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ALEDO HIGH SCHOOL

Four students selected as All-State Musicians

Set to perform in San Antonio on Saturday

By Mercedes Mayer
Aledo ISD

Aledo High School choir members Ariana Schmitt and Elizabeth Miller, along with AHS band members Jerry Olazaran and Nolan Golden, will perform with the Texas All-State Mixed Choir and Bands in San Antonio on Saturday, Feb. 12 at the Henry B. González Convention Center as part of the 2022 Texas Music Educators Association Clinic/Convention. Performing with the All-State Choir and Band is one of the highest honors a high school student can achieve in Texas.

These students were chosen for this prestigious honor through a competitive process held this year across the state at district, region, and area levels. Elizabeth and Ariana are private voice students of Danaïla Hristova and sing at school under the direction of Karen Paul.

Jerry and Nolan are students of Joey Paul, Jake Albin and Dex Moore. This will be their first time to perform as a member of



Aledo High School (from left) All-State Band members Nolan Golden and Jerry Olazaran and AllState Choir members Ariana Schmitt and Elizabeth Miller will perform with the Texas All-State Mixed Choir and Bands in San Antonio on Feb. 12.

a TMEA All-State organization. All the directors are members of the Texas Music Educators Association, a 14,000+ member organization headquartered in Austin, and sponsor these students throughout this process.

High school students selected to perform in the All-State concerts have competed through auditions to qualify at the state level. All-State is the highest honor a Texas music student can receive. For 2022, 1,875 students

were selected through a process that began with more than 70,000 students from around the state vying for this honor to perform in one of 18 ensembles.

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WILLOW PARK

City Council approves Capital Improvements Advisory Committee

Preliminary and final plats approved on two commercial properties

By Brandi Addison
The Community News

As one of two action items during its Jan. 25 meeting, Willow Park City Council approved a resolution to create a Capital Improvements Advisory Committee.

The council appointed the planning and zoning commission to comprise the new committee and added Randy L Pack as the extra territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) representative for the committee.

“The primary purpose of the advisory committee is to advise and assist in the preparation of the land use assumptions and the capital improvements plan,” the city’s agenda packet states.

“The advisory committee also has the ongoing responsibility to produce semi-annual reports and assist in the updated of the impact plan,” according to the agenda.

During the most recent council meeting, on Feb. 8, city council approved the preliminary and final plat of two separate commercial properties.

Council unanimously approved the preliminary plat of a three-block development currently labeled in city documents as “Commercial – Interstate Highway 20 Overlay District” near Eagle Drive and Ryser Road.

It also approved a final plat, which represents a replat of two lots in the Crowne Point addition. The new development labeled in city documents as “The District” will be a restaurant and retail development.

Real-time monitoring

The city recently launched a dashboard that allows customers to monitor their water usage in real-time.

Residents interested in the new feature should visit the city website for more information. They can also find information on creating an account on the city website.

“We are very excited about the new customer portal because it allows Willow Park water customers to see their usage information in real-time and set alarms when they go above a certain amount, so they won’t get any nasty surprises when they receive their water bill each month,” said communications and marketing director Rosealee Hoffman.

Hoffman said the alarms are especially useful because they notify residents of leaks or busts, which are often the sources of significantly increased bills.

“Plus, it will also help the City of Willow Park and residents with our water conservation efforts,” Hoffman said.

POLITICS

Candidates speak at chamber forum

County judge, senate race profiled

By Brandi Addison and Randy Keck
The Community News

Editor’s Note: This article will profile remarks by County Judge candidates and State Senate candidates. Next week we will cover the remaining races at the forum.

The East Parker County Chamber of Commerce held forums on Wednesday, Feb. 9, providing candidates the opportunity to answer questions in front of potential voters.

At a forum on Wednesday night at Stillwater Meadow Events Center, candidates for county judge, state senate, state representative, and Parker County Republican Chair each had one minute for an opening, three questions and answers for one minute each, and a two-minute closing.

All candidates at the forum were Republicans.

Parker County Judge

Parker County Judge incumbent Pat Deen faces challenger Thomas Moorman during the Republican primary election.

During Wednesday’s event, Deen — who was elected to the county seat in 2018 — cited public safety and transportation among



Deen

the key priorities in his re-election campaign.

He said his goal, if re-elected, is to bring in more law enforcement officers and first responders to serve the county and increase their baseline salaries countywide.

He added that it is necessary to improve the county’s transportation and road infrastructure to preserve the county’s public safety sector. Their roads should be accessible, he said.

“We’ve got to focus on this this — it should’ve been done over 10 years ago,” Deen said.



Moorman

“(Infrastructure) has got to be the county’s first priority, because if we can’t get these officers and these first responders to the call, we’re going to have lots of death. Our county has got to get some of the roads resolved quickly — or we’re going to see a lot more death.”

Moorman, who is a long-time Parker County resident and retired educator, said the county is missing a “solid dynamic plan” with strategic goals and measures.

“I think we really need to focus on is taking the strategic plan

and having our measurable goals, and then tying those to strategic priorities,” Moorman said. “And right now, our budget is not tied to those strategic priorities. We need to tie our budget priorities.”

In creating a strategic plan, Moorman said he would resolve the county’s road infrastructure and transportation issues.

He said he’d also work to solve the county’s water issues through sustainability efforts, such as rain-water capture and implementing new building codes that focus on conservation.

“What we have right now is not sustainable over time,” Moorman said.

State Senator

State Rep. Phil King faces attorney and engineer Warren Norred in the Republican primary election for State Senator.

King has been the state representative in Parker and Wise counties since 1999. He also highlighted rural transportation issues.

“It’s a real struggle,” King said. “You need someone who understands leadership in the Texas House and how it works, how TxDOT works and bring those groups together because it is

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After moving to Weatherford, the pair decided to start their own business, Marz Remodeling, LLC, a BBB accredited business, doing business

as DFW Countertop Repair. "We started out doing full-scale remodeling, but decided to specialize," said Bannister. "While there are many excellent fabricators out there, few companies focus exclusively on restoration or repair of existing countertops. If you've invested thousands of dollars in your home, you want to protect that investment. Our services are designed specifically with that goal in mind."

Zurobski was trained by leading experts in countertop repair. Continuing education is an important part of the work. "Every day I spend some time learning something new about this work. I love spending time in my shop experimenting with

new techniques, tools, or chemicals honing my skills." Zurobski said, "It's an exciting time in the industry as new materials and manufacturing techniques are expanding the types of materials that can be used for

countertops. You have to understand the unique properties of each one to know how to properly work with it. It's extremely important to keep up with the changes. It's exciting and I love the challenge."

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Spelling Bee winners announced

The Aledo ISD has announced the winner of each campus' spelling bee. The table below provides the winners, runners-up, and their grades.

School	Winner	Grade	Runner Up	Grade
AMS	Jack Opstad	8th	Ava Sartain	8th
McAnally	Adelyn Martin	6th	Ali Christensen	6th
Annetta	Channing Green	5th	Lyla Dority	4th
Coder	Gigi Halla	5th	Spencer Thompson	5th
McCall	Shaylin Rice	4th	Audrey Weitzel	5th
Stuard	Luke McGuire	5th	Logan Morrow (4) and Eli Stene (5)	
Vanda	Nolan Robertson	4th	Cord Christensen	3rd
Walsh	Zaaya Gurung	3rd	Bryce Stevens	4th

At the Parker County Spelling Bee, Luke McGuire from Stuard Elementary School placed fourth, Bryce Stevens from Walsh Elementary School placed second and Shaylin Rice from McCall Elementary School placed third.



Jack Opstad was the winner at Aledo Middle School.



Channing Green was the winner at Annetta Elementary School.



Gigi Halla and Spencer Thompson were first and second place at Coder Elementary School.



Adelyn Martin was the winner at McAnally Intermediate School.



At the Parker County Spelling Bee, Luke McGuire from Stuard Elementary School placed fourth, Bryce Stevens from Walsh Elementary School placed second and Shaylin Rice from McCall Elementary School placed third.

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Shaylin Rice won at McCall Elementary School.



Luke McGuire won the spelling bee at Stuard Elementary School.



Nolan Robertson and Cord Christensen placed first and second at Vandagriff Elementary School.



Zaaya Gurung won at Walsh Elementary School.

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Annetta Clean-Up

The Town of Annetta will host its Community Clean-Up and Beautification Day

from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 26.

Volunteers will pick up trash on city streets. There will *not* be collections of household debris, old appliances, tires, or hazardous materials. The concentration

will be on the litter along roadways and lots in town.

If you are interested in participating, call 817-441-5770 or email info@annettatx.gov. Lunch will be provided for volunteers.



King



Norred

FORUM

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always a fight against the urban areas.”

If elected as state senator, he hopes to restore local control — particularly in education, he said.

Among Norred’s key issues, he said, are border security and public education.

“What I want to do is protect the border with real things and not just helicopters watch people go by,” Norred said. “I like to actually have good CRT laws

that actually stopped them instead of actually permitting them which was when the laws passed.”

During Wednesday’s event, Norred said he’s been “fighting for liberty” with Shelley Luther around the state. In 2020, Luther was arrested for opening her hair salon during stay-at-home orders near the start of the pandemic.

Like the other Republican candidates throughout the night, Norred also listed infrastructure as a priority.

“I think that the state has about three things it’s supposed to do well:

infrastructure, infrastructure, infrastructure,” Norred said. “You want to have electricity that works. You want to have public schools that work. You want to have water that works. You want to have roads that work.”

The Community News is in the process of interviewing candidates for office in the county. Once the series of interviews is complete, we will post the audio online to give voters in-depth opportunities to hear from the candidates. Next week we will provide a full election guide for county voters.

STATE

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Texas Music Educators Association sponsors the Texas All-State competition. This competitive process begins throughout the state in auditions hosted by 33 TMEA Regions. Individual musicians perform selected music for a panel of judges who rank each instrument or voice part.

From this ranking, a select group of musicians advance from their region to compete against musicians from other areas in eight TMEA Area competitions. The highest-ranking musicians judged at the TMEA Area competitions qualify to perform in a TMEA All-State music group. Only the top 2.6% of musicians who initially audition become All-State musicians.

These All-State students participate in three days of rehearsals directed by nationally-recognized conductors during the TMEA Clinic/Convention. Their performances for thousands of attendees bring this extraordinary event to a close. For the All-State concert schedule and conductor information, visit the Performances section of tmea.org/convention.

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Early Voting by personal appearance

Main Voting Site:
Parker County Courthouse Annex
1112 Santa Fe Dr
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Annex Kitchen

Branch Voting Sites:

Springtown Senior Center 1070 N Main St Springtown, Texas 76082 Community Room	Peaster ISD Rock Gym 8512 FM RD 920 Peaster, Texas 76088 Back Room of Gym	Hudson Oaks City Hall 210 Hudson Oaks Dr Hudson Oaks, Texas 76087 Council Chambers
Aledo ISD Admin Building 1008 Bailey Ranch Rd Aledo, Texas 76008 Louden Room	PCT 3 County Barn 1111 FM RD 1189 Brock, Texas 76087 Barn Break Room	Azle City Hall 505 W Main St Azle, Texas 76020 Community Room

Regular Early Voting Hours and Days:

Monday February 14, 2022	8:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.	Monday February 21, 2022	CLOSED
Tuesday February 15, 2022	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Tuesday February 22, 2022	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday February 16, 2022	8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.	Wednesday February 23 2022	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday February 17, 2022	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Thursday February 24, 2022	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Friday February 18, 2022	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Friday February 25, 2022	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday February 19, 2022	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.		
Sunday February 20, 2022	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.		

On Election Day, voters may vote at any of the locations listed below:

POLL-SITE NAME	ADDRESS:	ROOM AT POLLING SITE	VOTING PCT #
Silver Creek United Methodist Church	2200 Church Rd, Azle 76020	Fellowship Hall	100/105
Azle City Hall	505 W Main St, Azle 76020	Community Room	110/111
Reno City Hall	195 W Reno Rd, Azle 76020	Community Center	115
Springtown Senior Center	1070 N Main St, Springtown 76082	Community Room	120
Legacy Church	3591 E Highway 199, Springtown 76082	Lobby	125
Parker County North East Annex	1020 E Hwy 199, Springtown 76082	Court Room	130
Friendship Baptist Church	801 Friendship Rd, Weatherford 76085	Gym	135
Agnes Baptist Church	350 Agnes North, Springtown 76082	Foyer	140
Harburger Hill Community	701 Narrow St, Weatherford 76086	Large Room	200/250
Trinity Lutheran Church	1500 Ball St, Weatherford 76086	Fellowship Hall	205
Poolville Methodist Church	230 North Church, Poolville 76487	Fellowship Hall	210
Peaster ISD Rock Gym	8512 FM RD 920, Peaster 76088	Back Room of Gym	215
Whitt Fire Department	4312 N FM RD 52, Whitt 76490	Meeting Room	220
Bethesda United Methodist Church	6657 FM RD 113 N, Weatherford 76088	Johnson Hall	225
Calvary Baptist Church	1900 N Main St, Weatherford 76085	Fellowship Hall	230/245
Shady Grove Baptist Church	2470 W Lambert Rd, Weatherford 76088	Fellowship Hall	235
Union Baptist Church	3451 Sarra Ln, Springtown 76082	Fellowship Hall	240
Victory Baptist Church	1304 Fort Worth Hwy, Weatherford 76086	Youth Warehouse	255
Hudson Oaks City Hall	210 Hudson Oaks Dr, Hudson Oaks 76087	Council Chambers	260/265
Cherry Park Community Center	300 S Alamo St, Weatherford 76086	Main Room	300
Santa Fe Drive Baptist Church	606 Mockingbird Ln, Weatherford 76086	Great Hall	305
Weatherford College	1502 Santa Fe Dr, Weatherford 76086	Family Life Center	310/315
Millsap Community Center	225 College Park Dr, Weatherford 76086	3rd Floor Workforce Building	WC
Harmony Baptist Church	102 Fannin St, Millsap 76066	Community Room	320
Tin Top Community Center	242 Harmony Rd, Weatherford 76087	Gym	325
Parker County PCT Barn # 3	101 Old Tin Top Rd, Weatherford 76087	Community Room	330
First Baptist Church Dennis	1111 FM RD 1189, Brock 76087	Barn Break Room	335
Spring Creek Baptist Church	7600 FM RD 1189, Dennis 76087	Old Fellowship Hall	340
Greenwood Fire Department	100 Spring Creek Rd, Weatherford 76087	Gym	345
Morningstar Amenity Center	1418 Greenwood Cut-Off Rd, Weatherford 76087	Training Room	350
First Baptist Willow Park	128 Heather Wind Ln, Aledo 76008	Main Room	400
Bear Creek Community Church	601 Ranch House Rd, Willow Park 76087	Welcome Center	410/415
City of Aledo Community Center	18600 Hwy 377, Cresson 76035	Lobby	420
Aledo ISD Admin Building	104 Robinson Ct, Aledo 76008	Main Room	430
New Faith Baptist	1008 Bailey Ranch Rd, Aledo 76008	Louden Room	435
Parker County PCT Barn # 4	3303 West FM RD 5, Annetta 76008	Fellowship Hall	440
Lakeshore Drive Baptist Church	1320 Airport Rd, Aledo 76008	Conference Room	445
	200 S Lakeshore Dr, Hudson Oaks 76087	Sanctuary	450

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FEBRUARY 11

Parker County Women's and Newcomers' Club
The Parker County Women's and Newcomers' Club meets at 9:30 a.m. on the second Friday of every month at First United Methodist Family Life Center, 301 S. Main in Weatherford. The social hour, including Club Shop, begins at 9:30 a.m. The business meeting, including program, is at 10:30 a.m. Lunch is \$11. Please make lunch reservations by calling Shirley at 817-757-7379. For more information on the organization, visit pcwnc.org.

FEBRUARY 21

Rotary Club of Aledo
The Rotary Club of Aledo meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month at Sunny Street Cafe, 229 Shops Blvd. Suite 103 in Willow Park. For more information, visit aledorotary.org.

FEBRUARY 22

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

FEBRUARY 26

TCA Legacy Dinner
Colt McCoy, former University of Texas sig-



nal-caller and current NFL quarterback, will be the keynote speaker at Trinity Christian Academy's Legacy Dinner and Auction at 6 p.m. on Feb. 26. The Legacy Dinner is a biennial event that raises funds for special projects at TCA. "All of TCA looks forward to this evening," said TCA Head of School Mike Skaggs. "While it certainly has the important goal of fundraising for a great cause, it is also just one of those special events that you know will both entertain and inspire. You know you will leave encouraged and changed for the better." The fun evening includes valet parking, dinner by Reata Fort Worth, and an inside peek at the life of NFL quarterback Colt McCoy. Tickets begin at \$75. For information on sponsorships or tickets, visit <http://www.tcaeagles.org/support/legacyauction.cfm>.

MARCH 08

Cancer Support Group
A support group to create a space for those who have battled or are battling cancer meets at 6:30 p.m. the

second Tuesday of each month at Aledo United Methodist Church, 100 Pecan Dr. in Aledo. For more information, email Joan Ward at jjckat1959@gmail.com.



Free Concert
The U.S. Army Field Band & Soldiers' Chorus will present a free concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, at Bass Hall, 525 Commerce St. in Fort Worth. The U.S. Army Field Band presents "America the Beautiful," a celebration of all there is to love about our nation. Take in unparalleled natural landscapes and meet the warm and welcoming people on a musical and visual journey across our country. Tickets to this event are free, but reservations are required. Seats can be reserved only online at www.basshall.com. The Performing Arts Fort Worth (PAFW) on-site box office is open 1 hour prior to and during PAFW presentations. The PAFW remote box office hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MARCH 26

AdvoCats Glow Run
The Aledo AdvoCats Will host their 16th annual Run Walk or Crawl at 7:45 p.m. on Saturday, March 26, at Bearcat Stadium.

ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "want it so ___ could spit"
- 5 "The eyes of Texas are ___ you . . ."
- 6 roller ___
- 7 captures ___
- 8 Texas' big oil ___ was 1894 to 1935
- 9 "drum" swimmer in the Gulf of Mexico
- 16 a small child
- 18 what Apollo 13 communicated to Houston on 4/13/1970
- 21 ___ Campo, TX
- 22 sharp & salty cheese
- 23 TX Strait hit: "Let Herself Go"
- 24 tote with scales of justice imprint (2 wds.)
- 30 a Texas Tech athlete (2 wds.)
- 34 Texas Mexican restaurant: ___ Fenix
- 35 Lee Greenwood hit: "God Bless ___"
- 36 Abel's brother
- 37 part of a flower
- 39 UT's Lydia Jacoby won this 100 meter swim event in Tokyo
- 43 TXism: "wipe the ___ clean" (erase)
- 44 T.B.J. Thomas' "___ Somebody Done Somebody Wrong Song" (1975)
- 45 TX Strait's "All My ___'s Live in Texas"
- 46 TXism: "best I ___ laid eyes on"
- 47 red blood cell deficiency
- 49 gave the meaning of a word
- 52 many parents learn the ___ of their child early
- 53 TX Blue Bell ___ cream
- 54 all-time record low for Texas oil was three ___ a barrel in 1902
- 55 investment profits
- 58 she was married to the 27th Texas governor: ___ Culp Hobby
- 59 TX Jim Reeves sang "___ Losing You" (1957)
- 60 military sergeant, e.g. (abbr.)
- 61 TXism: "hit me like a ___ of bricks"
- 1 dir. to Port Lavaca from New Braunfels
- 15 Gen. Schwarzkopf of "Operation Desert Storm" in 1991 (init.)
- 17 type of many ovens
- 19 TXism: "was hornswoggled"
- 20 book by 12-down: "Old ___"
- 24 ___ Gov. Dan Patrick
- 25 this Belo founded the Dallas Morning News (init.)
- 26 fictitious sisters of Ima Hogg: Ura & ___
- 27 "___ dias" (good morning)
- 38 covers with asphalt
- 40 ___ Colony, TX
- 41 TX Dan Jenkins book: "___-Tough"
- 42 death penalty
- 48 nacional airline: "___mexico"
- 50 along with the CCC, first relief org. of the New Deal
- 51 "Fanthorp ___ State Historic Site"
- 56 town on the border of Coryell and Hamilton counties
- 57 former TX company: Ling-___-Vought

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In recent years the event has been a nighttime glow run, characterized as a nighttime fun run in the heart of Aledo that raises money for a great cause. Participants can enter the 1K, 5K, or both, beginning and ending at the Aledo High School track. Since its inception in 2006, the Run, Walk or Crawl

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will be at 7:45 p.m. The 1K begins at 8 p.m. and the 5K is at 8:30 p.m. The fee to enter the 1K is \$25 and the fee for the 5K is \$30. Virtual runners can enter for \$20. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/34yrhVp> For sponsorship opportunities, visit <https://bit.ly/3AVXAJM>

Aviso de Eleccion PRIMARIA

Se da aviso que los lugares de votacion que figuran a continuacion se abrian de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p. m., el 1 de Marzo, 2022, para el proposito de votacion para:

las primarias Republicanas y Democraticas conjuntas

Votacion anticipada por apariencia personal

Main Voting Site:
Parker County Courthouse Annex
1112 Santa Fe Dr
Weatherford, Texas 76086
Annex Kitchen

Branch Voting Sites:

Springtown Senior Center
1070 N Main St
Springtown, Texas 76082
Community Room

Peaster ISD Rock Gym
8512 FM RD 920
Peaster, Texas 76088
Back Room of Gym

Aledo ISD Admin Building
1008 Bailey Ranch Rd
Aledo, Texas 76008
Louden Room

PCT 3 County Barn
1111 FM RD 1189
Brock, Texas 76087
Barn Break Room

Regular Early Voting Hours and Days:

Lunes February 14, 2022	8:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.	Lunes February 21, 2022	CLOSED
Martes February 15, 2022	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Martes February 22, 2022	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Miercoles February 16, 2022	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Miercoles February 23 2022	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Jueves February 17, 2022	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Jueves February 24, 2022	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Viernes February 18, 2022	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Viernes February 25, 2022	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Sabado February 19, 2022	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.		
Domingo February 20, 2022	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.		

En el dia de votacion, votantes podran votar en cualquier lugar mencionado abajo:

POLL-SITE NAME	ADDRESS:	ROOM AT POLLING SITE	VOTING PCT #
Silver Creek United Methodist Church	2200 Church Rd, Azle 76020	Fellowship Hall	100/105
Azle City Hall	505 W Main St, Azle 76020	Community Room	110/111
Reno City Hall	195 W Reno Rd, Azle 76020	Community Center	115
Springtown Senior Center	1070 N Main St, Springtown 76082	Community Room	120
Legacy Church	3591 E Highway 199, Springtown 76082	Lobby	125
Parker County North East Annex	1020 E Hwy 199, Springtown 76082	Court Room	130
Friendship Baptist Church	801 Friendship Rd, Weatherford 76085	Gym	135
Agnes Baptist Church	350 Agnes North, Springtown 76082	Foyer	140
Harburger Hill Community	701 Narrow St, Weatherford 76086	Large Room	200/250
Trinity Lutheran Church	1500 Ball St, Weatherford 76086	Fellowship Hall	205
Poolville Methodist Church	230 North Church, Poolville 76487	Fellowship Hall	210
Peaster ISD Rock Gym	8512 FM RD 920, Peaster 76088	Back Room of Gym	215
Whitt Fire Department	4312 N FM RD 52, Whitt 76490	Meeting Room	220
Bethesda United Methodist Church	6657 FM RD 113 N, Weatherford 76088	Johnson Hall	225
Calvary Baptist Church	1900 N Main St, Weatherford 76085	Fellowship Hall	230/245
Shady Grove Baptist Church	2470 W Lambert Rd, Weatherford 76088	Fellowship Hall	235
Union Baptist Church	3451 Sarra Ln, Springtown 76082	Fellowship Hall	240
Victory Baptist Church	1304 Fort Worth Hwy, Weatherford 76086	Youth Warehouse	255
Hudson Oaks City Hall	210 Hudson Oaks Dr, Hudson Oaks 76087	Council Chambers	260/265
Cherry Park Community Center	300 S Alamo St, Weatherford 76086	Main Room	300
Grace First Presbyterian Church	606 Mockingbird Ln, Weatherford 76086	Great Hall	305
Santa Fe Drive Baptist Church	1502 Santa Fe Dr, Weatherford 76086	Family Life Center	310/315
Weatherford College	225 College Park Dr, Weatherford 76086	3rd Floor Workforce Building	320
Millsap Community Center	102 Fannin St, Millsap 76066	Community Room	325
Harmony Baptist Church	242 Harmony Rd, Weatherford 76087	Gym	325
Tin Top Community Center	101 Old Tin Top Rd, Weatherford 76087	Community Room	330
Parker County PCT Barn # 3	1111 FM RD 1189, Brock 76087	Barn Break Room	335
First Baptist Church Dennis	7600 FM RD 1189, Dennis 76087	Old Fellowship Hall	340
Spring Creek Baptist Church	100 Spring Creek Rd, Weatherford 76087	Gym	345
Greenwood Fire Department	1418 Greenwood Cut-Off Rd, Weatherford 76087	Training Room	350
Morningstar Amenity Center	128 Heather Wind Ln, Aledo 76008	Main Room	400
First Baptist Willow Park	601 Ranch House Rd, Willow Park 76087	Welcome Center	410/415
Bear Creek Community Church	18600 Hwy 377, Cresson 76035	Lobby	420
City of Aledo Community Center	104 Robinson Ct, Aledo 76008	Main Room	430
Aledo ISD Admin Building	1008 Bailey Ranch Rd, Aledo 76008	Louden Room	435
New Faith Baptist	3303 West FM RD 5, Annetta 76008	Fellowship Hall	440
Parker County PCT Barn # 4	1320 Airport Rd, Aledo 76008	Conference Room	445
Lakeshore Drive Baptist Church	200 S Lakeshore Dr, Hudson Oaks 76087	Sanctuary	450

Las aplicaciones para votar por correo pueden obtenerse llamando al 817-598-6185 Las solicitudes de boletos por correo deberán ser recibidas por las secretarias de elecciones primarias a más tardar al cierre de operaciones el viernes 18 febrero, el año 2022 Las aplicaciones para votar por correo deberán enviarse a

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Obituaries

Sherida Galley

Sherida Kay Galley of Willow Park passed away on January 31, 2022. She was 69 years old and was ultimately victorious in her 9-year battle with metastatic breast cancer. Her devotion to her family and her firm belief in God supported her during her last days and gave her peace.



Sherida Galley

Sherida was born to Margie Aguayo and the late Donis Aguayo in Carrizozo, New Mexico, on September 5, 1952, the eldest of four. She attended New Mexico State University as well as a college in El Paso where she obtained her Medical Secretary Associate's Degree.

Sherida married Dr. Richard Galley on March 22, 1976, in Denver, Colorado. She worked as the office manager for his Equine Veterinary Clinic for almost 40 years until he passed away in 2016.

Sherida loved to travel and she especially enjoyed spending her summers in Ruidoso, New Mexico, where she enjoyed hiking in the mountains, shopping for turquoise jewelry, and spending time with old friends at the horse races.

Sherida had the biggest heart for people and had friends far and wide — she never met a stranger. Her love language was baking and cooking and would share baked goodies with everyone she met. She was active in several bible study groups and considered it a true privilege to pray for her family and friends. Sherida's biggest joy was spending time with her granddaughter, Ruby, who was the light of her life and proudest accomplishment.

Sherida was blessed with a loving family. She is survived by her daughter, Jaedeanne (Galley) Shaver, boyfriend Brian Von Hatten, and granddaughter Ruby Shaver of Aledo; her mother, Margie Aguayo of Alamogordo, New Mexico; sister Twyla Rice and husband Phil Rice of Madras, Oregon; niece Karly Rice of Hollywood, California; niece Karissa Bloss and husband David Bloss, and great-niece Imogene Bloss of Aledo; her sister Donna Sallee and husband Willie Sallee of Artesia, New Mexico; niece Fawna Lee and husband Chanley Lee of Artesia, New Mexico; and nephew Chancy Sallee of Artesia, New Mexico.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Richard H. Galley; her step-son, Bill Galley; her father, Donis Aguayo; and her brother, Clay Aguayo.

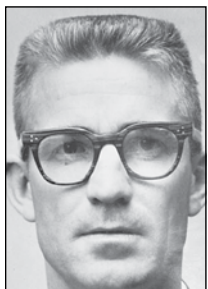
A memorial service is scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday, February 17, 2022, at Christ Chapel Bible Church West Campus. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Sherida's life. She will be laid to rest at the Columbarium DFW National Cemetery in Dallas, next to her late husband in a private ceremony at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, a donation is requested to be made in the memory of Sherida Galley to the Women's Ministry of Christ Chapel Bible Church or to the Cancer Support Group at the Aledo United Methodist Church.

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James Norman

James Earl Norman passed away on January 31, 2022.



James Norman

James was born on October 30, 1934, in Glen Rose to G.D. and Sadie Nabors Norman. He attended Glen Rose ISD where he lettered in four sports, earned all-district honors in football and basketball, and was the district's leading scorer as a cager.

He graduated from Glen Rose High School in 1953, attended Tarleton State University and Abilene Christian before graduating from Sam Houston State University in 1958 with a degree in Journalism.

James met his wife, Artie Wilson of Normangee, Texas, while at Sam Houston and they were married December 27, 1958. He pursued a dual career as a sports writer, college sports publicist, and rural mail carrier. His newspaper career began in 1958 with a short stint at the *Wichita Falls Record-News*. He moved to the *Abilene Reporter-News* in 1959 and worked there for five years.

In 1963, James accepted the job as Sports Information Director at Abilene Christian. Then, in 1972, he was hired as sports writer/deskman at the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*. In 1983, he resigned there to become a rural mailer carrier in Parker County.

While at ACU James won seven awards for editing and publishing sports brochures, including the production of the "Best in the Nation" track and field brochure in 1965. He covered high school and college sports while at the *Star-Telegram* and in 1975 was selected "Sports Writer of the Year" by the Lone Star Conference. He was highly recognized for his coverage of rodeo and cutting horse events and continued as a free-lance writer through 2005.

He worked 20 years driving a rural route for the Postal Service and was never involved in an accident. James was also an active member in the Aledo Church of Christ, serving as a Deacon and Treasurer for years, then as an Elder.

James will be deeply and lovingly missed by his children, Lance and Phetmany Norman, Holly and Joe Sampson, and Shannon Benoit; granddaughters, Corinne Marshall and husband, Pryce, Lana Norman, Natalee Norman, Paige Benoit, and Madeline Benoit; great-grandchildren, Ashton, Roman, Brighton, and Sully; and a host of friends.

Visitation is scheduled for 1 p.m. Thursday, February 10, 2022, at Aledo Church of Christ with a funeral service to follow at 2p.m. Interment will be rendered at White Church Cemetery.

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Robert "Robby" Wade Reed

Robby Reed passed away on January 24, 2022. He was a father, a husband, a brother, a son, and a friend to many.



Robby Reed

Robby was born on January 11, 1968, in Houston, to John and Linda Reed, and spent his childhood years between Lubbock and Fort Worth. He played baseball at Southwest High School and in college at Sam Houston State. He graduated from Texas Tech University with a degree in Hotel/Restaurant Management and spent the next 10 years as a restaurant manager at Luby's, and later he earned his MBA from Texas Christian University.

While living in Houston, Robby's future brother- and sister-in-law introduced him to Sara — friends on both sides agreed they'd make the perfect match. Sure enough, after two months of dating, Robby and Sara were engaged, and six months later they were married on December 4, 1993. They recently celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary.

Together they raised Christopher, born in January 1996, and Haylee, born in August 1998. His greatest accomplishment was watching his children grow up, earn an education, and lead successful, fulfilling lives.

For 16 years, Robby worked for Uline Shipping Supplies, where coworkers knew him as "a friend first and a boss second."

Anyone who knew Robby can attest to his passion for cooking and sports. He was famous for his Saturday morning breakfasts, and he rarely missed watching a Rangers, Texas Tech, TCU, or Bearcat football/baseball game. He was a regular at Starbucks and could finish a Vanilla Sweet Cream Cold Brew before leaving the parking lot. Most nights you could find him on the back patio, listening to Big 80s, beer in hand, throwing the frisbee to their dog Jersey or nuzzling head to head with their cat Rusty. He was the one you would phone-a-friend to on a

trivia show, give the best advice when you needed it, or make you laugh until you cried.

In recent years, Robby and Sara enjoyed anniversary trips to New York City and frequent

road trips to Austin and Houston to visit their kids. They enjoyed monthly shows at Bass Performance Hall, frequented Woodshed Smokehouse to watch Robby's coworker Chad play live music, and attended concerts for Phil Collins, Styx, Paul McCartney, James Taylor, Jackson Brown, and many more.

Above all else, Robby was a servant to others. Whether it was cooking an elaborate meal, planning a family gathering, or providing for his family, Robby lived not for himself but for those around him. He worked hard and loved even harder.

Robby is survived by his wife, Sara Reed; children, Christopher Reed and wife Marisa, and Haylee Reed; father, John Reed; brothers, Johnny Reed and wife Bernadette, Michael Reed and wife Tracie, Greg Reed and wife Misti; brother-in-law, Kevin Wright and wife Lynda; nieces and nephews, Sydney Reed Thornell, Andrew Wright, Collin Reed, and Meredith Wright, along with extended family and countless friends. Robby is preceded in death by his mother, Linda Knightstep Reed.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests those who wish to express sympathy to consider making a donation to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation <http://themmr.org>

A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, January 29, at Aledo United Methodist Church.

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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 **10:00 A.M. CST on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 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"**.

Please mail Proposal to City of Willow Park, Attn: City Secretary, 516 Ranch House Road, Willow Park, Texas, 76087; or deliver by courier or in person to the City Secretary's office, Willow Park City Hall, 516 Ranch House Road, Willow Park, Texas 76087. Proposals may NOT be sent electronically.

Request for Proposal documents may be downloaded at 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 FEBRUARY 8, 2022. Further information may be requested by contacting Toni Fisher at 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 Toni Fisher at the City of Willow Park at (817) 441-7108.



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Capital Highlights

Early primary voting starts on Valentine's Day



Gary Borders
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Early voting in the March 1 primary begins on Feb. 14 and runs through Feb. 25. The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is Feb. 18.

There are seven statewide seats on the ballot: governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, land commissioner, agriculture commissioner, comptroller and one seat on the railroad commission. Winners in the Republican and Democratic primaries will face off in the Nov. 8 general election.

GOP incumbent Gov. Greg Abbott faces seven primary opponents, while five candidates are vying for the Democratic nomination, with the best-known being Beto O'Rourke, a former candidate for U.S. Senate and the presidency.

In addition, congressional and state legislative races will be on the ballot, as well as county positions. Readers can find out who is on the ballot where they are registered to vote on the Texas secretary of state's website: votetexas.gov.

Board awards \$26.2 million in higher ed grants

A total of 60 Texas higher education institutions will share \$26.2 million in grants awarded by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

The grants will help Texans gain higher-paying jobs by earning postsecondary credentials to be made available through two programs: the Texas Reskilling Support Fund Grant and the Accelerating Credentials of Purpose and Value Grant Program.

The Texas Reskilling Support Fund Grant provides emergency financial support to students whose education was disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as displaced workers seeking training to return to the workforce and students who dropped out of higher education prior to the pandemic but are looking to return.

The Accelerating Credentials of Purpose and Value Grant Program allows institutions to create or expand short-term, industry-recognized postsecondary credentials that incorporate skills and knowledge required by high-demand careers that stem from digital skills, data analytics, and front-line healthcare programs, according to the THECB news release.

"To remain competitive, we must lead the nation at producing credentials of value that meet the needs of our fast-growing economy," said Commissioner of Higher Education Harrison Keller. "We need to emphasize the importance of credentials that are affordable, attainable, and bring value to the lives of all Texans."

Quagga mussels detected in Texas reservoir

Invasive quagga mussels have been detected in a Texas reservoir for the first

time, according to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The discovery was made at the International Amistad Reservoir along the Texas-Mexico border near Del Rio.

Quagga mussels are closely related to the zebra mussels that have invaded nearly three dozen Texas lakes since first being introduced in Texas in 2009 at Lake Texoma.

"This detection of invasive quagga mussels is a very unfortunate first for Texas," said Monica McGarrity, TPWD senior scientist for aquatic invasive species. "Quagga mussels can inhabit greater depths and are also able to settle on soft substrates like mud or sand in addition to hard surfaces like rock or infrastructure—unlike zebra mussels—meaning they can colonize more of the lake."

Quagga mussels are found in the Great Lakes region and some western states, according to TPWD. Like the zebra mussel, the quagga mussel is often unknowingly introduced by contaminated boats. Boaters are urged to clean, drain and dry their boats to prevent the spread of the mussels.

"Each boater taking the necessary actions to clean and drain their boat before leaving the lake and allowing compartments and gear to dry completely when they get home can make a big difference in protecting our Texas lakes," said Brian Van Zee, TPWD inland fisheries regional director.

Unclaimed property webinars planned

The Texas Comptroller's office is holding a series of free training webinars for holders of unclaimed property, such as general businesses, city, county and state government agencies, financial institutions, oil and gas companies and cooperatives.

Topics to be discussed include an overview of unclaimed property rules, state requirements for reporting such property, and which reports to use. The schedule of webinars, which last two hours, can be found online here: <https://tinyurl.com/2p8fjdpdc>.

Anyone who wants to see whether they are owed money can go to claimtexas.org.

COVID-19 cases drop sharply

Perhaps the peak has passed in the latest wave of COVID-19 cases in Texas, spurred by the omicron variant. The Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University reported 198,757 new cases in the past week, down nearly 100,000 from the previous week. New deaths totaled 1,395, up 15% from the previous week. The total number of deaths in the state since the pandemic began about two years ago stands at 80,662.

The Texas Department of State Health Services reported 10,657 COVID-19 patients in Texas hospitals, down 16.5% from the previous week. DSHS reported 16.987 million Texans have been fully vaccinated, which is 58.2% of the state's population. An additional 5.98 million Texans have received a booster dose.

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Your Views

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Supporting Rogers

Dr. Glenn Rogers has proven in his first term in the Texas House to be the kind of person we know we can trust.

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- BRUCE PINCKARD
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Please vote! Early voting begins Feb. 14

- KATHY REAVIS
PARKER COUNTY

Supporting Watson

Beginning Feb. 14, the voters in Parker County will have an opportunity to cast their vote on a wide range of races that will impact our lives. As a Republican, I know there is one race that is often overlooked, but is at the heart of everything that happens with our party here in Parker County. That is the Republican Party Chair's race.

Rachael Watson is running for Parker County Republican

Party Chair and she deserves our support.

The Republican Party Chair is the leader of our party in Parker County. This position recruits and trains precinct chairs. The Chair presides over all County Executive Committee meetings, ensuring they are well organized and administered with utmost integrity. The Party Chair works with local candidates and office holders to assure our Party remains strong and each person who wants to engage in party activism has an opportunity to do so. The Chair builds the party by working collaboratively with others.

Rachael Watson has the skills to do all these things with excellence. She has a proven record as a person who gets things done by working well with others. She is a small business owner who donates her time as a mediator and paralegal to serve Parker County families. She is a skilled grassroots volunteer who has proven her ability to serve the Republican Party.

Please join me in voting for Rachael Watson for Republican Party Chair, a strong leader who will build our party as we prepare for the future.

- DOTTIE WORTHINGTON
PARKER COUNTY

Attention Candidates

We are in the process of recording interviews with candidates for selected offices in Parker County. The audio of the interviews will be released once all candidates in a particular race have been interviewed.

On Sunday, Feb. 6, we sent emails to all candidates requesting their response toward scheduling an interview. There are about 10 candidates we have not heard from. In the interest of fairness

that they may not have received the email, we are putting out this post to insure everyone is aware of our process.

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...then we have not heard back from all the candidates in the race.

The deadline for interviews is 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15. At that time we will release the audio candidate interviews and no other interviews will be scheduled.

Candidates can respond at the following link.

<https://mailchi.mp/f271145bdbbe/candidate-interviews-for-the-community-news?e=a1bb939bbe>

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ALEDO HIGH SCHOOL

Wind Ensemble performs sendoff concert

Honor band to perform for TMEA Convention

By Randy Keck
The Community News

The Aledo High School Wind Ensemble performed a sendoff concert Tuesday at the AHS auditorium in preparation for their trip to San Antonio, where the ensemble was selected to play for the Texas Music Educators Association.

The Tuesday concert, which featured a variety of musical styles, was scheduled to be repeated for the TMEA at 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, and is under the general direction of Joey Paul.

Featured in the program are Gavorkna Fanfare, Danse Bacchanale from Samson Et Dalila, Nessun Dorma from Turandot (conducted by Dexx Moore), The Footlifter (with guest conductor Jolette Wine), Mambo from West Side Story (conducted by Jake Albin), Breath of Heaven, Melodious Thunk, The Cowboys, and The Melody Shop.

This is the second time in Paul's 29-year tenure that Aledo has been named the honor band to perform for the TMEA. During Tuesday's concert AHS Principal Angela Tims presented a proclamation from Governor Greg Abbott honoring the band.



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Wrestlers Shine at District

By Nolan Ruth
The Community News

This story is dedicated to the Stockon family; wrestling head coach Austin Stockon, his wife Lauren and newborn baby girl Charlee Mae.

On Wednesday, Feb. 2, a large winter storm pushed across the state of Texas bringing ice and snow to the roads and shutting down the greater metroplex. This created an issue for the Aledo wrestling program, as it was due in Lubbock the following days for the district meet at Estacado High School.

Luckily, the team was able to drive to Lubbock on Wednesday and beat the storm that actually prevented another school, Brewer High School, from attending the meet. On top of that, head coach Austin Stockon was unable to travel with the team. At the same time the team left for Lubbock, Stockon's wife Lauren gave birth to the couple's first child, daughter Charlee Mae.

Stockon was expecting to miss the district meet, which was to start Friday afternoon and conclude Saturday. However, due to Brewer High not being present, the coaches met and decided to delay the meet and complete the entire event on Saturday. Stockon's wife and child



NOLAN RUTH/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Ansel Din-Mbuh won the first wrestling district title in Aledo history.

were discharged from the hospital Friday afternoon, and he soon was on the road to Lubbock.

On Saturday morning, Stockon surprised his wrestlers when he walked into the gym to lead his program. Before the meet even started, Elizabeth McCarley already qualified for the regional meet due to only four wrestlers being in her weight class. Officially, McCarley is the first Aledo wrestler to be a regional qualifier.

Throughout the day, the wrestlers battled hard and when all was said and done, five boys qualified for the regional tournament.

In the 113 weight class, Chad Thomas got off to a great start, defeating his counterpart from Springtown. After falling to the eventual district champion, Thomas won his final two matches to take third place.

Up a few weight classes, team captain and the student responsible for starting the program, Cole Bohnen won his first bout against a wrestler from Estacado High. This victory proved to be what ended up allowing him to qualify. After dropping his next two bouts, Bohnen defeated his counterpart from Lubbock Cooper, putting him in

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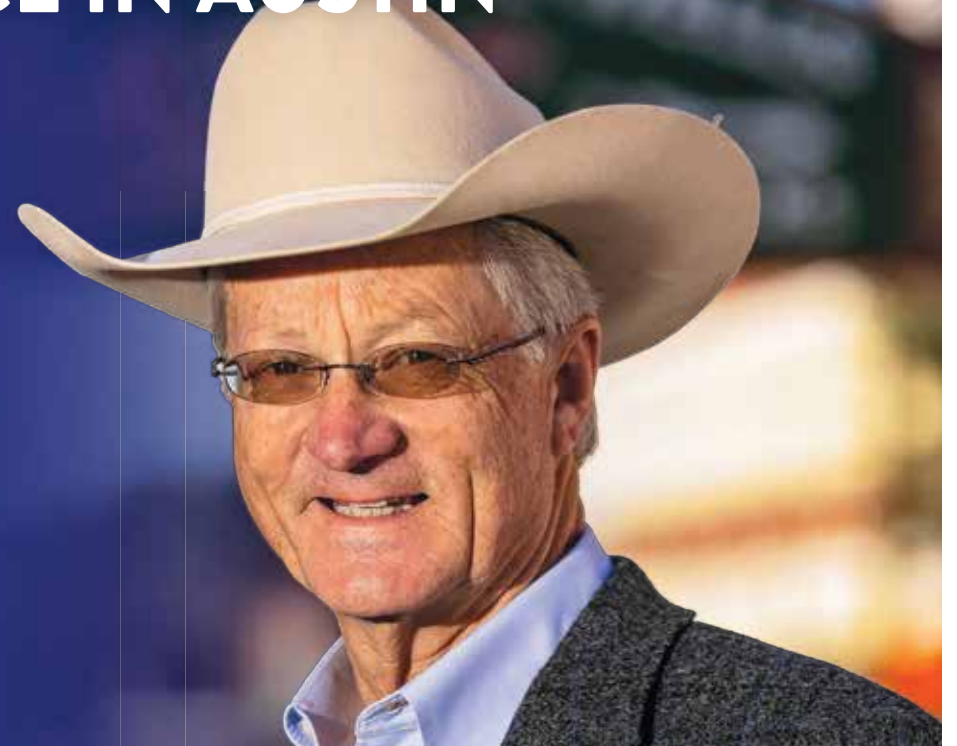
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Cole Bohnen won his first match against a wrestler from Lubbock Estacado.

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the fourth place bout. However his opponent was the same wrestler from Estacado, and the bout was ruled a no contest, sending Bohnen through to regionals.

In the three largest weight classes, Daniel Bunting, Austin Connor, and Ansel Din-Mbuh all

qualified. Bunting and Connor finished fourth in their weight classes, while Din-Mbuh went undefeated in the 285 weight class and brought home the first district title in Aledo wrestling.

In just the first season of the program, coach Stockon is taking six wrestlers, including a district champion to El Paso on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 11-12 for a chance to wrestle at the state championships.



Avery Kernan grapples with an opponent.

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TENNIS

Joiner and Posey come out on top in Boswell Tourney

By Andrea Garnett
Special to The Community News

Aledo varsity boys doubles team of Jax Joiner/Hogan Posey came away with the first place trophy for boys A doubles bracket last Tuesday, Feb. 1, at the Boswell tournament.

The RacquetCats also took second place medals in girls A doubles with team Payton Bierle/Kenley Germany, girls B doubles duo Paige Federman/Ellie Kate Bussmeir and boys B singles Ben Farmer. Ian Leslie came in fourth place in Boys A singles along with Zoe Whitcomb in girls B singles. The A Mixed doubles team of Scott Mason/Bryanna Orr won the consolation bracket.

The team will travel to Birdville Friday, Feb. 11, for the Birdville Hawk classic.



Jax Joiner and Hogan Posey

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

Coaches Preview Season

By Nolan Ruth

The Community News

On Saturday, June 5, 2021, both Aledo Bearcats baseball and Ladycats softball saw their seasons end with losses. The Ladycats lost in the state title game to Barbers Hill, while the Bearcats lost one round short of the state tournament to Amarillo. Eight months later, scrimmages are now in full swing for the 2022 season. I caught up with

baseball coach Chad Barry and softball coach Heather Myers on their thoughts for the upcoming season,

Q: After a deep run in 2021 that did not end the way you wanted it to, what are your thoughts and expectations on 2022?

Myers: "The expectation is to win state. The attitude is to win state. We're not playing around. We're coming for them."

Barry: "I think the group of seniors coming back, they set those expectations. They saw us get one game from the state tournament. I feel like they want to take that one step further. We lost a lot of our offense last year, but we bring back a lot of our pitching. At this point in the preseason, I like where we are right now."

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Q: You lost some key pieces from last year's team, but you also bring back quite a few pieces. How will this year's team compare to last year's team, and how confident are you?

Myers: "We bring back all but two, and getting that experience last year helps more than anything. Whether they're committed D1, D2, D3, all that aside, if you don't show up to play on the field it doesn't matter how good you are. If we can't play as a team we're not going to win. So our mindset is yes to win, but to win for the team and not for self."

Barry: "The fact that these guys have been there and done that, they can lean on that experience and go play in big games and win, I think that will filter down into the younger class to the kids that are new."

Q: What can we expect from some of the newer faces we'll be seeing compared to last year?

Myers: "We got a lefty pitcher who is phenomenal. Sophomore, Brenlee Gonzales. It's nice to add her into our pitching staff. We already had very talented pitchers and she just adds to that which is nice. We have Allison Mallard who will be stepping up and catching along with Caitlin Beaty so that will be a nice combo for us."

Barry: "I think Ryan Jones, our only sophomore, I like what I see from him. He pitches, he plays third base when Hunter [Rudel] is pitching, he may spot play around but I like what I see from him. Trace Mazon had a good scrimmage, he looked really good in that last inning he pitched. I liked what I saw from the younger guys."

Q: We are standing on a brand new playing surface, one that hasn't been seen in Aledo yet but you dealt with it a lot last year, what are your thoughts? How do you feel about the new turf?

Myers: "Super thankful. Everything seems to be transitioning to turf so it just makes us that much more competitive. And the fact that we still have the dirt practice field, so we can transition if we need to."

Barry: "We're excited about it. The kids love it, they're excited. If they don't lock it up the kids will probably be up here all weekend. Just to have the facility and the district spending the money on it, I think it will really help the program and the school."

The Ladycats will be in Ennis on Saturday, Feb. 12 for a double header scrimmage against Ennis and McKinney Boyd. The Bearcats meanwhile will scrimmage Fort Worth Trimble Tech at 5 p.m. Friday, Feb 11, at Bearcat Ballpark.



KRISTIN MORALES

The Aledo Ladycats celebrated Senior Night with a bang, defeating Wichita Falls High School 60-11 at home Tuesday Night. Shown are seniors (from left) Sophie Smith, Addyson Hebel, and Abby Morrison.



SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS

The Trinity Christian Academy swim team left for San Antonio on Wednesday to compete at the TAPPS State Swim Competition. All 12 members TCA swim team members qualified for the state competition. Shown are (front row, from left) Nicole Schroeder, Gracie Bruner, Coach Krohn, Madison Moses, and Taylor Hale; (middle row) Chance Wortham, Matthew Loritz, Graham Morrow, and Rio Lipsky; and (back row) Wilson Winchester, Ty Miller, Ben Camp, Micah Chesney, and Jack Mendoza.

AHS Wind Ensemble



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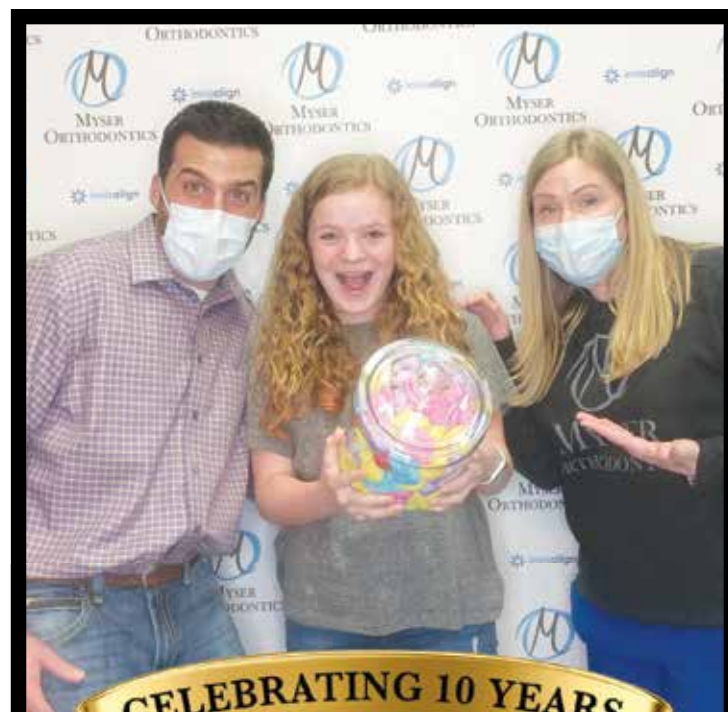
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