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Remembering Reubene



By Randy Keck
The Community News

Power, money, persuasion, supplication, persecution - these can lift a colossal humbug, push it a little, weaken it a little; but only laughter can blow it to rags and atoms at a blast. Against the assault of laughter nothing can stand.
- Mark Twain

Whenever I think of Reubene Scott, Mark Twain usually enters my thoughts as well. I knew Reubene in a lot of ways, but I mainly knew her as a writer who shared at least one attribute with Mark Twain. — they are the only two authors who have ever been able to make me laugh out loud.

As difficult as it might be to imagine for someone who lived until late 2021, they only missed each other by 10 years. Samuel Clemens died in 1910 and Reubene was born in 1920 — the same year, as Reubene pointed out, that women gained the right to vote.

Model T Fords were in production, and her dad bought one.

Reubene had a front-row seat to the Depression, Charles Lindbergh's solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean, Franklin Roosevelt's presidency, the attack at Pearl Harbor, the dropping of the first atomic bomb, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the first man on the moon, and so much more.

In fact, if you want to know what Reubene saw in her life, just look up the lyrics of Billy Joel's "We Didn't Start the Fire." And I think she would have found the humor in that last sentence.

Reubene was a writer, an artist, and an avid traveler (including wagon train rides, trips across the U.S., and trips around the world).

She was a nurse; she worked at Cox's, and she was a World Book Encyclopedia salesperson.

Her writing of travels abroad would stand toe-to-toe with Twain. They both saw the absurdity of the things so many people took seriously, and they wrote about it.

One of my laugh-out-loud moments was Reubene's description in a column about the restroom facilities at a hotel somewhere on the other side of the world. I'm still looking for it in our archives.

One thing that should be pointed out before we go further: as I was mentally preparing to write this remembrance, I realized it was going to be scattershot. If anyone expected well-structured,

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KRISTIN MORALES

The Aledo Bearcats celebrated their 100th consecutive district win on Friday, Oct. 15, after defeating Mansfield Timberview. The Bearcats broke Austin Westlake's record of 71 consecutive district wins on Oct. 20, 2017 by defeating Eaton High School, 52-13. Since that date, the Bearcats have technically set a new state record in consecutive district games won 29 times!



Rogers



Tarbay



Marshall

POLITICS

Hats in the ring

Hopefuls announce runs for new districts

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As the ink dries on Texas' new political districts drawn up by the legislature, office holders and potential officeholders are lining up for a chance to fill a vacant spot.

Every ten years the Texas Legislature draws new district lines after the United States Census is complete.

Parker County, during that time, has been in State Senate District 30, which stretches all the way to Wichita Falls. Drew Springer (R-Muenster) currently represents the district.

The legislature's new map splits Parker County. Part is in Springer's district, but the new map adds a portion of Parker County to Senate District 10, which is represented by Beverly Powell (D-Burleson).

Current State Rep Phil King (R-Weatherford) has announced his intention to run for that seat in an effort to unseat Powell.

King's District 61, comprising Parker and Wise Counties,

has been re-drawn, and Parker County will be in House District 60 with Palo Pinto and Stephens Counties.

King's departure and new district lines are leading to a "musical chairs" of sorts to see who will represent the district where Parker County now resides.

The de facto incumbent in District 60 is Glenn Rogers (R-Graford), who represented the old District 60.

Rogers will have plenty of competition in the Republican Primary on March 1, 2022.

Aledo Mayor Kit Marshall and Weatherford School Board member Josh Tarbay have both announced their intention to file to run for the seat.

We profile the candidates below in the order *The Community News* received their announcements.

Glenn Rogers

Rogers spent a career working with livestock both as a rancher and a licensed veterinarian.



King



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Mavrick Zelke took the chin-up challenge at the Marine Corp booth at Aledo Fest on Oct. 16. More photos are on page 6.

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In & Around Parker County

Ring Leaders enters 40 years of serving Parker County

Ring Leaders Kennel has served Parker County and its surrounding cities for 40 years, making it one of Aledo's oldest businesses.

Alaina Tenseth and her late husband, John founded the grooming and boarding business together in the mid-1970s.

When they decided to move west, the small-town business relocated from its original Fort Worth facility in October 1981 — and has stayed in Aledo ever since.

Its local facility offers 30 inside-outside runs that are climate-controlled and eight luxury suites, which are 8-foot-by-10-foot rooms with a patio area. Additionally, all animals have access to play areas.

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Tenseth she has been grooming and boarding animals for more than 45 years. It's a career she receives joy from and doesn't plan on changing.

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Obituaries

Reubene Scott

Nettie Reubene Gressett Scott passed away on Monday, October 18, 2021 in Willow Park, a week shy of her 101st birthday.

She was born October 25, 1920 in Comanche, Texas, to Nannie Belle Smith and Henry Gressett.

She married the love of her life, Thomas Bryan Scott, on January 7, 1939, in St. Louis Missouri.

Reubene lived an eclectic life; she was a nurse aide in the active labor and delivery ward at Harris Hospital; she worked at Cox's Department Store in Fort Worth; she sold World Book Encyclopedias (her granddaughter Miquelle remembers learning the sign language alphabet from the encyclopedias).

She began her writing career in the 1980s, penning the Ramblin' Reubene column in The Community News. She continued to share her stories until she was 90 years old.

Her hobbies and interests included painting, traveling, going to church, being a part of the Texas Wagon Train Association, spending time with neglected children at New Horizons, and spending as much time as she could with friends and family. She loved to be in the middle of everything!

She was a member of the Aledo First Baptist Church and Aledo United Methodist Church.

Reubene was preceded in death by her husband, Tom Scott, on October 8, 2001 and her youngest daughter, Mary Scott, on June 30, 2020.

She is survived by three of her children: Judy, Terry, and Mike. She leaves 10 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren.

A graveside memorial service was scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday, October 22, 2021 at Aledo Brown Cemetery with Winscott Funeral Home handling arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the East Parker County Library in lieu of flowers.



Reubene Scott

HATS

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While he lives outside the county, Rogers said he has many Parker County connections.

"I lived in Parker County for almost 20 years and have been a member of Aledo United Methodist Church since 2001," Rogers said. "My son graduated from AHS in 2016, and my wife has owned and operated Veterinary Housecalls of Aledo since 2006."

During the most recent legislative session, Rogers has served on the House Committees on Transportation and Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services. He also served on the Republican Caucus Policy Committee, Texas Conservative Coalition, and as a member of the Rural Caucus.

Rogers has served on the Graford school board, and was president of the Palo Pinto County Farm Bureau. He was a

Director of the Texas Veterinary Medical Association for 10 years. He served three years as President of the West Cross Timbers Veterinary Medical Association.

Josh Tarbay

Tarbay is a founder and former owner of Parker County Brewing in Willow Park. He has a doctorate in Leadership.

He has served six years on the Weatherford ISD School Board as a member and as Vice President. He has also served as Vice-Chairman of the Weatherford Planning & Zoning board.

"I have developed a strong understanding of the business practices of Independent School Districts," Tarbay said. "As a tenured professor who just so happens to be a staunch Republican, I have a profound understanding of what's right and what's wrong with our higher education systems. As a founder and former owner

of the Parker County Brewing Company, I have a deep understanding of the hurdles facing small business owners today."

Tarbay said he is an original member of the (then) Parker County Tea Party.

"I can also say that I've been active in this fight since 2008, waiving my first sign in opposition to big government over a decade ago," he said.

Kit Marshall

Kit Marshall has served eight terms as Mayor of Aledo after serving four years on the Aledo City Council.

During her tenure as mayor, Marshall served on regional committees with the North Central Texas Council of Governments (where she won awards for her Emergency Preparedness leadership) and the North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council.

Marshall has served Parker County in Emergency Management for more than 16

years and is the county's current Emergency Management Officer. She developed and manages the federal grant-funded, state-managed program (DSHS), Strategic National Stockpile, specific to Parker County and its residents.

Marshall also developed and manages the Parker County's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). She works with the county's Emergency Management Coordinator, coordinates and/or prepares plans for all operational emergency support functions for Parker County's Emergency Response Plan.

"As a State Representative, the success that our community has facilitated can be brought to all of District 60," Marshall said. "I have been on the ground here, have fought in the trenches, have built teams and motivated groups to a common goal, and can do that across one of the most dynamic and rapidly growing house districts in Texas."

WILLOW PARK

City urges sign-ups to new alert system

Special to The Community News

Residents and businesses in Willow Park are being encouraged to add their contact information to the city's new alert system, CivicReady. The system, powered by CivicPlus – the same company that hosts the city's website – will allow Willow Park to issue urgent notifications such as severe weather alerts, road closures, and water/wastewater system repairs that could impact service.

"By upgrading to the CivicReady system, we can reach a wider audience in a shorter time more reliably," said Willow Park Communications and Marketing Director Rose Hoffman. "This system will ultimately make our citizens safer and make it easier to get our message out in the case of an urgent situation."

The city currently uses Blackboard Connect and urges all citizens that are enrolled in Blackboard Connect to visit the city's website and put their

contact information into the new system. Users can choose which alerts to receive based on their location and which city services they use.

The CivicReady solution also integrates with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Integrated Public Alert Warning System (IPAWS). The IPAWS system leverages national emergency communication channels, such as the Emergency Alert System (EAS), NOAA weather radios, digital road signage, and

television broadcasts, to provide area-specific alerts in times of emergency. By integrating its CivicReady system with IPAWS, Willow Park will be able to reach as many people as possible during an emergency event, including those who have not opted-in to text, phone, or email communications, as well as travelers and visitors in the area.

To sign up for the new alert system, visit willowpark-texas.myfreealerts.com.

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Capital Highlights

Early voting begins on eight amendments



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If history is an indicator, Texas voters will likely go to the polls on Nov. 2 in underwhelming numbers to decide the fate of eight proposed amendments to the state's constitution. With no statewide races on the ballot, and a scattering of local elections for city council and school board, turnout typically is low. Nevertheless, early voting is now underway and continues until Oct. 29.

The proposed amendments include allowing raffles at rodeo events; allowing counties to issue bonds for transportation infrastructure; banning the state from prohibiting or limiting religious services (related to closures during the pandemic); eligibility of candidates to run for judicial positions; and property tax exemption for bereaved families, among other measures. A fuller explanation of the proposed amendments can be found at the non-partisan BallotPedia site: <https://tinyurl.com/29andwew>

More than \$1 billion in rental assistance

A federally funded rental assistance program administered through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs has distributed more than \$1 billion in rent and utility assistance to more than 174,000 Texas households — more than any other state. The pandemic relief measure has provided assistance in 95% of Texas counties and still has more than \$900 million that can be distributed, according to TDHCA.

"Crossing the \$1 billion mark shows we were able to address a great and pressing need that is still present here in our state, but it's important we continue to work vigorously to get help out as quickly as possible," Bobby Wilkinson, TDHCA executive director, said.

Renters can apply for the program by calling 1-833-9TX-RENT (1-833-989-7368) or online at TexasRentRelief.com. The call center is open Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. To qualify, households must be at or below 80% of the area median income and meet other criteria.

State dried up in September

The cooler and wetter conditions of early summer became a distant memory in September as much of the state experienced little rain, according to Mark Wentzel, a hydrologist for the Texas Water Development Board.

"At the end of the month, drought conditions covered 7% of the state, up six percentage points from the end of last month," Wentzel wrote.

September was the first month since last March that was both warmer and drier for most of the state. Wentzel

predicts dry conditions will continue for the next few months, leading to drought expanding to cover all but the eastern edge of Texas by the end of the year.

\$36.4 million in border enforcement funding

Gov. Greg Abbott announced last week that his Public Safety Office will award \$36.4 million in funding for law enforcement and prosecution in connection with Operation Lone Star, the state's border security effort.

"Operation Lone Star is critical to our efforts to secure the border, and we will continue to invest in this operation in order to keep Texans safe," Abbott said. "The grant funding provided through House Bill 9 ensures that our local partners along the border have the resources and support they need to respond to the border crisis."

The funds will go to a dozen counties along the Texas-Mexico border.

How to pick the right Medicare plan

Medicare open enrollment is underway and continues through Dec. 7. The Texas Department of Insurance provides some advice for Texans enrolling for Medicare after turning 65 this year or for existing enrollees considering changes to their Medicare plans. Those include:

Know the deadlines, which in general run three months before turning 65 to three months after. People with insurance through their employer can delay enrolling, but it's best to check with the company's benefits manager.

- Learn the different parts of Medicare and decide if you need a gap plan to supplement Medicare coverage.

- Calculate the costs and compare plans. More information can be found at medicare.gov.

New COVID-19 cases drop slightly; deaths rise

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas reported in the past week dropped slightly to 48,971, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University, but new deaths jumped 34% to 1,949. The latest wave of serious cases appears to be slacking off from the highs reported in late August and September, with 5,376 COVID-19 patients in Texas hospitals as of Sunday. That's a drop of nearly two-thirds from its late-summer peak, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

The number of Texans who are fully vaccinated ticked up to 15.2 million, according to DSHS, while more than 900,000 people have received an additional dose of the vaccine. The additional doses were first authorized in mid-August.

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Ramblin' Reubene

Montgomery Wards and Paper Dolls



Reubene Scott

Originally published Feb. 22, 2006.

I'm sorry most of you have missed out on one of life's greatest thrills. When I was a child we eagerly awaited the day the Montgomery Ward catalog came. We would lie on the floor for hours and dream of having some of the wonderful things we found there. I wore out the section for little girls' dresses and the toy pages would be worn and dog-eared.

Then one day I discovered the pages of men's trusses and I was staring at them when my brother told Mama. I'm sure she had a hard time keeping a straight face. But I'm sure I caught him looking at the women's corset section. You would have to shop a long time today to find a truss, for evidently men no longer have hernias. And thanks to a loving God, women no longer wear corsets.

When our four children were small, shopping could be a problem, especially at Christmas. But I found a way. Montgomery Ward (back then everyone called it Monkey Wards).

When the catalog came in the mail my children acted much like I had done those years before. I simply called the mail order number. Then I would load the kids up, drive to the loading dock, and pick up my order and didn't have to get out of my car.

Then in 1948 it almost came to the end when a terrible flood almost wiped out the seven-story building. The water came up to the second floor. Homer Norris remembers the mark left there for years, showing the depth of the water. Many people had to be evacuated and many homes were lost. Tom was one of the many employees of "the bomber plant" who helped clean up the mess.

Homer also remembers Floyd Brown, our only mailman for many years, stopping at their house where he would sell Homer's mother, Alice, a money order to Montgomery Ward's. And they waited with great expectations for Floyd to bring their order. When I told Homer I had sneaked a peek at the men's underwear and truss pages, he admitted that he had looked at the women's corsets. My, we were terribly daring.

Those mail order catalogs, often called "wish books," were a big part of my early days. Mama



made all of my clothes, but we looked through the catalog for my favorite and Mama would adjust the pattern as best she could and I would be very proud of my new dress and the bloomers that matched it.

When all the uses had been exhausted, at last it would be mine and I would get the scissors and carefully cut out "paper dolls." This was long before store-bought paper dolls. Mama would save any kind of box-like a shoe box-and I would cut out furniture and have a house for my paper dolls.

When I was in the second grade I played with my friend, Runelle Grigsby and we had large "families." That summer we moved to Archer City and then we sent our paper dolls through the mail to visit each other, back and forth from McLean to Archer City. This went on for more than a year and then I was into marbles, rubber guns and tin can skinny and the paper dolls visited no more.

The last phase of the catalog was the day it ended up in the outhouse.

It was during World War II that the USS Samuel Chase spent three days at an invasion site at Salerno, Italy. The ship had started back to their base in Algeria when, that night, the German Luftwaffe found them and there was a fierce battle and one of the 40mm guns malfunctioned. The Germans backed off and at daybreak the gunners discovered a broken part.

Back in Algeria, they could not find a replacement part. They headed back to the U.S. to

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pick up a part in Bayonne, New Jersey. But they had no parts. They searched the East Coast but found nothing. Finally, a seaman, who looked on as the frantic search continued, said, "I think I can find that part." The desperate officers gave Russ Jacobs cash, a car and driver. He was back on board within an hour.

"Did you find one?" he was asked.

"Yes."

"How much did it cost?"

"Five bucks," Russ said, "so I bought four."

The amazed officers asked, "Where on earth did you find them?"

The sailor grinned. "Montgomery Ward."

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REUBENE

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organized recollections — well, that just wouldn't be true to the spirit of Ramblin' Reubene.

Her two books have everything from "Buck Naked, Texas" to a travelogue of Greece!

She was writing columns for *The Community News* years before I had ever heard of it. She and Eldon Norris, the owner when she started, formed an immediate bond because they shared the same wit and humor.

Eldon said she "rambled" in her writing, and the label stuck, and her column "Ramblin' Reubene" ran in this paper for decades.

Reubene always delivered her column in person to the office. She would carry a sheaf of pages from a legal pad with observations as golden as the sheets she wrote on. Her handwriting was another matter, but we didn't mind, because it was impossible to be in Reubene's presence for more than five minutes without laughing about something.

There were no sacred cows. If something was funny to her, she would write about it.

But she could write beautifully poignant prose as well, as when she wrote about mission trips to Mexico and the great need she saw there.

So many people have shared recollections about this priceless lady. Every conversation I had this week about Reubene had laughter in it at some point.

Reubene was the author of two books: "Ramblin' Reubene Book I" and, appropriately, "Ramblin' Reubene Book II."

Nancy Connolly worked in our office years ago and helped edit and compile material for Book II with Reubene and Judy McCombs. When Nancy had a question about a bit of text, she would type an asterisk, meaning to check with Reubene and Judy.

Somehow the book went to press in that form with asterisks intact. The ladies decided a good plan would be: "let's do what we always do and blame the computer!"

Susan Karnes recalled an episode Reubene related from a wagon train.

"Tom and I were on a wagon train in Shawnee, Oklahoma," Reubene said. "We were there for the Old Santa Fe Days and camped at the convention center, where they held a big supper for us. That night, around a camp fire, there was a contest for the biggest liar...there were some mighty whoppers told. Well, I got up there and looked around and said, 'I don't know what I'm doing up here. I'm from Texas and we don't lie in Texas.'"

"They threw that buckle at me!" One of our favorite memories at the office is when Reubene would bring her famous bread pudding with its "secret ingredient." We kept her "secret ingredient" a secret, devout Baptist that she was.

It's difficult to pick out a favorite memory, as Judy McCombs attested.

"Which one of my thousand memories, road trips, laughs til we cried? I told her after our first visits at my gift shop, 'The Depot,' I told her I needed a "MOM" and she was elected — she accepted totally and our adventures began. What a blessing she will forever be. "Some of the best fun was co-authoring 'Ramblin' Reubene Book I'. Rereading all



Reubene is shown at her home in Aledo in 2005.

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Then editor Tom Beesley of *The Community News* and Reubene participated in a "spelldown" sponsored by the East Parker County Library. The newspaper team chose "Go, Dog. Go!" as its book.



Reubene and Tom. The photo at left must be around 1937 based on the license plate.



MILLIE CROW

Reubene and John Chapman at the 2010 Garden Party.



RANDY KECK/THE COMMUNITY NEWS



COURTESY OF NANCY CONNALLY

LEFT: Reubene is shown with the Easter Tree at Willow Park Rehabilitation and Care Center in 2019. | CENTER: Reubene is amused as she works on Book II. | Reubene decked out to read to children at the East Parker County Library.

her columns and having to choose the best of the best was life changing...but she changed everyone's life!"

- Judy McCombs

Kyle Fletcher met Reubene at a very young age:

"Reubene was the delivery room nurse when I was born. She was very fond of reminding me 'I met you even before your own mother did. I was the one standing there to catch you when you came into this world.'"

"Reubene and my grandmother were lifelong friends and used to ride to work together when they both worked at Cox's

department store. My grandmother tells the story that she used to have to wait for Reubene to get her hair done just right before they could leave for work."

Back in 2008 I said "Reubene is a community institution. If, 100 years from now, people want to know what was going on here, they will look at Reubene's columns and see it."

I also said, "There are two things we get calls about if they are missing from the paper. One is 'Ramblin'

Reubene' and the other is the Texas Crossword Puzzle."

I typed the word "Reubene" in the search box on our office server yesterday because I was looking for a place to start this column. More than 3,000 stories, photos, and articles came up.

You can't wrap your arms around something that large.

We threw a big 90th birthday party for Reubene in 2010. She told me she was retiring from her column.

I asked why.

"I don't have anything left to say," she said.

I still don't know what to say. I have no doubt she is getting a chuckle out of my consternation at where to begin, and how many words it took to get here.

Reubene, we will miss your laugh, your smile, your wit, and your wisdom. But you left behind a legacy that will be ingrained in the DNA of this community forever.

Reubene and I met in the 1990s when I was hired at *The Community News*. I already knew of her from her Ramblin' Reubene articles.

The first time she brought her weekly article to the newspaper office, we quickly discovered a common love of writing, books, travel, humor, and local history and lore. Reubene had lived in Parker County since the late 1940s. If I was curious about something to do with local history — like why there was a road called Old Tunnel Road in Aledo — Reubene had the answer. I suspected if she didn't know the answer to one of my questions ... well ... she still provided one.

After I travelled to Larry McMurtry's bookstores in Archer City, I told Reubene where I had been, not realizing she had grown up there. Through the years, I discovered there was no place I had travelled or would travel that Reubene had not been.

She told me a favorite memory from her childhood in Archer City. One day while her brothers and she were in school, her father — who loved travel

and adventure — took all of them out of class. An airplane pilot had come to Archer City and was charging for rides. Reubene's father saw to it that all his children flew over the countryside. When Reubene told the story it was as fresh and exciting as if she was a child again, marveling at flight.

One of my treasured memories is of Judy McCombs, Reubene, and I gathered at a dining room table as we sifted through Reubene's old newspaper articles to choose what to include in her second book. Each article triggered more stories from Reubene. Stories about her wagon train days, her foreign travels, her childhood, residents of Aledo. I wish I'd recorded them — they would have made a great third book of Ramblin' Reubene.

My abiding memory of Reubene is her enthusiasm and her sense of humor. I could have listened to her stories all day (and sometimes came very close to doing just that when I stopped by for a "quick" visit). I'm pretty sure she never would have grown tired of sharing them.

- Nancy Connolly

ACROSS

- 1 TX Kristofferson tangles with _____ investors in 1981 film "Rollover"
- 5 retail markdown
- 6 these usually don't move a lot in the Texas Two-Step
- 7 to correct writing
- 8 unfair criticisms
- 17 _____ City, TX
- 18 TXism: "feel like a duck _____"
- 21 TXism: "mi casa _____ su casa" (friendly)
- 22 TX-born Autry sang "That Silver-Haired Daddy of _____"
- 23 TXism: "touched in the head"
- 24 many Texans in TX-filmed "Necessary Roughness" (1991)
- 29 what TX Buddy Holly did for a living
- 30 TX comedian Vidale
- 31 elected county prosecutor (abbr.)
- 32 sound made by dangerous creatures in Greek mythology (2 wds.)
- 34 Cowboys broadcaster, Sham
- 35 rank of TX James Fannin who died at Goliad (abbr.)
- 36 a ship that leaves Galveston port
- 37 goes with a reel in fishing (2 wds.)
- 38 TXism: "no hill _____ stepper" (doable)
- 39 the Tuesday after the first Monday in November (2 wds.)
- 41 "he's a _____ act"
- 42 _____ hart, TX
- 43 TXism: "I need that like an armadillo _____ an interstate"
- 44 married name of original TX columnist Heloise
- 45 int'l distress signal
- 46 _____-fi genre
- 47 chin dimple
- 48 team started by Lamar Hunt (city abbr.+team)
- 50 strip of leather
- 51 Bond creator, Flemming
- 52 TXism: "_____horse town" (small)
- 53 noted TX sculptor, Elisabet
- 10 TXism: "top _____ on the ladder" (best)
- 11 enjoyed a chicken fried steak
- 12 "Is Anybody Goin' _____ San Antonio"
- 13 TX Trini sang "_____ a Hammer"
- 14 possessed
- 15 agcy. of "Johnson Space Center"
- 16 shuttle trainer used in Texas by 15-down (abbr.)
- 19 sign a check on back ever wrapped a lip around" (delicious)
- 20 "as _____ it gets"
- 22 last film of TX Helen Vinson: "The Thin _____ Home"

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- 30 ex-Cowboy Aikman
- 33 TXism: "_____ a spell"
- 34 bikini tops
- 35 Gulf shores
- 37 TX Janis Joplin's problem with drugs
- 38 drop the ball, e.g.
- 40 drilling rig workers: "rough_____"
- 41 Canadian Native American
- 44 back block penalty in football
- 47 UH and Rocket BB guard, Don
- 49 TX Peri Gilpin's TV boss Frasier

Aledo Fest 2021

The City of Aledo had a very large turnout for the fall 2021 Aledo Fest celebration on Oct. 16. Plenty of family activities, food, and music combined with perfect weather to make it a success.

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TOP: Sheriff's Deputy Rick Campbell and Aledo Mayor Kit Marshall show off a duck from the city's carnival game. | MIDDLE: Ella and Truman Tomme intently decorated pumpkin ornaments at the New Faith Baptist Church booth. | BOTTOM: The Rocky Lott Band provided musical entertainment.



Amar Stevens takes trip down the slide.



Easton Otto took a pony ride.



Ruby and Evelyn Rhone receive deputy badges from Sheriff's Deputy Joe Davis.

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FROM LEFT: Trinity Christian Academy Principal Jesse Whiteaker is shown with National Merit Commended Students Charlotte Floyd and Katherine White. At right is TCA's college advisor, Carolyn Hansen.

TRINITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Two named National Merit Commended Scholars

By Kim Quarles

Special to The Community News

Trinity Christian Academy Principal Jesse Whiteaker announced on Oct. 7 that Charlotte Floyd and Katherine White have been Commended Students in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Mr. Whiteaker presented each scholastically talented senior with a Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Charlotte Floyd, the daughter of Eric and Claudia Floyd, has attended TCA for 12 years. She plans to attend Texas A&M University and pursue a degree in Biomedical Engineering.

Katherine White, the daughter of Gary and Angie White, has attended TCA for two years. She plans to pursue a degree in Biomedical Engineering.

Charlotte and Katherine join about 34,000 other Commended Students throughout the nation who are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2022 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 students who entered the 2022 competition by taking the 2020 PSAT/NMSQT.

"Those being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success," commented a spokesperson for NMSC. "These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation."

Fall Festival

The Parker County Cowboy Church held its Fall Festival on Oct. 16.

PHOTOS BY RANDY KECK



LEFT: Ashley and Tully Garza pose for a caricature. | Colton Rangel hangs on during the bull ride.



LEFT: June Distefano was the cake walk announcer. | RIGHT: Rheagan Witt, Jennifer Marlow, and Shawna Durrett were decked out as they handed out treats.



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OCTOBER 25

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 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 26

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

OCTOBER 27

Weatherford College presents "The Hunchback of Notre Dame"
 Weatherford College fine arts will present the musical production "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 27-30 in the Alkek Fine Arts Center. Please also note that although this musical contains some of the songs from the feature-length Disney cartoon, it is not a children's show and has a



much darker overall tone. Doors open at 7 p.m. and admission is free.

OCTOBER 30

Bearcats Can Food Drive
 The Aledo PTO will present the "Bearcats Can" Food Drive from 8-11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, at Bearcat Stadium. Among the most needed items are cereal, oatmeal, pasta and rice, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, canned meats (tuna, chicken, Spam®, Gianna sausages), beans, hearty soup, peanut butter and jelly, ravioli, macaroni and cheese, carrots, corn, peas, cornbread mix, canned/boxed potatoes, hamburger helper, and crackers. Donors are requested to bring regular-sized items, no glass, and to check expiration dates. The donations will benefit the Parker County Center of Hope and the Manna Room at Aledo United Methodist Church.

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 invit-



ed 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.

NOVEMBER 01

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.

NOVEMBER 02

Jazz Concert Series
 The Weatherford College Jazz Orchestra will host a small group series in October and November. "The goal of this small group series is to bring awareness to the textures of different cultures from around the world," said Fredrick Sanders, director of jazz studies. "The small setting uses our Roots, Jazz and American Music Studies as a way to assess and present the things that we have learned." Performances are scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 12, in Texas Hall of the Alkek Fine Arts Center; Tuesday, Oct. 19 at the WC Wise County campus; Tuesday, Nov. 2 in Texas Hall; and Thursday, Nov. 4, on the Alkek stage. All concerts start at 6 p.m. and admission is free.

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 06

TCA Gift Market
 The 10th Annual Trinity Christian Academy Gift Market will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 4954 E. I-20 Service Road in Willow Park. More than 60 vendors will be featured, with more than 80% of the vendors being local to Parker County. Vendors include community favorites such as The Paisley Heart, Hope Boutique, Bloom Where You Are Planted, Sandee's Homemade Mixes, and

many others. The Gift Market will also host nonprofit vendors such as Sanctified Hope, which empowers and guides formerly incarcerated women through a Christ-based ministry to inspire life-long changes and become successful citizens of the community. They earn extra money through the creations they offer. The Gift Market serves as a way for Trinity Christian Academy to reach out to our area communities and invite them in. Admission is free.



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.

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Bearcats set another state record

By Nolan Ruth
The Community News

The Aledo Bearcats lost a district matchup with the Everman Bulldogs, 35-28, on Oct. 5, 2007. The next Friday, Oct. 12, 2007, the Bearcats bounced back against Alvarado 38-14. Fourteen years and three days later, on Friday, Oct. 15, 2021, Aledo won its 100th consecutive district matchup, defeating the Mansfield Timberview Wolves 35-21.

It was a weird week for the team, as standardized testing and two days off school created a hectic practice schedule. That appeared to have an effect on the team in the first half as the game started off slowly.

Brayden Fowler-Nicolosi (15-22, 240 yards, 2 TDs passing, 3 carries, 28 yards rushing) finally broke things open late in the first quarter with a touchdown strike to Jalen Pope (3 receptions, 27 yards, 1 TD), giving the Bearcats a 7-0 lead at the end of one quarter.

Aledo was able to put together a good drive midway through the second quarter, capped off by a two yard touchdown run by Davhon Keys (4 carries, 5 yards rushing, 1 TD). Timberview responded with a drive of their own that resulted in a touchdown bringing the score to 14-7.

Two freak plays late in the second quarter allowed the Wolves to tie the

game up at 14 going into the locker room for halftime.

"We had to apply more pressure on the quarterback," senior linebacker Garrett Key said about the adjustments made. "When you apply pressure on the quarterback, he can't do anything. So we stressed that after the first half."

The Bearcats were able to come up with a stop at the beginning of the second half, and Hauss Hejny (4 carries, 33 yards, 1 TD rushing, 4 receptions, 113 yards receiving) gave Aledo a 20-14 lead on a 20 keeper out of the wildcat formation. However, the snap on the extra point was mishandled, keeping the Bearcat lead to only six points.

Timberview immediately drove down the field and took the lead with three and a half minutes remaining in the third quarter. Aledo proceeded to go on a long drive that went into the fourth quarter and saw the Bearcats get all the way down to the five yard line.

As the offense appeared to have taken over and was looking like they were going to score, a fumble gave the Wolves the ball at their own five yard line. Needing a stop, the Aledo defense came out and did not let Timberview pick up a first down, forcing a punt.

On the very next drive, the Bearcats punched it in on a three-yard run by Ryan Williams (19 carries, 102 yards, 1 TD rushing) to retake the lead. Aledo opted to go for the two-point conversion

to make it a seven point lead, and succeeded when Nicolosi ran a bootleg and found Jason Llewellyn (3 receptions, 57 yards, 1 TD) in the corner of the end zone.

"I decided early on that we needed to get that point back," head coach Tim Buchanan said on the decision to go for two. "I wasn't sure we were going to stop them and we needed to be up by seven points."

It was not over yet, though. The Bearcat defense still needed to make another stop, and once again held the Wolves without a first down. With half a minute left, Llewellyn put the game on ice when he snagged a bullet from Nicolosi with just three fingers on the ball for a touchdown to seal the final score 35-28.

"Brayden is one of the best quarterbacks in the state," Llewellyn said. "He put it in a great spot where only I could get it, it was phenomenal coverage by that defensive back, but he just put it in a really good spot and I was able to just stick my hand out there and catch it."

The Bearcats have successfully reached 100 consecutive district wins, something that has never been done in the state of Texas. The team improves to 7-0(4-0) on the season and will face the Waco University Trojans (0-7) at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22, at Waco ISD Stadium..



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Jason Llewellyn makes a fingertip catch for a touchdown.

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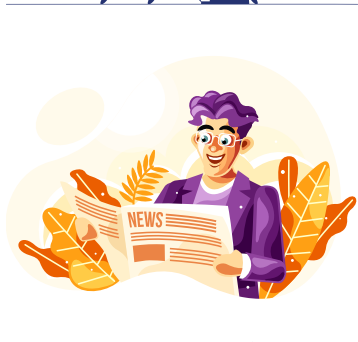
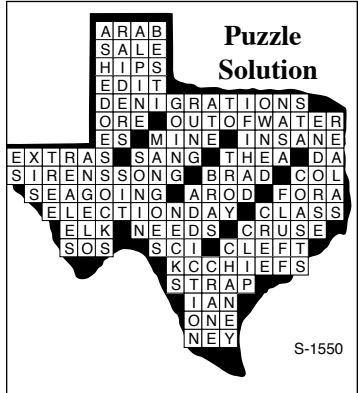
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CITY OF WILLOW PARK, TEXAS CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION

TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Willow Park, Texas, shall convene at 7:00 o'clock P.M. on the 14th day of December, 2021, at the City Hall, 516 Ranch House Road, Willow Park, Texas, and, during such meeting, the City Council will consider the passage of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of certificates of obligation in an amount not to exceed \$7,500,000 for the purpose of paying contractual obligations to be incurred for (i) acquiring, constructing, improving and maintaining streets, thoroughfares, bridges, alleyways and sidewalks within the City, including related storm drainage improvements, traffic signalization and signage, streetscaping and median improvements, and utility relocations and the acquisition of rights of way therefor, (ii) constructing, acquiring, purchasing, renovating, enlarging, and equipping park facilities and the acquisition of rights of way therefor, and (iii) professional services rendered in relation to such projects and the financing thereof; such certificates to be payable from ad valorem taxes and a pledge of the net revenues of the City's Waterworks and Sewer System. In accordance with Texas Local Government Code Section 271.049 (i) the current principal amount of all of the City's outstanding public securities secured by and payable from ad valorem taxes is \$10,882,228; (ii) the current

combined principal and interest required to pay all of the City's outstanding public securities secured by and payable from ad valorem taxes on time and in full is \$13,841,520; (iii) the estimated combined principal and interest required to pay the certificates of obligation to be authorized on time and in full is \$11,531,710 (iv) the maximum interest rate for the certificates may not exceed the maximum legal interest rate; and (v) the maximum maturity date of the certificates to be authorized is February 15, 2042. The above information excludes \$38,092,772 in principal amount of outstanding debt obligations the City has designated as self-supporting in Resolution No. 2021-06 adopted on October 12, 2021 (said resolution is available from the City upon request) and which the City reasonably expects to pay from revenue sources other than ad valorem taxes; provided, however, that in the event such self-supporting revenue sources are insufficient to pay debt service, the City is obligated to levy ad valorem taxes to pay such debt obligations. The certificates are to be issued, and this notice is given, under and pursuant to the provisions of Texas Local Government Code, Subchapter C of Chapter 271.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Varsity teams qualify for Regional

Both varsity cross country teams qualified for regionals at the District 5-5A meet on Oct. 15.

“All teams competed extremely well,” coach Mike Pinkerton said. On the varsity boys side, Luke Schabel was awarded “Newcomer of the Year” as the highest placing ninth grader on Varsity.

VARSITY GIRLS: 3RD (73 Points)		
Addi Durand	9th*	23:33.10
Sarah Tillotson	14th*	24:08.14
Sidney Tillotson	15th*	24:10.12
Caroline Browning	17th*	24:24.75
Aubrey Connelly	18th*	24:25.48
Faith Emmitte	29th	25:54.22
Catie Weimer	34th	28:02.24

VARSITY BOYS: 1ST (21 Points)		
Isaac Hernandez	1st*	16:41.48
Bryceson Boss	2nd*	17:15.32
Vincent Luffey	5th*	18:10.55
Sam Haught	6th*	18:20.14
Henry Zedler	7th*	18:35.23
Colton Snow	14th*	19:16.47
Luke Schabel	20th*	19:41.64

* Medalist

JV GIRLS: 2ND (37 Points)		
Brooke Davis	2nd*	25:37.06
Ava Bathurst	4th*	25:52.94
Arwen Wise	5th*	26:17.83
Victoria Crews	12th*	27:15.10
Jetta Frazee	16th*	27:47.20
Anna D'avino	21st	28:45.10
Trinity Hannaway	24th	29:37.30

JV BOYS: 1ST (21 Points)		
Jack Fink	1st*	18:32.30
Marcus Eaton	2nd*	18:40.02
Maverick Savage	4th*	19:55.24
Daniel Stephens	5th*	20:05.80
Chad Thomas	9th*	20:31.60
Andrew Gamez	10th*	20:39.72
Nick Cordell	13th*	21:06.86
William Reynolds	31st	22:40.84
Christian Flores	33rd	22:48.25

FOOTBALL

JV Orange team remains undefeated

Defeats Mansfield Timberview 29-12

The JV Orange team traveled to Mansfield Timberview Thursday night, Oct. 14, in a district contest of two undefeated district teams.

The Aledo Bearcats kicked off to the Wolves, who converted two 3rd downs to get in Aledo's territory, and

Cane Cooley made the decisive stop on 3rd and long to make the Wolves punt on their opening possession.

The Bearcats' offense tried to get things rolling on the ground. Ryan Cox and Caleb Pope rushed for two first downs on the opening drive, but a holding call killed the drive. The Bearcats tried a shot on a deep pass in the end zone but couldn't connect on 4th down.

The Bearcats picked up the pace on defense on their next drive. Cayson Hand had a tackle for a loss on an inside run, and Cane Cooley was awarded another sack on critical 3rd down. The Wolves punted, and the Bearcats got on the scoreboard

with an RJ Blake 9-yard touchdown run. The Bearcats run game dominated the drive. The offensive line consistently played well, led by Joshua McCarley, Carter Campbell, Trevor Cushion, Alex Arana, and Nathan Hall.

Caden Atwood made a fantastic play on the Wolves next drive with a QB sack and a fumble recovery.

Unfortunately, the Bearcats fumbled on the drive, but the defense stepped up once again with a safety to make the score 9-0 at halftime.

In the second half, the Bearcats would receive the opening kickoff but couldn't manage to score.

The Wolves would take over and rush for a 38-yard touchdown to make it 9-6.

On the following kickoff, the Bearcats would fumble, and the Wolves scooped and scored to make it 12-6 in favor of Timberview.

The Bearcats would have to answer but didn't have a favorable field position. The Wolves would force a 3rd down deep in the Bearcats' territory with the Bearcats down in the game. On 3rd down, QB Ryan Jones would connect with Tyson Timms for a 58-yard pass that would be the offensive play of the day. After the critical pass, the Bearcats would finish off the drive

with an 18-yard rushing touchdown by RJ Blake. The two-point conversion attempt would fail, giving the Bearcats a 15-12 lead.

The defense finished the night strong, not allowing a touchdown. The highlights in the second half were a Cooper Kohan stop on a fake punt and a Ky Howington fumble recovery. The Bearcats offense converted two more touchdowns on RJ Blake's legs, with Ryan Cox and Tyson Timms leading the way on blocking.

The Bearcats earned the victory with a score of 29-12 to keep their record undefeated.

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