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ALEDO ISD

## AISD board named top in Texas

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The Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) has named the Aledo ISD Board of Trustees the 2021 Outstanding School Board — the top honor in the TASA School Board Awards program, which has honored Texas school boards that have demonstrated commitment to their students and to their communities since 1971. The program is sponsored this year by Google for Education and Huckabee.

The Aledo ISD school board was chosen from among five finalists that were interviewed by a committee of Texas school administrators. The committee was impressed by the board's heavy emphasis on student learning and academic achievement, their work to earn trust within their community, and their ability to manage change.

"As a 'Team of 8,' they've exemplified in action their district motto 'growing greatness,' whether it's fiscal responsibility, improving student outcomes, or building trust in the community," the committee commented. "They've been able to bring people together around what's best for students."

"This award is not about the seven Aledo ISD trustees but is about our Bearcats," AISD Board President Hoyt Harris said. "Our children, our staff, and our community inspire us to work as hard as we can to meet their expectations every day. We are incredibly proud to be recognized for this award and we commit together to continuing, alongside our staff and community, on our journey of growing greatness in service to our children."

AISD Superintendent Dr. Susan Bohn commended the board on its accomplishment and its work.

"To be recognized as the top school board in the state of Texas is an amazing accomplishment and a reflection of the standard of excellence set by our community for how we serve our children," Bohn said. "What I get to see on a daily basis in my work with the trustees is the incredible commitment, knowledge, and leadership that they each have and how they, as a team, turn that into real action on behalf of our children, staff and community. I am so proud that they have been recognized in this way!"

The committee commended the board members' commitment to securing the training they needed as individuals and as a team to be the "best board," especially their efforts to deepen their understanding of curriculum and instruction.

"They are able to speak with tremendous specificity as to what excellent teaching and learning looks like in their classrooms," allowing them to better support it, the committee said.

The committee also noted the board members' obvious commitment to and belief in each other, as evidenced by

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## Homecoming



KRISTIN MORALES

Emma Davis was named Homecoming Queen of 2021. She was escorted by her father, JD Davis.



KRISTIN MORALES

LEFT: The 2020 Coming Home Queen is Mrs. Jackie Whisnant Sneed, who graduated from Aledo High School in 1970. She attended Aledo schools for all 12 years and participated in FHA, BETA Club and Pep Squad Choral. Jackie has been married for 47 years, has two children, and has had a career in banking for the past 30 years. She was escorted tonight by Ben Whiteman, a friend that dates back to her Aledo days. | RIGHT: The 2021 Coming Home Queen is Mrs. Deborah Lambert Hilgard, who graduated from Aledo High School in 1971, 50 years ago. She attended Aledo schools for all 12 years and participated in FHA as officer for two years, choir, pep squad, and was sweetheart of the riding club. Deborah lived the first eight years of her life on The Bear Creek Ranch until her family moved to Walsh Ranch, where her dad was a ranch foreman for 21 years. She now lives in Weatherford in a log house out in the country. She was escorted by her husband, Wayne Hilgard.

WILLOW PARK

## Public Pushback

Owners nix poker room idea

By Randy Keck and Brandi Addison  
The Community News

*Editor's note: This is a developing story at press time. We will provide additional updates in next week's issue.*

The owners of a prospective card room in Willow Park reversed course on Wednesday after a room full of Willow Park and area residents spoke out against it at Tuesday night's Willow Park City Council meeting.

Burt Parnell, one of the owners of the card room, told *The Community News* last week that the business had obtained a building permit in a strip center on Willow Bend Drive.

The concept of the poker room was made possible by a combination of a loophole in Texas law and a change in zoning the city council passed on July 13.

But people packed city hall on Tuesday to speak out against the business.

"Willow Park is too small and too residential and does not have any commercial districts that are distant enough from residential areas to allow these gray-area private clubs," resident KJ Hannah said in her remarks. "Please reassure us that you didn't deal under the table that you didn't deal from the bottom of a deck — a play which in both poker and politics is considered cheating and has its own unintended consequences."

Mike Howell, who lives in Cresson and operates a business in the area, referred to the school district's motto in his remarks.

"I don't think this is what we want here. I don't think this is growing greatness. And I don't think it should be a part of this community," he said.

Hailey Reeder said "We moved to Willow Park because it is a Jesus-loving town. There are good people, and there are good values so let's keep it that way."

Reeder pointed to articles showing social ills and increased need for social services associated with gambling establishments.

Some of the speakers found the timeline of the July zoning change to be suspicious.

The owners of the club signed their lease in June. In July, city staff went to the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council saying the city had a need for a change in zoning to allow "Commercial Amusements." In the briefing to council members, these were defined to include movie theaters and bowling alleys.

According to Parnell in last week's interview, when he and his partners first came up with the idea, they began to research it by visiting a similar poker room in Dallas.

"I felt comfortable in there, and so I came back and started the process here in the county. And then with the city, with law enforcement, with city council, mayors, whomever, to see if they would allow it in Willow Park, and they said yes," Parnell said. "And we then tried to find a building, found it, and we got a lease."

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# Aledo Volleyball Club to open early next year

New facility will offer high-quality training in a supportive atmosphere for girls.

By Brandi Addison  
The Community News

Aledo will soon have a unique opportunity for youth girls to hone their athletic skills and engage with their peers.

Expected to open early next year, the Aledo Volleyball Club will be the first facility of its kind to open in Parker County and several counties westward.

The club will offer high-quality sports training and a supportive atmosphere for 300 to 350 girls in first grade through high school.

All parents to daughters, founders Misty Denbow, Joe Frank, and couple Matt and Sarah Morris witnessed how beneficial it was to their own daughters to have a support system who focused on improving their skills, while concurrently encouraging them and uplifting their existing talents.

“We all coached the kids and said, ‘Look what happens with little girls’ confidence when you work with them and teach them anything,’” Frank said. “We realized that they’re easily encouraged, and their confidence increases. It’s very rewarding.”

In addition to a large space for volleyball training, the 22,000-square-foot facility will have a food court and plaza, a second-story mezzanine for studying and a dressing room and restrooms.



The Aledo Volleyball Club “went vertical” this week. It will be utilized to help girls develop and gain confidence in volleyball.

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While they do hope to eventually expand the facility, they haven’t yet determined the details. Discussions have included the possibility of sand courts or additional indoor courts that would open the facility for competition play.

Its original four courts will be divided by each girl’s volleyball goals.

“We’re going to give the girls an all-encompassing facility,” Frank said. “If you’re here because you want to get better, and you’re in first grade, then you can play on this court. If you’re here, and it’s all business, here’s TAVB over here. And then there’s a whole host of things in between.”

“We don’t want 11-year-old girls who were cut from the team because they were having a bad day during try-outs and missed a few serves to think that’s it for them and that they have to give up something they love. We want them to come over here and practice with us. There’s going to be a spot for everybody,” he added.

During the school year, the club will be open for a couple hours before school and from about 3 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. each afternoon. It will be open for pickle ball and other adult sports during daytime hours while the students attend school.

In addition to individual practices, the facility will also offer private training and occasional camps during holiday breaks.

One of the most unique parts of the new facility, Denbow said, is their plan to hire local high school volleyball players as trainers.

“The younger girls look up at them like they’re superheroes,” she said. “Instead of these girls working somewhere else, they can come here, doing something they love.”

Denbow and Frank said the goal is not only create a high-profile sports club with premier training and state-of-the-art facilities but also to provide a “completely safe space for girls.”

“It’s more than just volleyball,” Frank said. “They can come hang out after school — study, come to the food court, just be in a safe place.”

The co-founders said they have discussed many other events and opportunities to host at the facility, including tutoring, dinners with motivational speakers, and couples’ nights out.

“We want this to be the best thing to come to Aledo for the next 20 years,” Frank said.

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# 4-year-old battles rare renal disease

By Brandi Addison  
The Community News

When Melissa and Dustin Payne had their baby boy, Aiden, in 2017, they learned he was born with enlarged kidneys.

Melissa said the issue typically fixes itself with time, but after years of regular doctor visits and hospital stays, they discovered Aiden's condition was connected to a rare inherited disease called Alport syndrome that's widely considered untreatable.

While the parents were glad to finally receive a diagnosis for their toddler, Melissa added that it's even scarier and more frustrating now, because there's so little information about the disease and no consistent treatment.

"At first, we were super excited to get a diagnosis," Melissa said. "Once they told us what that means, our hearts sank knowing it was something potentially life-threatening."

Now at age 4, Melissa said, in terms of severeness, Aiden's condition has reached the third stage of five.

Doctors have also informed the family that Aiden could have any combination of

blindness, hearing loss, and renal failure — the most common side effects of Alport syndrome — and there's no way to predict which he will experience until those changes begin.

Many people with Alport syndrome experience renal failure in their early thirties and will require three kidney transplants before the age of 18, Melissa said, so she believes there is a high likelihood that Aiden will need one soon.

Currently, nothing can be done for the 4-year-old until he returns to the doctor in six months. The parents can't even begin looking for a potential donor until doctors advise a transplant, Melissa added.

"To think we're having to sit half a year for them to tell us how he's doing — it's been really scary for us," Melissa said. "We're basically just sitting ducks waiting to see the progression of it."

As they sit in limbo, waiting for the next step of Aiden's treatment, Melissa said they are doing everything they can to raise awareness. They'll host a bake sale on Oct. 16



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**Aiden Payne has a rare kidney disease that could lead to a transplant.**

at Anytime Fitness off South Main in Weatherford.

"We're just trying to find some sort of peace in it," Melissa said. "We know that other people feel the same way, and we want them to know they are not alone."



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**The Aledo ISD Board of Trustees pose with the plaque naming them the top school board in Texas. Shown are (from left) President Hoyt Harris; trustees Jessica Brown, Jennifer Taylor, Julie Turner, Forrest Collins, David Lear, and Jennifer Loftin; and AISD Superintendent Dr. Susan Bohn.**

## AISD

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their focus on coming to meetings prepared and their ability to work together despite disagreements.

"One of the things [the Aledo ISD board members] stressed was that to be able to work well, a school board should be apolitical. When school boards become political, children are ultimately the losers," the committee noted. "Boards and districts should be focused on what's best for students and not trying to support the agenda of a particular constituency."

Aledo ISD is a fast-growth district with more than 6,400 students and 700 employees.

The other four finalists for 2021 Outstanding School Board include Duncanville, Hays, Mission, and Tomball.

The 2021 Regional Honor Boards (semi-finalists) are: San Diego ISD, Region 2; Newton ISD, Region 5; Splendora ISD, Region 6; Longview ISD (large district) and Fruitvale ISD (small district), Region 7; San Felipe Del Rio CISD, Region 15; Gruver ISD, Region 16; Ector County ISD, Region 18; Clint ISD, Region 19; and Somerset ISD, Region 20.

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# Obituaries

## Therylene Knox Helm

Therylene Knox Helm, formerly of Weatherford, died peacefully on September 26 at the age of 96. T.K., as she was known, was born to Winnie Dill and Therylene Burkhead Knox and spent her early life in Breckenridge, Texas, later moving with her family to Roswell, New Mexico where she finished high school.



Therylene Helm

Therylene and Johnny traveled extensively overseas for his business during this time and as a couple valued the opportunity to learn about the culture of each country they visited. T.K would often say about those years, "He showed me the world", as together they lived that dream, she had cherished since she was a child. They returned to Texas in 1981 upon Johnny's retirement from Knoll, splitting their time between Dallas and Weatherford, where she served on the Utility Board for several years, lending her voice and energy to the shared effort of protecting the environment and shaping the future direction of the city.

She pursued an education major at Texas Christian University, where her extracurricular activities included being a member of the cheerleading squad, serving as Rodeo Queen, and actively participating in student leadership. After graduation, she taught high school history in the Fort Worth School District for several years.

Therylene met her husband, John L. Helm, during a New Year's Eve party in 1950. He had just moved to Texas from New York City to open the Knoll Furniture showroom in Dallas, becoming a key influencer in advancing the modern furniture movement in Texas and around the United States. They were married on August 18, 1951, and raised two children, making Dallas their residence until 1972, when they moved back to New York for Johnny to accept the position of Vice President over Knoll Furniture's international division.

T. K's greatest joy and highest priority was, above all, family. Her parents had modeled for her a strong, enduring sense of the importance of those relationships, and she embraced those values for herself in all she championed for her family members and friends of the heart. Her home was defined by the gracious spirit of hospitality with which she welcomed each guest, unfolding them into an unforgettable experience of kindness and care. She loved to draw others out in conversation, and a visit to the Helms invariably included lively exchanges of interesting stories and ideas.

One of her lifelong interests was passionate advocacy for the values on which America and Texas were built, and she strove to instill them, at home in her family and at large in her community, volunteering during elections throughout her life to assist with polling. She was genuinely interested in each person she met, from all walks of life, and had that rare quality of making anyone in her presence feel completely accepted and received just as they were. T.K always sought to be a contributory and active member of each community wherever she lived, giving the best of her gifts in the time she was given, to enrich the lives of those around her. An extraordinary wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, T.K. will be missed by all who had the privilege and joy of knowing her.

She is survived by her brother, Jack D Knox; her children, Aliece H. Hendricks and John T. Helm, his wife Betty, and three beloved grandchildren, Hunter, John Travis, and Alexandra. She is also survived by sister-in-law, Ella Helm, as well as several nieces and nephews and other family members.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Mission Fund at South Main Church of Christ, 201 S. Main, Weatherford, Texas, 76086, or the charity of your choice.

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1 TX athlete "\_\_\_\_"  
5 an Oklahoma city  
6 TX-born Kate Capshaw was on "The \_\_\_\_ of Night"  
7 former Viking QB, Tarkenton  
8 digital marketing strategy (abbr.)  
9 this Rogers pitched the Rangers only perfect game (init.)  
12 TX Kris 1976 film: "\_\_\_\_ Is Born"  
17 TXism: "she would have to stand up \_\_\_\_ cast a shadow" (skinny)  
19 TX-born Tracy Lawrence hit: "Sticks and \_\_\_\_" endeavored  
21 \_\_\_\_ City, TX  
23 this pilot Earhart disappeared  
28 Matt Damon was a Texas Ranger in 2010 "\_\_\_\_ Grit"  
29 TX horny \_\_\_\_  
30 TXism: "she talks a blue \_\_\_\_"  
31 nursery \_\_\_\_  
35 baby sickness  
36 out of work (2 wds.)  
42 flight \_\_\_\_  
44 "\_\_\_\_ Pacific" has four yards in Texas  
46 TXism: "\_\_\_\_ like a bug to light"  
48 fit to be consumed  
49 director of TX-filmed "JFK" (init.)

50 TXism: "useless as panty \_\_\_\_ to a pig"  
51 Hilton's first Texas hotel: "a cross between \_\_\_\_ mine and a flophouse"  
52 "and so on" abbr.  
53 Russo of 2017 film "Just Getting Started" with TX Tommy Lee Jones  
54 British young men  
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## TEXAS CROSSWORD

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47 seat of Wise County  
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55 March 2 is the \_\_\_\_ of Texas Independence Day

## POKER

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Parnell and his partners had planned for the facility to be upscale and "first class," with a non-smoking environment. He said the business would add to sales tax collections and help restaurants in the area.

"This isn't a casino," Parnell said. "It's a social club where people can come in and play cards and there's a huge

demand for cards. People like to play cards. And this gets them from underground to above ground to full transparency, where everything's taxable, it's safe and it's a comfortable environment. And we do this when people come and have fun."

His argument did not sway commercial real estate broker Stacy Lynch, who said she had spoken to Parnell about the project.

"From a professional standpoint, I believe a poker room will slowly tear away at the moral fabric of our community and invite opportunity for more adult-like businesses to come in, which will only negatively impact good development and real estate property values," Lynch said. "When businesses are looking for locations, they look for synergy that attracts like customers. The impact is real."

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# Commentary

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## Capital Highlights

### Secretary of state announces election audits



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In a two-sentence press release, the secretary of state's office announced an audit of four Texas counties — Dallas, Harris, Tarrant, and Collin — for the 2020 election.

The announcement came hours after former President Donald Trump called on Gov. Greg Abbott to add an election audit bill to the current special session of the Texas Legislature. Abbott has not responded thus far. A similar audit in Arizona's Maricopa County recently ended and concluded Biden won that state's most populous county, which provided him the winning margin there.

Trump won Texas by 5.6 percentage points in the 2020 election, although three of the four counties to be audited — Dallas, Tarrant and Harris — went for Biden. Officials from those counties told the Texas Tribune that "the development is an unnecessary partisan move aimed at sowing doubt in the results." The position of secretary of state has been vacant since the end of May, when Ruth Hughes resigned after the Texas Senate declined to take up her nomination.

#### Abbott adds items to third special session

Abbott last week added two agenda items to the special legislative session which began Sept. 20. Legislators will consider additional property tax relief, as well as a constitutional amendment that would allow courts to deny bail to people accused of violent or sexual crimes.

The bail bill has failed in previous sessions. Because it would call for a constitutional amendment election, the bill requires two-thirds approval from both chambers to go forward.

In the current special session, legislators already are considering redrawing the state's political maps as required every decade. Also under consideration is legislation restricting participation by transgender students in school athletics, plus legislation outlining how to spend \$16 billion in federal COVID-19 pandemic funding.

Additionally, legislators are considering a bill that protects dogs from being chained without adequate shelter or space. Abbott vetoed a similar bill during the regular session.

#### Search firm named for ERCOT board

The Public Utility Commission has hired Heidrick & Struggles to conduct a statewide search for eight new directors of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, whose board was decimated after the mid-February winter storm knocked out power across the state and nearly took down the electric grid, which ERCOT oversees. More than half of ERCOT's board, as well as its CEO, resigned after the storm. The PUC oversees ERCOT. During the regular legislative session, Senate Bill 2 was passed. It established a selection committee to fill the vacant spots on ERCOT's board. The Legislature directed the committee to retain an outside consulting firm to select eight

new directors "who are Texas residents with executive-level experience in any of the following professions: finance, business, engineering (including electrical engineering), trading, risk management, law, or electric market design," according to the press release.

#### McConaughey mulls bid for governor

Actor Matthew McConaughey said in a podcast recently that he is "measuring" a bid to unseat Abbott in next year's governor's race, though he has not indicated if he would run as a Republican, Democrat, or independent.

The Houston Chronicle reported the Oscar-winning actor made the comments on the "Set it Straight: Myths and Legends" podcast, which is hosted by a band called Midland.

A recent poll by The Dallas Morning News and the University of Texas at Tyler showed McConaughey leading Abbott by nine percentage points. Former congressman and U.S. Senate candidate Beto O'Rourke is also considering a run.

#### TPWD launches new hunting, fishing initiative

A new campaign by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department aims to attract more Texans into the outdoors.

Hunters and anglers fund the bulk of the state's wildlife management programs through buying hunting and fishing licenses and through sales taxes paid on hunting and fishing equipment, boat fuel, firearms, and ammunition.

The Texas Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation (R3) Plan hopes to connect more Texans to outdoor recreation in order to continue funding of conservation programs and "create a better-informed public with more interest in conserving wild things and wild places in Texas and beyond."

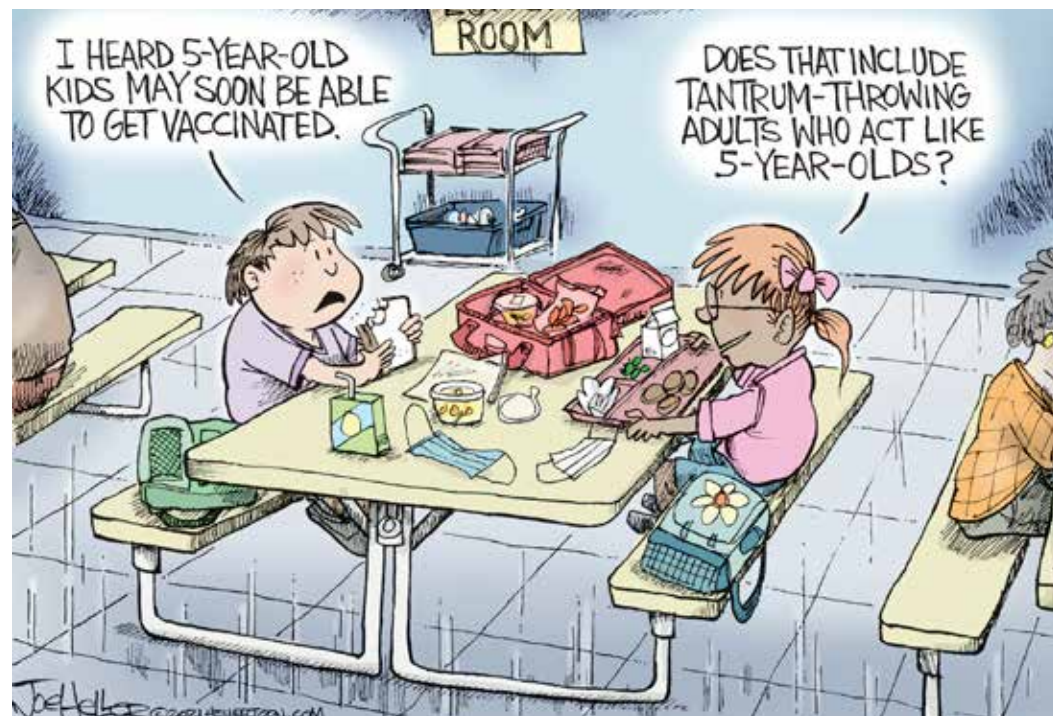
#### COVID-19 cases drop in state, but deaths increase

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas dropped again last week to 83,098, down 34% from the previous week. New deaths reported in the same time frame rose to 2,073, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University, up 15% from the previous week. At 280 deaths a day, the state has one of the nation's worst COVID-19 death rates, the Houston Chronicle reported. In the past month, more than 5,000 Texans have died of the virus.

Hospitalizations of lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients continue to drop, with 10,349 reported statewide by the Texas Department of State Health Services on Sunday. That's a decrease of 15.4% from the previous week. The number of available staffed pediatric intensive-care unit beds continues to drop, however, with just 77 available statewide, according to DSHS.

The number of Texans who are fully vaccinated hit 14.72 million on Sunday, which is 50.5% of the state's population. The Chronicle reported last week that the state has the lowest vaccination rate of the country's four most populous states — New York, California, Florida, and Texas.

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## Slings&Arrows

### We're not the Times



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By the time you read this I will most likely be in Jacksonville, Florida for the 135th annual National Newspaper Association Foundation convention in Jacksonville, Florida.

The *New York Times* will not be there. Neither will the *Washington Post*.

For that matter, the *Dallas Morning News* and the *Fort Worth Star Telegram* will not be there, either.

So who will be there?

My friends Jim and Suzanne Bardwell, owners of the *Gatesville Messenger*, will be there. I have to admit that I had never heard of Gatesville until I met the Bardwells. Then again, they had never heard of Aledo, as we met almost 25 years in the BC (Before Championships) era.

My friend Matt Edelman will be there. He owns the newspaper in Douglas, Wyoming. John Galer, publisher of the newspaper in Hillsboro, Illinois will be there. Side note: I sat next to John at Wrigley Field when we had a board meeting in Chicago pre-pandemic.

There will be lots of other people there from other places you have probably never heard of: Blackshear, Georgia; Sheldon, Iowa; Lennox, South Dakota; and others.

But no one from New York City, Washington DC, or even Dallas will be there.

Those big-city newspapers have their place, but they typically have little space for what we would cover.

I don't think the people I hang with at these conventions do a good enough job of explaining to the public<sup>o</sup> the fact that there is a big difference between what we do and what the people from metro newspapers do.

There is a great distrust of "the media" these days, but I can guarantee you that everyone of those small newspapers I mentioned above is plugged into its community, that the owners have a passion for communicating the events in the community, and they do it fairly and without sensationalism.



I hope that describes *The Community News* as well.

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As I write this the people I mentioned above, as well as myself and others, are scrambling to get their newspapers to press early so they can get to this conference.

They are likely giving instructions to others or attempting to make special arrangements for the things they normally do at home, and most likely, like me this week, fretting that there is just not enough time to get it all done this week.

But the long-term gain is more than worth the short-term pain.

We need the give-and-take that occurs at these events, where we often learn more from each other than we learn in the sessions.

We also need the exhale — there are recreational events scheduled in addition to the work sessions.

When I return from Florida, I'll be physically tired from a long flight. But I'll have renewed enthusiasm for what I do, and I'll be brimming with more new ideas than I can possibly implement.

Community newspaper people are among the best people in the world, and I feel fortunate that I can be part of it.

No, we're not the *New York Times*, and we like it that way.

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The Aledo Anglers Club shoreline volunteers: Cade Moore, Greyson Meador, and Turner Koonsman help a fisherman get off the boat to get their picture plaque photo made. All of the fishermen and boat captains go home with matching picture plaques to remind them of the CAST event.

## CASTing About

### Aledo high schoolers make waves at fourth annual CAST for Kids event

Story and Photos by Hannah Onder  
The Community News

Fresh off the boat, Colby Tiberg smiles wide, sharing his fourth Catch A Special Thrill for Kids adventure on a Saturday afternoon at Lake Weatherford. After meeting Frank “The Tank” Talley, a pro angler and competitor in the Bassmaster Elite series, at a CAST Foundation gala, the two were paired together as fisherman and boat captain for the morning.

“It was fun,” said Tiberg, a senior from Aledo High School. “I caught fifteen (fish). I drove Frank’s boat. It was fun.”

Neither of Tiberg’s parents are fishermen, so he said he found a passion for fishing by participating in CAST events and the adventure class at school. Tiberg was even granted the title of North Texas Ambassador for CAST.

“(My job as ambassador) is to post about CAST,” Tiberg said. “I use Facebook and Instagram. I post about my life.”

CAST is a national foundation in its 30th year dedicated to enriching the lives of children with special needs through the sport of fishing. In 2020, the foundation still managed to host 75 events following COVID-19 protocols despite the pandemic, said Landon Martin, the event coordinator for CAST for Kids Lake Weatherford.

Martin hosted his fourth CAST event at the Lake Weatherford location on Saturday, Sept. 11, with a turnout of 50 kids with special needs coming out to learn how to fish from local fishers and pros.

“You can’t come to this event and be in a bad mood,” Martin said. “I don’t care how bad your morning may have started, but when you come here, you can’t help but be happy. The kids are always happy, and there’s always smiles with everybody wanting to hug everybody.”

Martin and his family have been involved with CAST since 2006. Martin said it takes about three months of planning with his family, team, and sponsors for this Lake Weatherford event.

“We recognize that our special needs community is the most under-recognized group of citizens of all, and there’s not nearly enough activities for them,” Martin said. “A lot of special needs families come from an underprivileged environment. The vast majority of our kids have never been on the water or a boat before and have never been fishing. The purpose of our event here is acceptance and inclusion for those with special needs.”

Martin has been serving special needs kids since 1985 and has raised his two sons to continue the tradition by also having them volunteer with organizations like CAST.

“We love giving back to our community. We believe that when you raise, especially today’s teenagers and young adults, bringing them to an event like this and getting them involved, the kids will go back to their schools and be the voice of support for the [special needs children] who far too often don’t have a voice.”

The Aledo Anglers Club has also been a source of youths and parents volunteering at the CAST events. This is their second year volunteering at the Weatherford location officially, Martin said.

“It was a fun experience and a little bit surprising,” said Michael Meador, a parent advisor and boat captain for the Aledo Anglers Club. “I was surprised by [my boat partner, Gloria’s] capability at catching fish, and we just had a fun interaction sitting down and talking about life, her journey, and some of her milestones and goals. Fishing was fun, but it was just a great opportunity to meet a wonderful family.”

Meador said he and the other Aledo Anglers Club members decided to volunteer to give back to the community and spawn more volunteerism.

“Aledo’s really good about emphasizing and encouraging community service,” Meador said.



A young participant smiles at the camera while getting signed in for the CAST event at Lake Weatherford on Saturday, Sept. 11.

“I wanted myself, along with my son, Greyson, to come out and be able to participate in this event so that we can give back and be a part of the community.”

While Meador volunteered as a boat captain, the other members of the Aledo Anglers Club volunteered as shoreline volunteers, who helped transition people and items on and off boats. One returning volunteer was Turner Koonsman, who has also assisted with helping the kids fish on the boats.

“My favorite part of the event is seeing the smiles on these kids’ faces when they bring in the fish that they catch and seeing how happy the captains get from this experience, too,” said Koonsman, a junior at Aledo High School. “I’ve learned to be [grateful] about where you are in life and the opportunities you have.”

Koonsman, the junior officer of the Aledo Anglers Club, said volunteering at CAST events changed his perspective on kids with special needs.

“Most people think they’re incapable of most stuff, but

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Aledo Angler Club member and shoreline volunteer Greyson Meador assists a fisher with getting off a boat. All fishermen returned to shore at 11 a.m. to eat lunch.



A happy youngster and volunteer display their catch.

# CAST

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they're really not," Koonsman said. "You realize and see just how capable they really are. They need a little bit of help, so it's really touching when you're the one that's helping them because you see how accomplished they feel. Then, you feel accomplished, too, because you're like, 'I just helped that kid achieve something they probably wanted to do.'"

Martin says everyone is welcome to volunteer at CAST events.

"These events foster a spirit of community for everyone that comes out," Martin said. "If you've got a good service heart and a desire to help these kids by being a part of these kids' lives and helping them have a great day, then you're definitely welcome."

People can sign up to serve as shoreline volunteers or boater volunteers at [www.castforkids.org](http://www.castforkids.org) as well as register as participants. The website has a list of all the CAST events for the year, said Martin.

"The hardest part, believe it or not, is finding your kids," Martin said. "It's sad, but there's a lot of families that are not very trusting of events like this. Parents are very protective of their children, and a lot of families will tend to avoid getting into a situation where they're afraid their child may not feel comfortable."

Martin said he eventually wants to reach the goal of expanding the Weatherford event to multiple days. The current one-day event reaches the maximum capacity of participants. However, there still aren't enough local special needs children wanting to participate that warrant numerous events a year in Weatherford yet. Martin said word-of-mouth and social media are the primary ways knowledge of the CAST events is spread.

"That's why it's kind of our deal to make sure that parents understand that we're here to make [their kids] feel comfortable and wanted," Martin said. "Today's the day that they are superstars. They're not special needs; they're just fishermen."



Fisherman Christian Marvesim-Ramos sits on boat number 21, waiting to go out on the water. Marvesim-Ramos attended the event with his mother, Kim Smith since all fishermen must bring at least one parent attendee.



Frank Talley, Greyson Meador, Colby Tiberg, Turner Koonsman, Cade Moore, and Michael Meador pose in front of the Aledo Anglers Club tent during the lunch break. Talley and Tiberg were paired together as boat captain and fisherman for this CAST event.



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## 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](http://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. Registration is available online at [wc.edu/golf-tournament](http://wc.edu/golf-tournament).

### 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](mailto: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](http://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.

For more information, visit <https://brit.org/calendar-events/signature-events/plant-sales/>.

### Lord's Acre

Aledo United Methodist Church will host its annual Lord's Acre from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, at the corner of Oak and Pecan Streets in Aledo. Activities include a Kid's Zone Carnival, live and silent auctions, vendors, food concessions, live entertainment and the Country Kitchen with homemade baked goods and casseroles. Proceeds help fund Aledo UMC's mission and outreach ministries: Snack Sacks for Aledo ISD students, Manna Room community food pantry, Master's Builders - home repairs in Parker County, and additional projects.

## OCTOBER 11

### Zebstrong Golf Tournament

The 2021 Zebstrong Memorial Golf Tournament will tee off at 9 a.m. Monday, Oct. 11, at Split Rail Links and Golf Club, 2151 Old Annetta Road in Annetta. Zeb's Foundation was created to carry out Zeb Montgomery's vision to touch lives all over the world by giving soccer balls away across the globe. At the age of 13 Zeb was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. He battled cancer for 18 months and never stopped believing in he was going to win the fight. Sponsorships range from \$250 to \$2,500. For more information, visit [zebstrong.com](http://zebstrong.com).

## OCTOBER 12

### 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.

### 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](mailto:jcjkat1959@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. Class dates and times are: Wednesday, Oct. 13 - 6:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20 - 6:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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### Public Scoping Meeting on Clear Fork-Trinity River Dam No. 33 Rehabilitation Project Set for October 18th at 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Parker County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and Parker County Commissioners Court, Parker County, Texas are co-sponsoring a public scoping meeting at 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. on October 18, 2021, to discuss the proposed dam rehabilitation project in Parker County, Texas.

This public meeting will be held at the Parker County Cowboy Church, 5050 S FM 5, Aledo, Texas. Staff from these agencies, along with their consultants, will provide information on the dam rehabilitation program, planning activities to date, and the various rehabilitation alternatives evaluated for rehabilitation of this flood-retarding structure. They will be available to answer questions and concerns about the project and seek public input. The public is invited. Face masks and hand sanitizer will be provided. Also, social distancing will be practiced during the meeting. Please plan to participate.

Dam No. 33 provides flood protection to residents of Parker County and the adjacent downstream floodplain. It is located about one-mile SW of Annetta on Hale Branch, which enters Burgess Creek near Airport Road about 0.5 mile downstream from Dam No. 33. Local sponsors, NRCS staff, and their consultants are developing a plan for rehabilitating Dam No. 33 so it meets current dam safety regulations and design standards. Alternatives considered are: no action, decommissioning (dam removal), structural rehabilitation, and nonstructural measures. Federal funding has been received to assist the local sponsors in developing the plan.

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## FOOTBALL

## District Winning Streak Hits 98

### Bearcats thump Everman 51-7

By Nolan Ruth  
The Community News

The count has been happening for almost 14 years exactly. The year was 2007 — the last time the Aledo Bearcats lost a district game. That loss came at the hands of the Everman Bulldogs, the same opponent that came into Bearcat Stadium on Friday, Sept. 24, to try and end the impressive streak. Since that game a decade and a half ago, the Bearcats have now won 98 consecutive district games after trouncing Everman 51-7.

Aledo got off to a quick start. On the first play from scrimmage, Hauss Hejny (2-4, 99 yards, 1 TD passing, 6 carries, 56 yards rushing, 1 reception, 36 yards, 1 TD receiving) hit Jalen Pope (1 reception, 66 yards, 1 TD) on the quick slant, and Pope sprinted 66 yards for the touchdown. After punting on the second drive, running back Ryan Williams (10 carries, 57 yards, 1 TD) took over on the third, carrying the offense down to the one yard line before punching it in to make it 14-0.

With Brant Hayden (5-12, 51 yards, 1 TD passing) coming in at quarterback, Hejny lined up as the wideout and made a spectacular catch and stayed up long enough to get to the end zone. The Bulldogs finally got a drive together towards the end of the first quarter and scored to make it 21-7 after one frame.

The second quarter, in contrast to the first, was very defensive. Neither team was able to find the end zone. Two Aledo turnovers and multiple punts resulted in the score remaining 21-7 going into the locker room.

"We gave the ball to them twice," head coach Tim Buchanan said about the rather tight first half. "They were able to turn one of those into points, and just kept the ball out of our offense's hands."

The Bearcats came out in the third quarter ready to send a message, and that is exactly what they did. Davhon Keys (1 carry, 3 yards, 1 TD, 4 tackles, 1 sack, 1 INT) made the first big statement by getting an interception on the second play of the half. He later capped off the ensuing drive with a three yard scoring run.

Two plays into Everman's next drive, Kyle "Boogie" Thompson recovered a fumble, setting up another drive that was capped off by a Sammy Steffe (8 carries, 77 yards, 2 TDs) six yard scoring run to make it 35-7. After Texas-commit BJ Allen came up with a nice interception,

Steffe did it again from 17 yards out to widen the gap even further.

As if things could not get any worse for Everman, a high snap on a punt went out the back of the end zone for a safety, making the Aledo lead 44-7 at the end of the third quarter.

Connor Smith put a bow on the game in the fourth quarter with a two-yard touchdown, bringing the final tally to 51-7 when all was said and done.

"When we were in the locker room at halftime," Allen said about the adjustments made. "Coach [Brad] McCone said that if we have our foot on their necks, don't let up. All gas, no brakes."

"Our defense created turnovers and gave us the ball in really good field position," Buchanan said, crediting his defense. "We end up turning those into points. It gave us a lot of momentum on offense when our defense gave us the ball."

The Bearcats improve to 5-0(2-0) on the season and go into their bye week on top of the district standings. Their next game will be 7 p.m. Friday, October 8, at Owl Stadium in Joshua when the Bearcats will face the hometown Owls(3-2).

### JV Orange defeats Everman 42-8

The JV Orange team traveled to Everman Thursday night, Sept. 23, to take their second district win and move their overall record too 5-0.

The Everman Bulldogs started the game with a surprise onside kick, but Jayden Kennard made an outstanding play to give the Bearcats favorable field position.

The opening drive lasted more than seven minutes and 10 plays for the Bearcats. Caleb Pope got the Bearcats on the scoreboard with a 6-yard touchdown run. The drive was extended on 4th down with a great catch by Jayden Kennard over the middle. Colton McCoy's extra point was successful in giving the Bearcats a 7-0 lead.

The Bearcats' defense was successful the first two drives of the game, coming up with key stops. On the second defensive drive, Boogie Owens picked off an Everman pass and ran it back for 30 yards to Everman's territory with less than two minutes to play. Ryan Jones then connected with Dre Albert on a deep post pass for a 38-yard touchdown pass.

Albert also caught a pass for the two-point conversion to give the Bearcats a 21-0 lead into the half.

The Bearcats stuffed the Bulldogs on the opening drive in the second half with critical plays by Ky Howington and Andrew Chasteen.

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RAMON MORALES

Hauss Hejny speeds toward the end zone for a touchdown against Everman.

## ON THE SIDE

### Sports Calendar

#### OCTOBER 1

TCA Football - Varsity vs. Muenster Sacred Heart, 7:30 p.m., Away  
 AHS Volleyball - Fresh, JV, Varsity vs. Azle\*; Fresh - 6:30 p.m., JV - 6:30 p.m., Varsity - 5 p.m., HOME  
 AHS Cross Country at Granbury Race for the Loot 2021, TBD, Granbury Disc Golf Course

#### OCTOBER 5

AHS Volleyball - Fresh, JV, Varsity vs. WF Rider\*; Fresh - 6:30 p.m., JV - 6:30 p.m., Varsity - 5 p.m., HOME  
 AHS Tennis - Varsity vs. Azle, 4 p.m., Aledo HS

#### OCTOBER 6

AHS Golf at Burleson Centennial, 8 a.m., Diamond Oaks, Fort Worth

#### OCTOBER 7

AHS Football - Fresh Black vs. Hebron, 5:30 p.m., Away  
 AHS Football - Fresh Orange vs. Joshua, 6:30 p.m., Away  
 AHS Football - JV Black vs. TBA, 5:30 p.m., TBA  
 AHS Football - JV Orange vs. Joshua, 6 p.m., Bearcat Stadium  
 AHS Tennis - JV vs. Azle, 4 p.m., Azle HS  
 AHS Golf at Jay Brewer Memorial, 8 a.m., Texarkana Country Club

#### OCTOBER 8

AHS Football - Varsity vs. Joshua\*, 7 p.m., Away  
 TCA Football - Varsity vs. Lubbock Trinity, 6 p.m., Away  
 AHS Volleyball - Fresh, JV, Varsity vs. WF Old High\*; Fresh - 6:30 p.m., JV - 6:30 p.m., Varsity - 5 p.m., Away

#### OCTOBER 12

AHS Volleyball - Fresh, JV, Varsity vs. Brewer\*; Fresh - 6:30 p.m., JV - 6:30 p.m., Varsity - 5 p.m., Away

#### OCTOBER 13

AHS Golf at Fall Buzzy, 8 a.m. Shotgun, Cross Timbers

#### OCTOBER 14

AHS Football - Fresh Black vs. TBA  
 AHS Football - Fresh Orange vs. Mansfield Timberview, 6 p.m., Bearcat Stadium  
 AHS Football - JV Black vs. Azle, 5:30 p.m., Away  
 AHS Football - JV Orange vs. Mansfield Timberview, 6 p.m., Away

#### OCTOBER 15

AHS Football - Varsity vs. Mansfield Timberview\* (Band Parent Night), 7 p.m., Bearcat Stadium  
 TCA Football - Varsity vs. Weatherford Christian (Homecoming), 7:30 p.m., TBD



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## Aledo Volleyball

The Aledo Ladycats varsity opened district play with a win over Brewer on Friday, Sept. 24. It was a clean sweep as all teams won:  
**Varsity:** 25-15, 25-7, 25-23;  
**JV:** 25-17, 25-10;  
**FR A:** 25-17, 25-9;  
**FR B:** 25-12, 25-16.

The night before, the Aledo Middle School Ladycats defeated Acton across the board:

**8th Grade:**  
 A: 25-8, 25-10  
 B: 25-9, 25-5  
 C: 25-4, 25-11.

**7th Grade:**  
 A: 25-7, 25-10  
 B: 25-4, 25-11  
 C: 25-13, 25-8

## Trinity Christian Academy

### Volleyball Recap

Trinity Christian Academy Varsity Volleyball traveled to Lubbock to compete in two tough district matchups with Lubbock Christian School and Trinity Christian School - Lubbock on Sept. 24 and 25, respectively. Junior Bella Sigala led the Lady Eagles with eight kills. Sophomore Faith Brooks had 16 assists and three aces, sophomore Caroline Thompson brought in 26 digs and one ace, and junior Meredith Miller had 14 digs and two aces. The Lady Eagles continue district play with Lake Country Christian School on Tuesday, Sept. 28.

### Football Recap

Trinity Christian was defeated by Shelbyville (UIL 2a Division 1) on Friday, Sept. 24. Shelbyville came out in the first quarter with a 6-0 lead. Trinity came back and took the lead 14-6 at half. Shelbyville opened up the second half with a touchdown and scored another in the fourth quarter. Trinity got the ball back and brought the ball to the 35 yard line but the clock ran out. The two touchdowns for Trinity were scored by Kennan Dowling and Ty Miller.

### Cross Country Recap

Trinity Christian Academy Varsity Cross Country ran this week in Mineral Wells at the Palo Pinto County XC Championship, with Eagles and Lady Eagles both notching a second place finish.

TCA's individual results from Monday are:

#### Varsity Girls' 3200

- Sophomore Gracee Whiteaker, 1st, 13:01
- Freshman Jayde Scull, 4th, 14:34
- Sophomore Mckenna Kelley, 11th, 17:09
- Junior Meredith Davis, 12th, 17:17



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**Junior Madison Hooper runs cross country for Trinity Christian Academy.**

- Junior Madison Hooper, 13th, 17:37
- Freshman Ella Cockrum, 15th, 18:48

#### Varsity Boys' 5000M

- Junior Thomas Eaton, 6th, 19:41
- Senior Mason Brunson, 8th, 20:33
- Sophomore Wilson Winchester, 11th, 20:59
- Junior Micah Chesney, 14th, 23:27
- Senior Jack Mendoza, 15th, 23:28
- Senior George Brenner, 16th, 23:33
- Freshman Dylan Kelly, 20th, 27:28
- Junior Shane Houston, 21st, 27:42

TCA returns to action at the Terry Jessup Metroplex Striders Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 2.



RAMON MORALES

**Kyle "Boogie" Thompson (43) recovers a Everman fumble in the third quarter of the Sept. 24 varsity game. Also shown is #3 Davhon Keys.**

## FOOTBALL

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The Bearcats added scores in the third quarter with a Trace Clarkson touchdown reception and a 29-yard touchdown run by Austin Keith. The Bearcats took a 35-0 lead into the 4th quarter.

The two teams would exchange scores in the 4th quarter. The Bearcats

completed the night with an RJ Blake 73-yard touchdown run.

Alex Arana and Carter Campbell opened up a massive hole in the middle of the defense to contribute to the long run.

The entire team played outstanding on both sides of the ball. Ryan Jones, Joshua McCarley, Dre Albert, and Trace Clarkson were the offensive standouts. On defense,

RJ Blake, Ky Howington, and Boogie Owens played extra well.

The Bearcats improved their district record to 2-0 and their overall record to 5-0. Next week, the Bearcats have a bye week and travel to Joshua for their third district contest in two weeks. The coaches expressed thanks to all the fans who came out to support the Bearcats on Thursday.

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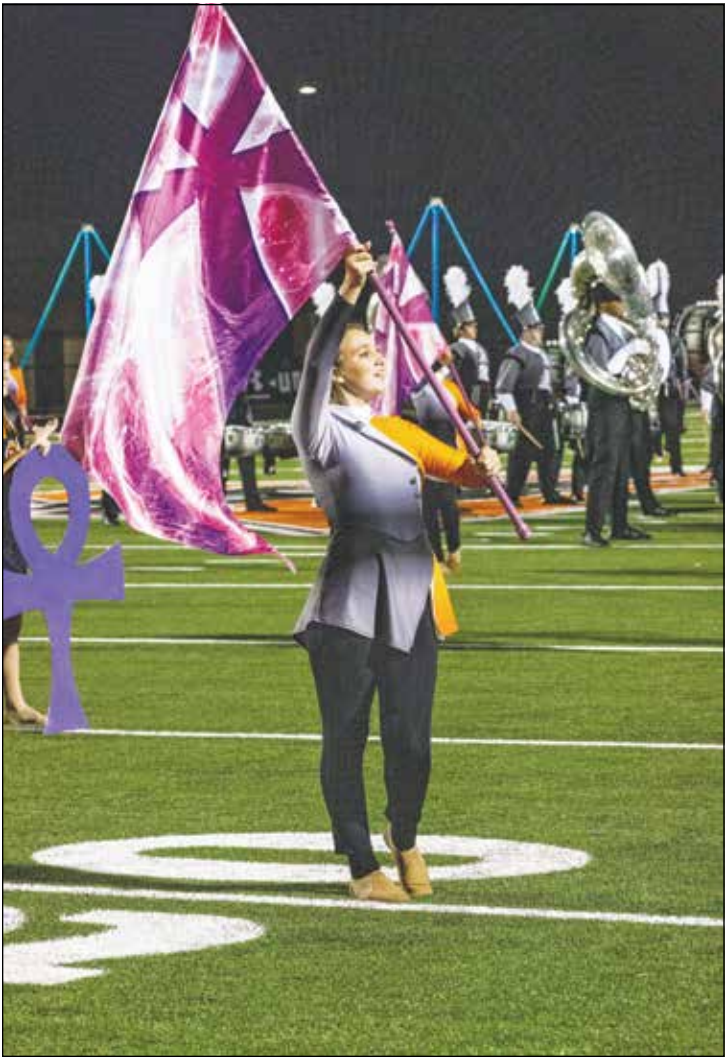
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