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WEATHERFORD COLLEGE

Local educators among Jack Harvey honorees



WEATHERFORD COLLEGE
Amy Chumbley is shown with the Jack Harvey Award she received on Feb. 11.

Amy Chumbley from Aledo ISD and Candice Gables from TCA were among the honorees when Weatherford College celebrated 40 of the finest teachers from across the region at the annual Jack Harvey Academy of Exemplary Teachers celebration on Friday, Feb. 11, at the Doss Heritage and Culture Center in Weatherford.

Chumbley is in her third year as a kindergarten teacher at Coder Elementary School. Gables is a second day history teacher at TCA.

Celebrating its 26th year, the Harvey Academy honors exemplary teachers in the memory of Professor Emeritus Jack Harvey, who taught at WC for 23 years and was considered among his peers as a "master teacher."

This year's keynote speaker was Ryan Murphey, the 2017 Teacher of the Year from the Nashville School of Arts and a Grammy-nominated music producer, songwriter, guitarist and vocalist. He is also the son of singer-songwriter Michael Martin Murphey who attended the event and sang an original song with his son at the conclusion of the program.

Murphey holds a bachelor's degree in creative writing and a master's degree in teaching and learning. He was raised learning music, but it was the influence of a high school teacher that transformed his relationship with literature and led him to a career in education.



SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS
Candice Gables is shown at Ford's Theater in Washington, D.C. during a school trip on Feb. 23.

CLEANUP CANCELED

The Annetta community clean-up scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 26, has been canceled due to inclement weather.

PARKER COUNTY

Intoxicated driver attempts to steal onlooker vehicle following crash

Knife taken, suspect arrested

Parker County Sheriff's deputies arrested a man in connection with a weekend aggravated robbery following a vehicle crash.

Parker County Sheriff Russ Authier said sheriff's deputies were called to a two-vehicle crash around 7 a.m. Sunday morning on Interstate 20 North Service Road near Farmer Road, where the aggravated robbery was reported.

Witnesses who stopped to assist the individuals involved in the crash said one person involved in the accident attempted to steal a bystander's vehicle after the crash. When the robbery victim attempted to stop the suspect, the suspect struck the victim in the face and attempted to take the victim's vehicle from him, and was wielding a dagger-type knife during the attempt.

The suspect was able to get into the driver's seat of the victim's vehicle and put it in drive, but the crash victim was able to get the knife away from the suspect. The robbery and crash victims were able to restrain the suspect while another witness called 9-1-1.

Sheriff's deputies arrested the suspect at the scene before he was able to get away.

The witness sustained minor lacerations to his face and ear.

The suspect was identified as Joshua Sean Rigstadt, 34, of Parker County.

Sheriff Authier said the vehicle driven by the suspect was reported stolen out of White Settlement by Rigstadt's former employer.

Rigstadt was cleared by medical personnel and was charged by Texas DPS for driving while intoxicated. He was additionally charged by Sheriff's deputies for aggravated robbery and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

As of Wednesday, he remained incarcerated at the Parker County Jail. His total bond was set at \$111,500.

Time's Up!

Voters to make choices for direction of state and county

By Randy Keck
The Community News

Following an early voting period interrupted by bad weather, Parker County residents still have election day, March 1, to make their choices for the people who, in most cases, will take office in January of 2023.

Due to no filings by Democrats, the winners of the Republican primary races for State Representative, County Judge, County Court at Law No. 1 Judge, Sheriff, County Commissioner, and Justice of the Peace will face little or no competition during the November general election.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the locations in the chart below. Any Parker County registered voter can vote at any location.

Getting to know the candidates

The Community News conducted audio interviews with 20 candidates, and all interviews are posted at www.community-news.com/category/candidates/.

Space does not allow a thorough review of all candidates. The following are selected highlights from the recorded interviews, but the full interviews are available at the link.

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2022 ELECTION



State Senate, Dist. 10 Warren Norred vs. Phil King

The new boundaries of Senate Dist. 10 led State Rep. Phil King

to throw his hat into the ring, but Warren Norred of Arlington also wants the seat.

Norred represented Shelly Luther and wants to end all vaccination and mask mandates. King said his number one issue is securing the border.

The winner will face incumbent Democrat Beverly Powell in November. (Turn to Page 4)

WHERE TO VOTE

Silver Creek United Methodist Church	2200 Church Rd, Azle	Grace First Presbyterian Church	606 Mockingbird Ln, Weatherford
Azle City Hall	505 W Main St, Azle	Santa Fe Drive Baptist Church	1502 Santa Fe Dr, Weatherford
Reno City Hall	195 W Reno Rd, Azle	Weatherford College	225 College Park Dr, Weatherford
Springtown Senior Center	1070 N Main St, Springtown	Millsap Community Center	102 Fannin St, Millsap
Legacy Church	3591 E Highway 199, Springtown	Harmony Baptist Church	242 Harmony Rd, Weatherford
Parker County North East Annex	1020 E Hwy 199, Springtown	Tin Top Community Center	101 Old Tin Top Rd, Weatherford
Friendship Baptist Church	801 Friendship Rd, Weatherford	Parker County PCT Barn # 3	1111 FM RD 1189, Brock
Agnes Baptist Church	350 Agnes North, Springtown	First Baptist Church Dennis	7600 FM RD 1189, Dennis
Harburger Hill Community	701 Narrow St, Weatherford	Spring Creek Baptist Church	100 Spring Creek Rd, Weatherford
Trinity Lutheran Church	1500 Ball St, Weatherford	Greenwood Fire Department	1418 Greenwood Cut-Off Rd, Weatherford
Poolville Methodist Church	230 North Church, Poolville	Morningstar Amenity Center	128 Heather Wind Ln, Aledo
Peaster ISD Rock Gym	8512 FM RD 920, Peaster	First Baptist Willow Park	601 Ranch House Rd, Willow Park
Whitt Fire Department	4312 N FM RD 52, Whitt	Bear Creek Community Church	18600 Hwy 377, Cresson
Bethesda United Methodist Church	6657 FM RD 113 N, Weatherford	City of Aledo Community Center	104 Robinson Ct, Aledo
Calvary Baptist Church	1900 N Main St, Weatherford	Aledo ISD Admin Building	1008 Bailey Ranch Rd, Aledo
Shady Grove Baptist Church	2470 W Lambert Rd, Weatherford	New Faith Baptist	3303 West FM RD 5, Annetta
Union Baptist Church	3451 Sarra Ln, Springtown 76082	Parker County PCT Barn # 4	1320 Airport Rd, Aledo
Victory Baptist Church	1304 Fort Worth Hwy, Weatherford	Lakeshore Drive Baptist Church	200 S Lakeshore Dr, Hudson Oaks
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"We work hard to take good care of our customers and we are committed to building our business with sound principles and ethics in mind," said Tim Green, one of the owners. "We strive to be a helpful and positive influence in the community, to be fair and honest in our business practices and to always make our decisions based on what is in the best interest of our customers, our employees and the community while maintaining a healthy company."

Many of us are cutting back, and being careful about what we spend in this economy. We want to save money on household necessities, but when it comes to services around our home, we don't want to sacrifice our peace of mind to save a few dollars. We want our service providers to be honest and dependable, worthy of our trust.

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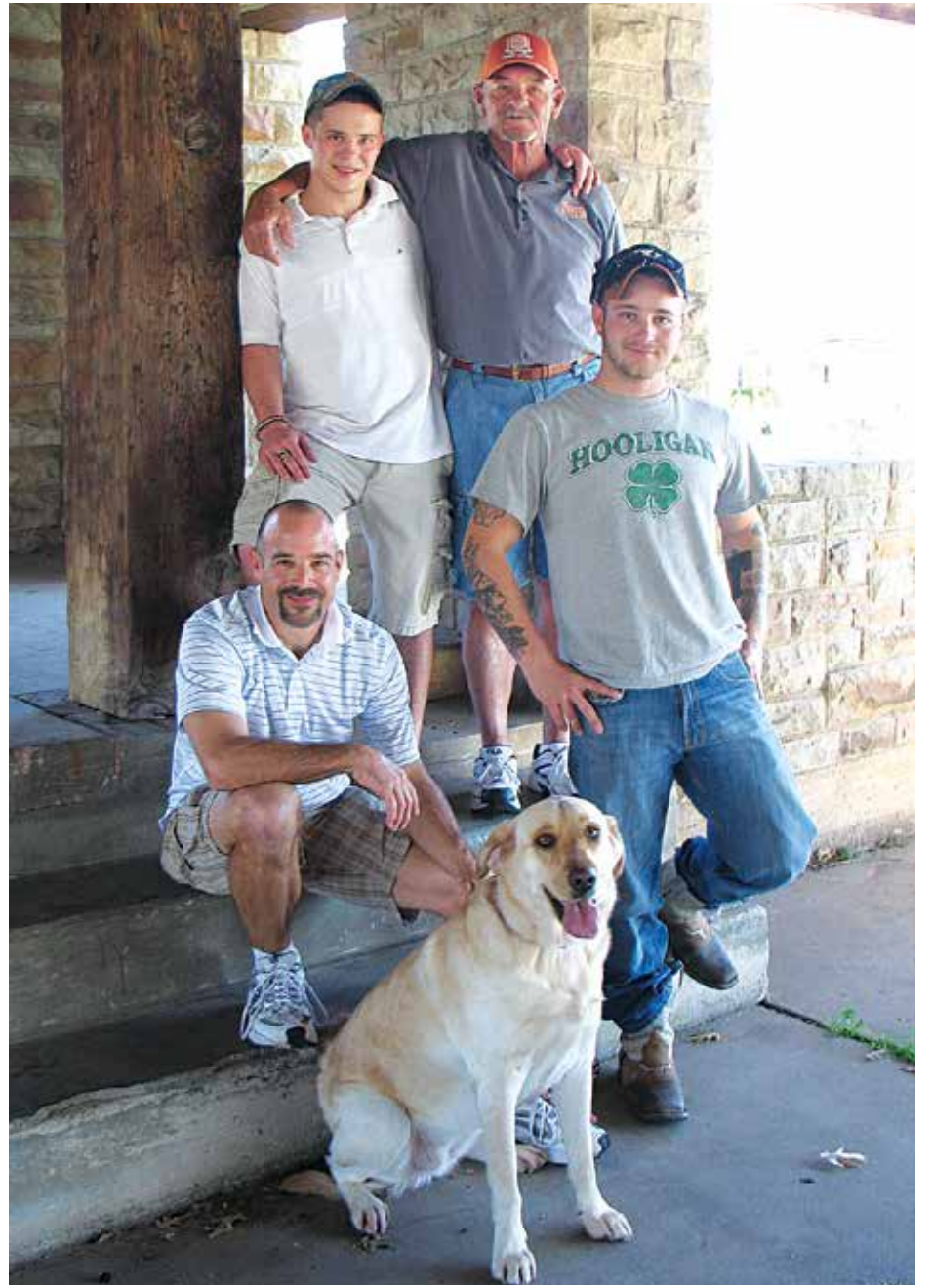
outside of Azle, Springtown, Weatherford, Poolville and Aledo, and the area continues to grow! Just call and see if they can help you. Since they are a local, family-owned company, you know who will answer the phone when you call. Tim and Billy are available Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and later if you need them. Just call 817-344-8464.

You can also contact Atex through their website 24 hours a day at www.atextrash.com. It's an easy-to-navigate website where you can contact Tim, sign up for new service, and even securely pay your bill online. You can also see what others have to say on their Testimonial Page or look them up on Facebook.

Operating this business means the whole family can work together! Tim's sons Laken and Gaige have grown up, and they're now the third generation with Atex helping to take care of the community.

"I'm happiest when I am doing for others," said Tim, "and to be able to build something positive with my family, well, I simply couldn't ask for anything more."

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ALEDO ISD

Ten additional AHS students recognized by national recognition program

Ten Aledo High School students recently learned they earned recognition as National Recognition Program Scholars by the College Board. Including the 29 students recognized with 57 honors in the fall, the total for AHS now stands at 39 students earning a combined 71 honors by the College Board.

“Our students and their achievements never cease to amaze me; they have faced a challenging two years for students head-on and will be that much more successful because of it,” Aledo High School Principal Angi Tims said. “We are so proud to have a record number of our Bearcat students honored by the College Board this year.”

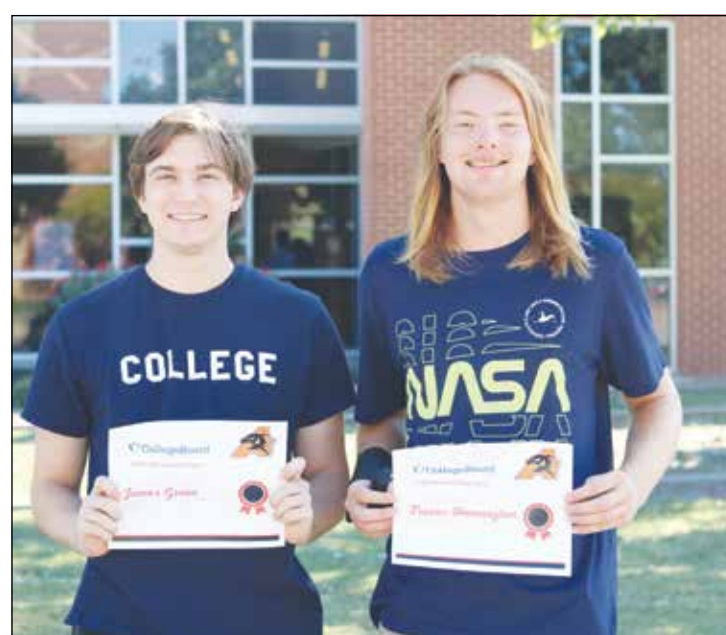
Students honored by the National Recognition Program are recognized as College Board National African American, Hispanic, Indigenous, and/or Rural and Small Town Recognition Program Scholars.

The following students recently earned the following recognitions:

- Owen Denman, National Rural and Small Town Recognition
- Marcus Eaton, Hispanic Recognition; National Rural and Small Town Recognition



LEFT: Newly-announced College Board Scholars are (front row, from left) Sydney Porter, Jordan Ivonon, Grace Rudzinski, Amy Olazaran, and Faith Rudzinski and (back row) Michael Worch, Marcus Eaton, Owen Denman, Maxwell Moeller, and Luke Shelton. | RIGHT: Bud Green and Trevor Hennington are National Merit Semifinalists. Additional photos are on page 12.



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- Jordan Ivonon, National Rural and Small Town Recognition
- Maxwell Moeller, National Rural and Small Town Recognition
- Amy Olazaran, Hispanic Recognition; National Rural and Small Town Recognition
- Sydney Porter, National Rural and Small Town Recognition
- Faith Rudzinski, Hispanic Recognition; National Rural and Small Town Recognition

- Grace Rudzinski, Hispanic Recognition; National Rural and Small Town Recognition
 - Luke Shelton, National Rural and Small Town Recognition
 - Michael Worch, National Rural and Small Town Recognition
- In addition to these College Board honorees, Aledo High School had two National Merit Semifinalists in Bud Green and Trevor Hennington as well as six National Merit Commended

- Scholars: Taylor Hobbs, Anna Yates, Kate Siddons, Jacob Deatherage, Ashley Garrett and Libby Clements.
- A complete list of National Merit or College Board honorees follows:
- **Bud Green:** National Merit Semifinalist
 - **Trevor Hennington:** National Merit Semifinalist
 - **Libby Clements:** National Merit Commended Scholar
 - **Jacob Deatherage:** National Merit Commended Scholar
 - **Ashley Garrett:** National Merit Commended Scholar
 - **Taylor Hobbs:** National Merit Commended Scholar

- **Kate Siddons:** National Merit Commended Scholar
- **Anna Yates:** National Merit Commended Scholar
- **Nathan Brown:** Rural and Small Town
- **Zackary Brown:** Hispanic; National Rural and Small Town
- **Peyton Bishop:** African American; Rural and Small Town
- **Gianna Cabello:** Hispanic; Rural and Small Town
- **Esteban Cadena:** Hispanic; Rural and Small Town
- **Austin Conner:** African American; Hispanic; Rural and Small Town

- **Jolie Crabtree:** Indigenous; Rural and Small Town
- **Trever Darton:** African American; Rural and Small Town
- **Isabel Davila:** Hispanic; Rural and Small Town
- **Jacob DeLeon:** Hispanic; Rural and Small Town
- **Owen Denman:** Rural and Small Town
- **Marcus Eaton:** Hispanic; Rural and Small Town
- **Estevan Flores:** Hispanic; Rural and Small Town
- **Mia Flowers:** Hispanic; Rural and Small Town

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2022 ELECTION

State Rep, Dist. 60



Lucas Turner, Glenn Rogers, Kit Marshall, Michael Olcott

State Rep. Dist. 60 was re-drawn and the new district goes from Parker County west, and the incumbent roll falls to Dr. Glenn Rogers, who has represented Palo Pinto County among others.

Rogers values his communication and listening skills and feels they will benefit him in his role as a state representative. He feels his role on the Transportation Committee will benefit Parker County.

Attorney Lucas Turner is a fifth-generation Parker County resident. Turner said he wants to get laws on the books that protect youth, and he has specific plans on how to reduce property taxes.

Kit Marshall served on the Aledo City Council for four years and has served as mayor for the past 16 years. She is the Emergency Management Officer in Parker County. She said her experience working with regional entities will benefit the district.

Michael Olcott has spent time at the Texas border with the Minutemen, and says border security is his number one issue. He also wants to drastically reduce dependence on property taxes.

County Judge



Thomas Moorman and Pat Deen

Parker County incumbent County Judge Pat Deen is being challenged by Thomas Moorman.

In addition to his experience in office, Deen feels his experience as mayor of Hudson Oaks helps equip him for the role of County Judge. Deen wants to focus on economic development as one of the solutions to the county's transportation problems — having good-paying jobs in the county so people don't have to drive east to go to work.

Moorman has been an educator for 30 years with a strength in process improvement and strategic planning. He said one reason he is running is to use his gifts in the leadership and planning areas. He said Parker County needs to get ahead of the curve as far as transportation goes, and agrees with the concept that Parker County needs to be a destination county for jobs.

County Court at Law No. 1



Zach Pettigrew, Kirk Martin, Kitty Wise

Three candidates are contending for judge in Parker County Court at Law No. 1 in the wake of Judge Jerry Buckner's announcement of retirement.

Pettigrew and Wise are attorneys in private practice. Martin serves as Justice of the Peace in Pct. 4.

Pettigrew said that as he began to practice law, he loved courtroom work, and that led to thoughts of becoming a judge. He said we need conservative judges who follow the law, and that would be his operating philosophy.

Martin has been a licensed attorney for 29 years and has operated in all areas of the law. He made the decision that he wanted to be a judge early, and feels that his experience working both on the prosecution and on defense will be an asset.

Wise has been in private practice in Weatherford since 1994. She has handled all kinds of cases during that time. She said when you have been practicing law for many years, you begin to look at issues from the standpoint of what a judge would do. She added that the things a judge says from the bench can make huge differences in peoples' lives.

Sheriff



Russ Authier and Marc Povero

Russ Authier was appointed to sheriff upon the death of Sheriff Larry Fowler.

Authier has 43 years of law enforcement experience that began when he was 19. He has served as a reserve police officer, city police officer, highway patrolman as a trooper and as a colonel, Texas Ranger, and as chief deputy under Fowler. Authier said the county has a great sheriff's office and he wants to see it continue to grow.

Povero is the current mayor of Hudson Oaks and has been in law enforcement for 24 years, the last 20 being with the Fort Worth Police Dept. where he is a sergeant. He said he is running for sheriff because he has seen the growth of the county and wants to address the crime that comes with the growth.

Commissioner Pct. 4



Michael Chandler, Mike Hale, Fred Hammons, Eric Contreras

With the announced retirement of Steve Dugan, four people have filed to run for the open position.

Michael Chandler currently works for Pct. 4, and has 30 years of road and bridge-building experience. He said he wants to put that experience and knowledge to work for the people of Pct. 4.

Mike Hale owns the Farmer's Insurance in Aledo. He said he is running because he has seen a lot of people moving to the county, and he doesn't want the good things they are moving here for to be lost.

Fred Hammons has lived in Aledo for about 15 years, and has been a county resident for about 20 years. He works as a safety officer for the Fort Worth ISD. He said he would be accessible and responsive as a county commissioner, and would donate 10% of his salary back to the county.

Eric Contreras works in the railroad industry and is a city council member in Willow Park. He said county commissioner should be a full-time job, and if elected he will quit his current job.

Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4



Bernard R. Suchocki, Allison Bedore, Tim Mendolia

Attorneys Bernard Suchocki, Allison Bedore, and Tim Mendolia are vying for the JP4 position, which is being vacated by Kirk Martin, who is running for County Court at Law.

A fourth candidate, Michael K. Morris, will be on the ballot but has not been actively campaigning.

As a physicist, Suchocki trained Apollo astronauts during the time the United States was working on a moon landing. He later got a law degree and has practiced for many years. He said his experience with the Apollo astronauts increased his appreciation for the American spirit and he wants to share that.

Bedore has her own law practice in Parker County. She moved here in 2007. She said she is running for JP because she wants to help people, and sees the position as the next step in doing that. She said she practices law in the JP court on a regular basis.

Mendolia grew up in Weatherford and has lived in Parker County for 40 years. He said being JP can continue his community service and combine that with his legal background. He has experience in both civil and criminal law.

Candidates are presented in the order they will appear on the ballot. We encourage you to go online and hear the candidates in their own words: <https://www.community-news.com/category/candidates/>.

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- **Graciela Gonzales:** Hispanic; Rural and Small Town
- **Jordan Ivonen:** Rural and Small Town
- **Logan Johnson:** Hispanic; Rural and Small Town
- **Cale Linderbaum:** Indigenous; Rural and Small Town
- **Zane Martin:** Hispanic; Rural and Small Town
- **Sophia Merrill:** Hispanic; Rural and Small Town
- **Isabella Michel:** Hispanic; Rural and Small Town
- **Andrew Miller:** Hispanic; Rural and Small Town
- **Maxwell Moeller:** Rural and Small Town
- **Amy Olazaran:** Hispanic; Rural and Small Town
- **Raymond Polexi:** African American; Rural and Small Town
- **Sydney Porter:** Rural and Small Town
- **William Reynolds:** Rural and Small Town
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- **Anna Salame:** Hispanic; Rural and Small Town
- **Ariana Schmitt:** Hispanic; Rural and Small Town
- **Luke Shelton:** Rural and Small Town
- **Haley Smith:** Hispanic; Rural and Small Town
- **Luke Taylor:** Hispanic; Rural and Small Town
- **Rachel Taylor:** Hispanic; Rural and Small Town
- **Joshua Wagner:** Hispanic; Rural and Small Town
- **Emma Wieland:** Hispanic; Rural and Small Town
- **Michael Worch:** Rural and Small Town

Events

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FEBRUARY 26

TCA Legacy Dinner
Colt McCoy, former University of Texas signal-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. 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 4

Clay Shoot Dinner and Casino Night
The Business Development Group of Aledo will host its 13th annual Clay Shoot to benefit Parker County youth organizations on March 4-5. All shooters receive an admission to the Dinner and Casino Night at the Athletic Performance Ranch, 1590 FM 2871

between Aledo and Benbrook. The cocktail reception begins at 6, dinner and live auction run from 7-9 p.m., and casino games run from 9-12. Shooting will be at Defenders Outdoor Clay Sports Ranch, 8270 Aledo Road in Fort Worth. The youth shoot begins at 9 a.m. and the adult shoot begins at 1 p.m. Registration for individual shooters is \$250, and teams of five shooters are \$1,250. Sponsorships begin at \$1,500. For more information, visit myaledo.com or call Craig Harbuck at 817-925-0894.

MARCH 7

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.

MARCH 8

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.

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 jjc1959@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. The performance honors the veterans of every generation who answered the call to defend this country, and recognizes the Soldiers standing guard today in more than 140 countries around the world who are proud to call America "home." 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 11

Parker County Women's and Newcomers' Club

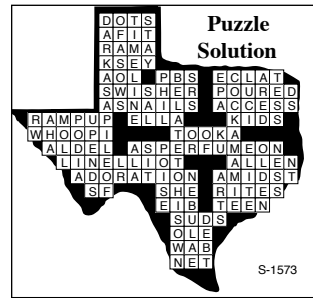
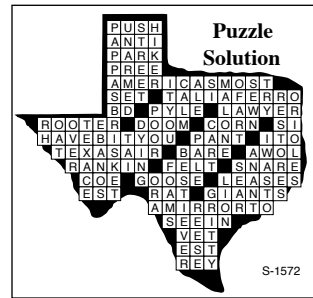
The Parker County Women's and Newcomers' Club meets at 9:30 a.m. on the second Friday of every month at First United Methodist Family Life Center, 301 S. Main in Weatherford. The social hour, including Club Shop, begins at 9:30 a.m. The business meeting, including program, is at 10:30 a.m. Lunch is \$11. Please make lunch reservations

by calling Shirley at 817-757-7379. For more information on the organization, visit pcwnc.org.

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. Participants can enter the 1K, 5K, or both, beginning and ending at the Aledo High School track. Gates open at 7 p.m. The opening ceremony 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>.



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Capital Highlights

Early voting ends Friday



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Early voting for the March 1 primary ends Friday. Initial reports indicate turnout has been low, as is traditional in midterm primary elections, with less than a fourth of registered voters going to the polls most years.

Voters will pick nominees for Texas' governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, land commissioner, agriculture commissioner, comptroller and railroad commissioner, as well as legislative and county races.

Texas Secretary of State John B. Scott's office provides a website that allows voters to see who is on the ballots in all races at votetexas.gov. Texas law allows registered voters to participate in either party primary, but not both. In addition, a voter in the Republican primary cannot participate in any runoffs in Democratic races, and vice-versa. However, in the November general election, voters are free to choose candidates from both parties.

Wildfire activity increases west of I-35

Blustery winds and freeze-dried vegetation are increasing the number of wildfires reported west of Interstate 35 and into South Texas, according to the Texas A&M Forest Service.

"Wildfire activity has increased across the state and is driven by underlying drought and above-normal grass production from last year's growing season," said Wes Moorehead, Texas A&M Forest Service fire chief. "We have increased the number of personnel, equipment and aircraft in state to assist with response as we're concerned about large areas of the state."

Since Feb. 14, local and state firefighters have responded to 91 wildfires that burned 7,312 acres.

Nine out of 10 wildfires in the state are caused by humans, according to TFS, which has fully staffed task forces and fire-suppression equipment staged in Victoria, Kingsville, Childress, Amarillo, Lubbock, San Angelo, Burkburnett, Fredericksburg, Smithville, McGregor, San Angelo and Mineral Wells.

Number of imprisoned Texans stays steady

After a drop last year when some inmates were released due to COVID-19 concerns, the state's prison population has stayed steady, according to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. As of January, 118,733 adults were in Texas prisons, up about 1,000 from a year ago.

The state's total operating capacity is 129,681 beds, according to TDCJ.

More than \$112 million in cancer prevention grants

The Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas announced 74 new cancer research and prevention grants totaling more than \$112 million.

"The grants awarded today illustrate the broad spectrum of CPRI's impact in the

fight against cancer," said Wayne Roberts, CPRI's chief executive officer. "From recruitment awards bringing topflight researchers to Texas, continued investment in cancer prevention and screening programs across the state and supporting cancer-fighting innovation in early-stage companies, Texas just took another major step forward in becoming a national leader in conquering cancer."

The projects approved include 65 academic research grant awards, seven prevention awards, and two product development research awards, which were granted to 16 institutions and companies across the state. The awards are designed to expand access to clinical trials, incubate innovative cancer research, support the state's emerging biotechnology industry, provide needed cancer screenings for underserved Texans and recruit outstanding cancer researchers to Texas, according to the news release.

UTSA, Baylor gain Tier One academic ranking

The University of Texas at San Antonio and Baylor University have earned the national research ranking of Carnegie Tier One, joining nine other Texas universities that have been recognized for academic excellence at doctoral universities with "very high research activity."

In addition, Prairie View A&M University, Sam Houston State University, Tarleton State University and The University of Texas at Tyler have earned Tier Two research rankings for "high research activity."

"The Lone Star State is truly brimming with promise," Gov. Greg Abbot said. "The 22 Texas universities now ranked among the best in the nation as Carnegie Tier One and Tier Two research universities are a reflection of the breadth and depth of academic excellence at our institutions of higher education as they open the doors to opportunity for all Texas students."

The Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education was developed in 1970. It is based on an institution's annual research expenditures and other factors.

COVID-19 cases still dropping, but deaths up

The number of new cases of COVID-19 cases in the past week again dropped dramatically to 65,521, down 40% from the previous weeks and 85% from the record high set the week of Jan. 17. However, the number of new deaths in Texas increased to 1,588, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. The Texas Department of State Health Services reported 5,681 COVID-19 hospitalizations in the state, down 30% from the previous week.

Since the pandemic began, there have been 6.575 million confirmed COVID-19 cases in Texas with 83,648 deaths reported, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center. Meanwhile, the number of Texans who are fully vaccinated has slowly trickled upward to 17.16 million, with 6.18 million receiving a booster dose.

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and Cedar Park. Email: gborders@texaspress.com.



"THEY BOTH SAY THEY WANT TO GET BACK TO NORMAL. THE PROBLEM IS, THIS IS NORMAL."

Your Views

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Supports Rogers

Representative Glenn Rogers is rare. He didn't seek office for what it could provide him; rather, he sought office for what he could provide his constituents. He brings a wealth of varied experiences to bear that help him be successful.

It's his role as a veterinarian where one can find many parallels to his role as a legislator. Let's consider a few that typify what it takes to be successful.

Dedication - It takes years of education to become a veterinarian and then continuous education once in practice to be effective. Similarly, as a legislator, one must continually learn policy and the priorities of one's constituents.

In his first term Rogers faced the challenges of COVID-19, an unprecedented winter storm, a successful regular session followed by numerous special sessions and redistricting.

Compassion - The work of a veterinarian is a daily schedule of working with animals and concerned owners. Resolving problems is a constant for a legislator. Sometimes a change in the law is necessary but often duty requires helping a constituent with a problem that requires deftly navigating governmental bureaucracies that frustrates everyone who encounters them.

Glenn worked with the city of Coleman, Brown County Water District, and numerous communities in Hood County helping to restore power following the winter storm of 2021. On a personal constituent level he helped a young man in Albany whose eligibility to play football was in jeopardy by UIL red tape.

Communication - Medical terms and concepts can be overwhelming to comprehend. A good communicator can take a complicated subject and translate it into easily

understood language. This skill applies equally to medical practitioners and legislators.

Good legislators, like Glenn, simplify the alphabet soup of government acronyms and needlessly complex processes into common language that is easy to understand.

However, above all others is Glenn's willingness to be present and listen. He seeks to listen more than speak. Glenn Rogers is my choice for Texas House District 60 because he does the hard work of traveling to all parts of the district to ask questions in order to understand his constituents' needs.

- BRAD BENNETT
MINERAL WELLS

Supports Rogers

I am a third generation educator, a retired high school principal, and a school trustee. I am a strong advocate for public schools, as is my friend and HD60 representative Dr. Glenn Rogers.

It greatly concerns Dr. Rogers that in today's world teachers are not respected as professionals and are blamed for societal issues beyond their control. Representative Rogers speaks firmly about his dismay that public schools are under attack by political activists who relish belittling teachers, and who plot the demise of public school districts in order to divert public tax dollars to private schools. This madness must stop. School choice is a parental right; however, a voucher funded by your tax dollars should not pay for another's choice of a private school education.

Representative Rogers recognizes how vital the 15 public school districts are to their communities in the newly re-districted HD60. He's been to these school districts, which are scattered across Palo Pinto, Stephens,

and Parker counties. He's met with the superintendents. And he's provided an open line of communication by sharing his personal number. Glenn Rogers is approachable - and he listens.

The 87th Legislature was Representative Rogers' first term in office. His voting record on public education issues during the session was rock solid. He authored and passed the "13th check" legislation for retired educators, and increased the state's contribution to TRS-Care. Both of these were top concerns of the more than 400,000 retired public educators across Texas.

Also, Representative Rogers voted to fully fund the Legislature's pre-pandemic HB3 commitment to public education by investing \$11.6 billion directly to the 1,250 public independent school districts in Texas. In addition, Representative Rogers supported the adjustment for the small and mid-sized Career Technology Education allotment to ensure smaller school districts are not penalized for providing CTE instruction. This was a much needed and greatly appreciated funding adjustment for the school districts in HD60.

Let's re-elect Rep. Glenn Rogers on March 1 because he will stand in the gap for our public schools.

- LAURA JONES
GORDON, TX

Supports Authier

Please join me in voting to re-elect Sheriff Russ Authier! Sheriff Authier has a 43-plus year extensive law enforcement career, including time with the elite Texas Rangers, which gives him the experience and knowledge needed to keep our community safe. Sheriff Authier has expanded programs and joined task forces that efficiently fight

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This week's crossword and last week's missing crossword...

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison
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ACROSS

1 football exercise: _____ups

5 GOP is _____ big government

6 Iowa _____, TX

7 former Cowboy TE Billy Joe Du _____

8 Tex Ritter title: "Beloved Cowboy"

17 TXism: "it ain't _____ in cement"

18 TX politician Samuel Rayburn

21 Darin of TX-filmed "State Fair" (init.)

22 Gomer _____

23 TXism: "run it by a _____" (finalize)

24 TXism for "hog" tragic fate

30 TXism: "rough as a _____ cob"

31 "yes," south of the border

32 TXism: "if it was a snake it would _____"

34 gasp for breath

35 OJ's judge

36 1st plane passenger service: _____ House

37 _____ Transport _____ back riding

38 unadvised absence from Fort Hood

39 Upton County seat

40 cowboy hat material

41 trap or drum

42 this George was in 1979 "Kramer" film with TX JoBeth Williams

43 TXism: "loose as a _____"

45 TXism: "worth his weight in oil _____"

46 ending for "great" in reference to Texas

47 TXism: "smart as a bunkhouse _____"

48 Cowboys NY foe

49 TXism: "has to sneak up on _____ fix her hair" (homely)

51 TXism: "he shoots _____ eye bullets" (good shot)

52 horse doc

53 work time zone for TX Ted Cruz (abbr.)

54 TX George Strait's "Marina Del _____"

DOWN

1 former Houston restaurant: "_____ House"

2 TXism: "he'd be _____ in a battle of wits" (dumb)

3 Elm in Dallas

4 football center

9 TX Willie sang "What Was _____ Wanted"

10 serene

11 heavy beer

12 sports mag.

13 this Dorothy was in film "Two Guys From Texas"

14 San Antonio Museum _____

15 TX Nokona baseball gloves are hand-_____

16 TXism: "_____ your hand at it"

19 makes new again in 1993, TX Ranger Palmeiro joined the Baltimore _____

22 TXism: "_____ as a church mouse"

24 "Giant" Rock (init.)

25 horse morsel

26 TXism: "don't cry _____ split milk"

27 TX golf hat and visor corp.

28 Los _____, TX

29 expiring

30 TXism: "got the _____ before the horse"

33 an Asian language

34 Eastwood western: "_____ Rider" (1985)

35 TXism: "couldn't be happier unless _____ strike oil in my backyard"

37 TXism: "_____ laid eyes on"

38 picnic pest (2 wds.)

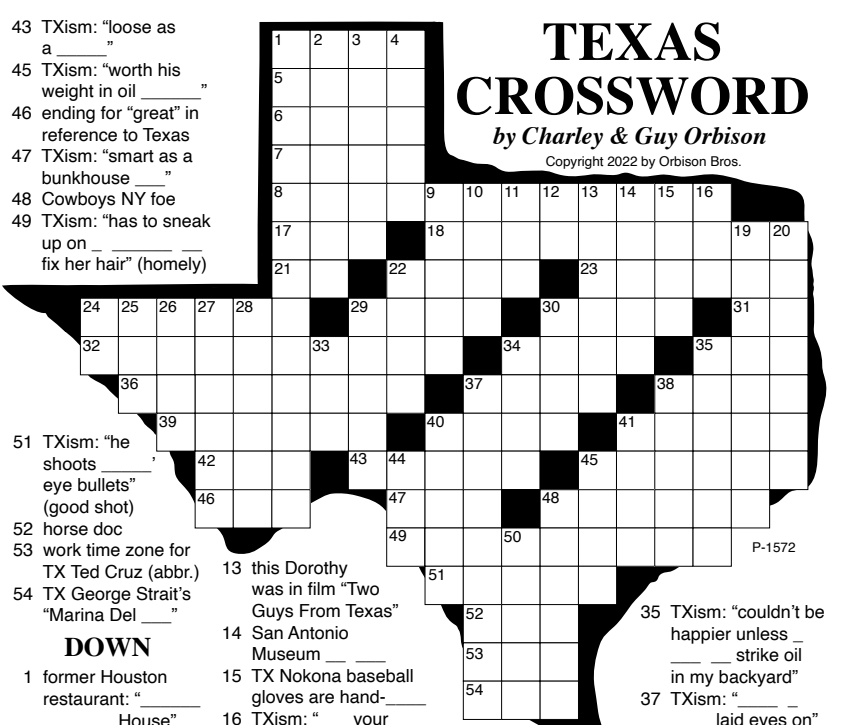
40 beer heads

41 to brand the hide

44 TXism: "don't give a hoot _____ holler"

45 mascot for Ozona, Dublin, or Livingston

48 TXism for "tough" former Lubbock Air Force Base



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ACROSS

1 movie candy

5 "don't throw _____" (calm down)

6 former Austin flower show: "Flora _____"

7 Seymour AM or FM

8 early internet provider (abbr.)

9 network for Dallas' KERA-TV

12 flamboyance

17 Tullia's county

19 rained hard

21 TXism: hard _____

22 entryway, e.g.

23 to increase something (2 wds.)

28 former TX singer _____ Mae Morse

29 children

30 this Goldberg was in "The Long Walk Home" with TX Sissy Spacek

31 TXism: "_____ fancy to" (like)

35 _____ Greco kicked for the Oilers and the Titans

36 TXism: "useless _____ a pig"

42 he kicked for the Cowboys in Super Bowl XXVII (2 wds.)

44 Mc _____, TX

46 deep respect

48 in the middle of

49 TX Forrest of S.W.A.T. (init.)

50 TX-born Eric Paslay's "_____ Don't Love You"

51 religious ceremonies

52 radio network started by the late Rush Limbaugh (abbr.)

53 early TX Roy Orbison band: "_____ Kings"

54 soap lather

56 TX Stuart Hamblen wrote song "This _____ House"

57 Scottish and English variant of "web"

DOWN

1 TXism: "_____ black cats"

2 TXism: "can't make a silk purse out _____ ear"

3 a graphic representation of the history of Texas (2 wds.)

4 most folks born in Texas, _____ here

9 former U.S. senator, Gramm

10 TXism: "he'll _____ funeral" (unreliable)

11 teens in final year of high school (abbr.)

12 environment agcy.

13 TXism for "nonsense"

14 LBJ's younger daughter

15 TXism: "mad as _____-eyed cow"

16 this Harper was in TX-based "Tender Mercies" (1983)

18 "La _____ del Rey"

20 former Cowboy LB, Darrin (init.)

23 Robin of "Flubber," with UT's Marcia Gay Harden (init.)

24 Texas song: "_____ San Antonio!"

25 gangster girlfriend: gun _____

26 platforms or stages overturns

32 TXism: "come hell _____ high water" (determined)

33 TX George Strait's "The Chill _____ an Early Fall"

34 disfavored group: "_____ Klux Klan"

36 pie _____ mode

37 TXism: "_____ a spell"

38 composure

39 "cream of the crop"

40 Eastland County town on I-20

41 TXism: "bid _____" (business)

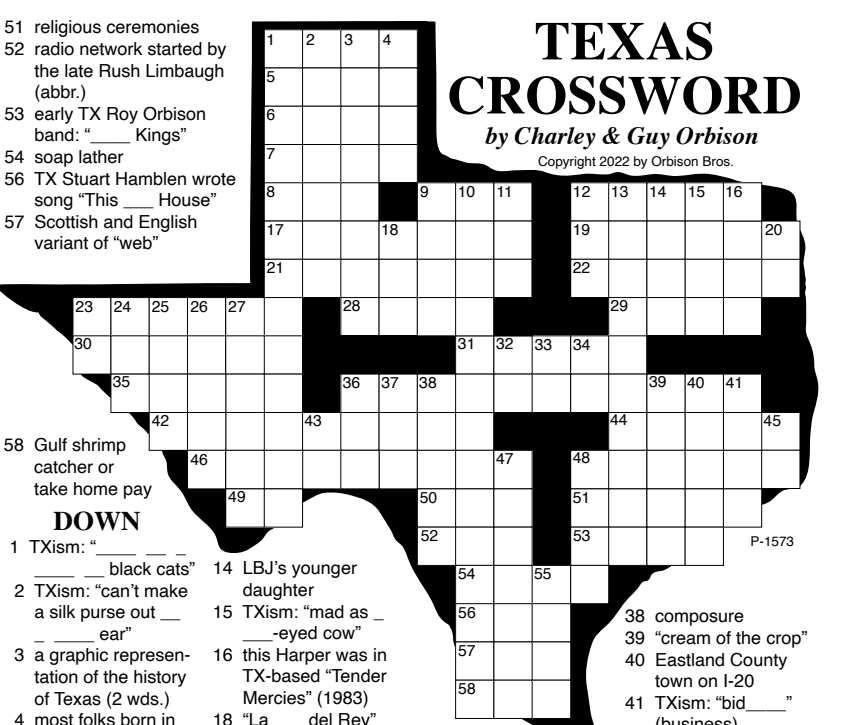
43 she had a hit with TX Roy Orbison's "Blue Bayou" (init.)

45 second half of the Bible (abbr.)

47 clouds of gas and dust in outer space

48 "Houston Museum of Fine _____"

55 "I owe you a _____ of gratitude"



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crime to make Parker County safer. Sheriff Authier leads a team of men and women that put their lives on the line every day to protect and defend each of us, over 150,000 Parker County residents!

Sheriff Authier also serves the community well. He supports local non profit organizations such as Parker County Health Foundation, Freedom House (Board President) and Children's Advocacy Center of Parker County, and he is a member of numerous organizations such as the National Rifle Association, Texas Ranger Foundation, Chamber of Commerce - East Parker, Weatherford, and Springtown and many more! He is generous with his time and money to help people in our community.

Sheriff Authier has the training to continue to serve us well and make a positive difference in our community. He and his wife Linda have been married for 38 years. Their children have given them three beautiful grandchildren, whom are their pride and joy. Sheriff Authier is a man of integrity, humility, strong ethics, family values and professionalism.

Sheriff Authier deserves our vote in the Primary!

- BRIAN AND PENNY SHELTON
ALEDO

Supports Rogers

Glenn Rogers is a person you can trust, and one who has the experience to be successful in representing all the folks from Stephens,

Palo Pinto and Parker counties. Representing all citizens is the Job, that is the oath of every elected official to represent all citizens from which they are elected and the office they serve in. That, I believe is the Truth.

I have witnessed Glenn's commitment to serving people as a professional in his veterinary business, ranching business, consulting in the animal health industry and even a professor in collegiate education. Glenn has a career of superior professionalism and a career of service to Texans and his community.

I do not want a representative that only represents a few donors, I want a person of principle who gathers all information they can, makes informed decisions, and then votes representing me as a part of all the

people of HD60. That is the right thing to do. That is what Glenn Rogers will do in Austin from HD60, it is what he has done from HD60.

I have served my Aledo church along with Glenn. Glenn, Mandy and family have been my Annetta neighbors. I am privileged that my family has deep ranching roots and I know his commitment to that distinct Texas heritage and doing what it takes to continue living the rural life of Texans, while growing the agricultural capabilities of Texas.

Glenn's professional abilities are truly a gift and our HD60 electorate should retain this in our representative for this growing and diverse district.

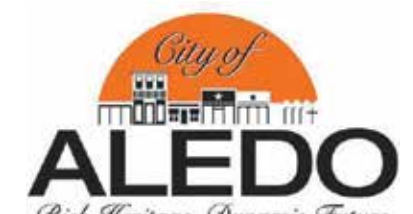
Glenn is a true conservative who follows conservative values day to day, he is actually pro-business,

actually voted to fund increased border security, and is actually working to eliminate unfunded state mandates that actually build a pathway to actually lowering local property taxes.

Constitutional carry for Texans is a reality. The "heartbeat" bill is a reality because of Glenn Rogers Pro-Life vote. Public Education is stronger and retired teachers have a better future because Glenn actually voted for those things, things he said he would do. That's what great elected officials do, it is not about crude politics, it is about getting the right things done.

Mary Beth, my family and I are voting for Glenn. Join me, It's the right thing to do.

- KENT STASEY
MAYOR PRO-TEM, TOWN OF ANNETTA



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Notice of Public Hearings

Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council of the City of Aledo, Parker County, Texas will conduct public hearings in the Aledo Community Center, 104 Robinson Court, Aledo, Texas.

<p>First Public Hearing</p> <p>Location: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>Time: _____</p>	<p>Planning and Zoning Commission</p> <p>Aledo Community Center 104 Robinson Court Aledo, Texas 76008</p> <p>Thursday, March 10, 2022 6:00 P.M.</p>
<p>Second Public Hearing</p> <p>Location: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>Time: _____</p>	<p>City Council Meeting</p> <p>Aledo Community Center 104 Robinson Court Aledo, Texas 76008</p> <p>Thursday, March 24, 2022 6:00 P.M.</p>

The purpose of the hearings is to receive input regarding consideration the following:

- Public Hearing to consider amending *Section 36* of the *City of Aledo Zoning Ordinance* to provide for (2) alternate members added to Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Public Hearing to consider amending the *City of Aledo Zoning Ordinance* to create the Neighborhood Services zoning district.
- Public Hearing to consider amending *Section 14-136* of the *City of Aledo Zoning Ordinance* to allow Food Trucks with the approval of a Specific Use Permit in the following districts:
 - A—Agricultural District
 - C-1—Commercial District – Office, Light Retail, and Neighborhood Services
 - C-2—General Commercial District
 - C-3—Heavy Commercial District
 - M-1—Manufacturing/Industrial District Light
 - M-2—Manufacturing/Industrial District Heavy
 - NS- Neighborhood Services
 - DB - Downtown Business District

For further information or questions regarding these public hearings, please contact Nathan Gonzales, at telephone number (817) 717-4255 or cityplanner@aledotx.gov.

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ALEDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS

CONTROLLED ENTRIES – PHASE II CSP 22-021822

The Aledo Independent School District (the District) will accept Competitive Sealed Proposals for Controlled Entries – Phase II until 2:00 PM on Thursday, March 10, 2022, in the Business Department at the Aledo Independent School District Administration Building, 1008 Bailey Ranch Road, Aledo, TX 76008. A Pre-Proposal Meeting will be held at 10:00 AM on Thursday, February 24, 2022, at Stuard Elementary School, 200 Thunderhead Lane, Aledo, TX 76008. Proposal evaluation criteria are listed in the Instructions to Offerors section of the proposal documents. Plans and specifications will be released on Friday, February 18, 2022, and are available to interested parties in digital format from the following address: VLK Architects, 2821 West 7th Street, Suite 300, Fort Worth, Texas 76107, telephone 817-633-1600, email cdoekstader@vlkarchitects.com. Link to digital copies may be found on the Business Department Bid Documents page of the District's website: <https://www.aledoisd.org/Page/4288>. The District reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals, to accept the proposal that provides the best value to the District, and to waive all formalities with respect thereto.

Statement of Purpose: One of the purposes of this meeting is to discuss the potential environmental impacts of the project and alternatives to it.

A public meeting is being held on April 12, 2022, at 7:00 PM at 516 Ranch House Road to discuss the City of Willow Park's proposed project to build a new wastewater treatment plant and pipeline North of IH-20 near Crowne Point Boulevard. One of the purposes of this hearing is to discuss the potential environmental impacts of the project and alternatives to it. The total estimated cost of the project is \$14.31 million. The estimated monthly bill for a typical resident is currently \$50.90. A user rate increase of \$3.00/month will be required to finance this project. *In addition, a connection fee/tax/surcharge/other fee of \$0 will be required.* An application for financial assistance for the project has been (will be) filed with the Texas Water Development Board, P.O. Box 13231, Austin, Texas, 78711-3231. An Environmental Information Document for the project has been prepared which will be available for public review at Willow Park City Hall at 516 Ranch House Road between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM for 30 days following the date of this notice. Written comments on the proposed project may be sent to Jacob & Martin Engineering 3465 Curry Lane Abilene, TX 79605 or to the Texas Water Development Board.

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This project involves construction (a) of a critical facility in the 500-year floodplain, (b) in the 100-year floodplain, or (c) construction located in a wetland. Alternatives to construction in a floodplain/wetland, potential impacts on floodplains/wetlands and proposed mitigation measures will be addressed during the public meeting.

FSA account, required equipment provided, competitive salary, dental/vision policy and more. For complete details contact: ekaiser@jour-dantonpd.net.

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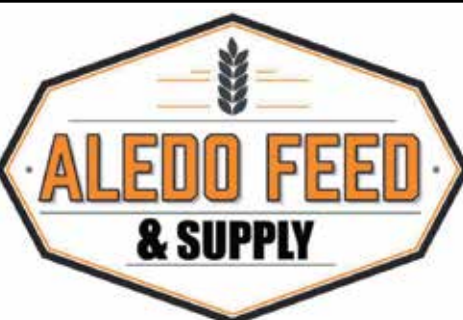


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Wrestler makes state debut for Aledo

By Nolan Ruth
The Community News

For more than 20 years, the athletic programs at Aledo have come to expect excellence no matter what sport. That expectation does not change with a new sport either. So when the new wrestling program started in November of 2021, expectations were high.

Throughout the season, both boys and girls wrestlers progressed through tournaments and invitational leading up to the district meet in early February. Five boys and a girl qualified for the regional meet the following week, and when all was said and done, one wrestler stood tall and made it to the state meet in Cypress.

Ansel Din-Mbuh, who had won the district title weeks prior, finished third in Region 1 in class 5A, guaranteeing a spot to compete for a state championship. Din-Mbuh along with head coach Austin Stockon, assistant coach Doug Wheeler, and teammates Bryon Wheeler and Cole Bohnen arrived in Cypress on Thursday for the meet to start on Friday, Feb. 18.

The first bout came at approximately 9:30 a.m. with Din-Mbuh wrestling Eric Morales of San Antonio Burbank High. The bout lasted the full six minutes with both wrestlers going back and forth for



NOLAN RUTH/THE COMMUNITY NEWS
Coaches Doug Wheeler and Austin Stockon confer during Ansel Din-Mbuh's first round at state.

the lead. It appeared Din-Mbuh had secured the winning points with less than a minute to go, but a late move by Morales swiped the win away by a 14-12 decision.

The loss moved Din-Mbuh to the consolation side of the bracket, meaning the best he could finish was third.

Unfortunately in his next bout against Isaiah Adams from Richland, Din-Mbuh was swiftly defeated by pin after just 39 seconds. The defeat eliminated Din-Mbuh and brought an end to the inaugural wrestling season for Aledo. With most of the wrestlers from both the boys and the girls team being underclassmen, the program looks to have a bright future ahead.



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Ansel Din-Mbuh of Aledo foreground grapples with San Antonio Burbank wrestler Eric Morales in his first match of the state meet.

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BASKETBALL

Bearcats fall to Denton Ryan in bi-district contest



Isaac Sohn (23) jumps to block a Denton Ryan shot as brother Daniel (24) looks for a rebound. Also shown are Camden Yielding (21) and Exavier Anderson (5).

For the second consecutive year, the Aledo Bearcats exited the basketball season at the bi-district level. The 'Cats fell to Denton Ryan on Monday, Feb. 21, 54-44 in Keller.

Drew Clock sunk four three-pointers en route to 23 points for the game. Brandon Fields added eight.

Aledo	8	7	10	19	44
Ryan	10	6	15	23	54

Drew Clock 23, Brandon Fields 8, Daniel Sohn 5, Xavier Anderson 4, Camden Yielding 2, Isaac Sohn 2



Drew Clock (0) leaps for the ball.

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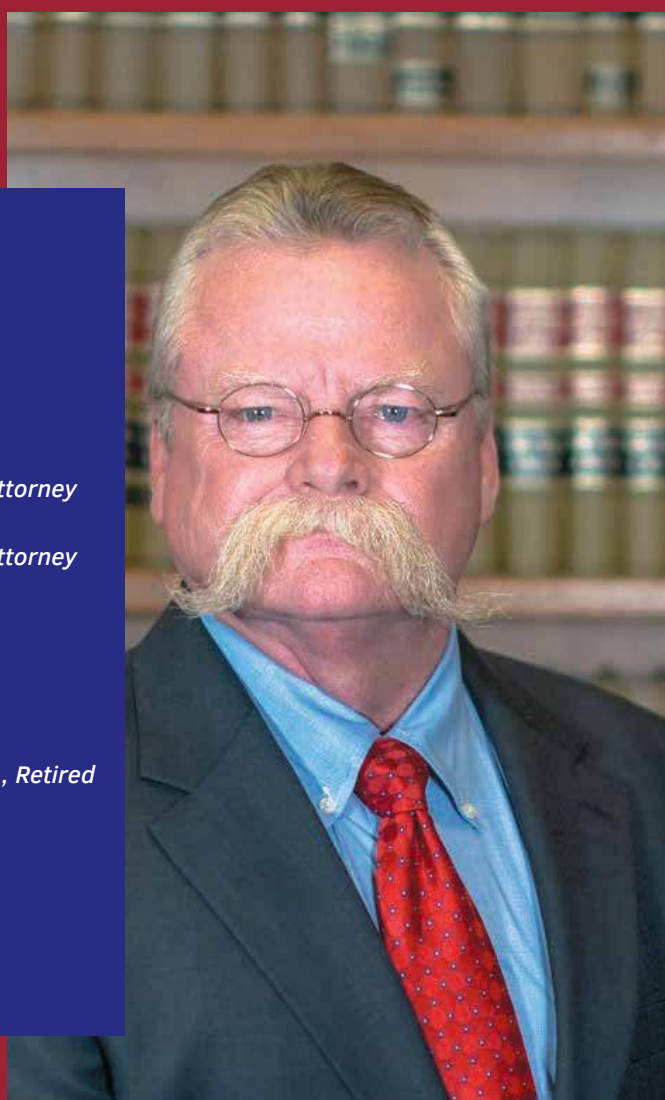
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SOFTBALL

Three no-hitters start season

By Nolan Ruth
The Community News

The softball season is finally upon us. The scrimmages are over and the games now count. For the reigning state finalist Aledo Ladycats, the expectations are nothing short of a state title.

The season officially started on Feb. 15 with a bang as ace-pitcher Kayleigh Smith tossed a no-hitter in five innings to defeat Decatur 18-1.

The Ladycats dominated from the get-go, scoring four runs in the first inning, one in the second and third, seven in the fourth and five in the fifth. The lone Decatur run came after two walks, an error and a hit by pitch in the second inning.

Smith struck out eight and only allowed two walks in the no-hit effort.

On Feb. 17, Aledo started its first tournament in Forney. The first game against Little Elm saw Nathalie Touchet get the win, and a four-run third inning lift the team to its second win, followed by an offensive battle with Flower Mound Marcus that saw the Ladycats hold off the Lady Marauders 9-8, highlighted by an Allison Mallard home

run in the fifth inning to get the team over the hump.

In its lone game on Feb. 18, the girls faced a tough Rockwall team that jumped out to an early lead and never looked back to hand Aledo its first loss by a score of 10-0.

The tournament concluded on Saturday, Feb. 19 with two incredible pitching performances. First, Touchet took the circle against Whitehouse and went right to work. Eight strikeouts, two walks and 19 batters later, Touchet and the Ladycats stood victorious with another no-hitter by a score of 5-0.

The final game was much the same as sophomore Brenlee Gonzales struck out ten and only allowed one walk in what was a record third no-hitter in one week. Reagan Davis, Presley Hull, and Madysen Boutwell all created the offensive sparks, each getting a home run in the contest and giving Aledo a 6-0 win.

The Ladycats are off to a 5-1 start in their quest for the title that eluded them last year. Their next game will take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, at Ladycat Park.

TENNIS

Aledo Varsity dominates at Centennial tournament

By Andrea Garnett

Special to The Community News

Frigid temperatures couldn't stop the Aledo Varsity tennis team from coming away with medals in six brackets at the Centennial tournament held at the Arlington Tennis Center on Friday, Feb. 18.

Boys A doubles team of Jax Joiner/ Hogan Posey continued their streak of top-three finishes by placing second after a hard-fought finals match against Alvarado. Boys B doubles Ben Farmer/Craig Mason played their first tournament together and placed first, beating Alvarado in the championship match.

Mixed A doubles duo Ian Leslie/Bryanna Orr took first place in their bracket along with Mixed B doubles partners Jacob Heckathorn/Zoë Whitcomb placing first as well.

Girls A doubles team Paige Federman/Elli Kate Bussmeir placed first easily defeating their opponents in all four matches. Closing out the tournament with another first place medal was Kenley Germany in Girls A singles.

The RacquetCats were scheduled to travel to Denton on Friday, Feb. 25, for the Ryan Raider tournament.



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Craig Mason and Ben Farmer placed first at the Centennial Tournament in boys doubles.



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L to R: Coach Krohn, Maddie Moses, Rio Lipsky, Wilson Winchester, Grahm Morrow, Jack Mendoza, Ty Miller, Gracie Bruner, Belle Huffman, Taylor Hale, Matthew Loritz, Micah Chesney, Ben Camp, Chance Wortham.

Boys basketball had one game this week and had to work around the weather. The game was pushed from Friday night to Saturday afternoon. Despite the schedule change the Eagles still came out and fought hard against Lake Country Christian, which is currently ranked No. 7 in the state in TAPPS 4A.

Junior Guard Kanyon Kelley led all scorers on both sides scoring 22 points against a tough and physical defense. Those 22 points put Kelley over the top as the school's new single season scoring leader with 604 total points.

"I cannot begin to tell you how proud I am of Kanyon and his leadership on our team this year," said coach Daniel Perez. "He embodies everything our program stands for. He is selfless, tough, accountable, teachable, and he brings the energy everyday in practices and games. I am so happy for him and his ability

to earn this accomplishment while still being a great teammate and not making it all about himself. That is a rare thing in the game of basketball these days, and Kanyon is a one of a kind young man."

TCA	15	10	21	12	58
LCCS	18	20	27	15	80

Girls Basketball

The girls basketball team dropped their third game in a row against district foe Lake Country Christian Saturday afternoon, 20-62. Offensively, the Eagles struggled to score early and dug themselves into the hole. Margaret Cowley and Caroline Thompson led the team with six points and five points respectively. Rebound leaders were Margaret Cowley (7 rebounds) and Macy Prestwood (8 rebounds).

TCA	5	4	2	9	20
LCCS	22	15	18	7	62

TCA swim team recently competed in the Tapps Division III State Swim competition qualifying all 12 athletes. Top 10 finishers for TCA include:

- Girls 200 yard medley relay 10th
- Jack Mendoza- 200 yard IM- 6th
- Ben Camp- 50 yard Freestyle- 10th
- Jack Mendoza- 100 yard Butterfly- 7th
- Boys 200 yard Freestyle Relay
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- Boys 400 yard Freestyle Relay
- Boys team 7th place overall

The TCA tennis squad traveled to Mira Vista to take on SCS last Friday. TCA boys won the overall matches 7-3. The TCA girls won the overall matches 5-4.

Our stand out player was Jack Mendoza who was down 5-7 and won an impressive 4 games in a row to win in a tie breaker 9-7.



WC's Benson takes first place at Las Vegas Shootout

The Weatherford College men's golf team finished third out of 15 teams at the Las Vegas Shootout Feb 21-22 in Boulder City, Nevada.

WC's Samuel Benson won the individual championship, shooting 73-79-73 to finish nine over par, topping 84 other players.

"Samuel played some great golf to the conditions which were some of the hardest I have seen," said Jesse Speirs, WC golf coach. "The first day we played 36 holes nonstop, and from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., the wind was blowing constantly at 30 miles per hour and higher."

Benton, freshman from New Diana, made a 25-foot birdie putt on the 16th hole in his third round that ultimately won the tournament for him. He finished one stroke

ahead of Will Fore of Oklahoma City University.

The field was made up of a mix of four-year private universities and two-year colleges. Oklahoma City University won the tournament and Benedictine University-Mesa finished second. The host course was Boulder Creek Golf Club, a par-72, 7,452-yard tract.

WC's Gatlin Goad and Logan Moore tied for 12th place individually at 21-over. Bradley Missel tied for 38th and Bryce McCracken was 71st.

"This was a big trip for the team," said Speirs. "Going out of state to compete against teams from all over was a great experience."

Scholars!



LEFT PHOTO: Hispanic scholars (not in order) are Zackary Brown, Gianna Cabello, Esteban Cadena, Austin Conner, Isabel Davila, Jacob DeLeon, Marcus Eaton, Estevan Flores, Mia Flowers, Andrew Gamez, Graciela Gonzales, Logan Johnson, Zane Martin, Sophia Merrill, Isabella Michel, Andrew Miller, Amy Olazaran, Faith Rudzinski, Grace Rudzinski, Anna Salame, Ariana Schmitt, Haley Smith, Luke Taylor, Rachel Taylor, Joshua Wagner, and Emma Wieland. | RIGHT PHOTO: Rural and Small Town Scholars (not in order) are Nathan Brown, Zackary Brown, Peyton Bishop, Gianna Cabello, Esteban Cadena, Austin Conner, Jolie Crabtree, Trever Darton, Isabel Davila, Jacob DeLeon, Owen Denman, Marcus Eaton, Estevan Flores, Mia Flowers, Andrew Gamez, Graciela Gonzales, Jordan Ivonen, Logan Johnson, Cale Linderbaum, Zane Martin, Sophia Merrill, Isabella Michel, Andrew Miller, Maxwell Moeller, Amy Olazaran, Raymond Polexi, Sydney Porter, William Reynolds, Faith Rudzinski, Grace Rudzinski, Anna Salame, Ariana Schmitt, Luke Shelton, Haley Smith, Luke Taylor, Rachel Taylor, Joshua Wagner, Emma Wieland, and Michael Worch.



LEFT PHOTO: National Merit Commended Scholars are (front row, from left) Taylor Hobbs, Anna Yates, and Kate Siddons and (back row) Jacob Deatherage, Ashley Garrett, and Libby Clements. | CENTER PHOTO: African American scholars are (front row, from left) Austin Conner and Raymond Polexi and (back row) Trever Darton and Peyton Bishop. | RIGHT PHOTO: Indigenous scholars are Cale Linderbaum and Jolie Crabtree (not pictured).

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