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POLITICS

Governor touts 'economic juggernaut'

King, Springer also speak to crowd of 500 By Randy Keck

About 500 people crowded into the sanctuary at New River Fellowship in Hudson Oaks to hear Texas Governor Greg Abbott speak on Thursday, Jan. 20.

Abbott posed for photos with many attendees before the program, sponsored by the East Parker County Chamber of Commerce,

The event featured local prominent Republicans in addition to the governor.

State Rep. Phil King opened the program to talk about the newly-drawn State Senate District 10 boundaries. He has filed to unseat the incumbent, Democrat Pam Powell of Burleson.

"I'm sad I'm not going to be your state rep, but I'm really excited about the opportunity to represent you the senate along with my really dear friend, Drew Springer, who will share Parker County," King said.

In the remainder of his remarks, he said he wanted to brag on the accomplishments of the legislature and Gov. Abbott in 2021.

"This was the most productive legislative year of all the years I've been serving in the house," King said. "But nobody ever heard about it. Because as soon as we finished up, everything kind of got smothered by all the just really bad news coming out of Washington."

King, a member of the American Legislative exchange Council (ALEC), said that organization commissioned a study to go study all 50 states in 2021 and rank the governors from best to worst for how they were on job creation, economic freedom, and building an economy in their state.

King said in the first commission study, Governor Greg Abbott was rated the top governor in 2020.

In the area of elections, King said "in a number of counties, particularly large urban areas around the state, we just had some election fraud. So we passed massive election reform."

According to the election audit called by Gov. Abbott in 2021, there may have been 600 fraudulent votes cast statewide out of 3.88 million votes cast.

"It's going to be easier to vote this time, and it's going to be much, much, much harder to cheat," King

King also talked about the constitutional amendment passed by voters regarding church services. The amendment prohibits government entities from cancelling religious activities, which was a situation they arose when some of Texas largest counties issued



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Texas Gov. Greg Abott poses for photographs before speaking on Jan. 20.

executive orders curtailing religious gatherings during the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Again taking aim at more populous cities, King said the City of Austin had decided to "defund its police." As a result, King said, "it got so bad that ...we actually discussed very seriously, the state of Texas DPS taking over for Austin PD in downtown, because you couldn't even literally walk downtown safely because of all the things were going on.

passed legislation that made it clearly illegal to defund your law enforcement organizations."

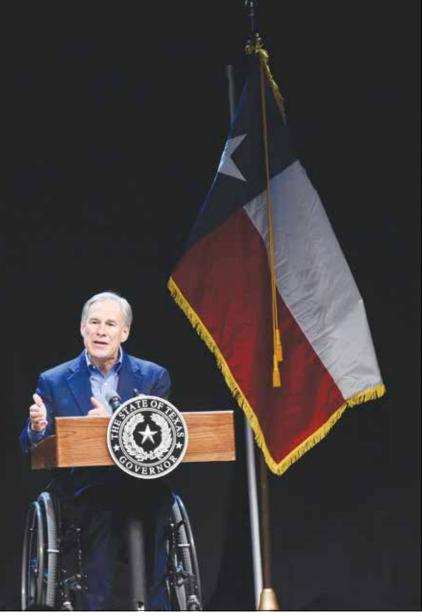
In the area of education, King touted the legislature's funding of public schools. King claimed CRT (Critical Race Theory) had infiltrated Texas schools, and legislation was needed to address it. He added that the legislature passed a law prohibiting boys from playing in girls' sports.

In addition, King said the legislature had:

- eliminated interest on the rollback tax rate in the state, reducing property taxes by \$480 billion over the next five years;
- put in place prohibition penalties that will stop discrimination against oil and gas business ventures in funding opportunities in the state;
- put permanent legislation in place that puts caps on the growth of state government, holding it at the level of population increase and inflation.

Drew Springer

State Senator Drew Springer followed King.



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Gov. Abbott spoke to about 500 people at New River Fellowship on Jan. 20.

"We had a phenomenal session. Truthfully, the most conservative session in Texas history.... we created the foundation that will continue to live on for generations," Springer said.

Springer added second amendment issues and border security to his list of accomplishments.

"We went from \$800 million to \$3 billion to do what Joe Biden

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POLITICS

Hammons announces Pct. 4 candidacy

Fred Hammons has announced intention seek the office of Parker County Pct. 4 Commissioner.

Hammons graduated from Burleson High School and has resided in Parker County almost 20 years. He is



Hammons

educated and trained in law enforcement, public safety, project management, budgetary processes, public infrastructure construction, and Intergovernmental relations. His training has been from Texas A&M, TCC, and Texas Tech.

"I will be the 'hands on' commissioner that puts the community first," Hammons said. "There will be no favorites or special favors. I will strive to make this office available to you in accordance to your request.

"I have not been 'groomed by the county, I'm not a local business owner (that would put this office second) and I'm not using this position to gain experience to enhance my personal agenda outside of Parker County."

Hammons said if elected he will donate a percentage of his salary back to Parker County.

"Under my leadership, this office will accountable to you," he said. "This office will return your calls (even after hours, if need be) and I will meet you at midnight if needed. I am not asking for fund raisers to obtain money to run for this office, this office is an elected office and should not be bought."

Hammons also said he would strive implement a courtesy patrol

PARKER COUNTY

Property tax payment deadline nears

The deadline to avoid additional property tax penalty and interest is fast approaching. To avoid paying additional property tax penalty and interest, payments must be received or postmarked by Jan. 31, 2022.

Taxpayers can pay online at www.parkercad.org. Taxpayers can pay by mail or in-person at the Parker County Appraisal District office located at 1108 Santa Fe Dr. Weatherford, TX 76086. For convenience, there is also a drive-thru window and an after-hours drop box located at the front of the building.





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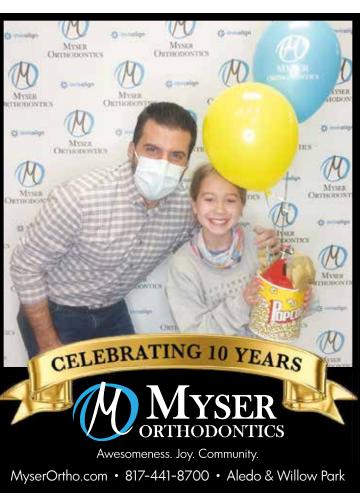












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won't do in Washington," Springer said of border security.

He pointed out that the legislature added \$30 billion for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

"We know we need more roads, we know we have to have that commitment to the core functions of government and making sure we're doing this. We have several projects going on right now in Parker County; resurfacing, new bridges, safety items."

Springer added that Interstate 20 needs more lanes through Parker

"And we've got money now from the federal government with some of the CARES Act. We have roughly \$30 billion to spend on federal infrastructure. That's the interstate system. And we need to make sure that Parker County is at the front of the line, as we have seen phenomenal growth," Springer said.

Springer told the audience that Texas would again receive the Governor's Cup for 2021. The Governor's Cup, awarded by Site Selection Magazine, selects the state that has the most business relocations and expansions. Texas has won the designation every year since 2012.

In an additional economic development issue, Springer said "one of the things we passed this session was rural broadband. Because we know no matter where businesses are, where a kid is growing up, they need access to rural broadband, to make sure that they can be educated where they can check out consumers and point of order sales. And so Phil and I work together to make sure that we got that through, and signed into law."

In terms of redistricting and splitting Parker County into two districts, Springer said, "we wanted to make sure the Texas Senate stays

red for the next 10 years. We actually think we'll go from 18 Republican senators to 19."

Making the assumption that Phil King will win the District 10 race, Springer said "I look forward to having him with me in the state senate to where Parker County has two senators. That's two out of 31. That is extremely powerful when two of us are leaning on the appropriations chair or the transportation chair."

Springer then introduced Gov. Abbott.

"Governor Greg Abbott continues to build on a record as a strong conservative leader who will fight to preserve Texas values and ensure the Lone Star State remains the best place to raise a family, build a business, and create greater opportunities for all."

Abbott

Gov. Abbott touted the strong Texas economy, and complimented local business leaders on their work.

"With all of us working together, whether you are in Parker County or Tarrant County or any other location in the state of Texas, working together, we have created Texas into an economic juggernaut," Abbott said. "Every year that I've been governor, Texas has been ranked the number one state in the United States to do business."

He added that for 19 years in a row, Texas has been the number one state for exports, including for the past eight years being the number one exporter of Technology. Texas is also ranked the number one state to open a small business.

In terms of economic clout, Texas is now the ninth largest economy in the world.

"We surpassed Brazil over the past year, so Texas has a larger economy than Brazil, Texas has a larger economy than our two international neighbors, Mexico and Canada. Texas has a larger economy than countries like Australia, and Texas even has a larger economy than the



Aledo High School Young Republicans had an opportunity to meet Gov. Greg Abbott at a reception following his speech on Jan. 20. Shown are (front row, from left) Grady Saunders, Abbott, and Devan Dave and (back row) Ethan Pelfrey, Logan DeFranzo, and sponsor Stan Reid.



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State Rep. Phil King was the opening speaker to a packed house at New River Fellowship.

country of Russia," Abbott said, adding a quip "And that makes me more powerful than Putin!"

Abbott stressed the importance of the rural broadband legislation passed in the last session, and said Texas passed a balanced budget with no new taxes.

He spoke of setting a legacy for future generations.

"One of the best ways we can do that is to pass laws that will assure that the future generations will benefit from the same type of taxes that we have inherited," Abbott said.

Regarding education, Abbott said no governor in Texas history has provided more funding to public education, and he spoke of how best to educate students for the future.

"By and large, our schools are doing great. But that doesn't mean that we don't also always look for ways in which we can make either the schools better or make the pathway of the people going through the education process better," Abbott

As an example, he pointed to a new emphasis on technical education in the state.

In addition, Abbott said he would be introducing a "Parents Bill Of Rights" later in the day.

In the area of crime, Abbott said the legislature forced the City of Austin to re-hire the police it eliminated.

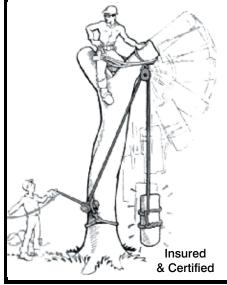
Abbott mentioned the practice of releasing dangerous criminals with either low or no bail. "And that's exactly why we passed bail reform this last session to keep dangerous criminals locked up."

Border security was also emphasized, and Abbott specifically mentioned the amount of fentanyl that is being seized coming across the border.

"Texas is doing more than any other state has ever done in the history of the United States of America to secure our border. But to top it off, now, Texas is building our own border wall," Abbott said.

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State short of voter forms as deadline nears



Gary Borders

Less than a week remains before the Jan. 31 deadline to register to vote in the March 1 primary. While Secretary of State John Scott publicly assured Texas voters that "every single eligible Texas voter will be able to register to vote if they have not done so already," the League of Women Voters on Friday threatened to sue his office if the nonpartisan group isn't provided with additional voter registration forms.

The Austin American-Statesman reported the league contends the state has decided to "sharply limit" the number of voter registration forms distributed to the league and other groups, claiming that is a violation of the National Voter Registration Act.

"It is crucial that the Secretary of State's office act swiftly to provide the necessary voter registration forms for the people of Texas. The deadline to register to vote for the upcoming primary election is quickly approaching, and Texas is one of 11 states without online voter registration," said Grace Chimene, president of the League of Women Voters of Texas.

Sam Taylor, assistant secretary of state for communications, told KUT.org that supply chain issues have made it harder and more expensive to get paper, which means the Secretary of State's office will be giving out fewer voter registration forms to groups ahead of elections this year.

"We are limited in what we can supply this year because of the paper shortage and the cost constraints due to the price of paper and the supply of paper," he said.

Texas is one of the few states that does not have online voter registration.

Leander man charged for threatening election officials

A Leander man is the first person to be charged by federal officials in a case brought by a task force formed to combat threats against election officials. Numerous media outlets reported that Chad Christopher Stark posted a message last January on Craigslist, saying it was time to kill a Georgia elections official.

"Georgia Patriots it's time for us to take back our state from these Lawless treasonous traitors. It's time to invoke our Second Amendment right it's time to put a bullet in the treasonous Chinese [Official A]. Then we work our way down to [Official B] the local and federal corrupt judges," Stark wrote, according to the indictment.

The three officials allegedly threatened were not named.

The Texas Tribune reported Georgia officials were especially targeted by a flood of hostile messages after they refused to back then-President Donald Trump's claims of election fraud. Election officials across the country have faced criticism and personal attacks by Trump supporters claiming the election was stolen. No widespread instances of election fraud have come to light despite dozens of investigations.

State again reaches record job level

 $The Texas Work force Commission \, report-\\$ ed last week that the seasonally adjusted state unemployment rate dropped to 5.0% in December, down 0.2 percentage points from the previous month. The state added 50,000 nonagricultural jobs last month - marking job gains in 19 of the last 20 months. The state set another record level of employment with more than 13 million jobs.

"Seeing a second consecutive month of record-setting employment, with more than 13 million jobs, highlights the underlying strength of the Texas economy," said TWC Chairman Bryan Daniel. "This economic strength creates an environment for Texas employers to continue to create jobs and provide opportunities for the workforce in the Lone Star State."

The state has added 694,000 jobs since December 2020.

COVID-19 cases set record high

Spurred by the omicron variant, the number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas in the past week climbed to a record 433,584, with 971 new deaths reported as well by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. Since the pandemic began in March 2020, the state has recorded 5.9 million cases and 78,055 deaths equivalent to the entire population of Cedar Park.

Hospitalizations in Texas of lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients also continued to rise, up 36% from the previous week at 13,324, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. That figure is approaching the record high of 14,106 set in January 2021.

Paxton denies open records law violation

Attorney General Ken Paxton denied that he violated the state's open records law, rejecting an allegation by the Travis County district attorney that his office should release communications from the week of the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol attack, The Dallas Morning News reported.

Five of the state's largest newspapers filed a joint complaint after Paxton denied their open records requests. The district attorney's office warned it would file suit if Paxton did not release the information. In a letter to the Travis County district attorney's public integrity unit, Paxton's office called the claims "meritless" and said there was "no violation to cure."

Editors for the newspapers released a joint statement saying: "We believe these records are public and should be released. We hope the Travis County district attorney continues to hold the attorney general accountable for following our state's open records laws and continues to advocate for the public's right to know in this case."

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A NOTE FROM THE PUBLISHER

We appreciate your patience as this issue of The Community News has been delayed. COVID-19 has affected a member of our staff, and our office will be closed until at least

Unfortunately, medical care is in short supply right now as unvaccinated patients are clogging ERs and CCUs. Please go get vaccinated if you have not done so. This is life and death, and no time to get medical guidance from television hucksters.







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2021 - THE YEAR IN REVIEW



OCT. 1

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

The association was impressed by the board's heavy emphasis on student learning and academic achievement, their work to earn trust within their community, and their ability to manage change.

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

Emma Davis was named



A young participant smiles at the camera while getting signed in for the CAST event at Lake Weatherford on Saturday, Sept. 11 in which special needs children were taught to fish. Oct. 1 issue.

Homecoming Queen for 2021. The 2020 Coming Home Queen was Mrs. Jackie Whisnant Sneed, and the 2021 Coming Home Queen was Mrs. Deborah Lambert Hilgard.

The new Aledo Volleyball Club was slated to open in early 2022.

Aledo anglers volunteered at the annual CAST for Kids event, in which special needs children are taught to

The Aledo Bearcats' football district winning streak hit 98.

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

The Pine Street District — the heart

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

Tailgaters at Bearcat home games were featured in an article about the growing tradition.

Willow Park city officials declined to comment on the question of whether they were aware of plans



for the proposed card room when they approved a zoning change that would allow the business.

The Aledo AdvoCats hosted a "Sip & Shop" at the Clothes Closet.

The Aledo varsity tennis team clinched a playoff spot by defeating Granbury and Azle.

OCT.15

Willow Park City Council postponed a decision to annex the 19.16-acre John H. Phelps Survey tract after several residents spoke up during public hearing about the land in Southeast Willow Park. Resident Dale Lewis, who lives in the Hunter's Glen subdivision — which would be south of the annexation if approved - told city council they should have a plan for drainage, traffic, and environmental inspections

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and regulations.

The Aledo Thanksgiving Trot was renamed to honor early board member and first recipient Marcia

Trinity Christian Academy homecoming festivities were planned.

Squaw Creek played host to former NFL greats, as well as stars from other sports, to raise money for Willow Park Police and Fire Departments, and the Fort Worth Food Bank, at the annual Rayfield Wright Golf Tournament.

The AHS tennis team defeated Grapevine in bi-district.

The Aledo Bearcats' district win streak hit 99 in football.

OCT. 22

Candidates began filing to run for office in newly-drawn districts.

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



The Aledo Bearcats' district winning streak in football hit 100.

The Community News paid a tribute to longtime columnist Reubene Scott, who died a week shy of her 101st birthday.

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

OCT. 29

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.

Aledo High School sophomore Jett Moore, had the Grand Champion Market Steer at the American Royal Livestock Show in Kansas City. The 1,344-pound Angus steer brought \$250,000 at auction.

Aledo ISD announced an expansion in its Advanced Academics offerings.

New district lines drawn by the



Texas Legislature will alter District 30. which currently includes Parker County and stretches all the way to Wichita Falls.

Drew Springer (R-Muenster) currently represents the district. The legislature's new map splits Parker County. Part is in Springer's district, but the new map adds a portion of Parker County to Senate District 10, which is represented by Beverly Powell (D-Burleson). Current State Rep Phil King (R-Weatherford) has announced his intention to run for that seat in an effort to unseat Powell.

The Aledo tennis team won areal but lost in the regional quarterfinal.

The Bearcats football won district game 101 against Waco University, clinching a playoff spot.

NOV. 5

The Aledo City Council unanimously approved the preliminary plat for Parks of Aledo's south tract — The Lakes - during its regular city council meeting on Thursday, Oct. 28. The 107-acre development tract would include 267 lots and about 45 acres of open space, said Justin Welborn of James R. Harris Partners, LLC, a real estate developer.

The Aledo Bearcat Regiment placed seventh at the state UIL Marching Band competition in San Antonio.



Mavrick Zelke took the chin-up challenge at the Marine Corp booth at Aledo Fest on Oct. 16. Oct. 22 issue.

Brittney McCoy, daughter of Joe and Kelli McCoy, was chosen as beneficiary of the annual 2021 Thanksgiving Trot in Aledo.

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Brittney, now 11, functions as a sixmonth-old. She can't walk, she is legally blind, and she experiences epilepsy.







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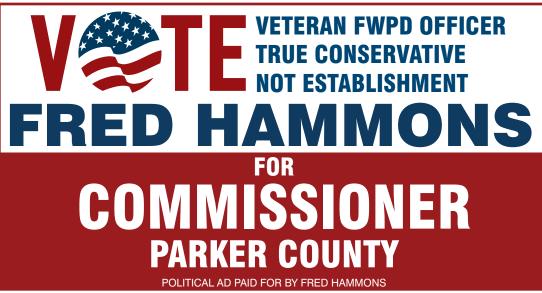
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NOV. 12

Willow Park City Council tabled a resolution that would alter the policy for citizens' input during public comment and forum sessions.

Existing policy allows all citizens to speak three minutes during any public comment or public hearing. The new resolution would allow the meeting's presiding officer to issue time limitations - less than the regularly allotted three minutes — if an overwhelming number of residents speak during a meeting.

The Parker County Emergency Services District 1 Board of commissioners approved a plan to hire 20 additional full time firefighter positions in the 2021/2022 fiscal year.

ESD 1 is the Fire/Rescue Dept. for Aledo, the Annettas, Springtown, Peaster, Poolville, the Morning Star MUD, and the Silver Creek and LaJunta communities.

Three Aledo High School photographers were named finalists in the National Scholastic Press Association 2021 Photo of the Year competition.

Aledo ISD Band Director Joey Paul was featured after the band's eighth trip to state.

The Bearcats football team capped off a perfect district season with a 77-7 win over Cleburne.

Aledo's Isaac Hernandez finished the state cross country meet in 11th place and was named to the Cross Country Coaches Association of Texas All-State Team.

Trinity Christian Academy competed in the TAPPS state cross country meet.



NOV. 19

Candidates for a number of state and local offices filed for election. County Court at Law 1 Aledo attorney Zach Pettigrew has announced that he will run for judge of County Court at Law 1 to succeed Jerry Buckner, who is retiring. Rachael M. Watson of Weatherford

has submitted her application to run for the office for Parker County Republican Chair.

Aledo City Council member Nick Stanley announced his candidacy for mayor of Aledo on Nov. 17. Aledo's current Mayor, Kit Marshall, has announced her candidacy for State House District 60, making way for a Mayoral election in May of 2022.

The Parker County Regional Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) was commended on Nov. 5 in a ceremony held by Jacksboro Police Department in recognition for a callout in their jurisdiction.

The tenth anniversary of the Marcia Walters Thanksgiving Trot was fea-

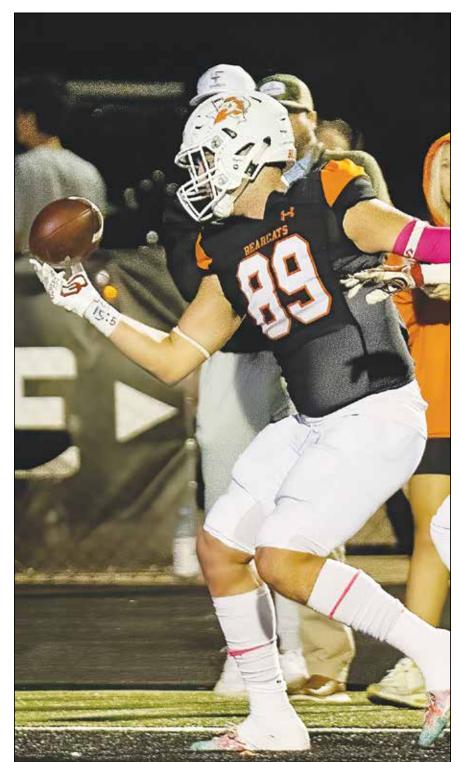
The Aledo Bearcats defeated Hillcrest 77-0 in the first round of football playoffs. The TCA Eagles fell in their first playoff game.

Aledo's wrestling program had its first meet in Midlothian.

NOV. 26

The Aledo City Council approved the final plats for the Aledo River subdivision's first phase during the council meeting on Nov. 18. The preliminary plat was approved by council on July 23, 2020. The first phase of the 157-acre residential subdivision consists of more than 43 acres and 19 residential lots.

U.S. Marine Corps Sergeant James W. Adair of Aledo became the recipient of present a payment-free 2021 Honda Passport provided by Wells Fargo, the Helpful North Texas Honda Dealers and Military Warriors Support.



Jason Llewellyn makes a fingertip catch for a touchdown against Mansfield Timberview on Oct. 15. From the Oct. 22 issue.



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The Parker County Sheriff's Reserves were responsible for collecting 3,000 pounds of food for the Center of Hope.

The Bearcats defeated Frisco Liberty 57-14 in the area football playoff.



DEC. 3

The Aledo Players presented their musical, "Mamma Mia!"



background. Cec. 3 issue



AHS graduate and musician Matt Tedder was featured.

The Aledo ISD announced it was among the top five metroplex school districts for starting teacher pay.

The Bearcats football team fell to eventual state champion South Oak Cliff.

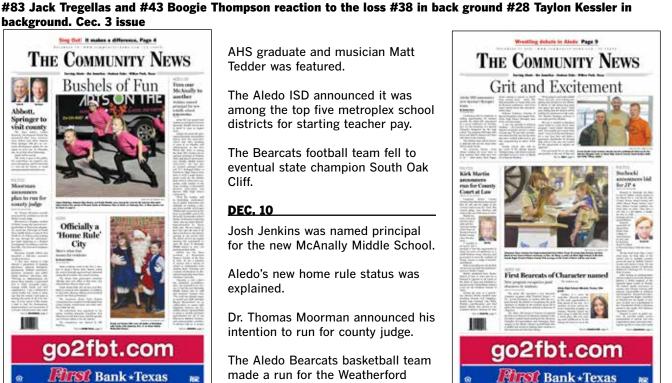
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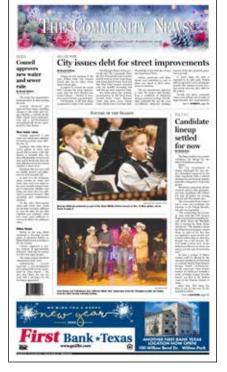
Josh Jenkins was named principal for the new McAnally Middle School.

Aledo's new home rule status was explained.

Dr. Thomas Moorman announced his intention to run for county judge.

The Aledo Bearcats basketball team made a run for the Weatherford Tournament championship.







Trinity Christian Academy's Clay Shooting team placed at the Waco

The AHS golf team concluded a successful season.

DEC. 17

The Aledo ISD announced the formation of a Special Olympics team.

Shaynnne Story of Aledo was the first Parker County female to receive an Eagle Scout designation.



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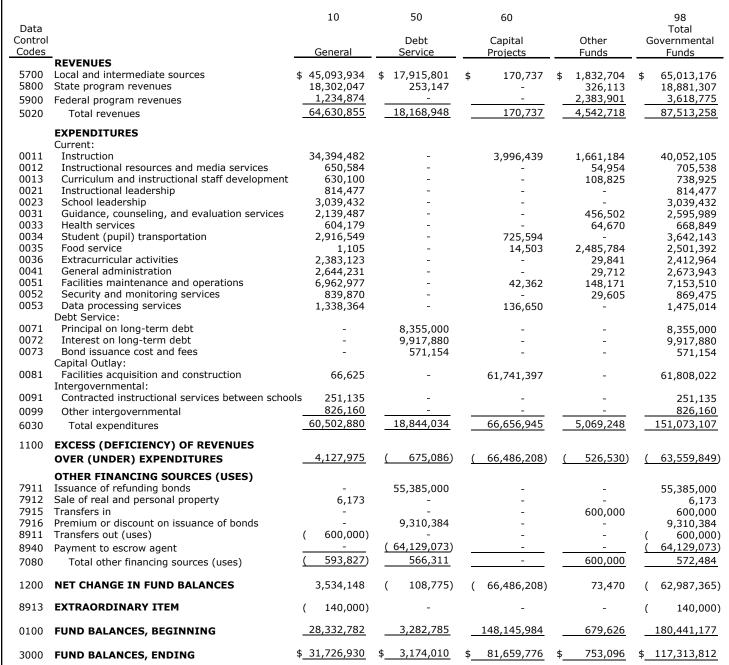
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Kirk Martin announced a run for County Court at Law 1, while Bernard Suchocki announced a run for Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4.

The first Bearcats of Character were named.

The Marcia Walters Thanksgiving Trot raised a record \$93,000.

Aledo High School hosted its first wrestling meet.

DEC. 24

Willow Park issued \$23 million in debt for street improvements.

The City of Aledo approved new water and sewer rates.

AHS basketball teams had mixed success leading up to the holidays.

The annual photos of students missing their two front teeth were featured.

DEC. 31

Jessica Hall, the young student who had a hemispherectomy operation in 2008, was featured as she has graduated from high school and entered Weatherford college.

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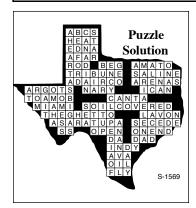
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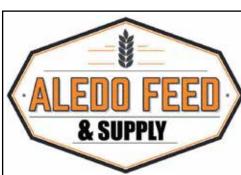
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SOCCER

Tough week for Bearcats, Ladycats

By Nolan Ruth

It was another tough week for the Aledo soccer programs as the tournament season comes a close. With the Ladycats going into the final tournament with a respectable 3-2-1 record, and the Bearcats with a struggling 2-5-1 record, both teams looked to build on what was a rather good showing the week before.

The Bearcats had their Thursday game canceled due to hazardous conditions and extreme cold. On Friday, Aledo faced off with Fort Worth Arlington Heights. Despite Austin Randriamhefa setting up Taylon Kessler for a goal, the Bearcats fell 2-1. In Saturday's match with Haltom, Clay Murador scored when Adam Averett set him up and got the assist. However Aledo fell again by a score of 3-1.

The boys now hold a record of 2-7-1 and their next match will be Friday, January 28 at Bearcat Stadium against Springtown.

Meanwhile the girls had iust as rough, if not more rough of a weekend than the boys. Things looked like they may be all right when they tied Keller Timber Creek on Thursday 2-2. However things quickly turned south on Friday when Mansfield Legacy handed the Ladycats a 5-2 loss. Things did not get any better on Saturday when Aledo fell to the Lady Hawks of Hebron 7-0 to end the tournament with a below .500 record.

The Ladycats record now stands at 3-4-2 with their next match coming against Fort Worth Carter Riverside, at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 1 at Bearcat Stadium.

BASKETBALL

Mixed results for varsity teams

Staff Reports

Both Aledo varsity basketball teams split the last week, winning against Wichita Falls High School on Friday and losing to Brewer on Tuesday.

The Ladycats totally dominated and swept WFHS. The varsity win was 59-9. The Varsity, JV, and freshmen outscored Wichita Falls by a combined total of 181-14.

Addy Hebel and Haley Lowe paced the Ladycats against Wichita Falls, each with 10 points.

Brewer was a little too much to handle, however, defeating the varsity 43-48. Claire Byars and Presley Hull were in double figures with 19 and 12 points respectively.

The Bearcats defeated Wichita Falls 69-47 (box score was not available at press time). Against Brewer, Drew Clock had 11 points in a losing effort, 37-44.

Varsity Boys vs. Wichita Falls

Jan. 21				
Aledo 2	22 18	10 18	3 69	
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Drew Clock 12,	Xavier A	Anderson 1		

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Varsity boys vs Brewer

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Jan.	25

Aledo	5	11	11	10	37	
Brewer	10	12	18	14	44	
Drew Clock 4, Ethan Pie						

Varsity Girls vs. Wichita Falls

High

Aledo: 16	12	14	17	59	
WFalls: 3	2	2	2	9	

Addy Hebel 10, Haley Lowe 10, Reagan Davis 9, Kandle Boggus 9, Claire Byars 6, Presley Hull 6, Kenzie Grau 5, Sophie Smith 4

JV Girls vs. Wichita Falls High

Aledo: 21 14 18 11 64 WFalls: 1 0 0 2 3 Ella Isbell 12, Presley Bergen 11, Haley Farmer 11, Addi Durrand 9, Hannah Good 8, Aubrey Connelly 6, Taylor Paetzold 5, Caroline Browning 2

Jan. 21					
Aledo: 17	9	13	19	58	
WFalls: 0	2	0	0	2	



Camden Yielding goes to the basket against Brewer on Tuesday night.

Addie Smith 14, Jalie Hockaday 11, Savannah Salas 10, Rebekah Jarrell 6, Augustus Carlone 5, Maddox Lucas 4. Morgan Gomez 4. Zion Kennedy 4

Varsity Girls vs. Brewer

Aledo: 7 12 4 20 43 Brewer: 1111 10 16 48

Claire Byars 19, Presley Hull 12, Addy Hebel 5, Reagan Davis 4, Kinley Elms 2, Kandle Boggus 1

JV Girls vs. Brewer

Aledo: 18 10 19 15 62 Brewer: 7 6 9 9 31

Ella Isbell 14, Presley Bergen 12, Caroline Browning 8, Taylor Paetzold 7, Addi Durrand 6, Haley Farmer 6, Daniella Tregellas 4, Addie Smith 4, Meredith Brown 2, Julianna Caggiano 2, Hannah Good 2

WRESTLING

Regular season ends on high note

By Nolan Ruth

The newest, and probably most exciting, program at Aledo High School right now is the wrestling program. In just its first season, Aledo already has a state ranked wrestler, and has received numerous invites to prestigious tournaments, none more so than the State Duels which were held on Saturday, Jan. 22 at Rock Hill High School in Prosper. The Ladycats wrestling team received that invite and head coach Austin Stockon took it.

Despite the inexperience compared to the other schools, the Ladycats performed rather well. After dropping their first duel with El Paso Chapin, and falling again to Amarillo, the girls reeled off wins in their last two duals against Dallas Hillcrest and Midlothian Heritage to finish the tournament at a dead even 2-2.

In the match against Hillcrest, Madison Mares and Avery Kernan got the wins that sealed the deal after four forfeits by Hillcrest due to lack of wrestlers. Aledo took the victory in points, 36-18.

The final duel against Midlothian Heritage was not as ceremonious, as again the numbers did not match. Both schools claimed victory in a match, but six forfeits by Heritage gave Aledo the 42-17 win. The Ladycats ended placing 13th in the tournament.

"We came in and we knew it was going to be tough," Stockton said midway through the tournament. "These are state ranked teams. But we're fighting hard, we're winning matches that we didn't think we would win and we're seeing good things."

On Wednesday, Jan. 27, the school hosted its first wrestling senior night in a duel with Brewer. With the night starting with special ceremonies it became even more special when most of the senior boys ended up winning by pins. "Mean Jack" Green, Ansel Din-Mbuh, and

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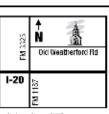
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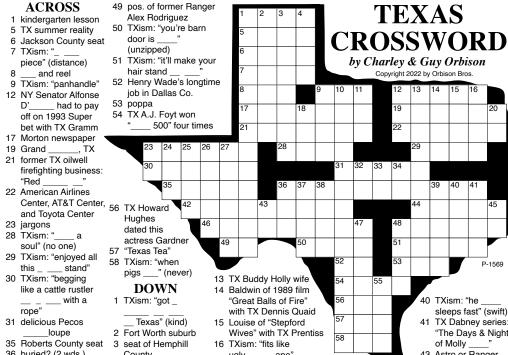
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Tanner Howse placed second in 100 Fly at the district swim meet.

SWIMMING

AHS team advances to regionals

Several Aledo Swimcats will advance to the UIL 5a Region I Swim Meet on Feb. 4-5 at the Pete Ragus Aquatic Center in Lubbock.

Aledo swimmers at the district meet who qualified for the regional meet are:

meet are:		
Boys 200 Yard Medley Relay	Hunter Gregory, Sam Ogden, Porter Lane, Tanner Howse	4th
Girls 200 Yard Freestyle	Kamryn Kupper	2nd
Boys 200 yard Freestyle	Tanner Howse	2nd
Girls 200 IM	Haley Roberson	1st
Girls 50 Yard Freestyle	Breanna Olivieri	4th
Girls 100 yard Butterfly	Corah Satterfield	3rd
	Victoria Crews	4th
Boys 100 yard Butterfly	Tanner Howse	2nd
	Porter Lane	4th
Girls 100 yard freestyle	Breanna Olivieri	6th
Boys 100 yard freestyle	Sam Ogden	2nd

Girls 500 yard freestyle	Haley Roberson	1st
	Matila Moeller	6th
Girls 200 yard freestyle relay	Kamryn Kupper, Haley Roberson, Breanna Olivieri, and Victoria Crews	1st
Boys 200 yard freestyle relay	Tanner Howse, Porter Lane, Hunter Gregory, and Sam Ogden	4th
Girls 100 yard backstroke	Kamryn Kupper	3rd,
	Corah Satterfield	5th,
	Avery Faulkner	6th
Boys 100 yard backstroke	Sam Ogden	1st
Girls 400 yard freestyle relay	Victoria Crews, Breanna Olivieri, Kamryn Kupper, and Haley Roberson	1st

Also competing at the district meet for the Swimcats were Mia Flowers, Madi McDonald, Kyle Scharlow, Travis Decker, Jessica Ward, and Alex Pomales.

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TCA Sports Roundup

The boys basketball team battled to two tough losses going up against ranked opponents. The boys lost 87-47 to #5 Lake Country Christian on Jan 18, and lost again to #2 Lubbock Trinity 104-64 on Saturday, Jan. 22.

Sophomore Landry Crumpler was player of the game on Jan 18 with 14 points and 12 rebounds. Junior Kanyon Kelley earned player of the game on Jan 22 with 29 points and was the high scorer for both teams. The TCA Eagles take the week off with a BYE and will be back at home for their last home game of the season as they take on Midland Trinity on Saturday Jan. 29 at 12:30 p.m.

TCA 13 11 13 10 47

Lake Country 27 11 21 28 87

Landry Crumpler 14, Sam Carson 10, Bryce Ratliff 8

TCA 15 14 18 17 38 LBK Trinity23 29 16 30 22 Kanyon Kelley 29, Landry Crumpler 9, Toby Thomes

The Lady Eagles dropped another district game at the hands of Lubbock Trinity Christian School by the score, 22-55. Defensively, the team was led by Macy Prestwood, Margaret Cowley (7 rebounds), and Caroline Thompson (7 rerebounds). Offensively, Paige Bull led all scorers with 8 points.

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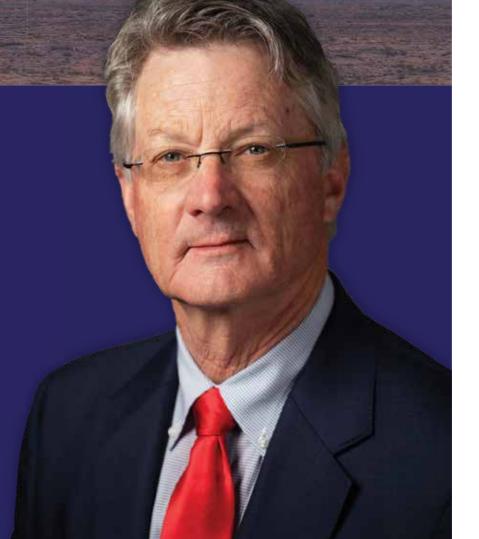
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Cole Bohnan all got pins that sent the home crowd into a frenzy.

Bohnan's pin was the one that got the attention of everybody. Well in control of his bout, Bohnan had an opportunity to pin his opponent in the first period, but instead let him loose to continue his final bout on home turf. Just 19 seconds into the second period, Bohnan performed a flawless hip toss and flung his opponent to the mat, pinning him just seconds later and claiming a victory.

Not only is Bohnan possibly the Bearcats' best wrestler, he is single handedly responsible for getting the wrestling program started. In March of 2021, Bohnan spoke in front of the Aledo ISD Board of Trustees and advocated for the start of the program. Just 10 months later, he stood victorious on senior night.

"It's surreal," Bohnan said after the duel. "I can't thank God enough for all the opportunities he has given me. All it takes is just a little bit. I went out and presented my case for something that I care about. Look at us now. It has affected so many more people now."

The boys defeated Brewer 48-24 in front of the home crowd for the final time in the 2021-22 season, completing the first non-district season in Aledo wrestling history.

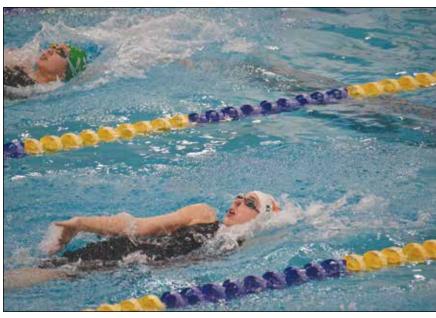
"I'm excited," coach Stockon said about going into the district tournament. "We've seen all these teams, we've seen Azle and Springtown and now we've got to take it to the Lubbock schools."

Both the Bearcats and Ladycats will travel to Lubbock on Friday, Feb. 4, for the two-day district tournament at Estacado High School. Bouts begin at 3 p.m. on Friday and will go through 1 p.m. Saturday.



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Reagan Davis handles the basketball in recent action against Azle.



COURTESY OF STACEE HOWSE

Kamryn Kupper placed third in 100 Back.



COURTESY OF STACEE HOWSE

Haley Roberson placed first in 200 IM.



Aledo's first, second, and third place medal winners were (from left) Breanna Olivieri (10), Kamryn Kupper (11), Corah Satterfield (9), Haley Roberson (9), Victoria Crews (9), Tanner Howse (11), and Sam Ogden (11).



COURTESY OF STACEE HOWS

The Aledo Swimcats swim team is shown with Aledo ISD Athletic Director Steve Wood on the left and coach Scott Abel on the right. Cream members are (front row, from left) Corah Satterfield (9), Tila Moeller (9), Travis Decker (12), Victoria Crews (9), Tanner Howse (11), and Sam Ogden (11) and (back row) Breanna Oliviera (10), Kamryn Kupper (11), Avery Faulkner (9), Haley Roberson (9), Jessica Ward (9), Porter Lane (10), and Kyle Scharlow (10).



Travis Decker had a personal best in the 50 Free.

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