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ALEDO ISD

## STAYING OPEN

Aledo ISD keeps classes going in wake of closures in other districts

By Randy Keck  
The Community News

As with other area school districts, the Aledo ISD is feeling the staff pinch from the latest surge in COVID-19 cases.

Nationally, statewide, and locally, the numbers of new reported cases are dwarfing previous surges in the summers of 2020 and 2021.

As case numbers rise, school districts and businesses are dealing with absent employees who have tested positive.

In Parker County, Weatherford ISD canceled classes for Jan. 19-21 due to a shortage of teachers and substitutes.

Several other school districts have closed one or more days due to lack of adequate staff to keep classes going.

So far, Aledo ISD has managed to stay open. On Monday, Jan. 17, AISD Superintendent Dr. Susan Bohn sent a

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## Weather spotter classes scheduled

The effects of severe weather are felt every year by many Americans. In most years, thunderstorms, tornadoes, and lightning cause hundreds of injuries and deaths and billions in property and crop damages.

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Parker County's Office of Emergency Services will host a virtual SKYWARN® class from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 22. To register for the class, visit [www.weather.gov/fwd/skywarnmap](http://www.weather.gov/fwd/skywarnmap).

## Field of Dreams



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The Trinity Christian Academy football field is taking shape at its location on Bankhead Hwy.

TCA field continues to take shape; bleachers complete, turf installation under way

By Randy Keck  
The Community News

Workers are installing turf at the Ludwig Family Athletic Complex at Trinity Christian Academy. This fall, the TCA football team will have true home

games for the first time in the school's history.

"The TCA school family has been very supportive of this project, and the city of Willow Park has been tremendous to work with throughout this journey. Not only are confident that this facility will allow us to do an even better job of delivering on our mission as a school, but we believe it will help us continue to bless our community," TCA Head of School Mike Skaggs said.

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Workers unroll turf that will be stitched to the existing turf at the edges of the field.

EDUCATION

## Prize Posse awards \$52k in grants

Technology a large focus

Staff Reports  
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The Aledo Education Foundation Prize Posse delivered more than \$52,000 in grants to campuses in the Aledo ISD on Jan. 5.

Amid the yells from cheerleaders and rhythm of the drum line, the visit to each campus brought welcome news to many classroom teachers.

Among the grants, the six elementary schools, McAnally Intermediate School, Aledo Middle School, Daniel Ninth Grade Campus, and Aledo High School each received \$1,899 for "Engaging Excitement with 3D Printing!"

Technology grants were awarded in several campuses. All six



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Jennifer May, Casi Faulk, Amy Howard, and Chelsea Blankenship, kindergarten teachers at McCall Elementary School, were excited to receive a grant entitled "Teach me more about math."

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# In & Around Parker County

## Bistro 1031 offers a great place to dine — and they're hiring!

Diners looking for good food, pleasant atmosphere, and friendly service will find all three at Bistro 1031 in Aledo.

New owners Mehul and Apra Choksi are excited to be operating in Aledo, and look forward to expanding the menu and services at Bistro 1031.

The Choksis previously operated a Murphy's Deli franchise with a Starbucks in Los Colinas. The upscale deli was popular in the office building where they were located, but as more and more people began working from home due to COVID-19, the Choksis began looking for other opportunities.

"We ran it for almost eight years," Mehul said, "and it gave us a good experience and knowledge and we were doing well but COVID actually turned everything upside down."

When the opportunity arose to purchase Bistro 1031, the Choksis jumped at it.

"We like the place. We like the neighborhood. And so we said 'okay! let's go for it,'" Mehul said.

In the short term the Choksis are expanding the menu to include additional salads, new wraps, and paninis.

Apra said the lunch menu will include items like a Caesar salad with fresh strawberries or blueberries in the summer, chef salad, or Tex Mex salad.

"Tex Mex was a very popular salad we had in the deli," Apra said.



The owners will also develop a weekly special, and are considering adding some Mexican and Indian cuisine.

For coffee addicts, Bistro 1031 will offer Seattle's Best coffee, including mochas, macchiatos, cappuccinos, and cafe lattes.

Like all restaurants, the Choksis are adapting to staff shortages. In the case of Bistro 1031, they have added beepers for self-service when orders are ready. In addition, they are in the

process of having the drink machine moved from inside the kitchen to out in the restaurant so diners will have access to drinks and condiments themselves.

Once the drink machine has been moved, they will add soft-serve ice cream, and milk shakes will be added to the menu.

Apra said it has been especially difficult to find people to work in the mornings, but they are putting the word out that they are hiring, looking not only for service people but a Sunday cook as well, because down the road they want to offer breakfast and a Sunday brunch.

Live music is also on the down-the-road checklist. Their own children played in a band, and the Choksis see Bistro 1031 as a place for local talent to develop.

"We want to make it a happening place people will enjoy," Apra said. "It should be a family place for people to come and relax and enjoy the food and the vibe's right."

Bistro 1031 is located at 109 S Front Street in Aledo. Anyone interested in employment should drop by and fill out an application during business hours, currently 11:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, and 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Mondays.

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## Obituaries

### Tim Faulk

Timothy B. Faulk, 69, passed away Thursday, January 13, 2022, in Fort Worth.

Tim was born in Fort Worth on June 15, 1952, to Arthur and Betty Faulk. Tim graduated from Weatherford High School. He earned a BBA from TCU in 1974 where he also played football.

Tim married Elizabeth (Bitsy) Wyman Faulk of Houston in 1977, celebrating 44 years of marriage this past June.

Tim and his brother Tony started The Faulk Company in 1981 and worked to provide custodial and maintenance services to school districts throughout the State of Texas.

Tim and family lived in Aledo for 26 years. He served on the school board from 1992-1998. Tim was an avid fan of Aledo sports as well as the TCU Horned Frogs.

Tim is survived by his wife, Bitsy; his children Amy Fischer, husband Andrew and grandson Josh; Jennifer



Tim Faulk

Spaugh, husband Jimmy and grandchildren, Gavin, Lily and grandchild due later this year; and Dean Faulk. He was a wonderful and loving father to his children, but was an even better Grandpa to his grandchildren, spoiling them at every opportunity.

Additionally, Tim is survived by his brothers: Tony Faulk and wife Debbie and Monty Faulk and wife Linda. There are numerous other family members who he loved.

Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, January 23, at Schollmaier Arena at TCU. A funeral service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Monday, January 24, 2022 at Greenwood Memorial Park.

In addition to flowers, the family appreciates donations made in Tim's memory to the Melanoma Research Foundation (MRF) by visiting <https://melanoma.org> or Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County at <https://meals-on-wheels.org/donate>.

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## FIELD

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In addition to the football field surrounded by a competition track and bleachers, a field house is under construction behind the bleachers.

Additional track and field facilities are also under construction.

TCA plans baseball and softball fields in future phases of the project.

"This athletic complex will be one of the finest facilities in the area, and we look forward to its impact on our ability to do an even better job at providing a quality, Christ-centered sports experience for our students, our staff and our fans. The quality of this complex speaks not only to our desire for excellence in athletics, but to our intent to do all things well," Skaggs added.



RANDY KECK/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

The foundation has been poured for the field house in preparation for construction.

elementary schools received grants of \$1,250 (each) for "Coding and Circuits in Every Elementary Class!"

McCall Elementary School received \$313.65 for "Gadgets, Reactions, and Gear Bots, oh my!" and Annetta Elementary School received a \$869.80 grant for "Inspire with Stories and Circuits."

Coder Elementary School received \$2,990 for "We're off to see the robots, the wonderful robots of Oz!"

Traditional subjects were awarded grants as well. McCall Elementary School received \$970.33 for "Math Reads." McAnally Intermediate School received \$447.36 for "Speed Up Learning" and McCall received \$1,649 for "Teach Me More About Math!"

"If they build it, they will learn!" received a \$2,720.22

grant for McAnally. Stuard Elementary School received \$3,329.95 for "Lego My Ozobot!" and Vandagriff received \$689.80 for "Lego Our Learning!"

Communication technology grants were awarded to Coder, Vandagriff, and Walsh Elementary Schools for "Lights, Camera, Action! A Student-led Newscast." The grants were \$1,643.71 each.

Physical education received a boost at McCall with a \$6,719.40 grant for "Orange & Black Theory: PUMP IT UP!"

"We are so excited to be able to award more than \$52,000 to these fantastic teachers and staff on all campuses in Aledo ISD and are looking forward to even more next year," AEF Executive Director Shawn Callaway said.



MERCEDES MAYER/ALEDO ISD

Melissa Handley at Coder Elementary School reacts to receiving one of the 3D printing grants.

## AISD

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letter to parents explaining the challenges the district is facing in terms of teachers, cafeteria personnel, and bus drivers.

The letter was in response to offers of help, and explains how to contact the district if someone is interested in helping as a substitute teacher, cafeteria food server, or bus driver.

Bohn said the district is utilizing substitutes whenever possible, and teachers are also filling in to

assist in addition to members of the administration.

There is a process including fingerprinting and virtual training for people who are interested in working as substitute teachers. For more information, visit <https://www.applitrack.com/aledo/onlineapp/>.

Parents or community members who wish to help in cafeterias should contact Child Nutrition Director Patty Willhite at [pwillhite@aledoisd.org](mailto:pwillhite@aledoisd.org) or our Child Nutrition Secretary Renee Goodneough at [rgoodneough@aledoisd.org](mailto:rgoodneough@aledoisd.org).

School busses are an entirely different matter, as driving a school bus requires special training and a special license.

"Given the impact that illness is having on our bus drivers, it is very likely that we will have to combine bus routes at some time this week," Bohn said in the letter.

Anyone who has a Texas Commercial Driver License (CDL) with Passenger (P) and School Bus (S) endorsements can apply to drive a bus or be a substitute bus driver at <https://www.applitrack.com/aledo/onlineapp/default.aspx?Category=Transportation>.

The *Community News* asked Dr. Bohn if there is a threshold at which classes could not continue.

"We analyze numbers every afternoon and evening and then in the morning in preparation for each school day. The needs for each campus, department and grade level vary so there are no thresholds set that would require closure," Bohn said. "We have had a high number of absences and some staffing challenges as COVID-19 numbers

continue to rise, but we have had substitutes, fellow teachers, and even non-teaching staff step up and into our classrooms to keep our kids learning.

"I am so grateful to be in a district where everyone is doing whatever it takes to support each other. While I know this can be stressful - and hopefully it is short term as we are already seeing absence numbers go down - it is also inspiring to see how our staff are supporting each other in this way."

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# Commentary

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## Capital Highlights

### Dozens of school districts close due to COVID-19 outbreaks



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Several dozen school districts across the state were forced to close last week due to the omicron variant of COVID-19 sending home students, staff, and teachers. Most school districts planned to reopen on Tuesday following the MLK holiday.

"Every superintendent wants to be able to have kids in the classroom and teachers in the classroom ... but you get to a certain critical place where you don't have enough staff available and you have to shut the campus down," Kevin Brown, executive director of the Texas Association of School Administrators, said in a Texas Tribune report. "We want to keep kids safe, and you have to have a certain number of adults in the building."

The Hutto school district, northeast of Austin, will remain closed at least through Wednesday with 200 staff members and 1,680 students reported absent, according to the *Austin American-Statesman*. In North Texas, more than three dozen school districts closed last week.

The number of new cases of COVID-19 cases in Texas during the past week reached a record high of 506,226, up 22% from the week before, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. The number of new deaths dropped slightly, with 623 reported statewide in the past week. Hospitalizations are on the uptick, with 12,071 lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations reported by the Texas Department of State Health Services. That is up 23% from the previous week.

#### Empty shelves result of worker shortage

It feels a bit like March 2020 when one goes to the grocery store lately. But this time, it's not necessarily supply chain woes but a shortage of workers to restock, as the omicron variant of COVID-19 sweeps the state. The *Dallas Morning News* reported shoppers should expect the shortages to continue until the fourth wave of the virus subsides.

"Either other employees work overtime, or the shift goes empty," said Gary Huddleston, grocery industry consultant to the Texas Retailers Association. That means groceries are stuck on trailers, in stockrooms, or at distribution centers, he added.

One trend since the pandemic began is the marked increase in self-checkout aisles, which now account for nearly a third of all transactions, *The Morning News* reported.

#### Voting deadline for primary is approaching

Folks who want to vote in the March 1 Texas primary have to be registered to vote by Jan. 31. Texas Secretary of State John Scott encouraged all eligible Texans to

register as they prepare to head to the polls for early voting next month.

"We want all eligible Texans to participate in all of this year's upcoming elections, including the primary elections in which voters will choose the candidates to appear on the November 2022 general election ballot," Scott said. "Don't wait until the last minute — start the registration process today!"

Texans will pick nominees in the Republican and Democratic primaries for governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, land commissioner, agriculture commissioner, and all 38 members of the U.S. House who represent Texas.

#### Hottest December in Texas since Sul Ross was governor

Yup, it was hot last month as we hung Christmas lights and decorations.

Texas experienced the warmest December on record since 1889. Throughout the state, temperatures ranged 5 to 9 degrees above average.

"It's like the entire state moved south for the winter," said John Nielsen-Gammon, the state climatologist. "Amarillo got Dallas's normal temperatures, Dallas got Corpus Christi's normal temperatures, and Austin got Brownsville's normal temperatures."

"Not only is it by far the warmest December since the beginning of comprehensive weather records, it will probably also turn out to be the warmest winter month, period," said Nielsen-Gammon.

The hot weather increased drought conditions throughout the state. More than two-thirds of the state is experiencing drought conditions, with 10% in extreme drought.

"In much of West Texas, it hasn't rained for over two months," Nielsen-Gammon said. "The high temperatures increase the rate of evaporation, drying out everything and leading to increased wildfire risk."

#### Wildlife vaccine airdrops to combat rabies

The state has resumed airdrops of oral rabies vaccines that have led to the elimination of the domestic dog-coyote and Texas fox rabies virus variants along the Texas border. DSHS began using aircraft on Jan. 12 to airdrop more than 1.17 million baits containing the rabies vaccine in 19 border counties. The project will last two weeks.

"The annual rabies vaccine/bait distribution along the border of Texas and Mexico is critical for the protection of humans, pets, and livestock in Texas," said Dr. Susan Rollo, with DSHS. "The maintenance distribution levels help keep the U.S. free of the canine strain."

The vaccine baits are small plastic pellets dipped in fish oil and coated with fishmeal crumbs that attract coyotes, gray foxes, and other wild carnivores.

Rabies spreads through a bite of an infected animal. Skunks and bats are now the most common source of rabies in Texas.

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## Guest Column

### 2022 offers Texans the opportunity to shape the "Texas Way"



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What is the Texas way of life?

For generations, the phrase has evoked independence, confidence, and generosity. It speaks to an abundance of opportunities for every Texan to earn a living, raise a family, and leave an even stronger state to their children.

Texas' defining challenge is now to ensure that future generations have the same kinds of opportunities that past generations had. These opportunities defined the economic growth of recent decades known as the "Texas Miracle."

But after the past two tumultuous years — defined by crises like COVID-19 and Winter Storm Uri and a host of social and political issues — many are now looking for policies that will engage Texans to create a prosperous future.

Our state is the 9th largest economy of the world, powered by a growing, diverse population and business-friendly approach with a proven, prosperous track record.

This gives us a unique opportunity to rally around an equally positive, hopeful vision of the future.

That must start now, in 2022, when every statewide office will be on the ballot. This is a crucial moment to communicate our priorities that we want to tackle next.

Investing in our state's people should be at the top of the list.

Much of the Texas economy is built on the education and skills of our workforce. But today, on a wide range of measures, Texas has become one of the lowest performing states. More than half of Texas students can't read at grade level, and nearly three-fourths can't do math at grade level. This translates to one of the nation's worst adult literacy rates — an unsustainable headwind as Texas competes in a tech-

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heavy global economy.

Students in Mississippi, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, California, Virginia, and North Carolina are reading at higher levels than Texas students. If they can do it, why can't we?

Our way of life and the promise of the Texas Miracle has led to jaw-dropping population growth. Texas welcomes an average of 850 new people every day. Our population is approaching 30 million, and will likely surpass 40 million by 2036, Texas' bicentennial. Our state should be a workforce powerhouse.

And Texas can be — if we better leverage the \$100 billion taxpayers spend every year on workforce and education to address the growing

gap between the skills employers need and those that Texans have.

By 2036, more than 70 percent of jobs are expected to require a postsecondary credential. But today, only 32 percent of Texas' high school graduates earn such credentials within six years of completing high school. Thanks to new legislation by Texas lawmakers, that should be changing. But we can't afford to let our guard down.

It's time for Texans to ask whether we're living up to the promise of the Texas way of life. It's time to ask whether that way of life is possible if Texans can't read or do basic math or can't get the education, jobs, or services that a good quality of life requires.

Make no mistake: Texas is a great place. But to keep it that way, we must do better.

That starts with an honest assessment of where we are. And it requires every Texan to take part in the conversation to plot the path forward. That's why Texas 2036 was founded — to provide the resources, drive, and urgency to tackle big, long-term challenges, and we encourage all Texans to join our efforts to do so today.

Apathy and indifference aren't Texas values. Real Texans will always be connected by decency, honesty, hard work, and the determination to leave things better for our kids.

Those are the values that must define the Texas way of life. This year, let's come together and show the world what Texas is made of.

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The City shall receive Proposals from qualified professional lawn service companies specializing in commercial lawn maintenance for the City of Willow Park as outlined in the Request for Proposal.

Said Proposals must be in the office of the City Secretary, City of Willow Park, 516 Ranch House Road, Willow Park, Texas 76087, and NO LATER THAN **2:00 P.M.** CST on **FEBRUARY 11, 2022**.

Proposals that are postmarked but not received until after this deadline will not be accepted. Proposals received after the posted cut-off time will not be accepted.

All Proposals are to be marked clearly on the outside **"PROPOSALS FOR MOWING AND LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICE"**.

Proposals may sent electronically via email to [tfisher@willowpark.org](mailto:tfisher@willowpark.org); mailed to City of Willow Park, Attn: City Secretary, 516 Ranch House Road, Willow Park, Texas, 76087; or, delivered by courier or in person to the City Secretary's office, Willow Park City Hall, 516 Ranch House Road, Willow Park, Texas 76087.

Request for Proposal documents may be downloaded at [www.willowpark.org](http://www.willowpark.org), or obtained at the City of Willow Park City Hall, 516 Ranch House Road, Willow Park, TX 76087. Proposal documents will be available for download/pickup on and after **JANUARY 24, 2022**. Further information may be requested by email to Toni Fisher at [tfisher@willowpark.org](mailto:tfisher@willowpark.org).

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 Proposal process.

For additional information, contact the City of Willow Park at (817) 441-7108.

# Legal Notices

**ALEDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUEST FOR  
COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS  
2019 BOND PROGRAM  
VANDAGRIFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CONVERSION TO  
ALEDO ISD EARLY CHILDHOOD ACADEMY  
CSP 22-011422**

The Aledo Independent School District (the District) will accept Competitive Sealed Proposals for Vandagriff Elementary School Conversion to Aledo ISD Early Childhood Academy until 2:00 PM on Thursday, February 3, 2022, in the Business Department at the Aledo Independent School District Administration Building, 1008 Bailey Ranch Road, Aledo, TX 76008. A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held at 10:00 AM on Monday, January 17, 2022, at Vandagriff Elementary School, 408 FM 1187 South, Aledo, TX 76008. A building tour will follow the Pre-Proposal Conference. Proposal evaluation criteria are published in the Instructions to Offerors section of the proposal documents. Plans and specifications will be released on Friday, January 14, 2022, and are available to interested parties from the following address upon deposit of \$250.00 per set: PBK Architects, Inc., 100 Throckmorton, Suite 1550, Fort Worth, Texas 76102, 817-332-4333. Link to digital copies may be found on the Business Department Bid Documents page of the District's website: <https://www.aledoisd.org/Page/4288>. The District reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals, to accept the proposal that provides the best value to the District, and to waive all formalities with respect thereto.



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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND  
PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR TPDES  
PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER**

NEW

PERMIT NO. WQ0015987001

**APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION.** City of Willow Park, 516 Ranch House Road, Willow Park, Texas 76087, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a new Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit

No. WQ0015987001, to authorize the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 995,000 gallons per day. TCEQ received this application on May 10, 2021.

The facility will be located approximately 1,150 feet south and 500 feet east of the intersection of Crown Road and Trinity Meadows Lane, in Parker County, Texas 76087. The treated effluent will be discharged via Outfall 001 directly to Clear Fork Trinity River Below Lake Weatherford; via Outfall 002 to Soil Conservation Service Site 23 Reservoir (Squaw Creek Reservoir), thence to Squaw Creek, thence to Clear Fork Trinity River Below Lake Weatherford in Segment No. 0831 of the Trinity River Basin. The unclassified receiving water uses are high aquatic life use for Soil Conservation Service Site 23 Reservoir, and minimal aquatic life use for Squaw Creek. The designated uses for Segment No. 0831 are primary contact recreation, public water supply, and high aquatic life use. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application. <https://tceq.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=db5bac44afbc468bbddd360f8168250f&marker=-97.66194%2C32.749389&level=12>

In accordance with 30 Texas Administrative Code Section 307.5 and the TCEQ's Procedures to Implement the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards (June 2010), an antidegradation review of the receiving waters was performed. A Tier 1 antidegradation review has preliminarily determined that existing water quality uses will not be impaired by this permit action. Numerical and narrative criteria to protect existing uses will be maintained. A Tier 2 review has preliminarily determined that no significant degradation of water quality is expected in Clear Fork Trinity River Below Lake Weatherford and Soil Conservation Service Site 23 Reservoir, which have been identified as having high aquatic life use. Existing uses will be maintained and protected. The preliminary determination can be reexamined and may be modified if new information is received.

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Willow Creek City Hall, 516 Ranch House Road, Willow Park, Texas.

**PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING.** You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING.** After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

**TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period; and the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.**

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period.**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION.** The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

**MAILING LIST.** If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

**All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at [www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/](http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/) within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.**

**INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE.** For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at [www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid). Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

**AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION.** Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at [www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/](http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/), or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Any personal information you submit to the TCEQ will become part of the agency's record; this includes email addresses. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at [www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep). Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from City of Willow Park at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Michelle Guelker at 817-441-7108.

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# Sports

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BASKETBALL

## Back in the Black

### Ladycats, Bearcats win against Rider

**Staff Reports**  
 The Community News

Coming off tough stretches, both Aledo varsity basketball teams put together wins against Wichita Falls Rider on Tuesday at Bearcat Gym in two close games.

The Bearcats saw the return of Daniel Sohn, who led scorers with 19 points coming back after an injury toward the Bearcats' 64-62 win.

Addyson Hebel paced the Ladycats with 20 points in their 53-52 win.

**Ladycats Freshman vs Azle**

Friday, January 14

Aledo	14	11	4	11	40
Azle	0	9	7	7	25

Scorers: August Carlone 15, Peyton Flores 7, Kinley Evans 7, Rebekah Jarrell 5, Morgan Gomez 4, Maddox Lucas 2

**Ladycats JV vs Azle**

Friday, January 14

Aledo	12	15	18	11	56
Azle	2	5	6	10	23

Scorers: Ella Isbell 14, Addi Durrand 13, Caroline Browning 10, Haley Farmer 6, Taylor Paetzold 5, Hannah Good 4, Presley Bergen 2, Meredith Brown 2

**Ladycats Varsity 47 vs Azle**

Friday, January 14

Aledo	14	11	6	16	47
Azle	10	11	18	2	41

Scorers: Claire Byars 19, Kandle Boggus 12, Presley Hull 6, Addy Hebel 5, Reagan Davis 3, Kinley Elms 2

**Bearcats Varsity vs Azle**

Friday, January 14

Aledo	15	11	3	6	35
Azle	11	15	10	18	54

Scorers: Drew Clock 21, Brandon Fields 5, Exavier Alexander 3, Camden Yielding 3, Isaac Sohn 3

**Ladycats Freshman vs. Rider**

Tuesday, January 18

Aledo	17	6	12	9	44
Rider	3	2	2	7	14



KRISTIN MORALES

**Addyson Hebel, shown in action at Azle, led Ladycat scorers against Rider on Tuesday.**

Scorers: Maddox Lucas 8, Addie Smith 8, Kinley Evans 7, Jaley Hockaday 6, Morgan Gomez 4, Rebekah Jarrell 4, Keslee Williams 2, Peyton Flores 2, Ely Roach 2

**Ladycats JV vs. Rider**

Tuesday, January 18

Aledo	7	23	14	4	48
Rider	2	2	4	6	14

Scorers: Ella Isbell 13, Addi Durrand 12, Caroline Browning 9, Taylor Paetzold 4, Presley Bergen 4, Meredith Brown 2, Daniella Tregellas 2, Hannah Good 2

**Ladycats Varsity vs. Rider**

Tuesday, January 18

Aledo	13	14	9	17	53
Rider	8	17	15	12	52

Scorers: Addyson Hebel 20, Presley Hull 13, Kandle Boggus 11, Claire Byars 6, Reagan Davis 3

**Bearcats Varsity vs. Rider**

Tuesday, January 18

Aledo	13	16	16	19	64
Rider	14	10	18	20	62

Scorers: Daniel Sohn 19, Exavier Anderson 18, Drew Clock 8, Brandon Fields 6, Camden Yielding 6, Peyton Wiggins 5, Jackson Todd 2

**Ladycats MS vs Burleson Kerr**

Thursday, January 13

7th A - Won 41-10  
 7th B - Won 33-1  
 7th C - Lost 26-19

8th A - Won 23-21  
 8th B - Won 20-12  
 8th C - Won 29-13



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**Drew Clock goes to the basket against Azle. Clock had 21 points in the game on Friday, Jan. 14.**

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# Homestand boosts soccer teams

By Nolan Ruth  
The Community News

After a bumpy start in the Waxahachie Tournament, and bouncing back with a win over Richland. The Ladycats soccer team went into the Moritz Kia Tournament with a 1-2-1 record and looked to build upon it.

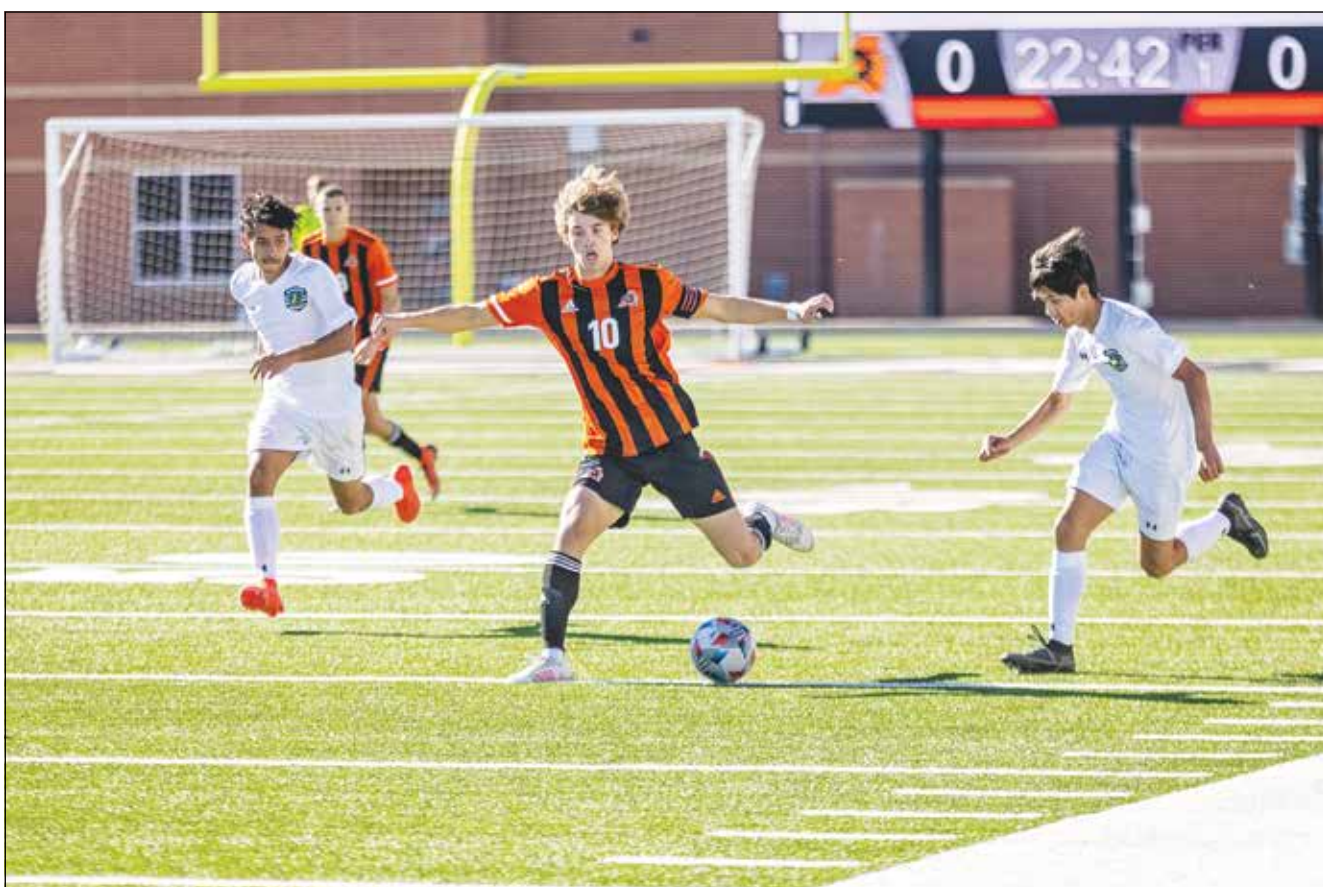
The hometown tournament kicked off on Thursday, Jan. 13, at Bearcat Stadium against Waxahachie High School. The game was tight from the get go as both teams traded goals but a third by Aledo proved to be the difference maker. Ashlyn Laughley, Reagan Krajca, and McKenna Vela were the goal scorers for the Ladycats with

both Krajca and Vela adding assists to the score sheet.

Late in the game, Waxahachie had a chance to tie it up late on a penalty kick, but a stellar save by Emma Davis saved the day and the game was won 3-2.

On Friday, Aledo continued its roll with a 5-0 shutout over Fort Worth Arlington Heights. Laughley's hat trick was the ultimate difference maker with Krajca and Vela adding the last two. Unfortunately it was not enough to earn the right to play on Saturday.

After the tournament, the Ladycats were scheduled to play Northwest on Tuesday, Jan. 18. However COVID issues at



KRISTIN MORALES

Clay Murador returned from an injury to score two goals against Benbrook.

Northwest High School caused the game's cancellation.

Cooper Trice got the assists on each goal respectively.

the match being non-district, both teams agreed to a penalty shootout to practice for future matchups. In five attempts, both teams scored four and the game was called, making the Bearcats record now 2-5-1.

### Bearcats

For the Bearcats, the tournament was just what they needed after the worst stretch in program history. Facing Benbrook on Thursday, Clay Murador came back from an ankle injury with style, scoring both goals in a 2-1 win. Harvey Keene and

Unfortunately, Friday's match was not as kind to Aledo, as they fell to Boswell 0-3, which also kept Aledo from playing on Saturday.

On Tuesday, Jan. 18, despite the girls game being canceled, the boys played on. Murador set up Taylon Kessler nicely for the lone Bearcat goal that was just enough to end regulation in a 1-1 draw. With

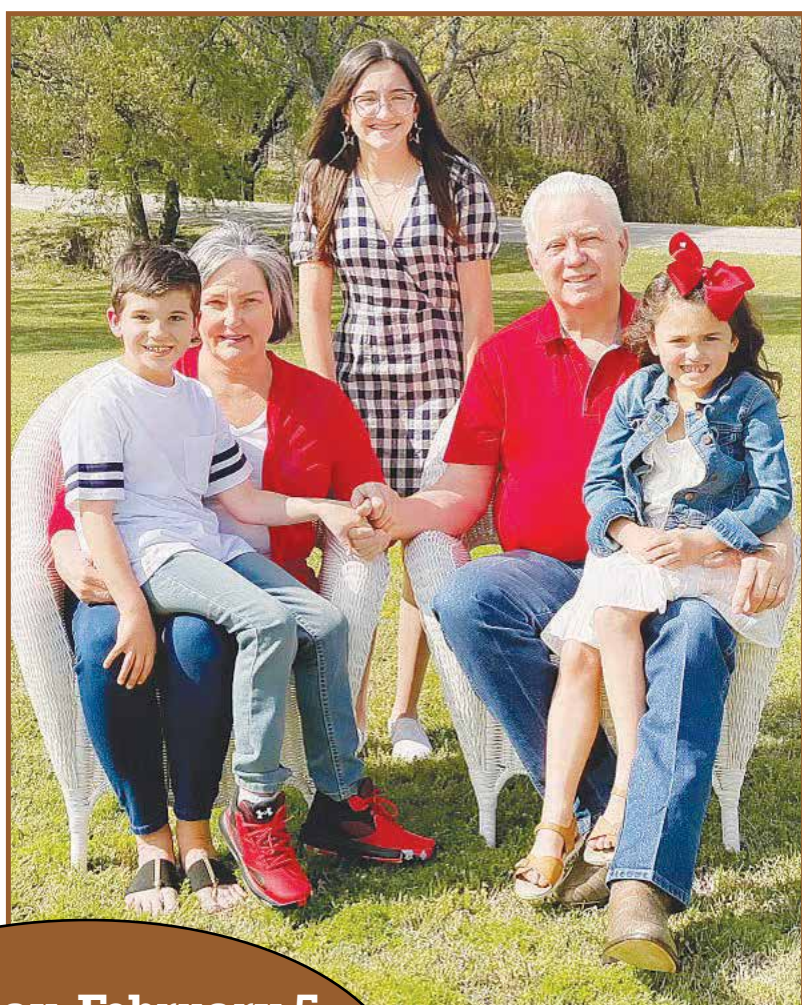
Both teams will compete in tournaments from Jan.20-22. The girls will be at Justin Northwest, and the boys will be at North Richland Hills Birdville, before starting district in the first week of February.



KRISTIN MORALES

McKenna Vela scored a goal and had an assist in Aledo's game against Waxahachie.

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Aldo senior Creed Willems was drafted by the Baltimore Orioles. July 16 issue

### JULY 2

In the event of a statewide energy crisis, officials in East Parker County's three major cities are all confident that they would be better prepared for grid failure this summer than they were during February's winter storm. Aldo Mayor Kit Marshall, Hudson Oaks City Administrator Sterling Naron, and Willow Park City Manager Bryan Grimes have all agreed that they hope to not

see a statewide power outage in 100-plus-degree.

Aldo ISD Superintendent Dr. Susan Bohn was named the Region 11 Superintendent of the Year Award, sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards, honors outstanding Texas administrators for achievement and excellence in public school administration.

### JULY 9

Parker County deputies arrested an Amber Alert subject, but one remained at large.

Hudson Oaks held its annual Boomin' 4th celebration with fireworks and special activities.

The first set of Young Men's Service League graduated from Aldo High School.

Austin Stockon was named Aldo's first wrestling coach.



### JULY 16

The Aldo ISD school board was selected as the Region 11 winner of the School Board Awards Program, qualifying the board to compete for the statewide award.

Multiple arrests were made as a local lumber theft case was solved.

The community mourned the death of Fr. Jay Atwood, rector at St. Francis Church for more than 25 years, and chaplain to the Aldo Fire Department.

Aldo baseball player Creed Willems was drafted by the Baltimore Orioles.

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**Davis Mazzei (right) miraculously survived an Enterovirus at birth and become a liver transplant recipient. He is shown with big brother Jackson. July 23 issue**

**JULY 23**

Anna Mazzei shared her story of her "miracle baby," son Davis who contracted Enterovirus in the womb.

The Aledo ISD board voted to purchase seven new school buses to meet the growth in the district.

Hot Chicks, a new restaurant, opened in Willow Park.

The annual Parker County Peach Festival attracted about 50,000 visitors.

Aledo runners were among those who qualified for the Junior Olympics.

**JULY 30**

The Aledo City Council voted unanimously to call for a special election and place a home rule charter proposition on the Nov. 2 ballot. Under Home Rule, the city would have more flexibility to adopt its own rules in addition to state legislation, allowing citizens more control over local government.

Willow Park could have Fort Worth water coming into



the city by early next week, depending on the results of testing samples from the pipeline that was laid in the late spring. Crews officially began work in early March after the cities spent more than five years negotiating and planning. The nearly \$20 million project — divided into a 52-48 cost split between Willow Park and Hudson Oaks, respectively — will include a 24-inch water

main, wholesale water meter station, and storage tank and pump station that would help transport water to Hudson Oaks.

The Bearcat Regiment began marching drills.

AHS volleyball player Mattie Gantt made her commitment to UTEP (University of Texas at El Paso).



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**ACROSS**

- TX Al Dexter hit: "Pistol Packin' "
- TXism: "tough \_\_\_ old boot"
- a Texan in New York City?
- TXism: "run \_\_\_ a lawyer" (finalize)
- a Texas lying competition? "tall \_\_\_"
- Texas-made Blue Bell \_\_\_ cream
- in Corpus Christi: Del \_\_\_
- this Keaton starred in "The Paper" with TX Randy Quaid (init.)
- he hasn't spent any time in the TX sun
- "sticks and \_\_\_ can break my bones"
- TXism: "jump bail"
- TXism: "the ole \_\_\_ and chain" (spouse)
- shirt stain
- Dallas Cowboys' 5th quarter (abbr.)
- TXism: "\_\_\_ water"
- what a doctor calls "discomfort"
- pie \_\_\_ mode
- in Amarillo: "\_\_\_ Fair & Rodeo"
- cowboy \_\_\_ buckle
- "got off \_\_\_-free"
- TXism: "brave \_\_\_ in a boomtown cafe"
- early TX transportation: \_\_\_ coach
- "papa," or "old man"
- anesthetic liquid
- how most Texans like their stew
- Yankees city (abbr.)
- TXism: "cute as a bug's \_\_\_"
- dresses for women at "Black Tie & Boots Ball"
- TX Barbara Mandrell sang "(If Loving You \_\_\_) I Don't Want \_\_\_ more scarce"
- TXism: "I'd have to prime my mouth \_\_\_" (thirsty)
- this John sang "Texan Love Song"
- "one-armed bandit" (\_\_\_ machine)
- \_\_\_ gallon hat
- oil finding science
- billionaire Texans
- leave a big 'un
- board of colors, not a sense of taste
- Esther of "Texas Carnival" (init.)
- TXism: "it ain't \_\_\_ in cement" (flexible)
- TX Buck Owens album: "I Don't \_\_\_"
- \_\_\_ land, TX
- TXism: "high as \_\_\_ back" (costly)
- bar income (2 wds.)
- another slang for Ford's "pony car"
- Madalyn Murray \_\_\_ (atheist who lived in Texas)
- stitched up
- a soccer player from Dallas, Drew
- immigrants from this country came to Texas in 1890
- TXism: "you can \_\_\_ it in ink" (sure)

**DOWN**

- focus of "Sea Aggies" at TAMUG? (2 wds.)
- TXism: "sharp \_\_\_"
- \_\_\_ Falls, TX
- TXism: "quick as you can bat \_\_\_"
- moon to Houston: "... one \_\_\_ step for [a] man ..."
- TX Lee Ann Womack tune: "Last \_\_\_" (2008)
- \_\_\_ City, TX
- first lady of Texas (1963-69) (init.)

**AUG. 6**

Annetta Elementary School is set to open later this month, completing one of the 2019 bond's major projects. Director of Construction and Facilities Tyler Boswell updated the board about the status of the bond projects in July. Two of the larger items in the voter-approved bond package were a new elementary campus and a new middle school campus. The bond package also included renovations to three campuses, new furniture for three existing elementary schools, land purchases for future school sites and new school buses. The total cost of the bond came out to \$149,950 million.

Aledo High School graduate

Austin Hall, who does advocacy work in Washington, D.C., was profiled.

Aledoan Brandon Swain completed the Ironman Triathlon.

The last day of Aledo Football Camp was featured in photos.

**AUG. 13**

The City of Fort Worth is in the running for an electric vehicle plant that would encompass 2,000 acres at the southern end of Walsh Ranch between I-20 and Aledo-Iona road just west of Markum Ranch Road. Robert Sturns, director of Fort Worth Economic Development, made a presentation to the Fort Worth City Council at a workshop on



Aug. 10. In the presentation, he pointed out that Fort Worth is competing with other sites

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around the country for the plant, and told the council they would be asked to approve economic incentives at their next meeting on Aug. 17.

The Willow Park City Council unanimously voted for the city to propose a new tax rate for the period between Oct. 1 and Sept. 30, 2022. City Manager Bryan Grimes recommended that council approve the tax rate of \$0.566654 per \$100 in valuation — the maximum approved rate before requiring voter approval—about three cents more per \$100 in valuation than the current rate.



**Austin Gregory snaps a first-day-of-school photo of his daughter, Callie, on the first day at Annetta Elementary School. Aug. 20 issue**



KIRSTEN GALLON

**Chase Spieker and Kailey Delorenzo lead Team Halo onto the field to start the Band Olympics on Aug. 13. The annual team-building exercise marks the end of summer band camp. Aug. 27 issue**



ted to the University of North Texas. Brittney McCoy was named as the recipient of the 2021 Thanksgiving Trot.



**AUG. 27**  
After a silent public hearing during the Aug. 24 council meeting, the Willow Park City Council unanimously approved a new tax rate of

\$0.566654 per \$100 in property valuation. COVID-19 has thrown a wrench into the beginning of the school year, already temporarily closing Trinity Christian Academy and keeping Aledo ISD officials on watch. TCA made the decision to close the school for the week of Aug. 23 primarily because of cases among staff.

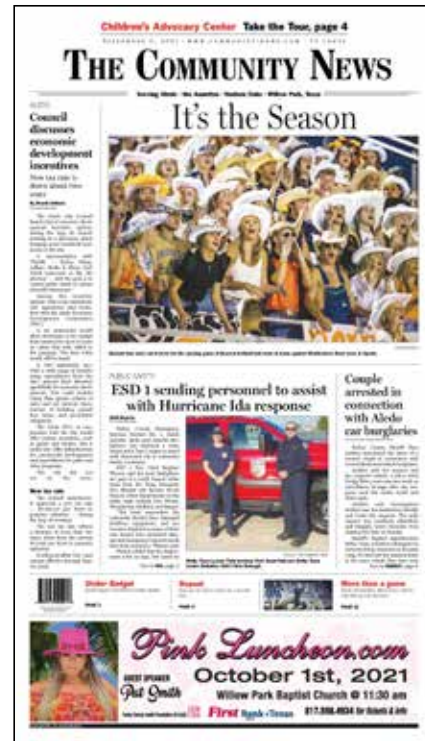
The Aledo Bearcat Regiment held its annual Band Olympics

The East Parker County Library concluded its summer reading program.

Aledo ISD lowered its tax rate.

**SEPT. 3**  
The Aledo City Council heard a list of economic development incentive options during the Aug. 26 council meeting in a discussion about bringing more beneficial businesses to the city. Among the incentive options were a tax abatement, 380 agreement and incentives with the Aledo Economic Development Corporation (EDC). A tax abatement would allow developers to be exempt from taxation for up to 10 years on values that were added to the property. The base value would still be taxed.

Parker County Sheriff Russ Authier announced the arrest of a wanted couple in connection with several Aledo area vehicle burglaries.



The suspects were identified as Leonard Demond Marcus Green, 39, and Shonia Kay Barmore, 34, both of Fort Worth.

Aledo ESD 1 sent personnel to assist with Hurricane Ida response.

Personnel at the Children's Advocacy Center of Parker County were featured. The center works with a variety of entities to provide services to children who are victims of abuse.

The Aledo Bearcats football team opened the season with a repeat win of the Peach Classic, defeating Weatherford 47-7.



**SEPT. 10**  
Parker County Sheriff Russ Authier asked residents to register their livestock. "We ask citizens to contact the sheriff's office and voluntarily add their livestock and horses to our

**AUG. 20**  
The Aledo ISD Board of Trustees voted to add an additional \$144,835 toward converting the Baseball and Softball Complex to synthetic turf at its Aug. 16 meeting. It is part of an ongoing project the board approved in June which will cost the district more than \$3.163 million. The Aledo ISD Board of Trustees has been chosen as one of five statewide Honor Boards in the Texas Association of School Administrators' 2021 Outstanding School Board of the Year contest.

The first day of school at the new Annetta Elementary School went off without a hitch.

AHS pitcher Kayleigh Smith commit-

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The 911 attack was re-lived with stories from the original coverage in 2001.

The Bearcats defeated Frisco Lone Star.



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Stacy Smith, founder of Team Defenders, leads a three-mile ruck at the end of the Patriots Day ceremony in Willow Park on Sept. 11. From the Sept 17 issue.



SEPT. 17

Willow Park City Council unanimously voted to have city staff update the city's debt schedule to reflect a \$7-million dollar issuance for road reconstruction. At a future meeting the council will review the updated information and decide whether or not to move forward with the Street Improvement Plan — a project of interest for almost half a decade.

The plan is made of several phrases, divided by location or types of streets. It 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.

It will also include concreting at Crown Road, Kings Gate Road, Ranch House Road and Sam Bass Road.

The Board of the Aledo Ex-Students Association has announced that, due to the COVID-19 virus, their homecoming banquet has been canceled

this year. However, the homecoming parade has been scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 20.

A former Aledo ISD teacher makes a difference in the fight against Parkinson's. Carey Durham provided



a stark look at the debilitating disease.

SEPT. 24

The Aledo Independent School District has announced some new safety and stadium security policies at home varsity football games. Effective with the homecoming game scheduled for Sept. 24, the district will enforce a clear bag policy like that used in some other school districts. Purses larger than a clutch bag, coolers, backpacks, fanny packs, cinch bags, computer bags, and camera bags will no longer be permitted in the stadium.

Two Aledo High School students were recognized as National Merit Semifinalists. Bearcat seniors Bud Green and Trevor Hennington were recognized among the 16,000 semifinalists nationwide and 1,500 in Texas in the 67th annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

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