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ALEDO Mayor, engineer provide briefs on Pine Street

Corridor to become walkable urban space

By Brandi Addison The Community News

Aledo Mayor Kit Marshall and Brad Lonberger, founder and chief strategist at Place Strategies, Inc., briefed city residents and businesses on the potential changes coming to Pine Street at Friday's Breakfast with the Mayor on Oct. 1.

Though it has been in discussions since last year, the COVID-19 pandemic halted the town from moving forward on making developmental changes to Pine Street for about 15 months.

The Pine Street District — the heart of Aledo Downtown — is expected to receive infrastructure upgrades to transform the area into a more walkable space that creates a more mainstream essence.

Developers would make the area more pedestrian-friendly and bike-friendly by connecting sidewalks to some of the existing vendors on Pine Street.

Where space allows, the developers may subdivide and develop infill areas along Pine Street to fill in missing gaps in building frontage. The developers would also preserve old tree growth, where feasible, so the historic character remains.

The upgrades could also possibly connect Pine and Oak streets for a larger pedestrian-friendly area.

Lonberger said there are many benefits to walkable urban spaces.

"It's going to create a new economic foundation," Lonberger said.

He added that it gives the town a unique identity for its emphasis on long-term values and improves social connections. He also said it will give the town economic resilience. Tailgating



CHRISTOPHER AMOS/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

The Barber, Tomme, and Abraham families relax after a hotdog feast in the parking lot. The children practicing cheer poses in front are Madelyn Barber, Truman, Tomme, Tucker Barber, Ainsley Abraham, Ella Tinne, and Ashton Abraham.

Friends and neighbors enjoy pregame parties

By Christopher Amos The Community News

The action at Aledo Bearcat home football games begins long before kickoff. Not only is the parking lot approaching half-full an hour before announcements begin in the stadium, but about ten clusters of fans are already in full tailgating mode.

Pre-game social gatherings are gaining momentum at Bearcat Stadium, but not like that of pro or college teams that have designated party areas. Aledo tailgaters simply find a good parking spot and often try to be creative making shade.



COMMENTARYANALYSIS Update on Willow Park Card Room

No light shed by city By Randy Keck

The Community News

Last week's story about the poker room that was planned for Willow Park and its subsequent cancellation was a last-minute breaking event on our press day. (You can read last week's story here: https:// www.community-news.com/2021/09/ october-1-2021/).

The optics were bad from the beginning, as the business was planned and documents signed in June, but the zoning that allowed it to happen was not passed by the city council until July.

When the zoning change was presented to the city council, it was described as zoning that would allow businesses like a movie theater or bowling alley.

While a card room is legal, it is also unusual, and the question is whether city staff was aware of the card room at the time it presented the zoning change to the city council.

The Community News has reached out to the city for clarification, but so far no light has been shed on the issue.

At about 8:20 a.m. on Tuesday, I submitted the following email to Rosealee Hoffman, Communications and Marketing Director for the City of Willow Park, with a question for City Manager Bryan Grimes:

"I am following up on the poker room story. Based on implications in public comments, I want to give Bryan an opportunity to clear the air, so I am submitting the following question for him: Were you or any city staff aware of the plans for the poker room before the city council voted for the July zoning change regarding amusements?"

As of 11:57 a.m. on Wednesday, I had not received a response, so I sent the following text message to Willow Park Mayor Doyle Moss:

"Hi Doyle - at last week's city council meeting, some of the speakers implied that you and Bryan may have been aware of the poker room before the vote was held to change the zoning to allow for amusements. I just wanted to give you an opportunity to address that if you wish. Thanks." At noon on Wednesday, Hoffman provided the following statement: "After the article came out in the Community News [sic], the developers for the Fort Card Room indicated that they will consult with their attorney and could potentially take action. Because of potential litigation, the City Attorney has advised the City not to make any further comments about the business." In my mind, that statement raised additional questions. I left a voicemail message for Rose Hoffman at 3:17 p.m. Wednesday afternoon requesting clarification, but had not received a reply as of press time late Wednesday night. Our question was: what did the article in The Community News have to do with the actions of the developers and their potential legal actions? I also left a voicemail message for one of the developers, but it was not returned, either. When optics are bad, it is incumbent on a government body to explain. So far, no one at the City of Willow Park has found it necessary to do so.

As the city works to revitalize the Pine Street development, a city-branded website has been launched for citizens input and feedback: planaledo.com

According to the downtrown master plan published on the website, other potential opportunities for the Pine Street District include a plaza — which can be used as a gathering space for yoga, special programming, or even seating for local restaurants or cafes — and outdoor entertainment space.

It could also have a restaurant incubator, which would help launch restaurants by starting them out as food trucks to determine their success before they're developed into brick-and-mortar buildings.

Marshall said city has also signed a contract in a public-private partnership to bring the historic white train depot to Pine Street.

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On this night, a cluster of three families from Hills of Aledo Estates share a large shade tent as they partake in a hotdog feast while watching their children practice cheer poses. The Barbers, Tommes, and Abrahams have made Bearcat Stadium tailgating their new Friday tradition.

"This is kind of a continuation of our normal Friday nights," Joe Tomme said looking comfortable in a canvas sports chair. "We're just neighbors having fun.Our first one was the game against Weatherford and we'll probably keep this up for the rest of the season."

Twenty yards away, more than a dozen friends hunkered together on the shade side of the Aledo Bearcat Band storage trailer in an oval arrangement of folding chairs. Once again it is hotdogs as a main dish but the chips, salad, and sides cover two tables.

"This is just a bunch of friends getting ready for a fun night of Bearcat football," Jessica Brown said. "We probably have about seven families represented here."

Another group made instant shade under the hatchback of an SUV. Breaking from what seems to be the norm, these friends were devouring boxes of Chicken Express.

"This is probably about as exotic as we get," Steven Tiberg said, holding up a chicken strip. Robbin Tiberg proudly stated she is anxious to see her son, Colby, on the Bearcat Spirit Squad tonight for his first time, and Patty Tiberg mentioned that their high school

CHRISTOPHER AMOS/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

A group representing about seven families find shade for their pre-game banquet behind the Aledo High School Band storage trailer.

girls have been coming to Bearcat games since kindergarten.

Others under the SUV canopy included Taylor Tiberg, Layton Belknap, Genevieve Hard, and Steven Robins.

The opening announcements began in the stadium, signaling fans from across the parking lot to put away chairs and head towards the stadium gate.

But the party was just starting, as the Bearcats rolled to another home win.

We will continue to follow the story.



S Around Parker County

Church at the Crossing has fun and fellowship planned for October

Church at The Crossing would like to invite you to a few events that are coming up.

On Saturday, October 23rd, we are having our Pumpkin Palooza from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. It is a combination of our Fall Family Festival and a Pumpkin Patch. Admission is free. There will be a cost for food items and larger pumpkins. We will have inflatables, a hay maze, hay jump, hayrides, food trucks, face painting, pumpkin painting, picture booths, live music, free cupcake pumpkins (while supplies last), and tons of other fun things to do. Bring the whole family!

Also in October, on the 17th, we are hosting a Marriage Night for you and your spouse! We want to provide a place for you and your significant other to laugh, learn, and grow in marriage. Childcare will be provided, but we ask that you make a reservation for it by registering at www.crossingaledo. com. We hope you can join us!

Church at The Crossing is a local church located in downtown Aledo. At The Crossing, you will discover families dedicated to following Jesus. Feel free to join us on Sunday Mornings at 10:45 or visit www.crossingaledo.com for more information.















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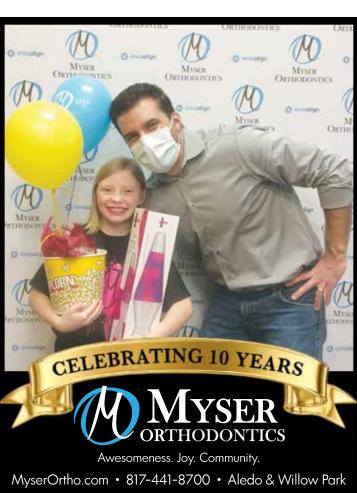
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The plaza concept will be an on/off spot for people using the trail and area, but it will also serve as a community amenity for those who wish to visit it. It is located off Jearl Street behind Aledo Donuts. It can look like a pocket park, but it will also have trail-related features such as those included in the design.

PINE from page one

The depot was found several years ago in the area behind what is now RE Maintenance. The city purchased the historic structure and moved it behind city hall. The building needs asbestos remediation and renovation.

"The EDC has had many conversations about what it needed to be," Mayor Marshall said. "We've had people think it would be a great museum, but can I just submit to you that you can have a building with museum pieces in it without it being a museum? Because museums don't pay for themselves."

Neither Marshall nor Lonberger detailed the future of the train depot. Marshall said its relocation to Pine Street will be "an incredible use for it."

"It's going to have a new look and a new location, and I think it's going to be a positive addition to our Pine Street development," Marshall said.

The city approved the Aledo Downtown master plan in August, and city officials expect the work to begin soon.

Developers and city leaders are also looking at how the town's newer network of bike trails in other residential developments can join the comprehensive vision to integrate the entire downtown area.



Annetta Halloween Contest

The Town of Annetta is holding its inaugural Halloween Contest. The categories and prizes are listed below:

1. Best Children's Halloween Costume (winner will receive a gift card to Urban Air Adventure Park);

2. Best Pet's Halloween Costume (winner will receive a Town of Annetta bandana and treats);

3. Best Family's Halloween Costumes (winner will receive a gift card to Bistro 1031); and

4. Best House Halloween Decorations (winner will receive a gift card to Bistro 1031)

To enter, submit photos to info@ annettatx.gov no later than noon on Nov. 4, 2021.

By submitting photos, you are authorizing the Town of Annetta to publish your photos.

Voting will be open to Annetta residents beginning Nov. 5, 2021 and close at noon on Nov. 10, 2021. Instructions and link will be posted on that day. Voting will be for anyone 18 years old and above, and one vote per Annetta address.

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month of October.

Students from Aledo High School and Aledo Middle School will join thousands of other youth on athletic fields across the nation at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 13, to share their Christian faith with fellow students during the 17th annual national Fellowship of Christian Athletes' Fields of Faith event.

This rapidly growing, interdenominational outreach event will

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be held at more than 500 locations challenge them to read the Bible, throughout the nation.

While most Christian events are held by adult speakers or sponsors, FCA's Fields of Faith is a student-to-student ministry, so the students themselves are meeting and organizing the entire event. Peers invite their own classmates and teammates to meet on their school's athletic field to hear fellow students share their testimonies, tunate to be able to host Fields of fca.org.

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and to come to faith in Jesus Christ. This will be the first Fields of

Faith event for Aledo students. Coach Staci Henyon, Coach Dustin Loyd, Coach Austin Stockon, and Coach Tanya Spruill are the sponsors to the student athletes and say their student leaders are excited to host the first ever Fields of Faith at Aledo High School.

"We are so thankful and for-

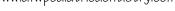
Faith at Bearcat Stadium and provide our Aledo student leaders with this opportunity," Henvon said. "We hope all area FCA huddles will join us for One Night, One Message, One Stand!"

For more information about the national event, visit FieldsofFaith. com. To learn more about the event at Aledo Bearcat Stadium, email Staci Henyon at shenyon@aledoisd.org or Janette Hahn at jhahn@

AISD students to participate in Fields of Faith event

Breast health focus in October





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<u>Capital Highlights</u> **Abbott wants to increase illegal voting penalties**



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Gov. Greg Abbott has asked the Texas Legislature to increase the penalty for illegal voting, adding the item to the third special session now underway. However, House Speaker Dade Phelan, R-Beaumont, quickly rejected the proposal, according to the Austin American-Statesman.

During the second special session, Senate Bill 1 was amended to decrease the penalty. House Democrats twice broke quorum in failed attempts to stop the elections bill from passing.

"Now is not the time to relitigate," Phelan said. "Instead, the House will remain focused on its constitutional obligation to pass redistricting maps, and members look forward to fulfilling this critical task."

The measure has moved forward in the Senate. It would make the penalty for voting illegally a second-degree felony, with a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison. SB 1 reduced the penalty to a Class A misdemeanor, with up to one year in jail. However, Phelan's opposition means it is unlikely to move forward.

More antibody infusion centers open in state

The Texas Division of Emergency Management continues to open new COVID-19 therapeutic centers across the state, providing monoclonal antibodies to treat outpatient cases with a doctor's referral. The treatment is provided at no cost. Antibody infusion treatment can prevent patients from becoming seriously ill, requiring hospitalization.

Infusion centers are now operating in Amarillo, Austin, Beaumont, Burnet, College Station, Corpus Christi, Edinburg, Fort Worth, Harlingen, Houston, Laredo, Livingston, Lubbock, McKinney, Nacogdoches, Nash, Odessa, San Antonio, Seguin, Tyler, The Woodlands, Victoria and Waco. Visit meds.tdem.texas.gov for more information. pedestrian-related crashes, an increase of 9% from the previous year. One fourth of those crashes involved alcohol. The Texas Department of Transportation is kicking off a public awareness campaign in an attempt to reduce accidents.

"Whether you're behind the wheel, on foot, or riding a bicycle, we're reminding all Texans that they need to be safe and smart, and that starts with obeying traffic laws," said Marc Williams, TxDOT executive director.

Drivers are required to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks, yield the right of way to pedestrian and bicyclists when turning, and to pass bicyclists at a safe distance. In turn, bicyclists are required to obey all traffic signs and signals. Pedestrians must cross the street only at intersections and crosswalks and use sidewalks if available. If there is no sidewalk, pedestrians should walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic.

Texas is approaching 21 years without a dayin which notraffic-related death occurred. TxDOT has launched #EndTheStreakTX to encourage drivers to obey traffic laws and end the streak of daily deaths.

COVID-19 cases continue to decline

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas continue to decline, as do deaths and hospitalizations. The Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University reported 67,124 new cases in the state in the past week, and 1,851 deaths. The number of new cases, largely due to the delta variant, has dropped by nearly half in the past month, although total deaths remain relatively high. Since the pandemic began, the state has reported more than 4 million cases with nearly 66,000 deaths.

Lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations in Texas also continue to drop, with 8,218 reported by the Texas Department of State Health Services on Sunday, down 20% from the previous week. A total of 14.88 million Texans are now fully vaccinated, or 51% of the total population.



CORRECTION

In my haste to get ready for my flight to Florida (see below) last week, I obviously did not proofread my column. In addition to a slew of typos, I made my friends Jim and Suzanne Bardwell the owner of the *Gatesville Messenger* newspaper when they are actually the owners of the *Gladewater Mirror* (not to mention the *White Oak* Independent and the Lindale News & Times).

I did appreciate Suzanne's response when I told her what I did.

"Buddy, if that is the worst thing that happens, life is good," she replied.

Regardless, we do regret the error.

- Randy Keck

Slings&Arrows Newspapers and Facebook



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Community newspaper people are an interesting breed.

I have always treasured of local me my membership in the Texas Press Association — so much so that I have never missed a convention since the first one I attended in 1995. Facebool make itself

The internal documents revealed nothing that couldn't have been guessed.

"Engagement" is the holy grail at Facebook, and they'll do anything to maximize it, because the more "engagement," the more money they make.

So it's no surprise that Facebook's algorithms are designed to keep you riled up. They make money that way, and it's often at the expense of local media, which loses advertising dollars at the hands of an unscrupulous competitor. Facebook has managed to make itself immune from the constraints that bind newspapers. Both Facebook and newspapers often pass information along from other sources.

the national media sometimes loses its moral compass in the desire to drive up numbers.

That said, I find it ironic when I see people who regularly pass on bogus information on their Facebook pages criticize "the media" for doing the same thing.

I have a love-hate relationship with corrections. I hate to need to publish them, but I appreciate the fact that corrections set straight the historical record.

When was the last time you saw anyone on Facebook put out a correction after their information was found to be false?

TCEQ releases recycling market plan

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has released its recycling market development plan, which found the recycling industry adds \$4.8 billion to the Texas economy. In 2019, 12.9 million tons of solid waste were recycled, up 40% compared to four years earlier. However, nearly 44% of the total solid waste in Texas landfills could have been recycled, according to TCEQ.

The full market plan can be found at tceq.texas.gov.

TxDOT launches pedestrian safety campaign

Despite a drop in traffic accidents last year, the state saw a marked increase in the number of people killed walking or biking in the state. In 2020, 731 people died in

Texans urged to get their flu shots now

Flu season is approaching, and with COVID-19 still spreading in the state, DSHS is urging Texans to protect themselves by getting the flu vaccine as soon as possible.

"We have good reason to believe this flu season may be worse than last year's," said Dr. John Hellerstedt, DSHS commissioner. "For most of last flu season, we didn't have the COVID vaccine yet, and many Texans were practicing the same basic health protections and good hygiene that have proven to help stop any respiratory virus like COVID-19 and flu. For this upcoming flu season, we expect fewer people to be wearing masks and physically distancing now that we have effective vaccines for COVID-19."

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and Cedar Park. Email: gborders@texaspress.com. It has only been five or six years since I became active in the National Newspaper Association. Both groups have wonderful people who are committed to what they do.

Last year, the NNA split off the National Newspaper Foundation into a new organization, and I am honored to serve on its board.

There are a lot of challenges for newspapers these days, but based on the quality of the people I see in the industry, we have a bright future.

As we were attending our sessions, news was coming out about the leaked internal documents at Facebook that were published in the *Wall Street Journal*.

The difference for us is that, if we do it, we can get sued if the information turns out not to be true. Facebook can't.

The community newspaper publishers I know hold it as a sacred trust to work to the best of our ability to vet information before it is published. Facebook doesn't.

As you see above this column, we publish corrections on those occasions when our information is faulty.

I do have my critiques of the large national news media. It suffers from a severe case of OCD. Like Facebook, much of Go ahead, I'll wait.

Nope. Typically they just go back and quietly erase the original post.

For us, Facebook is at best a "frenemy." There is more than one entity we find it necessary to utilize while at the same time competing with it and fighting against it.

Facebook has a lot of potential for good. It has great power. But the leadership of the company needs to understand that with great power comes great responsibility.

And the responsibility to reliably inform the public is right up there at the top of the Bill of Rights along with the freedom to do so.

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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.

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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. marigolds, 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/.



Annetta Clean-Up and Beautification Day

The Town of Annetta will host a Community Clean-Up and Beautification Day from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 9. Volunteers will meet at Town Hall at 9 a.m. and will pick up trash on city streets. Household debris, old appliances, tires, and hazardous materials will not be collected. Anyone interested in participating should call 817-441-5770 or send an email to info@annettatx.gov. The city will provide safety vests and all bagged trash can be brought to Town Hall. After the clean-up, Annetta will provide lunch at Town Hall for the volunteers.



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 he was going to win the fight.

Sponsorships range from \$250 to \$2,500. For more information, visit 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.

Jazz Concert Series

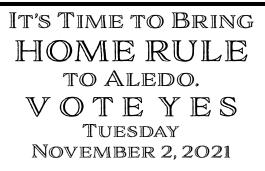
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Weddings



Kindred - Johns Wedding

Brenda Kindred and Phillip Johns were married September 20, 2021, at the Sugar Cane Club Resort in Barbados.

Brenda is the daughter of Col. William and Terra Kindred of Willow Park. Brenda was a 2015 graduate of Aledo High School and a 2019 graduate of Sam Houston State University. At Aledo, Brenda was a member of the Bearcat Regiment, the 2015 State Champion Concert Band, National Honor Society, Choir, and several UIL Academic Teams. For the past two years Brenda was employed by Deloitte, a Top 5 accounting firm.

Phil is a 911 Dispatcher in London, England, where the couple now resides.

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Jerry and Vickie Durant have established a new permanent scholarship endowment with the Weatherford **College Foundation,** the Vickie Durant Scholarship. Mrs. **Durant is a longtime** member of the WC Foundation Board of **Directors and is a** past recipient of the WC Alumnus of the Year Award. Pictured with the Durants is **WC President Tod** Allen Farmer. SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY

NEWS

Sip & Shop



KCSTUDIOS KATHY CHRUSCIELSKI

Clockwise from left: Jennifer Taylor, Heather Sinnott, Linda Parks, Ann Simmons, Becca Moore, Michelle Tilley, Laura Anderson, Sarah Allen, Jennifer Collins, Valerie Shelman, and Lauren **McMurrey**



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The Aledo Children's AdvoCats held their fall Sip & Shop on Oct. 4 at the Clothes Closet, enjoying camaraderie and trying out new fashions. Photos by Kathy Chruscielski

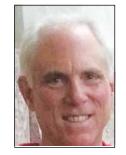


From Left: Tami Druzba, Marly Lowen, Linda Parks, Leasa Salavarria, and Jennifer Collins



Laura Anderson and Ann Simmons

Obituaries



Jim Legvold

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James Ole Legvold (Jim), 60, of Willow Park, beloved husband and father, passed away on Tuesday afternoon, September 28, 2021, in Fort Worth, Texas.

Jim was born on March 4, 1961, in Ames, Iowa, to Ole and Bea Legvold. On December 29, 1990, he married Ellen Hiben and together had two children, Melissa and Tanner. He proudly served his country as a F-18 pilot in the US Navy from 1987 until 1993. Jim had a passion for cycling and completed the R.A.I.D. competition for biking across Iowa in one day! He enjoyed entertaining and traveling to the mountains. Most of all, Jim will be remembered as "being a friend to many" and for being devoted to his family.

Jim is survived by his wife, Ellen; his children, Melissa Legvold and Tanner Legvold; his brother, Terry and wife Vicki Legvold; and by numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by his sister, Linda and niece, Jill.

A memorial service celebrating his life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 9, 2021, at Messiah Lutheran Church, 907 Washington Drive in Weatherford. Burial will be private at a later date.

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Anita Westmoreland

Anita Mae Lazenby Westmoreland passed away unexpectedly on September 29, 2021.

She was born on July 30, 1943, in Grenada, Mississippi, the only child of Reverend Claude and Winnie Henson Lazenby.

She grew up in Courtland, Mississippi,

graduated from Batesville High School, and was a proud alumna of Blue Mountain College, where she majored in Bible and keyboard/ organ studies.

Anita

Westmoreland

An accomplished pianist, she began playing in churches at age 8 and continued faithfully for five decades in church services, choir rehearsals, weddings, funerals, and for Aledo bands' solo/ensemble contests.

She moved to Fort Worth in 1968 to attend Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, where she graduated with a Masters of **Religious Education.**

A few months before graduation, she met Malcolm Jan Westmoreland on a blind date. They married in 1971 and this year celebrated 50 years of marriage and living on the family farm in Wheatland.

Her career path took her through the music/youth ministry of Southcliff Baptist Church, the admissions counselor halls of SWBTS, the donor relations halls of TCU Brite Divinity School, the Chaplain's Office of Texas Wesleyan University, and finally through the halls of hospitals as a Chaplain.

She was great-hearted for ordination as a woman minister through the Alliance of Baptists.

Most recently a member of Broadway Baptist Church, she was also a longtime member at Western



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Hills Baptist Church, University Baptist Church, and Wheatland Baptist Church.

She was an extremely active and involved high school band parent for her own daughters, which would only be shadowed by an even more intense involvement as a band grandparent for all three of her grandchildren.

An unabashedly avid promoter of music and the arts, she would encourage any memorial gifts on her behalf be directed toward the Broadway Baptist Church Music Ministry at broadwaybc.org or Aledo Band Boosters at aledobandboosters.org.

She considered herself a "Steel Magnolia," and growing up in segregated Mississippi had a profound and everlasting effect on her and would play a pivotal role in her life, as her unconditional love was unequivocal and indescribable.

She championed the afflicted, addicted, disadvantaged, downtrodden, physically/mentally challenged, homeless, hopeless, hungry, injured, lonely, outcast, poor, sick, underdog, vulnerable, victim, weak, misfit, those who march to the beat of their own drum, and anyone who lives, loves or colors outside the box.

She is survived by her husband. Malcolm Jan Westmoreland: daughter Missy Hargett and husband Kirk; daughter Katherine Novak and husband Kevin; grandchildren Noah, Leah, and Thomas; and longtime pet donkey Selene.

A service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, October 11, at Broadway Baptist Church, 305 W Broadway Avenue in Fort Worth.

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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.

The course is divided into units covering the following topics:

- •Disaster Preparedness •Fire Safety and Utility Controls
- •Disaster Medical
- Operations, part 1 & 2 •Light Search and Rescue •CERT Organization/ Incident Command
- •Disaster Psychology •CERT and Terrorism
- •CPR/AED
- Stop the Bleed
- Wrap up, Final Exam, and Disaster Exercise If you are interested in the

class, email davidinelson@ uwmail.com for more information.

OCTOBER 18

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.

Tools for Parenting The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service of Parker County will offer a Love and Logic Parenting class from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, on Oct. 25 and 26, at the Parker County Agricultural Services Center, 604 North Main Street in Weatherford. The parenting classes will use the curriculum "Becoming A Love and Logic Parent" by Jim Fay and Charles Fay. The curriculum will cover Raising Responsible Kids. The Love and Logic Formula, C Stands for Control, Ownership of the Problem, Thinking and Decision Making, and Consequences. Also covered in the classes will be A Fresh Start to a Healthy You with a focus on Keeping Children Healthy, Food Safety, and Shopping Strategies for Healthy Eating.

The two-day class is \$10 and covers registration, handouts, and lunch. For more information and to register, call the Parker County Extension office at 817-598-6168. The deadline to register is Oct. 22.



OCTOBER 30

Trick-or-treaters invited to annual Safe Howloween Safe Howloween is back at Weatherford College for its 23rd year of family-friendly fun from 6-9 p.m. on .Saturday, Oct. 30, in WC's north parking lot. Trick-or-treaters are invited to the festival event hosted by the WC Police Department .Families with special needs children are invited to start enjoying the festivities at 5 p.m. The event is free, but attendees are asked to make a canned good donation to support the Parker County Senior Center. Community support is also

welcome in the form of candy donations or setting up a booth with a fun game for children to enjoy. "Our objective is to provide the community with a safe night full of family-friendly fun," said WC Police Chief Anthony Bigongiari. "We appreciate all of the local organizations that help us, as well as the Weatherford Police Department, for their support.' For more information on how to volunteer or to donate, email wcpd@ wc.edu or call 817-598-6319.

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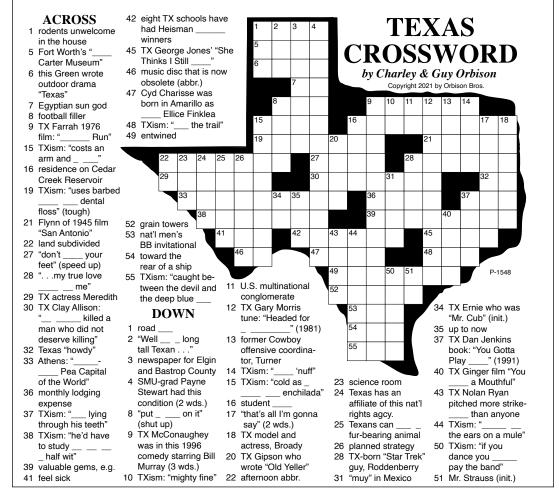
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NOVEMBER 04

Center of Hope Gala The Parker County Center of Hope will present "An Evening of Hope" gala beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, at Covered Bridge Venue, 2250 Agnes Circle in Springtown. The Center of Hope is the poverty assistance program in the county. It provides basic assistance, education and career development, and additional services to



the county. Sponsorship levels are Peace (\$5,000), Love (\$3,000), and Joy (\$1,500). All sponsorship levels include a table for eight, with additional amenities for larger sponsors. For more information, email Brooke Ladouceur at brooke@ worthington.bz, call 817-594-0291, or visit centerofhopetx. com/evening-of-hope/. The deadline to respond is Sept. 13.

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NOVEMBER 12

Aledo Ladycat Charity Golf Tournament

The inaugural Aledo Ladycat Charity Golf Tournament begins at 9 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 12, at Squaw Creek Golf Course, 1605 Ranch House Road in Willow Park.

Registration fee is \$500 per team or \$150 per player. In addition to first and third place prizes, additional prizes include closest to the hole, women's and men's longest drive, raffle items, and a silent auction. Sponsorships are also available ranging from \$750 to \$3,000. Proceeds benefit the Aledo High School softball program, and will primarily go toward the Senior Class Scholarship Fund. For more information, call Chris Smith at 817-829-6005 or email AledoLadycatSoftball@ gmail.com.

FEBRUARY 26

TCA Legacy Dinner

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

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



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The Aledo tennis team clinched a playoff spot. Team members shown are (front row, from left) Kenley Germany, GeorgiaPosey, Katie Siddons, Payton Bierle, Cambell Charrier, Bryanna Orr, Zoe Whitcomb, and Paige Federman; and (back row) Craig Mason, Scott Mason, Ben Farmer, Ian Leslie, Jax Joiner, Hogan Posey, Zane Martin, and Connor Avery.

TENNIS

Aledo Varsity clinches playoff spot by beating Granbury and Azle

Andrea Garnett

Special to The Community News

Last Wednesday night, Sept. 29, the RacquetCats dominated the courts by beating the Granbury Pirates 18-1 in Granbury. Aledo won every match except mixed doubles, which came down to a super-tie-breaker that unfortunately the team of Zane Martin/Zoe Whitcomb lost

Leslie/Scott Mason(6-1)(6-2) and line 3 Craig Mason/Ben Farmer (6-3)(6-0). Girls' doubles wins posted were line 1 Katie Siddons/ Georgia Posey (6-9)(6-3), line 2 Cambell Charrier/Bryanna Orr (6-3)(6-3) and Payton Bierle/Paige Federman (6-0)(6-0).

Boy's Singles swept with winning line 1 Jax Joiner (6-1)(6-1), line 2

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

Tuesday, Oct. 5, the RacquetCats went on to beat Azle in Aledo 19-0, winning every match. doubles scores were line 1 Siddons/ Posey (6-0)(6-0), Line 2 Charrier/ Orr (6-1)(6-3) and line 3 Bierle/ Federman (6-0)(6-0). Mixed doubles pair Will Beyer/Zoe Whitcomb also won with (6-0)(6-1).

Boy's singles all posted winning scores with line 1 Joiner (6-1)(6-0), line 2 Posey (6-1)(6-3), line 3 S. Mason (6-4)(6-2), line 4 Farmer

2 Charrier (6-0)(6-0), line 3 Posey (6-0)(6-0), line 4 Orr (8-1) line 5 Bierle(8-0) and line 6 Federman (8-0).

This win over the Azle Hornets brings the team's district record to 3-2 with a third place finish overall. The RacquetCats will face the Grapevine Mustangs in the Bi-District playoffs Monday, Oct. 11 at the Arlington Tennis Center with a 10 a.m. start time.

12-14 after splitting sets (6-3)(3-6).

Boys' doubles winning scores were line 1 team Jax Joiner/Hogan Posey (3-6)(6-1)10-5, line 2 Ian Ian Leslie (7-6)6 (6-4), line 3 Hogan Posey (8-4), line 4 Scott Mason (6-1) (6-3), line 5 Ben Farmer (8-3) and line 6 Craig Mason (8-2).

Boys' doubles scores were line 1 Joiner/Posey (6-0)(6-2), line 2 Farmer/S. Mason (6-1)(6-1), line 3 C. Mason/Martin (6-1)(6-0). Girls'

(8-0), line 5 C. Mason (8-1) and line 6 Martin (8-1).

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SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Evan Chrane (6) and Kennan Dowling (1) in action for Trinity Christian Academy

TCA Football falls to Sacred Heart

Trinity Christian Willow Park lost to Sacred Heart 26-13 on Friday, Oct. 1. The defense was led by the linebacker crew: Ty Miller had 14 tackles, Asa Dowling added 8 tackles, and Caleb Nelson had 6 tackles. The offense had 242 yards, with Kennan Dowling compiling 123 yards on 16 carries. TCA was down 13-6 at half and came out of halftime with a quick opening score to even things up. Trinity was held scoreless after that as Sacred Heart capitalized on a turnover deep in

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VARSITY GIRLS 8TH PLACE

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<u>Sports Notes</u>

TCA territory. Trinity's next game is at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8, at Lubbock Trinity.

Aledo cross country team has good outing

The Aledo Cross Country teams competed at the Granbury "Race for the Loot" Cross Country Invitational on Oct. 1. Everyone competed very well, considering the wet conditions.

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VARSITY BOYS 1ST PLACE

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Luke Schabel	24th	18:15.44
Henry Zedler	30th	18:26.04
Colton Snow	34th	18:38.32

JV GIRLS 3RD PLACE

JRD PLACE				
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Jetta Frazee	17th	25:44.16		
Brooke Davis	23rd	26:25.60		
Anna D'avino	26th	26:43.65		
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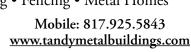


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VOLLEYBALL Ladycats beat Azle, fall to Rider

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The Aledo Ladycats are one match shy of completing the first half of district, with a trip to Wichita Falls High School on Oct. 8 set to cap that milestone.

District was smooth sailing through last Friday, when the 'Cats bested Azle in three sets. The road got rockier on Tuesday, Oct. 4, when Rider came to town and handed the Ladycats their first district defeat in three sets.

"I think our team can be very good," head coach Claire Gay said. "Coming into the season we had some big shoes to fill."

Gay said the girls on the team are working hard, but that the team has challenges going the distance.

"We grow every day. The life lessons we learn every day have been invaluable."

Vs. Azle:

Varsity - 25-13, 25-20, 25-17 JV - 25-21, 27-25 Freshman A — 25-10, 25-13 Freshman B — 25-18, 25-19

Vs. Rider:

Varsity - 18-25, 18-25 Rider, 21 - 25JV - 25-23, 25-23Freshman A — 25-21, 25-17 Freshman B — 25-18, 25-20

Stats vs. Azle:

Aces: Averie Riser 3, Lexi Littlefield 1, Maddy Jarvis 1, Vivian Parker 1

Kills: Vivian Parker 12, Skylar Ellison 6, Maddie Frank 5, Payton Hilmer 5, Sam Smith 5, Mattie Gantt 3, Lauren St. Peters 1

Blocks: Skylar Ellison 5.0, Payton Hilmer 2.0, Sam Smith 2.0, Vivian Parker 1.0, Maddie Frank 1.0



Mia Little had 20 digs in Tuesday's match against Rider. Turn to **V'BALL**, page 12



Sports Calendar

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., Awav

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

AHS Volleyball - Fresh, JV, Varsity vs. Granbury (Pink Out)*; Fresh - 6:30 p.m., JV - 6:30 p.m., Varsity - 5 p.m., HOME AHS Golf at Argyle Lady Eagle Invitational, 8 a.m., Wild Horse Golf Club, Robson Ranch

OCTOBER 19

AHS Volleyball - Fresh, JV, Varsity vs. Azle*; Fresh - 6:30 p.m., JV - 6:30 p.m., Varsity - 5 p.m., Away AHS Golf at Chick-Fil-A Challenge, 8 a.m. Shotgun, Southern Oaks

OCTOBER 20

AHS Golf at Brock Fall Invitational, 8 a.m., Sugar Tree Golf Club, Lipan

OCTOBER 21

AHS Football - Fresh Black vs. TBA AHS Football - Fresh Orange vs. Waco University, 5:30 p.m., Away AHS Football - JV Black vs. Midlothian High, 6 p.m., Bearcat Stadium AHS Football - JV Orange vs. TBA



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Digs: Mattie Gantt 17, Mia Little 17, Vivian Parker 12, Sam Smith 11, Averie Riser 9, Maddie Frank 8, Payton Hilmer 5, Rylee Metts 3, Natalie Anderson 3, Skylar Ellison 2, Lauren St. Peters 2, Maddy Jarvis 1

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Digs: Mia Little 20, Sam Smith 13, Mattie Gantt 10, Vivian Parker 8, Averie Riser 7, Maddie Frank 3

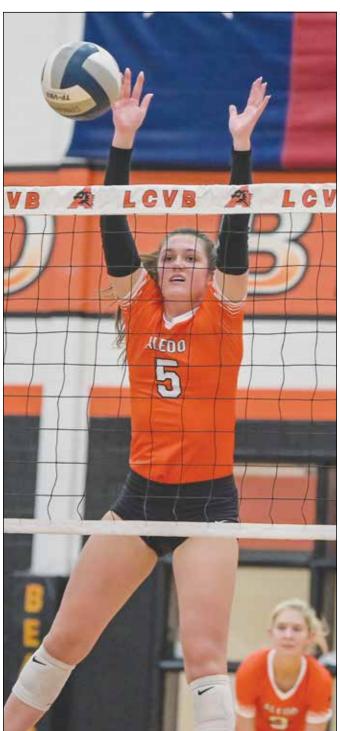
Middle School teams successful On Sept. 30, the Aledo Middle School Ladycats took five of six volleyball matches at Joshua Loftin. Scores were:

7th Grade: A: 25-7, 25-6 B: 25-9, 25-3 C: 25-13, 25-6

8th Grade: A: 25-18, 18-25, 19-25 B: 25-11, 25-13 C: 25-2, 25-13



LEFT: Averie Riser is shown in action against Wichita Falls Rider on Tuesday. | RIGHT: Skylar Ellison extends for a



Bearcat Golf Tournament tees off on Oct. 24 Benefits AISD golf program

The 18th annual Bearcat Golf Tournament, benefiting the Aledo men's and women's golf program, will kick off with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24 at Split Rail Links and Golf Club.

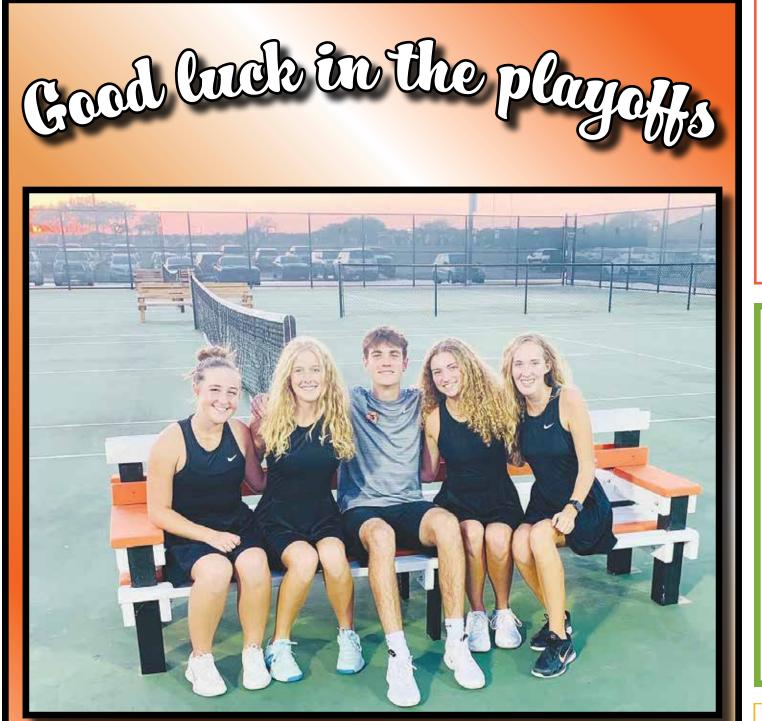
The entry fee is \$600 per team. Hole-in-one prizes are available.

Sponsorships are also available ranging from \$100 to \$2,000.

To enter a team, send the registration fee and the name, email, and phone number of each golfer on the team to AABC-Golf, PO Box 693, Aledo, TX 76008.

To pay by credit card, call Jami Warner at 620-290-3386.

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