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KRISTIN MORALES

Aledo High School Colorguard member Brooke Mills is shown during the halftime show in Waco on Friday, Oct. 22, when the Bearcats played Waco University.

## WILLOW PARK

### City expects to issue debt for streets in December

Construction of 14 roads should begin next summer

By Brandi Addison  
The Community News

Willow Park City Manager Bryan Grimes anticipates the city will issue debt for the street improvement plan by the end of the year.

A project of interest for nearly half a decade, the street improvement plan has been divided into several phases — divided by location, types of street, or project types.

If the funding from a certificate of obligation is issued in December, construction of the first phase is expected to begin in the summer.

The city's first priorities are concrete arterials at Crown Road, Kings Gate Road, Ranch House Road, and Sam Bass Road.

Grimes told *The Community News* the city council prioritized concrete arterials, because they "will only get more expensive as we move on down the line."

"So, we're going to try to address the concrete arterials at one time," Grimes added. "Our priority has always been concrete, and then after that, it's just kind of how our council wants to do it and how often they want to do the repair work."

The initial phase also includes reconstruction at Old Ford Road, Crested Butte Court, Pleasant Court, Sam Bass Court, Trinity Court, Trinity Drive, Fox Hunt Trail, Woodbridge Road, Sam Bass Road, and Aspenwood Drive.

Grimes said these streets were prioritized as part of phase one, based on their convenience to residents.

"We've tried to mitigate some of the inconvenience of the street repair project," Grimes said. "We've got a lot of work to do, so we're trying to address some of the bigger priorities first."

In late summer, City Council unanimously approved the decision to enter the project with funding from a certificate of obligation — which city officials confirmed was the most cost-effective financial method.

Grimes expects the city to seek funding of up to \$7.5 million through the certificate of obligation but doesn't expect the city to utilize the full amount.

The total cost for the first phase is estimated between \$6.5 to \$7 million.

Because the city's projected population growth by 2037 — when the debt should be paid off — has substantially increased from 1.5% to 4%, the increase in local revenue would cover the city's debt for the project.

Overall, the plan's estimated total is \$23 million and 23 miles of improvements and reconstruction.

## LIFE AND COMMUNITY

# Big Winner

### Aledo youth takes top award at Kansas City Stock Show

By Randy Keck  
The Community News

Agriculture students and their families can spend countless hours preparing their animals for show.

For Aledo High School sophomore Jett Moore, that effort paid off big time when he had the Grand Champion Market Steer at the American Royal Livestock Show in Kansas City.

Jett said he started working with livestock for shows about five years ago.

"He [dad] had done it as a kid and he thought he'd always wanted us to do it, so we get into that," Jett said about him and his older brother, Jackson.

Jett said a lot of effort goes into hair when preparing a steer for a show.

"You have to get [the steer] real hairy for that show," Jett said, "get him fat and feed him right."

The effort is a family affair. In the mornings when Jett had school, his father, Jeff, worked the morning routine with the steer.

"Generally speaking, it takes about three hours every morning to wash them and dry them and feed them," Jeff said. "And then we keep them inside the barn with coolers on just to help their hair grow in the evening time."



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The judge at the Kansas City Stock Show signified his selection of Jett Moore's 1,344-pound steer as the Grand Champion.

Jeff said when they get closer to show time, they wash and rinse the hair two times a day.

The American Royal Livestock Show in Kansas City is called the "Super Bowl" of livestock shows.

It is a show opened to participants across the United States.

"It's the hardest show in the world to win because it's a national show," Jeff said. The Fort Worth Stock Show, the other

premiere stock show in the country, requires participants to be residents of Texas.

Jett's prize winning steer brought in \$250,000 at the  
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# In & Around Parker County

## CBD American Shaman Aledo franchise owners set to open new location in Weatherford

For nearly a year and a half, CBD American Shaman Aledo has helped residents of Parker County and surrounding cities with their health and wellness needs.

The franchise location — part of the nationally recognized CBD American Shaman — is shared in ownership by mother-daughter co-owners Angie Brown and Amira Williams.

Amira's husband, Justin Williams, is also a vital part of the business.

Short for *cannabidiol*, CBD is a naturally occurring compound found in the hemp plant. When used on the body, it reacts with millions of cellular receptors to restore and maintain health.

CBD products were created to assist with a number of medical needs: pain relief, anxiety reduction, sleep assistance and more.

No client will have the same exact needs. Some live in pain with fibromyalgia, while others may suffer tension headaches. Each client is offered a consultation to determine which products could best benefit them.

"It's the most humbling industry to be in," Amira said. "It's a place where people can come and just open up to us."

Before opening the Aledo location in July 2020, Amira used CBD

products for nearly three years. While it took Angie awhile longer and a bit more convincing, she tried her first product in 2019 and immediately sang praises of them.

Amira recalled that Angie had just experienced a traumatic knee surgery, in which the surgeon shattered her tibia. When she was finally approved to drive, she ended up at another nearby franchise location and tried a sample of the topical cream.

"She called me in the parking lot and said, 'Amira, you are so right about this stuff. Do you want to open a CBD shop with me?'" Amira said. "I was kind of hesitant because I had tried to get her to use the products for years. But there was such a stigma around it that she couldn't get past until she tried it that day."

The rest is history, Amira said, and within three months they were flying to Las Vegas headed to a CBD American Shaman convention. Half a year later, the business was up and running.

The Aledo store offers CBD products of every kind, ranging from tinctures, water-soluble oils, animal products and edibles to bath bombs, beauty products, muscle balms, and sleep aid products.



They also sell hemp flower, which Amira described as the fastest-working CBD product for pain relief.

In addition to offering wellness products, Amira and Angie wanted to help the emotional and mental health of their community, so the store offers a complimentary massage chair to its clients, as well as a chance for peace — or mental enlightenment — in their zen garden.



Additionally, Justin — a Marine Corps veteran — has a classroom inside the store and offers certified American Red Cross training.

"We want to bring healing to our community," Amira said. "We want to do all we can to find solutions."

After seeing their business had helped hundreds with pain and anxiety relief through their CBD products — and hearing many praises of gratitude — Angie and Amira hope to

open a new location in Weatherford next month.

Both American Shaman locations offer a 22% discount to military veterans and law enforcement officials, in remembrance of the 22 military veterans who die by suicide daily.

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# Aledo ISD expands Advanced Academics offerings

Sees student success

By Mercedes Mayer  
Aledo ISD

As the Aledo ISD works toward providing exceptional experiences for students that cover varied interests and needs, the district has expanded its advanced academics programs and courses and also created the AISD's first advanced academics coordinator position during the summer of 2021.

"Part of our efforts to increase opportunities and to determine high-interest areas for our students resulted in recognizing the need for more Advanced Academics offerings," Aledo ISD Superintendent Dr. Susan Bohn said. "We are excited to have Angie Wilkinson on board to help ensure all of our students know from an even younger age than before about their advanced learning opportunities in the district and to keep expanding those opportunities as needed."

Wilkinson, who was an Advanced Academics Coordinator in Crowley ISD from 2012 until coming to Aledo in June 2021, works with all courses, programs, assessments, and services that provide opportunities for students to demonstrate college and career readiness, such as Advanced and Pre-AP courses, UT OnRamps and Weatherford College Dual Credit.

Aledo ISD has been adding to its advanced course offerings over the past few years, adding AP Seminar, OnRamps College Algebra and AP Psychology for the 2021-2022 school year. The district also participated in SAT School Day for the first time last school year, offering the SAT test free of charge to junior-year students to take during a designated school day. And all AISD ninth- and 10th-grade students take the PSAT for free during a school day in the fall thanks to a partnership with the Aledo ISD Education Foundation.

The district also saw a large increase in the number of students recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program and the College Board this year. Two students — seniors Bud Green and Trevor Hennington — were recognized as National Merit Semifinalists, while six AHS students were named as National Merit Commended Scholars.

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

"My goal is to ensure that all Aledo ISD students have access and supports to participate in Advanced Academic opportunities,"



SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS  
**Aledo ISD Advanced Academics Coordinator Angie Wilkinson is shown working with students at Aledo High School.**

Wilkinson said. She stressed that advanced academic classes are truly for all students.

"My best advice for students taking advanced courses is to choose a course or subjects that they most enjoy," Wilkinson said. "Then get organized, develop a relationship with your teachers, create study groups, attend class

regularly, ask questions, and take advantage of tutorials when needed!"

Wilkinson keeps families and students updated via the Advanced Academics website at [www.aledoisd.org/advancedacademics](http://www.aledoisd.org/advancedacademics) and also on social media: @AledoISDAdvAcad on Twitter, @AledoAdvancedAcademics on Instagram and facebook.com/aledoisdadvacademics.

## THREE THINGS AISD PARENTS AND STUDENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT ADVANCED ACADEMICS:

1. The Aledo ISD has an outstanding group of educators, administrators and counselors working to grow and improve Advanced Academics in the district.
2. AISD is equipped to provide many hours of college credit to ninth-12th-grade students each year to save students money and time to degree completion.
3. The district is committed to the quality of the current programming as well as finding and bringing innovative, new courses and programs to Aledo ISD that will enhance the educational experience of its students.



Jett Moore (center) is shown with the grand champion steer among friends and family.

## STEER

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auction following the show. Much of that money will go into a scholarship fund for Jett's college.

Jett also participates on the Aledo varsity golf team and is learning welding at school.

The Kansas City show is in the rear-view mirror, but the accomplishment is still being talked about.

"It's a once in a lifetime accomplishment," Jeff said.

Not one to rest on his laurels, Jett is preparing a new steer for the Fort Worth Stock Show in January. Stay tuned.

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- 8 "legal eagle" charge
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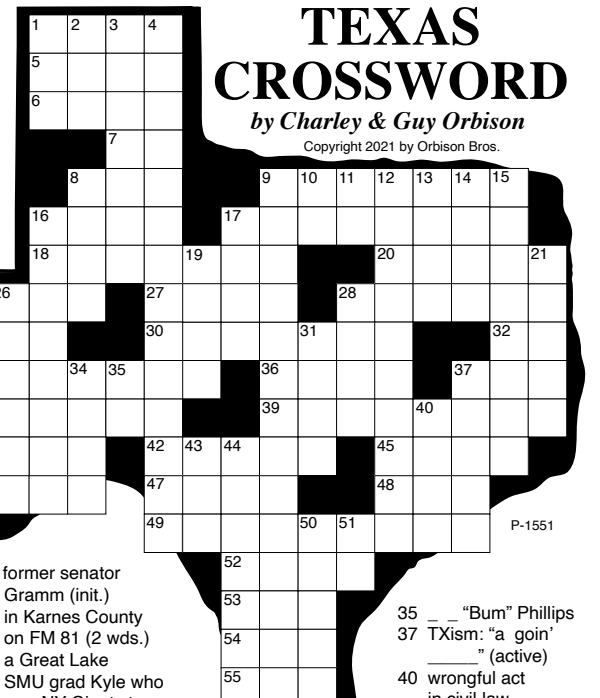
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- 52 TXism: "\_\_\_ up the river" (put in jail)
- 53 young fella

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- 1 country music org.
- 2 TX-born Debbie Reynolds 1959 film "\_\_\_ One For Me"
- 3 Reba McEntire's "\_\_\_ Life Out There?"
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- 9 TXism: "he can ride all \_\_\_ night" (stamina)
- 10 TXism: "sober as a judge \_\_\_ court"
- 11 former senator Gramm (init.)
- 12 in Karnes County on FM 81 (2 wds.)
- 13 a Great Lake
- 14 SMU grad Kyle who was NY Giant star
- 15 TXism: "\_\_\_ Las Vegas loser"
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- 28 in the near future
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- 37 TXism: "a goin' \_\_\_" (active)
- 40 wrongful act in civil law
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- 44 this Tom was SMU football coach (1991-96)
- 50 UT has the original manuscript of E.M. Forster's "Passage to \_\_\_"
- 51 Fri. night objective

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# Pumpkin Palooza

The Church at the Crossing held its annual Pumpkin Palooza on Oct 23.

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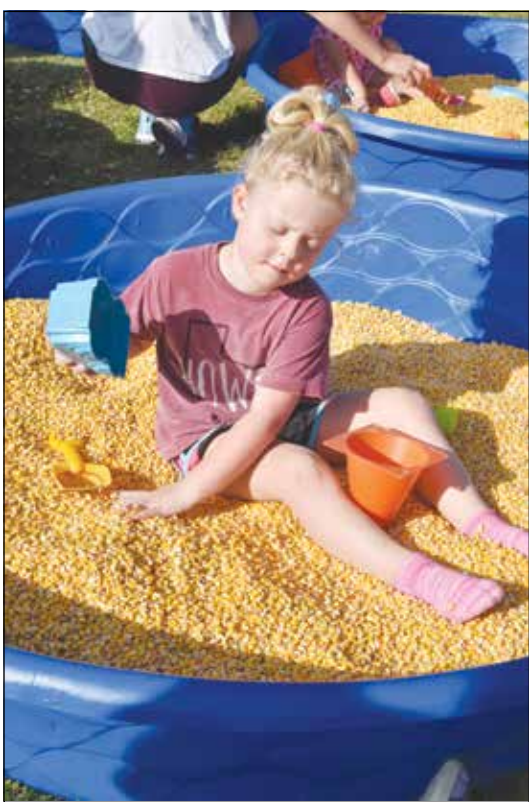
Henley Stallons beaded a bracelet.



A fire department dog watched the event from the top of a feature.



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ANALYSIS

# New districts divide up Parker County

By Randy Keck  
The Community News

When the Texas Legislature met for its third special session on Sept. 20, one of the items on its plate was to re-draw the lines that define various representative districts based on new population numbers from the 2020 census.

Population shifts in the country led to Texas gaining two additional seats in the U.S. House of Representatives.

While nothing is ever a totally done deal until a judge somewhere says it is, this analysis will look at the districts as drawn and passed by the Texas Legislature.

The Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund has filed suit saying the districts discriminate against Latino voters.

Texas gained four million new residents since the last census in 2010. According to the Texas Tribune, 95% of that increase was people of color; half were Hispanic.

The plaintiffs contend the new state representative map "drops the number of districts in which Hispanics make up the majority of eligible voters from 33 to 30. The congressional map reduces the number of districts with a Hispanic voting majority from eight to seven."

Pending the results of the lawsuits, Parker County will see major changes in the way it is represented in the U.S. House of Representatives, the Texas State Senate, and to a lesser extent, the Texas House of Representatives.

State Rep. Phil King (R-Weatherford) told The Community News that drawing district lines can be daunting, because all the districts have to be roughly equal in population.

He explained that a state senate or congressional district in a state with vast areas of low-population almost has to draw population from the urban centers to provide the head count that is needed.

"We went to great lengths to keep communities of interest together," King said.

## State House

Starting with the most local, Parker County currently sits in Texas House District 61, represented by Phil King (R-Weatherford). Geographically, the district comprises the entirety of Parker and Wise Counties.

In the new district alignment, Parker County will sit in House District 60, which encompasses Parker, Palo Pinto, and Stephens Counties.

The current District 60 representative is Glenn Rogers, who will face challengers in the 2022 Republican primary (see The Community News, Oct. 22, 2021).

## State Senate

That one was easy. The Texas Senate gets a little more complicated.

Currently, Parker County is in State Senate District 30, which comprises 12 full counties and two partial counties stretching from Erath County in the south to Wichita County in the north. The SD 30 incumbent is Drew Springer (R-Muenster).

Under the new map, Parker County will become part of two different state senate districts, SD 30 and SD 10.

The new SD 30 takes a hunk of Parker County, and then skips around Wise County to take in Jack, Young, Archer, Clay, Montague, Cooke, Grayson, and portions of Denton, Collin, and Wichita Counties.

Barbara Powell (D-Burleson) represents SD 10, currently a South Tarrant County district. Under the new map, SD 10 will take the other hunk of Parker County and Johnson, Stephens, Palo Pinto, Shackelford, Callahan, and Brown Counties.

Phil King has announced that he will challenge Powell for the seat.

Drilling down, the new SD 10 will take in most of Aledo, about the southern two-thirds of Annetta, Annetta South, about a third of Annetta North, the southern half of Hudson Oaks, a small corner of Willow Park, and portions of Weatherford.

The new SD 30 will take in most of Willow Park and the remaining fractions listed above.

## U.S. House

For Congress, Parker County is currently in U.S. Rep. District 12 represented by Kay Granger (R)

The new map will split Parker County into Dist. 12 and Dist. 25, which is represented by Roger Williams (R).

On the new map, Aledo will remain in Dist. 12, as will about the southern two-thirds of Annetta, Annetta South, Hudson Oaks, the western portion of Annetta North, and most of Weatherford.

Dist. 25 will take in most of Willow Park and the eastern portion of Annetta North.

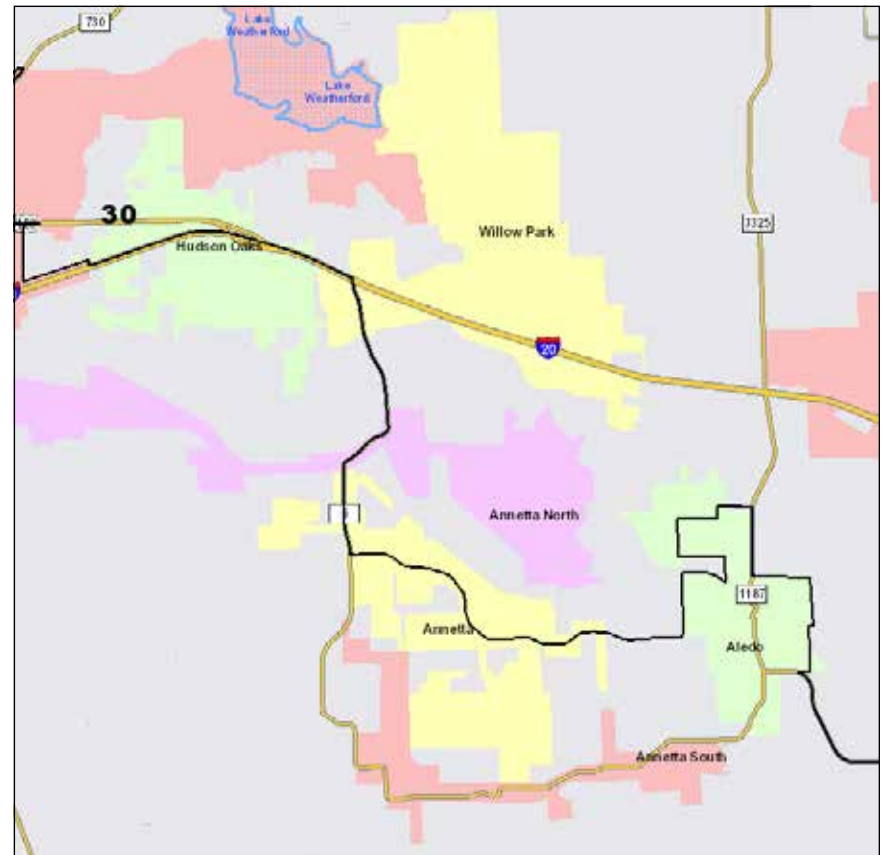
## Good or Bad?

Whether the new alignments are advantageous to Parker County remains to be seen. Certainly, when it comes time to vote in 2022, there will be some confusion as to who will be your representative. There are zoom-able maps at <https://dvr.capitol.texas.gov/> that voters can use to see where their residence falls.

One side of the equation is that the county could lose its united voice on important matters before the state legislature or Congress.

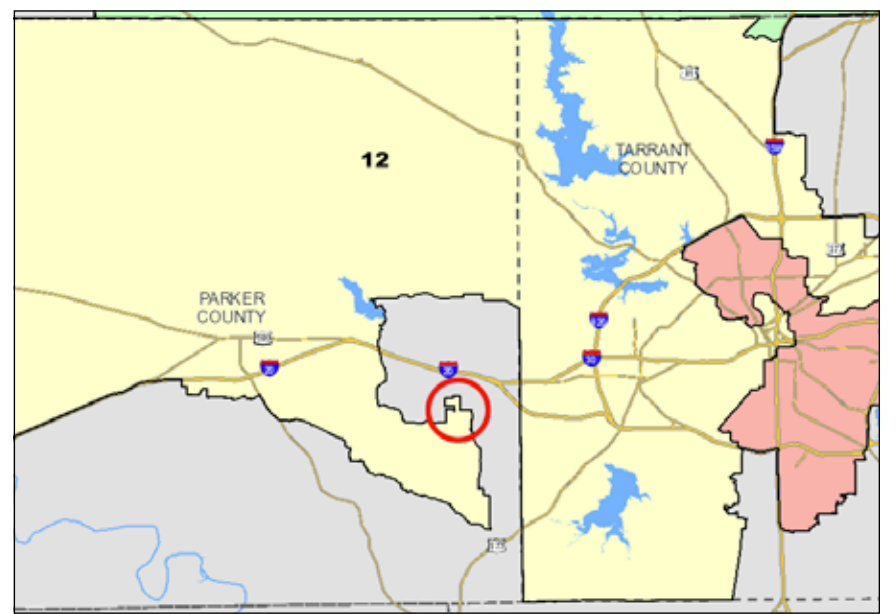
State Rep. King had a more positive view.

"Now we have two state senators and congressional representative instead of one," he explained, which could increase the impact the county has.



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This map shows up-close how State Senate Districts 10 and 30 wind through east Parker county. The line divides the cities of Aledo, Annetta, Annetta North, Hudson Oaks, and a portion of Willow Park.



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The City of Aledo (circled) was included in the new map of US-12, but Willow Park was carved out into US-25.

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CRYSTAL R. DOZIER, TRMC  
CITY SECRETARY  
CITY OF WILLOW PARK

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AND THE CITY COUNCIL**

Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council of the City of Annetta South, Texas will hold a public hearing at a meeting that begins at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at New Faith Baptist Church, 3303 W. FM 5, Aledo, Texas 76008.

At such times and place, the Commission and the Council will hear and take action on an Amendment to update the City of Annetta South Subdivision Ordinance #71, with previous amendments and fees.

Citizens are invited to attend and participate in the public hearings.

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## Capital Highlights

### Gas prices topping \$3 across state



**Gary Borders**  
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The price of a gallon of gasoline tops \$3 across much of the state, which is up more than \$1.20 from a year ago, according to AAA. The average price for regular gas in Texas stood at \$3.03 per gallon on Sunday as crude oil prices continue to creep up, closing above \$80 per barrel. Crude oil price is one of a quartet of factors that influence the cost of gasoline, reported The Dallas Morning News. The cost of refining, distribution expenses and taxes also affect the price at the pump.

"Things have really picked up steam in terms of national gas prices in the last two-and-a-half to three weeks," Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum at fuel savings app GasBuddy, told the newspaper. "The national average had been stable for a long period of time, but suddenly the price of oil surged, and the price of gasoline followed along with it."

Cheaper prices can be found, although it takes some searching. Gasbuddy.com reported prices hovering around \$2.45 per gallon at locations in Dallas, Houston and Round Rock, but these appear to be exceptions to the prevailing price increases.

#### Scott appointed Texas Secretary of State.

John Scott has been appointed Texas Secretary of State, in which he serves as the state's chief election officer. The veteran Fort Worth attorney served previously as a deputy attorney general for civil litigation when Abbott was attorney general. He subsequently served as the chief operating officer of the state Health and Human Services Commission, with a \$50 billion biennial budget and 56,000 employees.

Scott briefly represented former President Donald Trump in a lawsuit challenging the 2020 election results in Pennsylvania, along with state Sen. Bryan Hughes. Both withdrew from the case a few days later, reported the Texas Tribune.

The secretary of state slot has been vacant since May, when Rita Hughes resigned after the state senate declined to consider her confirmation. Since the Legislature isn't scheduled to meet again until 2023, Scott will serve in an interim capacity until then.

#### DSHS launches COVID-19 vaccination push

The Texas Department of State Health Services has launched a new statewide COVID-19 media campaign to encourage Texans aged 12 and over to get vaccinated against COVID-19. The campaign features Texans describing in their own words why they were initially hesitant to get the vaccine and later changed their minds.

"Any Texan who has not been vaccinated against COVID-19 because of safety or other concerns can be assured that the authorized vaccines are safe and effective," said Dr. John Hellerstedt, DSHS commissioner.

"The data gathered shows the benefits of vaccination far outweigh the risks of rare side effects. Most importantly, vaccination is proven to greatly increase our protection against severe COVID-19 illness, hospitalization and even death."

One ad features a woman who contracted a moderate to severe case of COVID-19. That experience led her to change her mind and get vaccinated following her illness to try and prevent a reinfection that could make her sick again or threaten those around her, according to a DSHS press release.

Another ad features a man who resisted vaccination because of his distrust in the safety of the vaccines and of those who encouraged their use. But as millions across the state, nation and globe have become fully vaccinated and adverse events remain very rare, he reviewed the data and has since been vaccinated.

Meanwhile, the number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas continues to drop, with 30,276 reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University in the past week. That is down nearly 75% from about a month ago. New deaths also dropped to 1,267 in the past week, reflecting national trends as the delta variant wave appears to be finally waning. State hospitalizations of lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients dropped to 4,382 as of Sunday, down two-thirds from a month ago.

Texans who are fully vaccinated topped 15.3 million, according to DSHS, with more than a million having also received an additional dose.

#### TPWD predicts a productive hunting season

It could be a fruitful season for Texas waterfowl hunters with millions of ducks in the Central Flyway.

"Duck production in prairie potholes of North Dakota, South Dakota, Saskatchewan, and Alberta were reported to be below average due to extensive drought this summer," said Kevin Kraai, TPWD Waterfowl Program Leader. "With that said, there are still millions of ducks in the Central Flyway, and we are on the heels of multiple excellent breeding seasons for ducks over the last few years."

Wetter-than-average conditions during the first half of the year are leading to more surface water for ducks and geese. Hunters should purchase their 2021-2022 hunting license before hitting the field.

In addition, TPWD biologists says deer hunters can expect an excellent 2021-2022 white-tailed deer season. Late spring rains alleviated drought conditions at the end of 2020, leading to accelerated growth of weeds and flowering plants attractive to deer. The Edwards Plateau, at the crossroads of Central, South and West Texas, has the highest deer population in the state.

The general season runs from Nov. 6 through Jan. 2, 2022, in the North Zone and Jan. 16, 2022, in the South Zone. A special youth-only gun deer season is set for Oct. 30-31 and Jan. 3-16, 2022. Go to tpwd.gov for more information.

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"SORRY, YOUR REGULAR GHOST JUST UP AND QUIT AND I WAS ASKED TO FILL IN."

## Your Views

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Successful Session

The 2021 Texas Legislative Session was a success on many fronts! The Heartbeat Bill is reducing the number of abortions in Texas, and the Trigger Bill will eliminate all abortions in Texas if Roe v. Wade is repealed. A State Budget was passed that is below all Constitutional limits while funding more than \$3 billion in help on the Texas border which is of course challenging for our State because border security is a federal responsibility.

The budget also provides for Phase 2 of School Finance Reform which includes a 5.6% increase in State funding which may reduce property

tax burden. The Legislature provided post-pandemic recovery protections to Texas workers and businesses.

The Texas Legislature passed reinforced protection for our religious freedoms, and we have an opportunity to vote on a Constitutional Amendment on the November ballot that includes a ban on local officials closing houses of worship.

Access to health care services was expanded with clearer pricing guidelines. Constitutional Carry was passed while making Texas a 2nd Amendment Sanctuary State! Election Integrity was passed that makes it easier for Texans to vote and harder for folks to cheat!

While no Legislative Session provides the "fix" for all issues, 2021 was a great success! Thank you to all that fought for Texans, stayed in Austin and represented our interests! Thank you Governor Abbott, State Senator Drew Springer, State Representative Phil King, and State Representative Glenn Rogers along with all in the Texas Delegation that stood firm for Texas values! Thank you SBOE Pat Hardy for fighting to protect our school children from CRT! May God continue to bless the Great State of Texas!

- ZAN S. PRINCE  
WEATHERFORD

## Guest Column

### Another view of the card room

Steve Gould

As a 13-plus year resident of Willow Park, I am amazed by the behaviors of some of my fellow residents. Not only did you attack a potential business owner by making false statements, you also personally attacked elected officials and employees of our city. It is easy to stand up and grandstand in front of an audience that is on your side, but you need to keep the facts straight when you do it.

Also, personally attacking an elected official that is spending their own time to do what they can to improve our little hamlet of a town is not called for. I just wonder if all those people that made such horrific accusations of "back room deals" and purposely misleading the members of council will recant their statements once it becomes known that those very people did what 14 speakers demanded

be done and cancel the very permit to install said business.

Not all speakers are even residents of our city, and the powers to be made the decision to halt this business. Those of you that spoke against such a business probably feel very empowered at this point, but what happens when a group of people stand up to and demand that a business that you support get shut down or prevented from being built in our city?

The wonderful thing about a free-market enterprise is that businesses that are not wanted in certain areas will fail. But the group of 14 and the few on social media don't believe in the free-market system and would rather be more proactive in keeping certain businesses out of our area.

Let's look at some of the arguments against the proposed card room.

"It is a bad look for the kids playing at AAI."

Really?

There are four bars in operation within half a mile of that complex and nobody seems to be screaming about that being a bad look. Three of those establishments even have outdoor seating that allow consuming of alcohol in public view. So, explain to me how a lighted sign that says "Card Room" or "Poker Room" or "Texas Holdem" or whatever the sign may have said is more harmful to young children.

"Businesses attract like businesses." There is some truth to that statement, I will agree. But comparing a card room to a strip club or brothel is way outside the lines.

"The city does not want the type of clientele that this type of business brings, we don't want outside visitors in our city."

I am not even sure where to start with this one. What type of person plays poker? Is it only the dregs of society? I take

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# GOULD

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offense to that statement personally. I am sure several other more prominent people in our community would do the same. Poker is not a back-alley production. If it were, it wouldn't be on ESPN or half a dozen other major networks during primetime. Also, if you don't want visitors to our city, how does Railhead survive? I promise you that it is not the residents of Willow Park alone that keep the doors open to that business.

The statement that "mattresses are often found in the backrooms" is just theatrics. To think that a business owner that signs a lease with a landlord and that lease has restrictions is going to jeopardize the lease over that type of activity is dumb. If you were on the hook for \$20,000, would you risk that over some activity that would permanently shut you down?

A statement was made regarding the ability of our Police Department being able to patrol this establishment. How dare you. Our police department is one of the best that I have ever dealt with. And I have dealt with dozens in my career. To say that our department doesn't have the ability to patrol a 2,000-square-foot establishment is a slap in the face to our entire department. Those individuals work tirelessly to ensure our safety and with little appreciation for what they do.

I have lived in several states in my lifetime. I chose to move to Texas in 2008. I could have moved to just about any state in the union but chose Texas. I could have moved to just about any county in the state when I chose Parker County. I chose Parker County because it fit what I wanted. I chose Willow Park to live in because of proximity to culture for my kids. Let's just say that I wanted to live in Mayberry, and this was the closest thing I could find in relation to what I needed for my career.

At the time that we moved here, there was horse racing track just off the highway. That is a true gambling establishment. By the way, playing poker is not gambling in the same



sense as horse racing or dog racing or craps or roulette, but horse racing was ok. Yes, the track is gone, mostly due to Grand Prairie starting operations. I'm wondering if those 14 that protested would have moved here if there was an active racetrack in town?

If gambling is a deal breaker, maybe we should mandate that all stores selling lottery tickets be forced to hide the tickets so that the kids can't see them. Maybe we should tear down all the billboards across the state that show the current jackpot value. It's for the children, right?

I have lived here long enough to see that our current city leaders are truly trying to fix the wrongs of the last 20 years. Previous staff just kicked the can down the street and sat on funds. Why? I don't know and I doubt many in the city could answer that. However, our current council is going to get blamed for things that happened on their watch even though previous councils could have stepped up and help prevent some of the things on the horizon.

One person made a statement regarding our city manager and his supposed power to determine everything that happens in this city. Those

of you who think that running a city our size with the budget that we must work with is easy, I ask you to step forward every June and put a proposed budget together to submit to the council and city attorney for review. Let me know how that works out for you. I have personally witnessed several council members tell our city manager "no."

Yes, our water system needs to be replaced. News flash people, when you build infrastructure, it is not forever. Water systems and sewer systems are just like roads and bridges and have a life expectancy. Our water system is beyond its life span, and we are living through the pains of that now. It needs to be replaced. This could have and should have started 15 years ago but the people in charge at the time did not want to be proactive about it and now we get to suffer the consequences.

Our main streets need to be reconstructed. Ranch House has had a facelift and some of the minor streets have seen work in the last five years and we should applaud those efforts to keep this up. Unfortunately, the soil that most of our city sits on is some of the worst around for building on and that makes it expensive

to repair. Be prepared, cost are going up and materials are getting harder to come by. Don't blame this administration for cost to repair and maintain things that should have been maintained 10 years ago.

Our city has had a reputation for being difficult to work with for over a decade because of prior city leaders. You want lower taxes, then get on board with trying to get every high-sales-tax business you can think of to move into our city. Thanks to the group of 14 from Sept. 28, we are going to have that reputation again. We don't need Walsh Ranch getting the businesses that could move here. All that does is help Fort Worth.

We need light industrial where we can, and we need businesses other than medical centers and boutique shops in our city. This is not a shot at the boutique business, I applaud you all for doing what you are doing but we need an additional million of dollars a year in sales tax to help our city get the budget dollars it needs. That will not happen if we refuse to let the free-market work and prevent businesses from being welcomed to setting up shop in our city.

Steve Gould is a resident of Willow Park.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WILLOW PARK, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 8 OF THE CITY OF WILLOW PARK'S CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING AN ARTICLE 8.08 PROHIBITING AND REGULATING THE REMOVAL OF GRAFFITI; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500.00; PROVIDING A CUMULATIVE REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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## 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 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](mailto: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](http://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@worthington.bz](mailto:brooke@worthington.bz), call 817-594-0291, or visit [centerofhope.tx.com/evening-of-hope/](http://centerofhope.tx.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 play-



er. 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.

## 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@tca eagles.org](mailto:quarles@tca eagles.org).  
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CROSS COUNTRY

## Boys qualify for state

The Aledo boys' cross country team qualified for the state meet after finishing in fourth place at the Regional Meet in Lubbock on Oct. 26.

The girls also competed in the meet, finishing in 22nd place.

The UIL boys state meet will be at 12:10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, at Old Settler's Park in Round Rock.

**VARSITY GIRLS: 22nd PLACE**  
(Due to illness, the team was only able to run six)  
Addi Durand 106th 22:45.2  
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FOOTBALL

## 101 - Bearcats clinch playoff spot with win over Waco University



KRISTION MORALES

Senior Dylan Wood crosses the goal line for a score.

By Nolan Ruth  
The Community News

The Aledo Bearcats football team achieved yet another goal in the 2021 football season on Friday, Oct. 22, when the team traveled south down I-35 and defeated the Waco University Trojans by a score of 65-14. With the win, the Bearcats clinched a playoff berth for the 26th consecutive year.

"I think tonight went well," defensive back Gabe Sherrod (2 tackles, 1 TFL, 1 INT) said after the game. "We all worked hard in practice for this one and thankfully our ones played well enough that the twos and threes got to go in."

The win came decisively the Bearcat defense held strong all

game, and the offense blew the doors open early. Brayden Fowler-Nicolosi (4-5, 93 yards, 2 TDs) started the game off with a 24-yard touchdown pass to Hauss Hejny (1 reception, 24 yards, 1 TD receiving, 1-1, 10 yards, 1 TD receiving) just 69 seconds into the game.

Little more than two minutes later, Nicolosi connected with Jalen Pope (2 receptions, 53 yards, 1 TD) in the end zone for another score, making it 14-0 with barely three minutes taken off the clock. Just 56 seconds later, Sammy Steffe (1 carry, 34 yards, 2 Total TDs, 1 INT) picked off an overthrown pass and brought it all the way back for a touchdown.

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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.

Crystal R. Dozier, TRMC  
City Secretary  
City of Willow Park, Texas

**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CITY OF WILLOW PARK**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Willow Park, Texas, will receive written sealed proposals only, for MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AUDIT SERVICES, as stated in the RFP documents.

The City shall receive proposals from qualified professional certified public accounting firms specializing in governmental agency audit services for the City of Willow Park as outlined in the Specifications section of the RFP. Proposers may be required to participate in an assessment center if deemed necessary.

Said RFP's must be in the office of the City Secretary, City of Willow Park, 516 Ranch House Road, Willow Park, Texas, 76087, NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. on December 01, 2021. RFP's that are post-marked but not received until after this deadline will not be accepted. RFP's received after the posted cut-off time will not be accepted.

All RFP's are to be marked clearly on the outside "RFP FOR MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AUDIT SERVICES"

RFP's may be mailed to 516 Ranch House Road, Willow Park, Texas 76087 or delivered by courier or in person to the City Secretary's office 516 Ranch House Road, Willow Park, Texas, 76087.

RFP documents may be obtained at the City of Willow Park Administration Offices 516 Ranch House Road, Willow Park, Texas, RFP documents will be ready for pick up on and after 5:00 P.M. December 01, 2021. RFP's may also be downloaded at www.willow-park.org. Information may be requested by e-mail to Candice Scott at cscott@willowpark.org.

The City of Willow Park will not entertain RFP's received by any electronic means.

The right is reserved to reject any and all Proposals or to accept the Proposal which is deemed by the City of Willow Park to be in the best interest of the City of Willow Park. The City of Willow Park also reserves the right to waive any irregularities and/or informalities in the RFP process.

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# BEARCATS

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A miscue on the extra point kept the game at 20-0.

After another defensive stop, Ryan Williams (3 carries, 51 yards, 1 TD) added another tally on a 10-yard scoring run, followed by Steffe running one in himself from 34 yards out to bring the score to 34-0 at the end of the first quarter.

On the first Waco University drive of the second quarter, cornerback Terry Lewis (1 INT, 1 TD) intercepted a pass at midfield and, just like Steffe, brought it all the way for another touchdown. The Trojans finally added a quick score on a 42 yard run by running back Jaylon Marshall. The extra point missed and the score remained 41-6.

Not three minutes into the second quarter, and with the game already out of hand, head coach Tim Buchanan pulled the starters and started rotating other players in. Aledo also shifted heavily towards the running game to run the clock and prevent the game from becoming even more one-sided.

Connor Smith (9 carries, 91 yards, 1 TD) found the end zone on the first drive after the starters were pulled on a nine yard scamper to paydirt. On the ensuing drive, Sherrod made the third Bearcat interception of the game and almost returned it for a touchdown, but was tripped up at the ten yard line. One play later, Hejny threw to Dylan Ward (1 reception, 10 yards, 1 TD) for the score, bringing the halftime score to 55-6.

The game started with a running clock in the second half, shortening the game significantly. Aledo kicker Clay Murador scored the only points of the third quarter on a 49-yard field goal. Midway through the fourth quarter, Brant Hayden (2-3, 38 yards, 1 TD) added one more score when he hit Dalton Rapp (1 reception, 24 yards, 1 TD) on a screen for a 24-yard scoring play.

The Trojans scored one more touchdown as time expired in the game bringing the final score to 65-14.

“Our kids did a good job,” head coach Tim Buchanan gave his thoughts on the game. “It didn’t matter where they were, offense, defense, special teams, first team, second team, all of them went out and executed really well.”

The Bearcats improve to 8-0(5-0) on the season and will face the Arlington Seguin Cougars(3-4) at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, at Wilemon Field in Arlington.

# TENNIS

# Racquetcats win area but lose in Regional Quarterfinals

By **Andrea Garnett**  
Special to The Community News

Following a complete shut-out on Thursday, Oct. 14, against Arlington Heights winning 16-0 in the Area playoffs, the RacquetCats lost to Wichita Falls Rider in their third round of playoffs Tuesday, Oct. 19, in a close 9-10 match ending their fall team tennis season.

Area winning scores against Heights were boys’ doubles line 1 Jax Joiner/Hogan Posey (6-2)(6-0), line 2 Ben Farmer/Scott Mason (6-0)(6-0), line 3 Craig Mason/Jacob Heckathorn (6-1)(6-1) and in mixed doubles Zane Martin/Zoe Whitcomb (6-3)(0-6)10-5. Girls’ doubles line 1 Katie Siddons/Bryanna Orr(6-3)(6-1), line 2 Georgia Posey/Payton Bierle(6-1)(6-1) and line 3 Paige Federman/Elli Kate Bussmeir (6-0)(6-1). Boy’s singles line 1 Joiner (6-1)(7-5), line 2 H. Posey (6-0)(6-3), line 3 S. Mason (6-2)(6-2), and line 4 Farmer (6-1)(6-1). Girl’s singles line 1 Siddons (6-0)(6-0), line 2 G. Posey (6-3)(2-6)10-8, line 3 Cambell Charrier (2-6)(6-3)10-7, line 4 Payton Bierle (6-0)(6-2), and line 5 Orr (8-1).

The RacquetCats posted wins against Rider in boys’ doubles line 2 Leslie/S. Mason (6-0)(6-2), Line 3 C. Mason/ Farmer(6-2)(6-3). Mixed Doubles team G. Posey/



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Senior Katie Siddons won all her matches at the Area Championship against Arlington Heights.

Zane Martin won with a score of (6-2)(6-1). Boy’s Singles wins went to line 2 Leslie (1-6)(6-4)10-8, line 4 S. Mason(6-1)(6-1), line 5 Farmer (6-4)(6-0), line 6 C. Mason (6-4)(6-2). Girl’s victories were line 5

Federman (6-3)(6-7)8 (10-6) and line 6 Bussmeir (6-1)(7-5).

So many games and sets came down to deuces, tiebreakers and super tiebreakers. What a score can’t show is all the hard work that each Aledo player put into

each game, set and match played. The Aledo RacquetCats close out their entire season including play-offs with a winning record of 10-5. Spring tennis season will start in late January 2022.

# VOLLEYBALL

# Ladycats clean the slate in second half

## Revenge against Rider

The Aledo Ladycats tasted sweet revenge when they avenged their first-round loss to Wichita Falls Rider. The ‘Cats defeated Rider on the road 22-21, 29-27, 25-22 on Friday, Oct. 22.

The JV did not faze as well, winning the first set but losing the next two: 25-20, 19-25, 9-25.

The freshman Ladycats swept Rider 25-19, 25-15.

Aces: Maddie Frank 4, Averie Riser 1, Skylar Ellison 1

Kills: Vivian Parker 10, Mattie Gantt 9, Payton Hilmer 8, Sam Smith 8, Maddie Frank 7, Skylar Ellison 7, Averie Riser 1

Blocks: Skylar Ellison 4.0, Vivian Parker 2.0, Mattie Gantt 2.0, Maddie Frank 2.0

Assists: Mattie Gantt 37, Mia Little 5, Skylar Ellison 1, Vivian Parker 1, Sam Smith 1

Digs: Mia Little 22, Sam Smith 21, Mattie Gantt 17, Vivian Parker

10, Averie Riser 9, Skylar Ellison 8, Maddie Frank 4, Payton Hilmer 2

At home on Tuesday, the Ladycats made it a clean sweep of the second half of district, defeating Wichita Falls 25-4, 25-12, 25-15.

The JV won 25-22, 25-9. Freshman A won 25-9, 25-7 and Freshman B made it a total sweep, 25-15, 25-16.

Aces: Averie Riser 5, Vivian Parker 4

Kills: Maddie Frank 14, Vivian Parker 8, Skylar Ellison 7, Mattie Gantt 6, Sam Smith 6, Payton Hilmer 3, Averie Riser 2

Blocks: Mattie Gantt 3.0, Skylar Ellison 2.0, Maddie Frank 1.0, Vivian Parker 1.0

Assists: Mattie Gantt 35, Averie Riser 3, Mia Little 3, Vivian Parker 1, Sam Smith 1, Payton Hilmer 1

Digs: Averie Riser 25, Mia Little 12, Vivian Parker 10, Mattie Gantt 8, Sam Smith 8, Skylar Ellison 6, Payton Hilmer 4, Maddie Frank 2

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