social distancing remain the first and best response," said Brandon Bennett, Fort Worth health officer. "Multiple

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Co-owner Judy White — who shares the business with her husband, Morris — can recall riding to Austin with her parents Mary and V.E. Kemp Jr. for her father's TRRC exam, which certified his familiarity with gas and the safe delivery of it.

Judy and Morris, who met as some of the company's earliest employees in 1964 and married the following year, purchased the business from Judy's mother when her father passed.

The couple vowed, then, that Texas Butane Co. would continue to be recognized for its same great quality and high standards despite the change in ownership.

"One of my sons who works here once said, 'It's not a job, it's our heritage,' and that's how we all feel about it," Judy said. "We stick to ethical business practices and we think our customers recognize that."

Today, the company can store up to 150,000 gallons and has nearly a dozen delivery trucks. Judy and Morris are joined in company operations by their three sons, a daughter-in-law, two granddaughters, and many other valued employees.

"We have the greatest employees in the world," Judy said. "Everyone here is community driven. We all think it's a wonderful community to be part of, and we do everything we can to give back to Parker County and the surrounding areas."

The company offers a wide range of services, including the sale and lease of propane tanks, as well as tank installation. They offer propane delivery to residential homes and commercial businesses both.

Judy said propane is a multipurpose fuel used for several reasons: warming the house, heating swimming pools, cooking and grilling, RV travel, and more.

"If it's propane related, we pretty much take care of it," Judy said.

Over the last few months, Texas Butane Co. has seen increased interest in tanks for generators due to the recent winter storm.

One of the only differences in company operations, since the company's inception, was the shift from butane to propane for customers' benefit. The product is more consistent and stable in the winter's cold weather.

Judy said the company's point of pride lands in their priority for safety. The first step for all customers is a complete evaluation of systems to ensure there are no potential safety issues, such as leaks.

"Safety will always be our number one goal," Judy said.

The business has been awarded the Small Business Award from the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce and four consecutive Reader's Choice award for propane from 2017-21. It also received the Texas Treasure Business Award, which recognized businesses that have been owned by the same family for 50 years.



Now in its fifth generation of family, Texas Butane Co. has operated in Parker County for 63 years. Judy can date her family's history here back to her ancestors who signed the petition to create the county.

"We love Parker County," Judy said. "This is our home and where we want to be."

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Obituaries

Chester Tucker

Chester D. Tucker, 97, passed away on September 18, 2021. He was the solid rock of his entire family. A true patriot, he lived his love of God, family, and country throughout his life. Chester earnestly sought for truth and shared passionately with others. He was respected by those who knew and loved him.



Chester Tucker

In addition to his parents, Chester was preceded in death by his loving wife, Nancy Elizabeth (Johnson) Tucker; daughter, Penny Mullens; sister, Anita Edwards; brother, Colonel LaMonte Tucker; son-in-law, Alva Scott; and grandson, Jonathan McClendon.

He was born in Fort Worth on April 7, 1924, to Percy Dake Tucker and Beulah Aline (Argo) Tucker. Nancy Elizabeth Johnson and Chester married September 3, 1945 and were married for 73 years until Nancy's death in 2018.

Chester served in the Army Air Corps at the end of World War II, then graduated from Texas Wesleyan College. He spent his career teaching social studies and Texas history at William Monnig Middle School. He also taught Sunday School at First Baptist Church in Weatherford. Chester taught his students love of country, freedom, loyalty, responsibility, and commitment to truth and to God. Chester's daily life reflected his firm beliefs and dedication. He touched the lives of hundreds and left a legacy that has been engrained in family and friends.

Chester was a member of White Settlement Baptist Church where he supervised the security team. He and Nancy were past volunteers with the Texas Baptist Men, Builders Unit, building and repairing churches in Texas, surrounding states, and even in Germany. He enjoyed reading, music, and playing dominoes, Chester was a handyman and tinkerer - assisting in building and repairing houses. He was an inventor and holds a patent. Chester served on the Board for the Annetta Cemetery, and he and Nancy were former caretakers of the Cemetery.

Left to cherish Chester's memory is his daughter, Betty Scott of Aledo; daughters and sons-in-law, Ellen (Freddie) Cullins of Denton, (formerly of League City); Carol McClendon (Joe Liberto) of Maryland, and son-in-law Larry Mullens (Mary Beth); his 16 grandchildren and spouses: Brian (Michelle) Scott; Melody (Harry) Freeman; Cathy (Corey) Ash; Andrea (Jamie) Sharples; Danny (Laura) Cullins; Roger (Katherine) Cullins; Chris (Amy) Cullins; Rhonda (Harland) Hills; Melissa (Nathan) Hawley; Melinda (Ryan) Atkinson; Miranda (Josh) Maughan; Trey (Jessica) Mullens; Tucker (Erin) Mullens; Megan (Matthew) Shannon; Taylor (Annaleigh) Mullens; and Trevor (Emily) Mullens; 37 great grandchildren, and numerous other relatives and friends. He was dearly loved and cherished; we will miss him. The family would like to extend a special thank you to Chester's caregivers, Renee Albert and Kim Turner.

Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday, September 24, 2021, at Annetta Cemetery, 2667 W. FM 5. A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 16, at First Baptist Church, Weatherford.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Chester's memory to Texas Baptist Men, 5351 Catron, Dallas, TX 75227, 214-275-1100.

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SCHOLARS

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and Hennington, 29 additional AHS seniors were also recognized as National Recognition Program Scholars (African American, Hispanic, Indigenous, and/or Rural and Small Town scholars) by the College Board. Twenty-seven of those students earned two or more National Recognition Program Scholars honors. AHS seniors earned 57 total honors, more than six times the number of honors for Aledo High School seniors last year.

Students honored by the National Recognition Program were recognized as College Board National African American Recognition Program Scholars, College Board National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholars, College Board National Indigenous Recognition Program Scholars, and/or College Board National Rural and Small Town Recognition Program Scholars. The students who earned these honors are:

Rural and Small Town Recognition

Nathan Brown
William Reynolds

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Libby Tovar, a senior at Trinity Christian Academy, was selected for the College Board National Hispanic Recognition Program. She was recognized both for her academic achievements and her performance on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

BAGS

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"These policies also bring Aledo ISD in alignment with many schools/districts - as well as colleges and professional teams - in the area," Bohn added.

In addition to the above policy, the district also reiterated existing policies for home varsity games. Those include:

- No outside food or drink allowed. This includes water.
- No in and out privileges; re-entry requires purchase of a new ticket.
- Elementary, intermediate and middle school students must be accompanied by their parent(s). The district will contact parents to pick up students in eighth grade and below who attempt to enter without their parent(s).

Students will not be permitted to congregate or play under the stands or in the concourse.

Student athletic passes will not be accepted for entry into varsity football games.

For more information, visit www.aledoisd.org/gameday.

BOOSTER

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studies have shown that vaccines are the most effective way to prevent severe infection and hospitalization from COVID-19."

In addition to booster shots for eligible people, the drive-thru

location will offer first and second shots for anyone 12 years and older. There is no charge and no insurance requirement, and no appointment is needed.

"We want to emphasize the ongoing urgency of vaccinating the unvaccinated," Bennett said. "Nearly all the cases of severe

disease, hospitalization, and death continue to occur among those not yet vaccinated at all. We will continue to ramp up efforts to increase vaccinations in Fort Worth and to ensure people have accurate information about vaccines from trusted sources."

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SEPTEMBER 27

Weatherford Art Association meeting
The Weatherford Art Association will hold its regular monthly meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 27 at Barlow Hall, 125 S. Waco in Weatherford.

For more information, visit <https://WeatherfordArt.com> or email WeatherfordArt@yahoo.com.

SEPTEMBER 28

Aledo Community Lions Club
The Aledo Community Lions Club meets from 5-6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the Aledo Community Center. The public is invited. For more information call Bob Carlson at 817-718-4902.

OCTOBER 2

Blessing of the Pets
Aledo United Methodist Church will host a Blessing of the Pets from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, at 100 Pecan Dr. in Aledo. Residents are encouraged to bring their pets to the parking lot of the church at that time.

OCTOBER 4

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.

OCTOBER 7

WC Foundation Golf Tournament
The Weatherford College Foundation's 21st annual golf tournament is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 7, at Canyon West Golf Club.

Registration and breakfast begin at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. The tournament is limited to the first 30 paid foursomes.

The tournament is a four-person scramble with trophies for the first, second, and third place teams along with awards for longest drive and closest to the pin on multiple holes.

The cost to enter the tournament is \$125 per person and \$500 per foursome. The cost includes breakfast, lunch, a long-sleeve WC pullover, green fees, and golf cart. Mulligan packages are available for \$25 per golfer and include two mulligans and two raffle tickets.

Registration is available online at wc.edu/golf-tournament.

Sponsorships are also avail-

able. For more information, email Jaci Edwards at jedwards@wc.edu or call 817-598-6272.

Established in 1978, the WC Foundation provides scholarships for Weatherford College students and other support of WC. The foundation has given more than \$350,000 in scholarships so far this academic year to WC students with more to come.

Republican Party Meeting

The Parker County Republican Party will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, in the Strain Community Room at Weatherford College.

State Republican Executive Committeewoman Deon Starnes will be the guest speaker to discuss the election bill that was recently signed in to law.

For more information, call 817-304-0144 or email ParkerCountyGOP@gmail.com.

OCTOBER 8

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 organization, visit pcwnc.org.

Cooking Well Series

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will host a three week Cooking Well Series from 10 a.m. to noon on Fridays Oct. 8, 15, and 22 at the Parker County Extension Office, 604 North Main Street in Weatherford.

Each week Cooking Well with focus on strategies for preparing healthy foods that will save you money and time. There will be hands-on food preparation and food to taste.

- Oct. 8 - Veg Out! - Examine the benefits of vegetables and fruits. Prepare and sample some tasty recipe ideas and learn how to increase fruits and vegetables in your diet.
- Oct. 15 - Cooking for One or Two - Learn strategies to make the most out of cooking for a household of one or two.
- Oct. 22 - Cook Now,

Enjoy Later. Discover how planning can reduce stress with freezer meals. We will provide ideas and participants will prepare a couple of freezer meals to take home.

The classes are \$10 per person for the entire series, or \$5 per session.

To reserve a spot in the classes, call 817-598-6168.

OCTOBER 9

Fall Plant Sale

The annual Fall Plant Sale returns to the Fort Worth Botanic Garden | Botanical Research Institute of Texas (FWBG|BRIT) campus from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 9. The plant sale will be conducted in The Grove area of the Botanical Garden. Free access to The Grove is via Parking Lot D (3408 West Freeway, and entering through the Parking Lot D gate.

Stock up on fall plants while taking advantage of Garden professional consultations if needed. "Each year guests tell us how much they appreciate advice from our horticultural staff when shopping," said Director of Horticulture Keith Brock.

This fall, add a shot of instant color to your flower beds with zinnias, mari-

golds, celosia and more. Also in the offerings this year will be a variety of citrus trees including Meyer and Key Lime trees. For more information, visit <https://brit.org/calendar-events/signature-events/plant-sales/>.

OCTOBER 12

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 jjkat1959@gmail.com.

OCTOBER 13

CERT Training
Training for people who are interested in becoming part of the Parker County Community Emergency Response Team begins Wednesday, Oct. 13. A total of five classes will provide 27 hours of classroom and hands-on training at the county's Emergency Services facility at 215 Trinity Street in Weatherford.

If you are interested in the class, email davidnelson@uwmail.com for more information.



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A New Leash on Life

Willow Bark calls attention to dogs who need homes

Story and Photos by Randy Keck
The Community News

The City of Willow Park hosted its inaugural Willow Bark event on Saturday, Sept. 18, to raise funds and awareness for the Parker Paws, a local animal rescue organization.

In addition to vendors and live music, plenty of four-legged critters were at the event, both those looking for a home and those who were there to participate in the dog costume contest and the small breed races.

Organizer Rosealee Hoffman said she was pleased with the outcome of this first-time event.

"We had a good day — it was hot, but we had a good day. We had lots of families come out, lots of dogs come out. I felt like turnout was great," Hoffman said. "It remains to be seen how much money we raised for Parker Paws, but it looks like it was a good day. And it looks like we're going to be able to make a really good donation to that organization."

Not only were funds raised, but Hoffman said she heard from some attendees who were interested in adopting the dogs who were there.

The dog costume parade was a hit. The majority of dogs in that event had been adopted through Parker Paws. More fun occurred through the small-breed races held later in the day.

"It was a lot of fun. We had a we had several dogs get in there and give it their all and we were excited to watch the race," Hoffman said. "And of course, we were excited to crown the winner afterwards."



Ryan Stewart and Blake Findley handed out samples from Parker County Brewing.



Groot was a shark.



Molly was a hot dog.



Danielle and Amale Bejjani served Lebanese cuisine from their food truck.



Ben dressed as a dragon, in the costume contest.



Julie Turrell smiles from the Julie Beans Ice Cream truck.



Nikki was a hoops player for a famous basketball team.



The Rocky Lott band played for the entertainment of pets and people alike.



Leia was a friendly greeter for people who might have been looking for a new family member.



Jasmine, who is available for adoption, receives attention from Maverick and Brandy Johnson.



Kim Mauzy had a variety of dog treats and foods from her Pet Wants booth.



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Capital Highlights

Disaster declaration follows Nicholas



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Seventeen Southeast Texas counties have been declared disaster areas after Hurricane Nicholas came ashore, dumping more than a foot of rain and cutting off power to a half-million customers in Texas, according to power-outage.us. That number had been reduced to about 4,200 as of Sunday.

Counties included in Gov. Greg Abbott's declaration are Aransas, Brazoria, Calhoun, Chambers, Galveston, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Matagorda, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Refugio, San Patricio, and Victoria.

The Texas Department of Insurance has a number of tips for those affected by the storm:

- Call your insurance company to report damage.
- Take pictures and video of the damage. Don't throw anything away until your insurance adjuster tells you.
- Make temporary repairs to prevent more damage. Remove standing water. Cover broken windows and holes to keep rain out.
- Keep a list of the repairs and save receipts. Don't make permanent repairs before the insurance adjuster sees the damage.

For more information from TDI, go to the website, tdi.texas.gov/consumer/storms/home-damaged-faq.html.

Haitians flood into Del Rio, prompting bridge closure

Thousands of Haitian refugees fleeing political unrest and a severe earthquake have flooded into Del Rio on the Texas-Mexico border, prompting the city's mayor to declare an emergency and close the bridge with more than 15,000 migrants crowded beneath it.

U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz blamed the situation on President Joe Biden, reported the San Antonio Express-News.

Border agents are working to process those who crossed, while the Biden administration on Saturday accelerated flights to deport migrants back to Haiti. Abbott called it a "border crisis" and ordered Texas Department of Public Safety troopers and the Texas National Guard to maintain a

presence around ports of entry in an attempt to deter additional entries.

Despite the influx of migrants at Del Rio, U.S. Customs and Border Protection said there were 2% fewer overall encounters of migrants along the border in August than July.

Abbott backtracked on an order to shut down entry points along the border, which the state does not have the legal power to do, unless granted permission by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, according to the Houston Chronicle. The federal government, not states, has ultimate authority over the country's borders.

COVID cases drop, but deaths increase

The number of new COVID-19 cases in the state decreased about 7% from the previous week, with 111,565 reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. However, new deaths were up slightly, with 1,800 reported as of Sunday.

The number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations in Texas dropped slightly, with the Texas Department of State Health Services reporting 12,246 inpatients, down 7.8% from the previous week. However, with 3,618 of those hospitalized in intensive-care unit beds, the total number of available staffed adult ICU beds declined to just 277 statewide, with only 86 pediatric ICU beds available in the entire state.

The number of Texans who are fully vaccinated continues to creep upward, with 14.46 million reported in the state, according to DSHS. That is 49.6% of the state's total population.

Third special session focuses on redistricting

The Texas Legislature convened Monday for its third special session with the focus on redrawing political boundaries for House and Senate districts, as well as for the state's congressional seats and for the State Board of Education.

Before the session began, proposed state senate districts by Republican leaders drew fire from the other side of the aisle, according to the Texas Tribune.

State Sen. Joan Huffman, R-Houston proposed a map that redraws two districts — hers and that of Angela Paxton, R-McKinney, to include comfortable majorities of voters

who backed Donald Trump in 2020. Both districts saw voters narrowly favor Joe Biden in the 2020 election.

State Sen. Beverly Powell, D-Burleson, said the reconfigured map gives Republicans in her district an unfair advantage. "The proposed State Senate map is a direct assault on the voting rights of minority citizens in Senate District 10 and, if adopted, it would be an act of intentional discrimination," she said in a statement.

Redistricting promises to be a fiercely fought battle, as it is every 10 years.

Up to \$5 million for rural hospitals

Rural hospitals in Texas are set to receive up to \$5 million in federal funding to help underserved Texans, the Health and Human Services Commission announced last week.

"As we work to address health disparities throughout the state, this funding will help break down barriers to accessing care while connecting rural Texans with health care providers in creative ways and improving overall health outcomes within their communities," said Trey Wood of the HHSC.

The funding is coming from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Texas is one of four recipients of the grants, designed to "address health disparities, improve health outcomes, and meet the unique needs of Texans living in rural areas using telemedicine," according to HHSC.

Texas horned lizard making comeback with coalition's help

A coalition of zoos and wildlife scientists has released into the wild 204 captive-raised hatchlings of the once ubiquitous Texas horned lizard, more commonly known as the horny toad. New evidence indicates that previously released lizards are successfully reproducing, according to a Texas Parks & Wildlife Department news release.

The horned lizard is one of 1,300 Texas species of concern, which are rare or declining and need special efforts to prevent being listed as endangered under state or federal regulations.

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ACROSS

1 TX Steve Martin 1992 film: "___ of Faith"

5 Monte ____, TX

6 Gulf fabric

7 TXism: "___ pen" (hospital)

8 TXism: "___ slinger" (writer)

9 TXism: "took everything but the ___ lungs" (robbed)

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18 TXism: "has to sneak up ___ to fix her hair" (homely)

21 TX Nolan specialty: ___ "hitter"

22 Decatur's county

23 dir. to Houston from Dallas

24 "Honor the Texas flag" is beginning of state

30 former Spurs arena

34 this Boone starred in TX-filmed "State Fair" (init.)

35 TXism: "trapped like ___ possum"

36 oil drill bit made a fortune for the TX Hughes ___ Co.

37 Evel Knievel might accept this (2 wds.)

39 song by TX Henley's "Eagles" (3 wds.)

43 with 26-down, TX Rangers play-by-play man

44 cross of cattle and buffalo

45 ___ Campo, TX

46 TXism: "if he giddyup, you better go" (mean)

47 weight watchers

49 tracks off the main track

52 TXism: "got the short ___ of the stick"

53 TX Tanya (init.)

54 this Augustus and Bernardo Gutierrez fought Spain in Texas

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1 TX Wrather was producer of this television dog series

2 John Steinbeck's TX wife

3 TXism: "he could put a loop over ___ mule's back" (good roper)

4 Livingston is the seat of this county

9 Rockets star when he was Akeem (init.)

10 TXism: "a sheep ___ clothes"

11 surprise attack

12 TX B.J. Thomas sang "___ Lonesome I Could Cry"

13 TX Larry L. King was a ___ fellow at Harvard

14 "___ Sam" Rayburn 14-down was U.S. House speaker for 17 of these (abbr.)

17 Houston Astros early name: The ___-Fives

19 TX-developed aircraft V-22s

20 TX soldiers in the Civil War?

24 Gov. "___" Ferguson

31 former popular ISP

32 cow sound

33 "JFK" actor (2 wds.)

38 familiar saying

40 welcome or rasslin'

41 Grand ___ Opry

42 get rid of

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50 disagreeably damp

51 TXism: "if he says go, ___" (intimidated)

56 TX-filmed "___ Cowboy" (1980)

57 John of TX-based "Rio Grande" (1950)



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FOOTBALL

Bearcats roll Burlleson

Cruise to 56-14 win

By Nolan Ruth
The Community News

The Aledo Bearcats began district play on Friday, Sept. 17 against the Burlleson Elks, riding a district winning streak of 97 games. Coming off of one of their best starts in a long time, the hometown Elks were looking to end that streak. However, the Bearcats had other plans as they cruised to a 56-14 win.

“Our defense played extremely well,” head coach Tim Buchanan said after the game. “Our offense played well the majority of the game, but they do a great job on defense of confusing you and we cut a few guys loose, other than that I thought it was a good football game.”

Aledo got off to a great start with its opening possession. Brayden Fowler-Nicolosi (7-11, 158 yards, 3 TDs passing; 2 carries, 14 yards rushing) drove the offense down to the Burlleson 35 yard line before finding a wide open Hauss Hejny (5 receptions, 126 yards, 2 TDs receiving) for the first score of the game.

The Bearcat defense went to work right away, forcing a punt. Once again, it was Nicolosi to a wide open Hejny from 46 yards out to take an early 14-0 lead.

“Brayden does a really good job of keeping his eyes down field,” Hejny said about the chemistry between him and his quarterback. “My job is to just get into his vision. That’s what I did and I just made something happen when I got the ball.”

The Aledo defense created a turnover on the ensuing drive when Taylon Kessler (1 tackle, 1 FR, 1 INT, 1 TD) recovered a fumble at the Bearcat 40 yard line.

The offense drove right back down and scored on an incredible escape and throw by Nicolosi to a double-covered Brian Fleming (2 receptions, 27 yards, 1 TD), bringing the first quarter score to 21-0.

The Elks held the ball for most of the second quarter, appearing to finally have a scoring drive going. However a Dylan Raoila pass was intercepted by Kessler who brought it all the way back for a touchdown. Burlleson was able to get on the



RAMON MORALES

Brian Fleming catches a touchdown pass in the first quarter of the Aledo-Burlleson game on Sept. 17.

board before halftime, bringing the score at the break to 28-7.

The Elks came out in the second half and made an immediate statement with another touchdown. The Bearcats weren’t fazed. Ryan Williams (18 carries, 123 yards, 2 TDs) only needed two carries to find the end zone and widen the gap to 35-14.

“Both [Burlleson] touchdowns came on miscommunications,” Kessler said about the two scoring drives. “If it weren’t for that, I don’t know if they would have scored. We were angry, and we were hungry.”

In complete desperation mode, Burlleson did not attempt another punt for the rest of the night, going for it on every fourth down it faced. They did not convert their first attempt and Williams went straight back to work, scoring from 22 yards out.

Back-to-back four and outs for both teams stalled the third quarter, but another notable play happened when Davhon Keys (6 tackles, 1 INT) intercepted a pass on fourth down to set Aledo up in great field position.

On the fourth play of the fourth quarter, Brant Hayden (2-2, 18 yards, 1 TD passing) found Oklahoma-commit Jason Llewellyn in the end zone for a 14-yard strike, bringing the score to 49-14. The final scoring play came just two plays later when Burlleson fumbled and Cap Mooney recovered the ball and ran it in, bringing the final tally to 56-14.

The Bearcats improve to 4-0 (1-0) on the season, and will welcome to town the Everman Bulldogs 2-2(1-0) at 7 p.m. Friday, September 24th, at Bearcat Stadium for the Homecoming game.

VOLLEYBALL

Ladycats have tough outings against top teams

The Aledo varsity volleyball team had a tough week, as head coach Claire Gay challenges the team against tough pre-district competition.

The Ladycats fell to Dallas Bishop Lynch on Sept. 17 in five sets after winning the first two. Scores were 25-22, 25-21, 18-25, 13-25, 8-15.

Bishop also won the sub varsity matches:

JV: 14-25, 16-25.

Freshman A: 21-25, 22-25

Freshman B: 24-26, 19-25

Southlake Carroll also got the best of the Ladycats on Tuesday. Varsity scores were 20-25, 25-23, 22-25, 14-25.

Carroll also won all sub-varsity matches:

JV: 23-25, 14-25

FR A: 12-25, 13-25

FR B: 22-25, 24-26

Against Southlake, Mattie Gantt had four aces serving, Vivian Parker had 14 kills and 18 digs. Maddie Frank had nine kills, followed by Gantt and Skylar Ellison

with six each. Gantt and Mia Little had 16 digs each.

Middle School wins

The Aledo Middle School volleyball teams swept Joshua Nichols on Sept 9:

7th Grade:

A: 25-8, 25-21

B: 25-9, 25-14

C: 25-11, 25-8

8th Grade:

A: 25-5, 25-13

B: 25-7, 25-7

C: 25-7, 25-10

They did the same against Burlleson Hughes on Sept. 16:

7th Grade:

A: 25-19, 20-25, 25-18

B: 25-8, 25-12

C: 25-13, 25-9

8th Grade:

A: 25-10, 25-10

B: 25-22, 25-2

C: 25-10, 25-14



SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Freshman Asa Dowling (8) prepares to block for senior Landon Green (10).

TRINITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Volleyball and football add to win columns

TCA football upped their record to 2-1 overall and 2-0 in district after defeating Lake Country Christian 25-21. Offensively, the team rushed for more than 320 yards. Evan Chrane had 104 yards on seven carries and Asa Dowling had 107 yards on 21 carries.

The Eagles jumped out to a 14-0 lead at halftime. Lake Country Christian mounted a comeback after scoring on back-to-back possessions to start the third quarter. Heading into the fourth quarter, the Eagles found themselves down 17-21. Trinity pieced together a five-minute drive for the go ahead score to take a 25-21 lead.

Lake Country was left with a couple minutes for their final attempt to win the game. On a 4th and 6, Lake Country ran a screen play to their TB. LB Ty Miller, saw the play develop and made the critical tackle to seal the win.

Volleyball

Trinity Christian Academy Varsity Volleyball secured their first district win on Tuesday, Sept. 14, against Covenant Christian Academy in Colleyville in an exciting five-game set.

The Lady Eagles were down 7-12 in the fifth set to finish the set with a 16-14 victory over the Cougars. Sophomore Faith Brooks had a game high seven aces with a 97% service percentage. Additionally, Brooks brought in 31 assists and four kills. Junior Faith Rodgers had 13 kills, and junior Meredith Miller picked up 29 digs along with two aces. The Lady Eagles are currently 1-0 in TAPPS 4A District 1.

They will play their next district match on Friday, Sept. 24, at Lubbock Christian School.

FOOTBALL

JV Orange stays undefeated with 38-0 win over Burlleson

The JV Orange team hosted Burlleson Thursday night, Sept. 16, for their first district contest.

The Burlleson Elks received the opening kickoff after they elected to receive. The Bearcat defense forced their first three-and-out on the opening drive when Aven

Lawrence broke up a third-down pass to make the Elks punt.

The Bearcats would get their opening drive in favorable field position, and they converted two key third downs on runs by Ryan Jones and Ryan Cox. Caleb Pope scored the game’s first touchdown when he ran inside for a 3-yard

touchdown. Center Alex Arana led the Bearcats punishing run game. Colton McCoy’s extra point gave the Bearcats a 7-0 lead.

The Elks’ next possession was promising until RJ Blake and Cooper Kohan combined for a QB sack on a critical fourth down. The

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A public hearing will be held by and before the City Council of the City of Willow Park, Texas on the 12th day of October 2021 at 7:00 pm in the City Chamber City Hall, 516 Ranch House Road, City of Willow Park, Texas, for all persons interested in the above proposed annexation. At said time and place all such persons shall have the right to appear and be heard. Of all said matters and things, all persons in the things and matter herein mentioned, will take place.

By order of the City Council of the City of Willow Park, Texas this the 14th Day of September 2021.

(s) Doyle Moss, Mayor

ATTEST: (s) Candice J. Scott, City Secretary

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Jenise 'Crickett' Miller
Parker County Elections Administrator

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Bearcats would once again have excellent field position, and they would capitalize when Ryan Jones finished off the drive with a 5-yard run.

The Bearcats' drive was continued with great catches by Trace Clarkson, Tyson Timms, and Dre Albert. The point after would take the lead to 14-0.

The Bearcats' dominating defense would continue the first half, and the Bearcats would continue their offensive firepower with two more

scores from Austin Keith and Ryan Cox. Aleo would take a 28-0 lead into the half.

The second half was another outstanding performance, and the Bearcats would score two more times, with Colton McCoy ending the scoring for the night with a 24-yard field goal that sealed the game 38-0 with a Bearcats victory.

The Bearcats' defense earned their second shut-out of the season. The defense was led by Avan Lawrence, Max Moeller, Caden Boukadoum Cooper Kohan, and RJ Blake.

The JV Orange travels to Everman this week for their second district contest.

TENNIS
Aledo wins big at home against Brewer Bears

By Andrea Garnett
Special to The Community News

Aledo traveled to Birdville last Friday for a practice tournament with the Eagles, winning with a score of 16-3. This definitely helped them win their first district match of the season this past Tuesday, Sept. 21, in Aledo against the Brewer Bears, posting a team score 18-1.

Boys' doubles winning scores were Line 1 Jax Joiner/Hogan Posey (6-1)(6-2), Line 2 Ian Leslie/Scott Mason (6-0)(6-1) and Line 3 Craig Mason/Ben Farmer (6-1)(6-1).

Girls' doubles posted wins from Line 1 Katie Siddons/Georgia Posey (6-1)(6-0), Line 2 Cambell Charrier/Bryanna Orr (6-2)(6-1), and Line 3 Payton Bierle/Paige Federman (6-3)(6-0).

Mixed doubles partners Zane Martin and Zoe

Whitcomb played well splitting sets (4-6)(6-2) but came up short in a very competitive (8-10) super tiebreaker.

Aledo swept all of boys' and girls' singles dominating every match. Boy's singles scores were Line 1 Jax Joiner (8-1), Line 2 Ian Leslie (6-0)(6-3), Line 3 Hogan Posey (6-2)(6-3), Line 4 Scott Mason (6-2)(6-2), Line 5 Ben Farmer (8-0) and Line 6 Craig Mason (8-3).

Girls' singles wins were Line 1 Katie Siddons (8-0), Line 2 Cambell Charrier (6-0)(6-1), Line 3 Georgia Posey (6-1)(6-0), Line 4 Bryanna Orr (6-2)(6-0), Line 5 Payton Bierle (8-0) and Line 6 Paige Federman (8-3).

The RacquetCats are now 1-2 in district and travel to Granbury to play at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 28.

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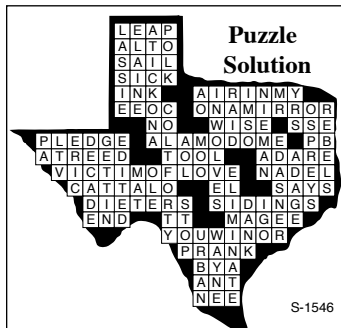


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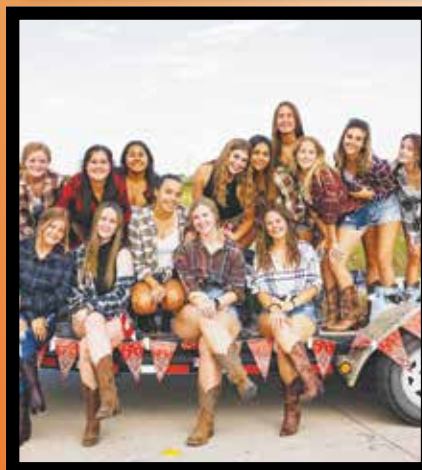
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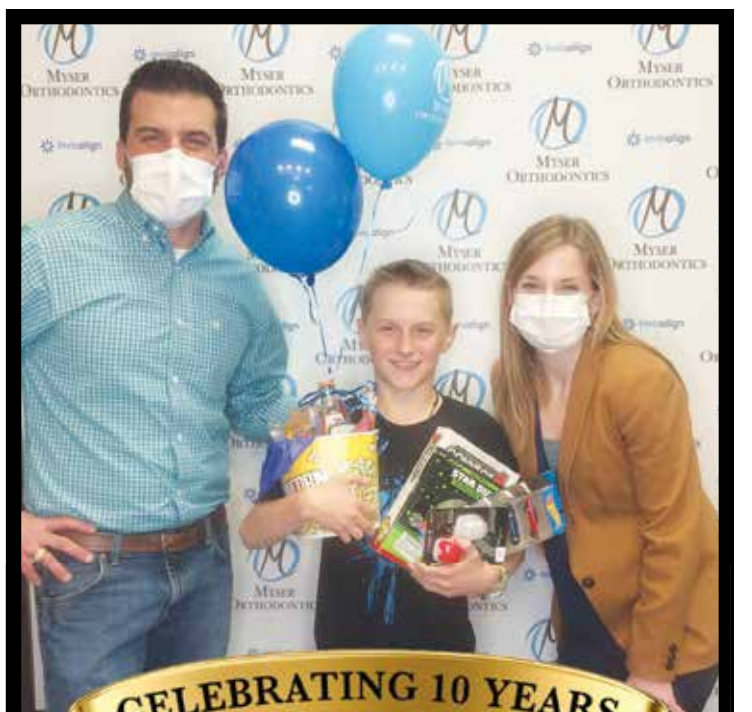
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