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## 'I Wanna Dance with Somebody'

Rewind: Totally 80s Event planned for April 24 to benefit Project Celebration 2023

The Aledo Class of 2023 Project Celebration Committee has announced this year's fundraising event: "Rewind: Totally 80s!" The adults-only event will take place from 6-10 p.m. on Sunday, April 24, at Studio Eighty, 500 Taylor Street in Fort Worth.

There will be food, 80s costume contests and trivia, a silent auction, a photo booth, a Louis Vuitton purse raffle and 80s music throughout the night!

There are three ways to support the event:

- Be an event sponsor
- Attend the event
- Purchase raffle tickets for the Louis Vuitton purse (you do not have to be present to win).

For event and raffle tickets, visit: <https://www.aledo2023.org>

Project Celebration is a nationwide program that provides a drug-free and alcohol-free event after prom.

For more information about sponsorships or the event, email Penny Shelton at [pennyselton@att.net](mailto:pennyselton@att.net).

## PARKER COUNTY

### Fire Season

Dry, windy conditions fueling outbreak of fires

By Randy Keck  
The Community News

The Parker County Commissioners Court on March 14 instituted a 60-day burn ban in all unincorporated parts of the county in response to an elevated danger of wildfires.

Local fire departments have been busy not only with their own territories but also in mutual aid situations.

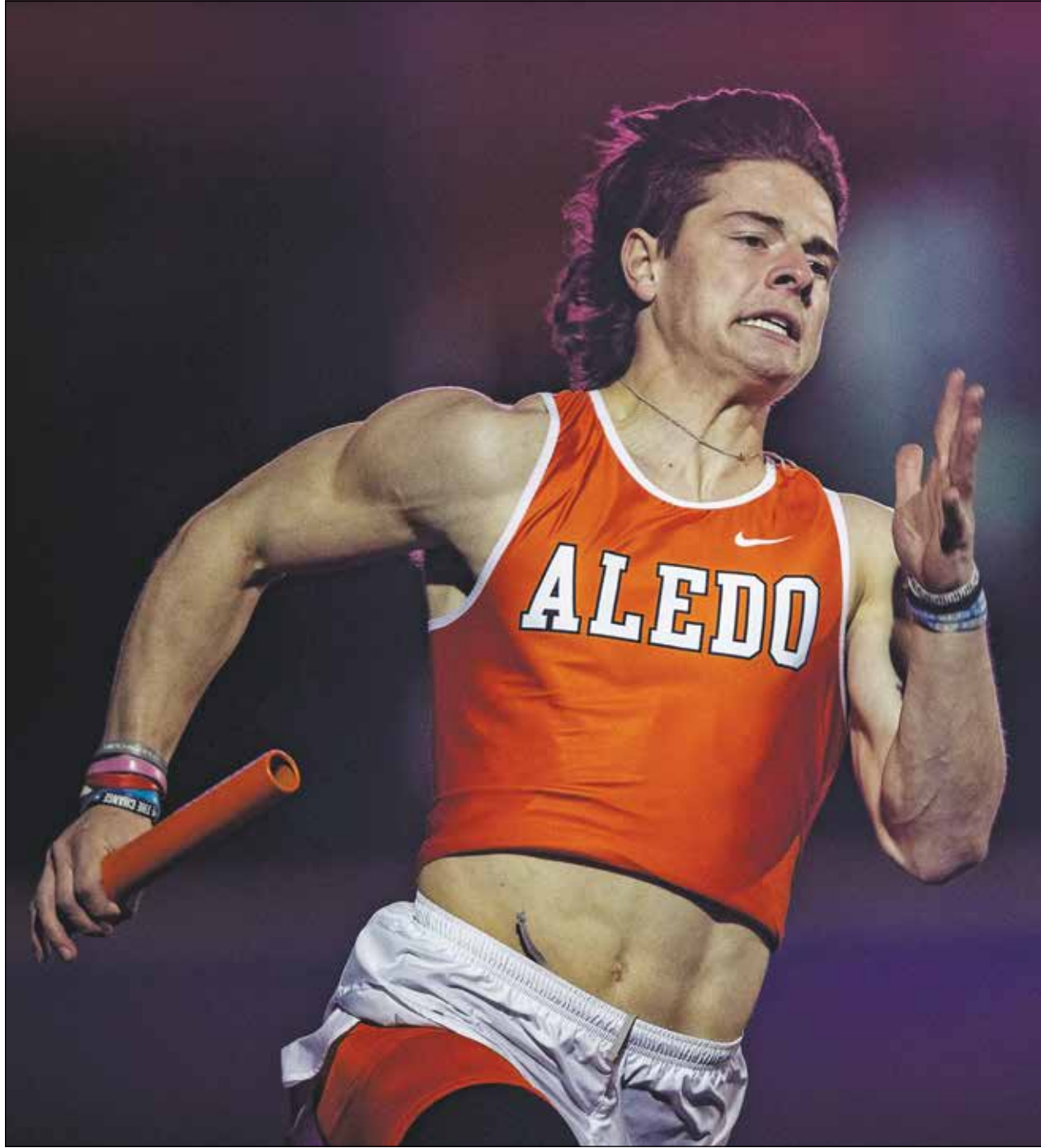
Parker County Emergency Services District No. 1 Fire Chief Steve Watson said the department has been on numerous mutual aid calls, and has helped on fires in Tarrant and Wise Counties as well.

"It's been busy," Watson said. "It's very weather-dependent, which is usually the case in the winter fire season."

Watson pointed out that we are in a LaNiña weather pattern, which

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## Spring Sprint



KRISTIN MORALES

Sammy Steffe runs his leg during the Bearcat Relays last weekend at Bearcat Stadium. The Bearcats won their home meet, and Steffe ran in both the 4x100 and 4x200 relays, and in both cases the Bearcats came in first place.

## ALEDO ISD

### Director of new employee childcare center named

By Mercedes Mayer  
Aledo ISD

Aledo ISD has named Becky Albertson as the director of the new employee childcare center scheduled to open in late summer of 2022.

Albertson has been the director of the Primrose School of Southwest Arlington since 2017, and she was the director of a KinderCare Learning Center in Arlington from 2012 to 2017. Prior to that, Albertson operated an in-home childcare service and also taught in a 2-year-old room at a childcare center. She was an assistant director at a childcare center before moving into the director role at KinderCare.



ALEDO ISD

Becky Albertson has been named as the director of the new Aledo ISD employee childcare center, set to open in the late summer.

"We are thrilled to be able to offer our employees infant to pre-K childcare services right here in Aledo ISD for the first time, and Ms. Albertson has the extensive qualifications and skills needed to launch this program," Aledo ISD Superintendent Dr. Susan Bohn said. "With 20-plus years of childcare experience - including opening a new preschool - we know she will be a huge asset because of her knowledge base and understanding of the complexities of operating a childcare center. We are excited for Ms. Albertson to join the Bearcat family."

Albertson helped open the Primrose School of Southwest

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## WILLOW PARK

### Residents voice concerns about Ice House volume

City looking for resolution

By Rick Mauch  
The Community News

Going out to a concert can be exciting. However, when the concert comes to you, not always so much.

Especially if, as several residents of Willow Park have said, they don't want to hear live music coming into their house - even if they didn't have to buy a ticket. They say they are paying a higher price, a lack of peace and quiet.

At the March 8 meeting of the Willow Park City Council, a few residents took to the podium to voice their concerns about the noise level from the live music being played at the Parker County Ice House.

Chad Dodson said he actually likes the music being played, but it's not having a volume control that he has a problem with.

"When I hear it in my own house and sing karaoke with them, it's no fun," he said.

"Please know that I am for responsible economic development, 100 percent for that - and I love live music. I've been to probably hundreds of live shows," said Hope Olsen. "But really, just not at the expense of us residents. It kinda feels like a violation of privacy in our home. It really feels helpless when there's nothing you can do about it."

"I would just encourage the council to continue investigating this, passing ordinances if needed. And I also encourage the council to inform the public of what is going on."

Willow Park Communications and Marketing Director Rosalee Hoffman said the city has been looking into the issue ever since officials were first made aware of the citizen concerns back in fall of 2021.

"We attempted at the time to form a working group with city staff, Ice House management, and a citizen, but the citizen we invited to participate did not show up for the meeting," Hoffman said. "After

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Dr. Scott Myser graduated Summa Cum Laude from Texas A&M University. He was salutatorian of his class at Baylor College of Dentistry where he received his Master of Science and Doctorate of Dental Surgery degrees. He was invited and currently serves as a Clinical Faculty member at BCD. Dr. Myser

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Human Biology with honors. She then attended Texas A&M University Baylor College of Dentistry, where she received her Doctor of Dental Surgery degree and graduated third overall in her class. She continued her education in the orthodontic program at Texas A&M University College of Dentistry, where she received

her Master of Science degree in Oral Biology and Specialty Certificate in Orthodontics. Dr. Barnhart is certified by the American Board of Orthodontics.

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## Capital Highlights

### Nine accused of sex trafficking at center



**Gary Borders**  
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Nine employees at a Bastrop County facility that cares for young victims of sex trafficking have been accused of trafficking those same girls, according to the Austin American-Statesman.

One employee of the state-contracted Refuge Ranch has been arrested on an undisclosed charge and more arrests are anticipated, according to Tara Olah, a director with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.

The facility employed more than three dozen employees to provide 24-7 care for the girls. According to Olah, DFPS received multiple phone calls in January to the state-wide intake hotline that “alleged sexual and physical abuse, sexual exploitation, neglectful supervision and medical neglect” at Refuge Ranch, according to the Statesman.

“This is appalling and is a disregard of these children,” U.S. District Judge Janis Jack, who presided at a hearing Thursday evening, told state staff, including Family and Protective Services Commissioner Jaime Masters and contract monitors. “And we had to wait for eight calls to come in before we took already trafficked children out of this situation. This is a system that remains broken.”

Jack pointed out it took almost six weeks and several phone calls before the girls were removed from the facility. The Texas Rangers have been called in to investigate.

Refuge Ranch opened in 2018 on 50 acres in Bastrop County and is designed to house girls ages 11 to 19. The state ordered the shelter to close on Friday.

#### Task force to address teacher shortages

At the behest of Gov. Greg Abbott, a task force has been created by the Texas Education Agency to address staffing shortages facing the state’s public schools.

“Teachers play a critical role in the development and long-term success of our students,” Abbott said. “This task force should work diligently to ensure that best practices and resources for recruitment and retention are provided to districts to ensure the learning environment of Texas students is not interrupted by the absence of a qualified teacher.”

The Teacher Vacancy Task Force is intended to ensure Texas schools are equipped to deal with these challenges, relying heavily on the input of current and former teachers. More than two dozen superintendents, administrators and teachers have been appointed to the task force.

The state has long endured a shortage of certified teachers that has been exacerbated by the pandemic. A survey of more than 900 teachers last year by the Charles Butt Foundation revealed 68% of those surveyed were seriously considering leaving the profession.

#### Drought conditions stable in February

Precipitation in February was close to normal, but Andrew Weinberg with the Texas Water Development Board predicts the entire state will be in drought conditions by the end of spring.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, only a few counties in Texas, mainly in far south Texas and along the Gulf Coast, are not considered to be in drought conditions.

The most severe drought is occurring in the Texas Panhandle, through the Great Plains and into the Big Bend area.

#### Panel reviews Rolling Pines wildfire

An independent panel reviewing a prescribed fire that got out of control at Bastrop State Park recommends requiring more personnel present and smaller burns at the park.

The Rolling Pines wildfire in January involved nearly 800 acres and forced about 150 households to temporarily evacuate. No private property damage was reported. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department two days later formed the panel to investigate why the fire got out of control.

The panel also recommended that bulldozers be required to be on site during prescribed burns, which are intended to lessen the risk of large-scale fires such as the Bastrop County Complex Fire in 2011, which destroyed nearly 1,700 homes and scorched almost 35,000 acres.

Members of the panel included fire experts from across the United States.

#### Kaufman woman arrested for timber theft

A Kaufman woman has been arrested for timber theft in Hopkins County, according to the Texas A&M Forest Service.

Frances Charline Cole, 51, was charged with hiring a logging company to harvest timber on 42 acres on which she had entered into a real estate agreement but never actually bought.

A timber deed filed with the county clerk indicates she was paid \$8,000 for the timber. However, the logger returned to cut the tract and discovered she had backed out of buying the land.

“Essentially, the logger paid her for timber that wasn’t hers, that she had no rights to sell,” said Jonathon Keller, Texas A&M Forest Service Law Enforcement Investigator.

#### New COVID-19 cases rise, but deaths, hospitalizations drop

The number of new COVID-19 cases in the past week in Texas rose to 31,965, up about 5,000 compared to the previous week, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. However, the number of new deaths reported dropped to 678, down about a third from the previous week.

The number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations in Texas dropped to 2,008, down 29% from the previous week, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

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## Your Views

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#### Supporting Olcott

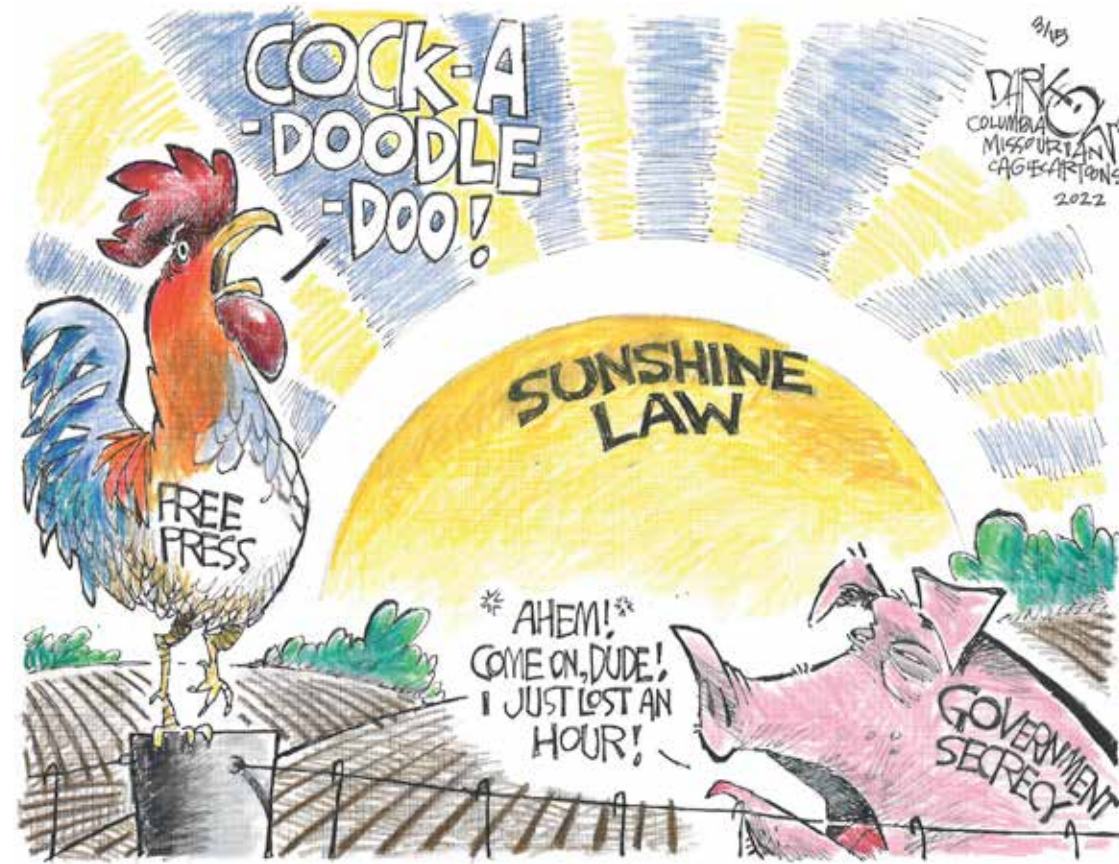
Even though I am too young to vote in this Primary, I am still able to come to the decision that Mr. Olcott is the best candidate for HD60. He has proven over the past several years his outspokenness and enthusiasm for conservatives by leading Parker County Conservatives, and always being the first one to

stand up for our values and beliefs. I support Mr. Olcott because he is an admirable and honorable man of courage and knowledge. I trust Mr. Olcott when he says he will not support taxpayer-funded lobbyist groups down in Austin; I think this should be a top priority for voters to consider when voting for HD60. Who has the backbone and

character to say no to these lobbyists? Who isn’t afraid to be the only one to stand up for what’s right and moral? Who is going to make the biggest impact in Austin? I believe that’s Mike Olcott.

Vote Mike Olcott for Texas House District 60

- GWENDOLYN GALLE  
WILLOW PARK



## Guest Column

### At the root of democracy: Free flow of information



**Kelly Shannon**  
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As Ukrainians fight and die for democracy, Russia is arresting its own citizens who are protesting the war and threatening prison for journalists who report the truth.

The attempt to crush a democratic government and stop the flow of information comes as American news organizations and transparency advocates observe Sunshine Week from March 13-19, a time for highlighting government openness and a free press.

Certainly, let’s commemorate the freedom of information we enjoy – and constantly strive to improve – in the United States. But it’s imperative to contrast it with what’s happening around the

world and understand how devastating it is when a government allows only its own tightly controlled version of events to trickle out.

Earlier this month, Vladimir Putin’s government changed its domestic media laws to make it a crime to distribute what it deemed to be “false news” about the war. Doing so could mean up to 15 years behind bars. Many news organizations pulled journalists out of the country or shut their operations; the government also cut off access to major social media sites, the Neiman Journalism Lab reported in its thorough rundown on the severe restrictions.

The censorship amounts to an “information dark age,” according to the Committee to Protect Journalists, which called on journalists everywhere to stand in opposition.

Thwarting free speech isn’t only happening in Russia. We simply need to think back to the Olympics a few weeks ago to remember the spotlight on China’s crackdowns on dissent and free expression and its

control of internet content. And, of course, there are other examples.

It’s astounding – and a lesson for us all.

Blocking information is a favorite weapon of authoritarian regimes. Information is essential for democracy to flourish. The ability to examine public records and tune in to independent news sources enables us to speak out and hold our leaders accountable.

In our state, we are fortunate that the Texas Public Information Act, originally known as the Open Records Act, was established in the early 1970s to ensure citizens have the right to watch over government. It gives us the ability to obtain public documents and largely forces state and local officials who want to withhold information to argue to the attorney general’s office – an umpire, of sorts – as to why information should be kept secret. The law presumes all records are open unless a specific exemption in law states otherwise.

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## MARCH 18

### Last Gas

Theatre Off The Square will present "Last Gas" on weekends March 11-27 at 114 North Denton Street in Weatherford.

Friday and Saturday shows are at 8 p.m. Sunday shows are at 2 p.m.

ASL interpreters will be at the 8 p.m. performance on Saturday, March 19. Services are provided through a partnership with the American Sign Language Interpreting Program of Tarrant County College Trinity River Campus.

All seats are reserved; tickets are \$20 for adults and \$18 for seniors (60-plus)/students/children under school age. Matinee tickets are \$15 for all ages and no other discounts apply. Purchase tickets in the box office prior to each show or visit [https://buy.ticketstotheatrecity.com/venue.php?org\\_id=88](https://buy.ticketstotheatrecity.com/venue.php?org_id=88)

For more information, call 817-341-8687 or visit [www.theatreoffthesquare.org](http://www.theatreoffthesquare.org).

## MARCH 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](http://aledorotary.org).

### Parker County Walk Across Texas

The Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service invites participants to Walk Across Texas from March 21 to May 15.

Walk Across Texas is an eight-week program to help people of all ages support one another to establish the habit of regular physical activity.

To sign up a team, visit <https://howdyhealth.org/programs>. There is a video for both youth and adult.

This year there are two options: you can sign up your team on the Parker County League or under teams. The league code is: WatL-220303-87744. The League option will allow you to compare your mileage with other teams in Parker County. Teams must be registered online by Monday, March 28.

For more information, call 817-598-6168, visit or come by the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service, Parker County. You may also email at [kl-smith@tamuedu](mailto:kl-smith@tamuedu).

### Groundwater Conservation District

The Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District's public hearing and regular board meeting are set for 5 p.m. on Monday, March 21, at the District office or via Zoom video-conference.

The public is welcome and encouraged to remotely attend via online video-conference/teleconference. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86066628771> 1 (346) 248-7799 - US Meeting ID: 860 6662 8771

## MARCH 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.

## MARCH 26

### Clay Shoot

The Annual Trinity Christian Athletic Booster Clay Shoot will be Saturday, March 26 at Defenders Outdoor Clay Sports Ranch, 8270 Aledo Road in Benbrook.

Registration will open at 8:30 a.m.. There will be a safety briefing at 9:30 a.m. and shooting will begin at 9:45 a.m.

Lunch will be provided, and there will be a chance to purchase tickets to win a \$3,100-value fishing trip. Cost is \$500 for a team of four shooters or \$125 for individuals. Ammo is not provided but will be for sale at the site. Shooters younger than 18 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, or to register, visit [http://www.tcaeagles.org/athletics/booster\\_club.cfm](http://www.tcaeagles.org/athletics/booster_club.cfm).

### Willow Park Cleanup Day

Willow Park Mayor Doyle Moss will host a clean-up day beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 26. Volunteers will meet at the Willow Park City Hall parking lot (516 Ranch House Road) for supplies and instructions, and return to city hall at noon to dispose of their trash bags. For more information, email [info@willowpark.org](mailto:info@willowpark.org).

### 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.

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 has become the flagship annual fundraising event for AdvoCats. Choosing to support Aledo Children's AdvoCats means your money stays right here in our community and provides vital services that directly benefit children and families in the communities of Aledo ISD.

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>

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## APRIL 2

### Bearcat Big Bass Fishing Tournament

The Aledo High School Class of 2024 Project Celebration will hold the Bearcat Big Bass Fishing Tournament on Saturday, April 2, in Rough Creek Park at the Lake Granbury Marina. Launch will be at safe light and weigh-in will be at 2 p.m. Payouts will go to the top

three stringers. In addition to the tournament, there will be a raffle, games, entertainment, and kids' casting from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Entry fee is \$100 per two-person team. In addition, sponsorships are available from \$100 to \$5,000. To register a team or to become a sponsor, visit [www.aledopc2024.com](http://www.aledopc2024.com).

## APRIL 8

### 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](http://pcwnc.org).

## APRIL 25

### Business Women of Weatherford Luncheon

Fort Worth Mayor Mattie Parker will be the guest speaker at the kickoff luncheon for the Business Women of Weatherford from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, April 25 at the Emerging Technologies Building at Weatherford College.

The cost is \$20 per person or \$200 for a reserved table of eight. RSVP is required and space is limited.

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## JUNE 3

### Aledo Summer Blast

The annual Aledo Summer Blast will run from 6-10 p.m. Friday, June 3, in the Aledo High School south parking lots.

The event features numerous free activities for families and children in addition to food trucks, live music by Sonny Burgess and Jolie Holliday Burgess, and a fireworks show after dark.

## JULY 9

### Parker County Peach Festival

The 37th annual Parker County Peach Festival will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 9, in downtown Weatherford.

Peachy treats are always featured, including homemade peach ice cream, peach cobbler, peach pie, peach tea, peach smoothies, ice cream topped with fresh peaches, or just regular peaches.

In addition to the vendors, many antique and specialty stores will have specials throughout the day.

Two entertainment stages will feature local celebrities and entertainers. For easy transportation to the festival, air-conditioned shuttles will run from Weatherford 9th Grade Center, Weatherford College, or Heritage Park. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 5-12, and free for younger than 5.

For more information, visit <https://www.parkercountypeachfestival.org>.




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# SUNSHINE

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In short, the Texas law is intended to give an advantage to the individual information requestor, not the government, unlike some states' information laws.

Public officials are only the custodians of our public records. They do not get to tell us what information we have a right to view. Texans want to see basic police reports, documents relating to a local

school district's property purchase and a state university's athletics consulting contract. That's just a small sampling of how our state's Public Information Act is used.

The law is not perfect. There has been incremental weakening of it over the years, but open government supporters work every legislative session with lawmakers to strengthen the act. We should fight with all our might to protect it.

In the end, in a democracy, the people get to judge their leaders and decide whether they will remain in office or get voted out. The free flow of information is the people's path to questioning authority. That, ultimately, is real power.

*Kelley Shannon is executive director of the nonprofit, nonpartisan Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas, based in Austin. For more information go to [www.foift.org](http://www.foift.org).*

# FIRE

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tends to have warm, dry, and sometimes windy winter days with cold snaps in between. Watson looked back at 2018, 2011, 2009, and 2005-06 as years that had a similar weather pattern and bad fire seasons.

"When all the grass and brush and stuff like that is in its dormant season, it responds very fast to humidity changes," Watson said. He explained that prairie land and grass is classified as a one-hour fuel, which means it responds within one hour to humidity changes.

"That's why it can snow on it one day and then a warm dry front moves in, and you can have a fire the next day."

Overall, the ESD has been on about 1,400 calls since Jan. 1. About 100 of those have been grass fires, including large fires the department has assisted with in Tarrant and Wise Counties.

A fire in Wise County consumed 250 acres, and another recent fire took 50 acres.

While some fires are started by things like backyard smokers, "the most common things we see are welding and

people who burned trash or brush or lawn clippings and thought that it was good. But then some really low humidity weather came along and wind blows that stuff out," Watson said. "Every once in a while there's some fluke thing, like a squirrel that got caught in a transformer, fell to the ground, and started a fire.

Watson said he has seen fires started from embers that were there two to three days after brush was burned.

With the weather dry and wind blowing, residents are urged to be careful with anything that can make a spark.

# TEXAS CROSSWORD

## TEXAS CROSSWORD

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**ACROSS**

- TX George W. got a B.A. from here
- gem found in Texas
- TX Tarzan Ely, et al
- a Dallas FM radio
- the fleur-de-lis once flew over Texas
- TX-based eatery: "Pizza \_\_\_\_\_"
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ dirt" (elderly)
- what USAF has in Abilene (2 wds.)
- TX Charley Pride's "Where \_\_\_\_\_ Her Memory?"
- TX Willie Nelson's "Last Thing \_\_\_\_\_ the First Thing This Morning"
- TX Roddenberry's full first name
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ marm" (teacher)
- TX Dan Jenkins novel: "\_\_\_\_\_ solid perfect"
- title of TX George Jones tribute album: "\_\_\_\_\_ Country"
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ gates" (heaven)
- in Wharton County: El \_\_\_\_\_
- UT has collection of poet \_\_\_\_\_ Nash
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ from a gusher" (quickly)
- it gets you up in Reunion Tower
- TXism for a bad defeat
- braided hair: corn \_\_\_\_\_
- TXism: "been \_\_\_\_\_ hard and put up wet"
- TX Guy Clark's "She's Crazy for \_\_\_\_\_"
- help needed signal
- TXism: "wouldn't touch it with \_\_\_\_\_ foot pole"
- TXism: "six of one, half a dozen of the \_\_\_\_\_"
- \_\_\_\_\_ moss
- Lone \_\_\_\_\_ State
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ dance!" (fight invitation)
- Astro pitcher stat
- TX film critic Reed
- "Star Wars" defense proposal (abbr.)
- former newspaper for TX columnist Liz Smith: New \_\_\_\_\_
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ beats \_\_\_\_\_ the eye with a sharp stick"
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ office business"
- in Hidalgo County on highway 107
- TX Trini Lopez's "If I \_\_\_\_\_ Hammer"
- sellers of preowned autos (3 wds)
- TX senator Cruz
- TX Benson film: "\_\_\_\_\_ to Billie Joe"
- actor in "Return to Lonesome Dove" (2 wds.)
- Yo Lo \_\_\_\_\_ Creek
- imitated
- TXism: "working between \_\_\_\_\_" (night work)
- \_\_\_\_\_ River
- quilting or spelling
- Cowboy Dalton Schultz pos. (abbr.)
- George W. HUD sec., Preston (init.)
- bidness "big dog"
- nickname of country singer Merle
- instructions to A&M cadets
- Houston father-in-law: \_\_\_\_\_-te-ka
- TXism: "naked \_\_\_\_\_ a jaybird"
- Dallas grocer: \_\_\_\_\_
- "Buddy" Minyard
- Gov. \_\_\_\_\_ Ferguson
- Coleman High class
- leather strip
- TX writer Horton
- in Morris County on U.S. 67
- TXism: "beats anything \_\_\_\_\_ saw"
- lion's den
- flag-burning case: Texas \_\_\_\_\_ Johnson
- nurse (abbr.)
- Cowboy Bob Lilly \_\_\_\_\_ the NFL
- Hall of Fame in '80
- Dak Prescott sack is a \_\_\_\_\_ of yards
- airport transport

# NOISE

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the latest incident, we are re-forming that working group with a few other citizens participating.

"We hope to be able to arrive at a consensus that will make for good neighbors all around. We value our citizens bringing us their input on this issue and appreciate their support as we work towards a resolution."

Olsen said she called the Parker County Sheriff's Department and was advised to do exactly what she did, come speak at a city council meeting. While she did not do so right away, she said she watched the next meeting online after her initial complaint in the fall. She was at first

encouraged by a representative from the Ice House coming before council.

"I watched the manager/owner/person come and talk about being good stewards of the community. He understood that there was a noise problem, that they were going to address it," she said. "Fast forward to Wednesday (March 2), Texas Independence Night. It was so loud I could hear the words in my house."

Efforts to reach the Ice House for their response to complaints were unsuccessful as of deadline for this article.

"If they were here to speak after me, I'm sure they'd spin it in a positive way," said Dodson, noting that, "I can't even listen to my TV."

Dodson reminded the council that he brought the issue up last

year. He said he was also told by a law officer that the noise ordinance only applies to residents and that he should go to city hall, which he did.

"The next day I followed up in person at city hall to make my complaints about the loud music. They were helpful, and I appreciate that," he said, adding that he also spoke with City Administrator Bryan Grimes.

"The city council is responsible for keeping loud music contained," Dodson continued. "The city council's responsibility is also to restore peace and maintain the peace within a community, the peace which has very much been disrupted by the Ice House."

Travis Brandon Reeves said he believes the noise level from the Ice House could even have an effect on home values.

"When word gets out that there are businesses that are disrupting our daily lives — as this gentleman (Dodson) said, singing karaoke in our homes..." he began. "My son is with me. He could not sleep on a school night at 9 o'clock, my daughter either. If we're trying to build greatness in our schools, how are our kids supposed to function if they can't get adequate sleep?"

Reeves suggested the problem could be resolved with some concessions.

"I know that community is important, that's why we're here, whether that's ordinances, whether that's concessions from the businesses that are coming, the businesses that are here, that all needs to be considered," he said. "And it needs

to be considered for this community, because this community was here before all of it."

The evening ended with the council agreeing to continue discussion at the March 22 meeting, taking a closer look at the city's noise ordinance.

"I think it would be helpful for everyone to review what is currently in place," said Place 5 Councilman Nathan Crummel, suggesting that they look at perhaps three options for proceeding, along with studying enforcement more.

Grimes stressed he does not want a repeat of the latest noise incident, but added that, "We can't wave a magic wand and on March 22 it all goes away. It's going to be a process."

# CENTER

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Arlington, and she has experience and understanding of state licensing requirements. Her daycare center has previously been listed as a Texas Rising Star Center recipient by the Texas Workforce Commission and earned a National Accreditation Commission for Early Care and Education Programs accreditation. Albertson has also served as a certified Cognia Review Team member. Cognia is the accreditation organization for all Department of Defense Education Activity schools.

"I am so excited to be joining AISD as the new director of the childcare center at the Early Childhood Academy," Albertson said. "Early learning has a special place in my heart and has been my passion for over 25 years. It is an honor to be selected to serve the families of Aledo ISD, and I am eager to meet and get to know the families that will be enrolled this fall."

As a part of the \$149.95 million Aledo Bond 2019 program, Aledo ISD's new employee childcare center will open late summer 2022 inside the district's new Aledo ISD Early Childhood Academy located in the former Vandagriff Elementary School. After undergoing \$1.3 million in renovations during the late spring and summer of 2022, the Aledo ISD Early Childhood Academy will open and house this childcare center for ages 6 weeks through Pre-K, the district's Pre-K program for 4 year olds, and other early childhood special education services offered through the school district.

Also a part of Aledo Bond 2019, Vandagriff Elementary is moving to the current McAnally Intermediate School building while McAnally Intermediate students will move to the new McAnally Middle School and switch to a 6-8 grade configuration.

Registration, pricing, and other information for Aledo ISD employees wishing to enroll their children in the new employee childcare center will be provided at a later date.

# Obituaries

## James A Hutton

James (Jimmy) Hutton, a 55-year resident of Aledo, passed away March 7, 2022, at the age of 87. He passed peacefully with his wife of 58 years, Shirley, by his side.



James Hutton

He served in the U.S. Army, was a member of the Tarrant County Sheriff's Posse for 15 years, and retired from Tandy Leather Co where he worked for 30 years.

As per Jimmy's request, there will be no funeral or memorial services held.

In Lieu of flowers, the family invites a donation to Penny's Garden at Parker County Cowboy Church. The family is sincerely thankful for the outpouring of love at this time by the Aledo community.

The Community News  
March 18, 2022

# Parker County Walk Across Texas

The Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service invites participants to Walk Across Texas from March 21 to May 15.

Walk Across Texas is an eight-week program to help people of all ages support one another to establish the habit of regular physical activity.

The program is simple, free, and safe. All you need is a team of eight people to get moving, with one person being designated as the "team captain." The team who walks the farthest across Texas will win, but everyone who participates will take home a healthy habit, walking for fitness.

However, any activity can count toward your journey across Texas.

The Walk Across Texas website allows members to enter their own miles daily. It also has each team member complete their own profile information. Each adult team can have up to eight members. Each youth team can have an unlimited number of

youths to participate. For schools, a class or group can be a team.

The Agrilife Extension Service encourages schools, businesses, worksites, organizations, churches, fitness groups, neighborhoods, families, and friends to participate.

Last year Parker County had more than 100 participate. The goal for this year is to double that.

To sign up a team, visit <https://howdyhealth.org/programs>. There is a video for both youth and adult. This year there are two options: you can sign up your team on the Parker County League or under teams. The league code is: WatL-220303-87744. The League option will allow you to compare your mileage with other teams in Parker County.

Teams must be registered online by Monday, March 28.

For more information, call 817-598-6168 or email [kl-smith@tamu.edu](mailto:kl-smith@tamu.edu).

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Abby Hudson as Young Ruby



Emily Huber as Helga



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ALEDO HIGH SCHOOL

## One-Act play advances to bi-district

Aledo High School's one-act-play "Ruby's Story" by Ron Osborne won first place in district last week, and will advance to bi-district next week.

The show was also awarded Best Overall Technical Crew. Individually, Maddie Hinckley and Jenna White were named to the All-Star Castle Edington was name All-Star Technician, and Hannah Brown was honorable mention.

The show is a flashback to June 1944. In England, Allied troops are

massing for an invasion. On a small farm in Appalachia, a different kind of war is about to rage. Here, Walter and Grace share a home with four daughters: Rose, who struggles to understand why Stan - an immigrant coal miner and the love of her life - abruptly left to join the Polish Free Forces; Helga, who fears for her husband who's in the Army and - like Stan - assigned to a combat unit in England; Frieda, the family's adventure-seeking daughter, who

works in a factory making uniforms and new friends, one of whom she can't bring home; and teenage Ruby who yearns to be the next Edward R. Murrow, but who must first come to grips with a family falling apart at the seams.

D-Day speeds the dissolution process, but at its core is Walter's seeming allegiance to his German heritage, no matter that Helga's husband and Rose's fiancé are at war against all things German. There

- through every battle - is Grace, hoping liberal doses of humor, love and understanding can restore harmony. It is adult Ruby - back for a funeral, seeking answers to questions that haunt her - who retells the family's struggle against prejudice, fear, delusion and self-loathing.

Aledo will compete at bi-district on Thursday, March 24, at Northwest High School in Justin. The plays begin at 12:45 p.m. and

Aledo will be the final performance at about 5:45 p.m.

After the performance the group will receive the judge's critique and then attend the awards ceremony afterwards to see if they advance to area competition. The performances are free and open to the public.

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TRINITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

## Eagles soar at Coyote Math Championships

Students from area high schools gathered on the Weatherford College campus Friday, Feb. 18, for the 20th annual Coyote Area Math Championship in honor of Pat Cook to compete in pre-calculus and calculus competitions via written tests.

Trinity Christian Academy teams placed first in both calculus and pre-calculus, and took the top two individual spots against competition from Azle, Brewer, Peaster, and Weatherford High Schools.



LEFT: Trinity Christian Academy students Katherine White, Charlotte Floyd, Paige Bull, and Steven Lipsky placed first in calculus as a team at the Coyote Math Championships at Weatherford College. White and Floyd placed first and second respectively as individuals. | RIGHT: Ben Camp, Shane Houston, Rio Lipsky, and Thomas Eaton placed first in pre-calculus as a team at the Coyote Math Championships at Weatherford College. White and Floyd placed first and second respectively as individuals. Houston placed first individually.

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BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

## Aledo pitchers combine for two no-hitters in one day

By Nolan Ruth  
The Community News

History has again been made in Aledo sports. With the baseball and softball seasons in full swing, the Bearcats and Ladycats went into Saturday with big matchups on the docket. With both teams at home, a significant portion of the town was on hand to witness both teams complete no-hitters on the same day.

It is rare enough in each game to throw or even witness a no-hitter, but Ethan Jaques and Kayleigh Smith shined in their performances and accomplished the rare feat in spectacular fashion.

The day started with the Bearcats taking on South Grand Prairie in the Drew Medford Memorial Tournament. With the two games played on the Thursday prior, it was Jaques's turn to pitch. After walking the first batter of the game, Jaques retired the next 11 South Grand Prairie batters. In the top of the fourth inning, he inadvertently hit a batter but retired the next eight batters with no damage done.

Jaques got in a bit of trouble in the final inning when his fatigue started to show. After getting the first out, he hit the second batter to get a runner on. The next batter flew out, but the following two both walked to load the bases. With the game scoreless, Jaques was in danger of giving up the go-ahead run without even allowing a hit.

"I went out and talked to him," head coach Chad Barry said. "I asked if he was alright because I had someone ready to go, and he just said 'Don't take me out of this game. Let me finish this game.' He had earned it, and he went out and



LEFT: Ethan Jaques delivers during his no-hitter against South Grand Prairie. Photo by Diane Belyeu. | RIGHT: Kayleigh Smith prepares a pitch during her no-hitter against Brewer on Saturday. Photo by Kristin Morales.

finished the inning. I'm extremely happy for him."

Thankfully for the Bearcats, the final batter popped up to shallow center and Cade Pulido made the play to finish the seventh inning. However, the Bearcats still needed a run, and Barry knew it.

"When they came off the field, I told them 'Fellas, he's pitched seven innings of no-hit baseball. Get him a run and don't take this away from him. This is a special moment for him.' Then they did it."

With one out and the bases loaded, Ryan Jones lightly hit a ball up the third base line that appeared to be bending foul, but the third baseman made contact and bobbled the ball, allowing Max Belyeu to score and make the no-hitter official.

"The defense was amazing behind me," Jaques said after throwing his first no-hitter. "It felt amazing. I couldn't have asked for anything better. It was a good team win."

Jaques's final stat line: 7 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 3 BB, 4 Ks



The game was a defensive battle from the start as both teams were perfect through the first three innings. Aledo broke up Brewer's bid with a base hit in the fourth, and then scored three runs in the fifth, while Smith remained perfect into the sixth inning.

"Perfect games are what I get really excited about," Smith said. "Those are really rare because nobody can make an error; you can't walk anybody, either."

A controversial call in the fifth inning took away the perfect game bid with two outs in the sixth inning, just four outs from a perfect game. However, she retired the next batter to end the inning and needed only four pitches to end the game in the seventh without allowing a hit.

"I thought it was really cool that my last district opener got to be a no-hitter," Smith said after the game. "I'm just glad we won, though."

Head coach Heather Myers knows how special a pitching staff she has and was not shy about it after Smith threw her second of the season, and sixth for the team this season.

"She just came off of concussion protocol," Myers said about her ace-pitcher. "I knew that she was itching to get back on the field so when she was cleared, there was no way I wasn't going to give her the ball. It just goes to show the bulldog mentality she has and her leadership that she's shown for three years before this. It's really impressive."

Smith's final stat line: 7 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 1 BB, 7 Ks

### Ladycats

While the Bearcats returned to the field to play the second game of their double header, the Ladycats took the field for their district opener against Brewer. For the Ladycats, no-hitters have not been rare this season. In fact, four different pitchers have thrown six no-hitters this season. Smith threw one to open the season against Decatur.

That being the case, it was only fitting that she threw another one for the district opener against arch-rival Brewer.

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TRACK AND FIELD

# Aledo athletes among state track leaders

By Rick Mauch  
The Community News

With track and field season underway, it's never too early to start looking at who has a chance to reach the UIL State Meet in mid-May. Several Aledo athletes are ranked among the top 10 in the state in their respective events this week according to Athletic.net.

A pair of Ladycats are ranked in two events each. Sophomore Lauren St. Peters ranks fourth in the state in the shot put with a throw of 43 feet, 9.5 inches, and is sixth in the discus with a hurl of 135-4.

Freshman Addison Smith is seventh in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.14 seconds and is ninth in the 200, clocking a 25.57.

Two Ladycats are tied for third in the state in pole vaulting. Freshman Maggie Kilburn and sophomore Taylor Hindman have each cleared 11-3 this season.

The Bearcats also have two of the state's top pole vaulters, with sophomore Brad Campbell and junior Sean Gibble each having cleared 14-6 to tie for sixth. In the 3200, senior Isaac Hernandez is ranked eighth with a time of 9:24.04.



KRISTIN MORALES

Sophie Isham placed third in the girls 100m hurdles.

## ALEDO ATHLETES IN THE TOP 10 IN THE STATE AND REGIONAL RANKINGS:

### State Class 5A Boys

3200: 8. Isaac Hernandez, 9:24.04.

Pole vault: T-6. Brad Campbell, 14-6; T-6. Sean Gribble, 14-6.

### Girls

100: 7. Addison Smith, 12.14.

200: 9. Smith, 25.27.

Shot put: 4. Lauren St. Peters, 43-9.5.

Discus: 6. St. Peters, 135-4.

Pole vault: T-3. Maggie Kilburn, 11-3; T-3. Taylor Hindman, 11-3.

### Class 5A Region I Boys

800: 5. Samuel Haught, 11:58.4; 8. Bryceson Boss, 2:00.43.

1600: 9. Boss, 4:30.02.

3200: 4. Hernandez, 9:24.04.

4x100 relay: 3. (Hauss Henjy, Brian Fleming, Sammy Steffe, Keiran Patrick-Daniels) 42.14.

4x200 relay: 3. (Connor

Smith, Fleming, Steffe, Henjy), 1:29.58.

4x400 relay: 8. (Nathan Wood, Ryan James, Jalen Pope, Boss) 3:31.8.

High jump: T-5. Aven Lawrence, 6-0; T-5. Jack Mitchell, 6-0.

Pole vault: T-2. Campbell, 14-6; T-2. Gribble, 14-6.

### Girls

100: 3. Smith, 12.14.

200: 2. Smith, 25.27.

400: 3. Sydney Tillotson, 58.74.

800: 6. Sy. Tillotson, 2:23.92.

100 hurdles: 8. Sophie Isham, 16.27.

4x100 relay: 3. (Delaney Deller, Sarah Tillotson, Smith, Sy. Tillotson) 4:06.76.

Shot put: 1. St. Peters, 43-9.5.

Discus: St. Peters, 135-4.

High jump: T-7. Taylor McKenzie, 5-0; T-7. Ashley Canady, 5-0.

Pole vault: T-1. Hindman, 14-6; T-1. Kilburn, 14-6; 6. Kaitlyn Walker, 9-9; 8. Tara Nagy, 9-3.

## Aledo, Centennial vie for top spots at Bearcat Relays

Aledo and Burleson Centennial duded it out for the top spots at the Bearcat Relays last week in Aledo.

When all the dust settled, the Aledo Varsity and JV boys each claimed first place over Centennial. Centennial came in ahead of the girls varsity and JV for the 1-2 spots.

### Girls Varsity

1 Centennial	150
2 Aledo	148
3 Boswell	117
4 Weatherford	71
5 Brewer	55
6 Burleson	44
7 Azle	28
8 Haltom	7

### Girls JV

1 Centennial	170
2 Aledo	112
3 Weatherford	90
4 Boswell	75
5 Burleson	68.5
6 Brewer	51
7 Azle	44
8 Haltom	8.5

### Boys Varsity

1 Aledo	171
2 Centennial	114
3 Burleson	92
4 Haltom	89
5 Weatherford	65.5

6 Brewer	39.5
7 Boswell	37
8 Azle	12

### Boys JV

1 Aledo	244.5
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3 Burleson	67
4 Weatherford	58
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8 Boswell	16

### Varsity Boys 100 Meters

Brian Fleming - 2 - 11.10a SR
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Sammy Steffe - 4 - 11.23a SR

Jalen Pope - 6 - 11.44a

Keiran Patrick-Daniels - 7 - 11.46a PR

### 200 Meters

Jalen Pope - 2 - 23.44a SR
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Connor Smith - 3 - 23.49a

Keiran Patrick-Daniels - 5 - 23.94a

### 400 Meters

Nathan Wood - 2 - 54.85a
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Kenneth Lohmer - 4 - 56.64a SR

Gabriel Sherrod - 5 - 57.38a

### 800 Meters

Maverick Savage - 2 - 2:04.61a PR
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### 1600 Meters

Bryceson Boss - 1 - 4:30.02a PR
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Isaac Hernandez - 2 - 4:34.81a

Vincent Luffey - 6 - 4:48.45a PR

### 110m Hurdles - 39"

Evan Thompson - 3 - 15.94a PR
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Caden Boukadoum - 8 - 17.35a

### 300m Hurdles - 36"

Evan Thompson - 5 - 43.71a PR
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Caden Boukadoum - 8 - 46.66a

### 4x100 Relay

Hauss Hejny, Brian Fleming, Sammy Steffe, Keiran Patrick-Daniels - 1 - 42.28a

### 4x200 Relay

Connor Smith, Brian Fleming, Sammy Steffe, Hauss Hejny - 1 - 1:29.58a

### 4x400 Relay

Nathan Wood, Hauss Hejny, Jalen Pope, Samuel Haught - 2 - 3:33.59a

### Shot Put - 12lb

Isaac Sohn - 6 - 42-00.50
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Gunner Allen - 8 - 41-07.00 PR

Isaac Knott - 10 - 40-06.50

Bryon Moreno-Wheeler - 11 - 39-04.50

Ansel Din-Mbuh - 15 - 37-03.00 PR

### Discus - 1.6kg

Isaac Knott - 3 - 138-05 PR

Coleton Hope - 5 - 126-03

Ansel Din-Mbuh - 6 - 123-08

### High Jump

Jack Mitchell - 3 - 6-00.00 SR

### Pole Vault

Sean Gribble - 1 - 14-06.00 PR

Brad Campbell - 4 - 13-06.00

Andrew Gamez - 5 - 12-00.00 PR

### Long Jump

Terry Lewis - 15 - 18-05.50

Terry Lewis - 4 - 40-03.00 PR

Taylor Kessler - 5 - 40-00.00 SR

### Triple Jump

Terry Lewis - 4 - 40-03.00 PR

Taylor Kessler - 5 - 40-00.00 SR

### Varsity Girls 100 Meters

Addison Smith - 2 - 12.36a

Gigi Cabello - 19 - 13.95a PR

### 200 Meters

Addison Smith - 1 - 25.80a

Kaylee Halfmann - 12 - 28.46a

Maitlynn Mitchell - 14 - 28.59a SR

Presley Bergen - 17 - 29.22a

Ashley Canady - 19 - 29.29a

### 400 Meters

Emerly Thompson - 4 - 1:02.20a

Sidney Tillotson - 6 - 1:02.62a

Delaney Deller - 7 - 1:03.19a

Durand Addison - 9 - 1:03.78a PR

### 800 Meters

Sidney Tillotson - 2 - 2:23.92a SR

Durand Addison - 5 - 2:30.05a

### 3200 Meters

Payton Weaver - 5 - 12:42.44a

### 100m Hurdles - 33"

Sophie Isham - 3 - 16.27a SR

Natalie Anderson - 4 - 17.73a SR

Maddie Jarvis - 5 - 17.94a PR

### 300m Hurdles - 30"

Sarah Tillotson - 2 - 48.94a SR

Victoria Crews - 5 - 51.16a PR

Daniella Tregellas - 8 - 53.14a

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed Constitutional Amendments Special Election, May 7, 2022

#### Proposition Number 1 (SJR 2)

**SJR 2** proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of property taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled in order to reflect any statutory reduction in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the person's homestead from the preceding tax year.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled to reflect any statutory reduction from the preceding tax year in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the homestead."**

#### Proposition Number 2 (SJR 2)

**SJR 2** proposes a constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from property taxes for public school purposes from \$25,000 to \$40,000.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes from \$25,000 to \$40,000."**

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9 - 31-03.00 SR Victoria Crews - 10 -</p>	<p>30-08.00</p> <p><b>JV Boys 100 Meters</b> Jaden Allen - 1 - 11.35a PR Adrian Fuller - 2 - 11.52a PR Andrew Chasteen - 3 - 11.59a PR Gavin Olenjack - 4 - 11.63a PR Caden Hix - 5 - 11.73a PR Davhon Keys - 11 - 12.04a PR Boston Epley - 14 - 12.11a PR Caden McCown - 19 - 12.36a PR Ryan Cox - 20 - 12.40a PR Caleb Pope - 24 - 12.67a PR</p> <p><b>200 Meters</b> Aven Lawrence - 1 - 23.63a PR Jaden Allen - 2 - 23.89a Blake Burdine - 3 - 23.90a Andrew Chasteen - 4 - 24.38a Caden Hix - 5 - 24.50a PR Davhon Keys - 10 - 24.98a Boston Epley - 14 - 25.24a SR Jacob Gillespie - 15 - 25.40a PR Caden McCown - 18 - 25.88a PR Ryan Cox - 19 - 26.01a SR Caleb Pope - 28 - 28.58a PR</p> <p><b>400 Meters</b> Talon Hollingsworth - 1 - 55.13a PR Trace Clarkson - 3 - 55.66a PR Jackson Parker - 4 - 56.49a Jacob Gillespie - 11 - 58.34a PR Cory Tilley - 12 - 58.50a PR Mason Nutt - 19 - 1:01.54a PR</p> <p><b>800 Meters</b> Luke Schabel - 6 -</p>	<p>2:14.03a</p> <p><b>1600 Meters</b> Jack Fink - 1 - 4:54.24a PR Colton Snow - 4 - 5:02.51a PR Henry Zedler - 5 - 5:04.49a SR Luke Schabel - 8 - 5:06.94a PR</p> <p><b>3200 Meters</b> Jack Fink - 1 - 10:22.99a Henry Zedler - 2 - 10:56.34a Colton Snow - 6 - 11:03.23a</p> <p><b>110m Hurdles - 39"</b> Tyson Timms - 5 - 19.10a SR Jayden Escalera-Sanchez - 7 - 19.43a PR</p> <p><b>300m Hurdles - 36"</b> Jayden Escalera-Sanchez - 6 - 49.11a Isaiah Anaya - 12 - 54.22a</p> <p><b>4x100 Relay</b> Gavin Olenjack, Davhon Keys, Jaden Allen, Aven Lawrence - 1 - 43.75a</p> <p><b>4x200 Relay</b> Gavin Olenjack, Ryan Jones, Adrian Fuller, Blake Burdine - 1 - 1:31.50a</p> <p><b>4x400 Relay</b> Jackson Parker, Ryan Jones, Adrian Fuller, Blake Burdine - 1 - 3:41.65a</p> <p><b>Shot Put - 12lb</b> Devron Williams - 1 - 41-06.75 PR Alex Arana - 3 - 38-06.00 Jaxon Richter - 8 - 34-11.00 PR Jacob McIntire - 18 - 31-08.75 PR Chase Anderson - 22 - 30-08.75 PR</p> <p><b>Discus - 1.6kg</b> Cooper Bobbitt - 1 - 115-10 PR Lanham Watts - 6 - 99-01 PR</p>	<p>Devron Williams - 6 - 99-01 PR Alex Arana - 8 - 97-08 Lawson Moore - 10 - 91-10 PR</p> <p><b>High Jump</b> Aven Lawrence - 2 - 5-08.00 Alex Stadler - 2 - 5-08.00 SR Jackson Todd - 4 - 5-06.00 PR</p> <p><b>Pole Vault</b> Braylon Brown - 1 - 12-00.00 PR</p> <p><b>Long Jump</b> Adrian Fuller - 4 - 19-01.25 PR Trace Clarkson - 6 - 18-08.00 PR Caden McCown - 9 - 17-09.00 PR Ryan Cox - 13 - 17-00.75 SR</p> <p><b>Triple Jump</b> Davhon Keys - 3 - 38-02.00 PR Brooks Burdine - 7 - 37-00.75 Trace Clarkson - 12 - 35-02.00 PR</p> <p><b>JV Girls 100 Meters</b> Trinity Hindman - 9 - 13.99a PR Kayla Scharlow - 11 - 14.16a SR Caitlyn Weimer - 12 - 14.34a SR Sonia Sanders - 13 - 14.36a PR Arienne Mathias - 18 - 15.34a PR Eva White - 22 - 16.34a PR</p> <p><b>200 Meters</b> Jillian Moore - 6 - 29.32a PR Caitlyn Weimer - 7 - 29.51a SR Kayla Scharlow - 8 - 29.61a SR Trinity Hindman - 11 - 30.45a SR Valerie Tello - 21 - 32.40a SR</p> <p><b>400 Meters</b> Emily Lewis - 2 - 1:09.75a PR Taelynn Price - 3 - 1:10.78a</p>	<p>Brooke Davis - 13 - 1:13.88a</p> <p><b>800 Meters</b> Emily Lewis - 3 - 2:47.10a PR</p> <p><b>1600 Meters</b> Aubrey Connelly - 2 - 6:14.05a SR</p> <p><b>3200 Meters</b> Aubrey Connelly - 4 - 15:06.97a</p> <p><b>100m Hurdles - 33"</b> Anna D'avino - 6 - 18.89a PR</p> <p><b>300m Hurdles - 30"</b> Sadie Giddens - 4 - 55.77a</p> <p><b>4x100 Relay</b> Sonia Sanders, Lexi Steffe, Kayla Scharlow, Trinity Hindman - 3 - 53.44a</p> <p><b>4x200 Relay</b> Lexi Steffe, Jillian Moore, Caitlyn Weimer, Trinity Hindman - 4 - 1:56.67a</p> <p><b>4x400 Relay</b> Taelynn Price, Sadie Giddens, Lexi Steffe, Jillian Moore - 1 - 4:44.90a</p> <p><b>Shot Put - 4kg</b> Addison Shoppach - 5 - 27-03.00 Jailyn Cherry - 10 - 25-01.50 PR Haley Farmer - 11 - 24-09.50 PR Adrianna Quinones - 16 - 22-08.50 PR Nevaeh Flatt - 22 - 20-01.00 PR Sophia Garcia - 23 - 19-04.50 PR</p> <p><b>Discus - 1kg</b> Avery Gray - 1 - 83-00 PR Addison Shoppach - 6 - 72-07 Jailyn Cherry - 13 - 64-08 Adrianna Quinones - 16 - 59-03 PR Sophia Garcia - 18 - 56-10 Nevaeh Flatt - 20 - 47-05 PR</p> <p><b>High Jump</b> Vivian Parker - 4 -</p>	<p>4-04.00 PR Lexi Steffe - 4 - 4-04.00 Pole Vault Saddie Smith - 1 - 8-03.00 PR Jamie Smith - 4 - 7-03.00 SR</p> <p><b>Long Jump</b> Trinity Hindman - 10 - 13-05.50</p> <p><b>Triple Jump</b> Jillian Moore - 5 - 29-04.00 Sonia Sanders - 7 - 28-04.25 PR Tara Nagy - 8 - 28-01.75 SR</p>	<p>5 - Ainsley Elmore 6 - Kellyann Pomaes</p> <p><b>300M Hurdles</b> 1 - McKenzie Spain 3 - Eden Anderson 4 - Kate Jackson</p> <p><b>4x100 Relay</b> 1 - Georgia Saunders, Sienna Hunter, Sarah Edwards, Leighton Bratcher</p> <p><b>4x200 Relay</b> 1 - Georgia Saunders, Sienna Hunter, Macie Laidley, Leighton Bratcher</p> <p><b>Shot</b> 1 - Layla Davis 4 - Nealee Parsons</p> <p><b>Discus</b> 2 - Emma Button 6 - Nealee Parsons</p> <p><b>High Jump</b> 1 - Macie Laidley 2 - Ainsley Elmore 3 - Addison Chase</p> <p><b>Pole Vault</b> 1 - Baylee Velarde</p> <p><b>Long Jump</b> 2 - Kaelee Berkley 5 - Macie Laidley</p> <p><b>Triple Jump</b> 2 - Ainsley Elmore 3 - Peyton Mullens 4 - Rebecca Hernandez</p>	<p>4 - Sophia Frank 5 - Maggie McQuatters</p> <p><b>100M Hurdles</b> 1 - Savannah Thompson 3 - Alyssa Todd 6 - Scarlet Wermuth</p> <p><b>300M Hurdles</b> 2 - Mykel Murray 4 - Evie Revard</p> <p><b>4x100 Relay</b> 1 - Jordan Edington, Heidi Peterson, Scarlet Wermuth, Savannah Thompson</p> <p><b>4x200 Relay</b> 2 - Jordyn Edington, Heidi Peterson, Brinley Mahanay, Evie Revard</p> <p><b>Shot</b> 1 - Delaney Rosser 3 - Kyleigh Pawlak 4 - Adrianna Lambert</p> <p><b>Discus</b> 3 - Breleigh Mayer 4 - Adrianna Lambert 5 - Delaney Rosser</p> <p><b>High Jump</b> 4 - Alyssa Todd 6 - Ashton Teague</p> <p><b>Pole Vault</b> 2 - Austyn Johnson 3 - Claire Campbell 4 - Kara Overstreet</p> <p><b>Long Jump</b> 2 - Savannah Thompson 3 - Jordyn Edington 4 - Elizabeth Griffin</p> <p><b>Triple Jump</b> 1 - Savannah Thompson 2 - Heidi Peterson 3 - Ali LoBaugh</p>
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**Aledo Middle School Ladycats**  
The AMS Ladycat Track team had their second meet on Thursday, March 10 at Joshua High School. The Ladycats had a tremendous night placing in all events. The next meet is on Tuesday, March 22, at Granbury Middle School.

**Seventh Grade 100M**

- 1 - Leighton Bratcher
  - 2 - Sarah Edwards
  - 3 - Georgia Saunders
- 200 M**
- 1 - Macie Laidley
  - 2 - Sienna Hunter
- 400M**
- 1 - Eden Anderson
  - 2 - Emmaline Davis
- 800M**
- 1 - Micah Neal
  - 2 - Mayden Mitchell
  - 3 - Kate Jackson
- 1 Mile**
- 1 - Micah Neal
  - 2 - Mayden Mitchell
  - 4 - Rebecca Hernandez
- 2400M**
- 3 - Ella Dority
  - 4 - Mia Thompson
- 100M Hurdles**
- 2 - Macie Laidley

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March 11, 2022

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### Public Hearing Notice Town of Annetta North

The Town of Annetta North will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at Annetta Methodist Church, 2836 FM 5, Annetta, Texas, in the fellowship hall on request for a Final Plat, Lots 1-21 & Lot X, Block 1, Creekside Estates an addition to the Town of Annetta North, Parker County, Texas being a 50.525-acre tract out of the J. Kelsey Survey, Abstract No. 781, Parker County, Texas

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BASEBALL

# Bearcats sweep tournament

Abilene High up next

By Nolan Ruth  
The Community News

The non-district schedule is nearing completion for the Aledo Bearcats baseball team. The team has played many tough teams in the process and ended up on top the majority of the time. Usually, the game came down to just one run, as was the case in the last week of non-district when the team rounded out the Drew Medford Memorial tournament.

For the first time the Bearcats were one of the host teams, giving them a home field advantage. In the first game of the tournament, Nolan Catholic came to town and immediately took a three run lead in the first inning. Cade Pulido scored the first run for Aledo in the bottom of the first. Neither team scored again until Andrew Cambre knocked in Max Belyeu in the fourth inning to make it a 3-2 deficit.

The Bearcats took the lead in the sixth inning when Pulido tripled to score Trace Mazon before being driven in by Belyeu. Nolan scored two runs in the seventh inning to reclaim the lead, but Bosten Dwinell and Ryan Jones got on base, allowing David Jones to knock in Ryan Jones. Dwinell scored on a wild pitch in the next at bat to walk it off 6-5.

The second game against Weatherford went almost the



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Andrew Cambre cheers on his teammates during action against Weatherford on Saturday.

same. The Kangaroos scored three quick runs in the first inning to get the Bearcats chasing. All went quiet until the fifth inning when Weatherford scored three more runs. Aledo finally got on the board with a two run home run by Belyeu to make it 6-2. The sixth inning turned the tide when two errors and a walk opened the door for a five run inning that put the Bearcats in front for good 7-6. They polished off the win in the seventh inning and Bosten Dwinell was credited with the save.

Friday's games were canceled due to inclement weather, but

Saturday saw the biggest result yet. Ethan Jaques took the mound against South Grand Prairie and had the day of his life as he threw a no-hitter and Aledo walked it off again 1-0. The Bearcats closed out the tournament with a 5-3 win over Mansfield Lake Ridge, a game in which Jaques was put at shortstop and got two hits in three at-bats, just hours after completing a no-hitter.

With the tournament sweep, the Bearcats improved their record to 8-4 and will face Abilene High at home on Friday, March 18.



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Aledo RacquetCats pictured are (front row from left) Georgia Posey, Katie Siddons, Bryanna Orr, Paige Federman, Zoe Whitcomb, and Payton Bierle; and (back row) Craig Mason, Jax Joiner, Ian Leslie, Ben Farmer, Hogan Posey, Scott Mason, and Will Beyer.

TENNIS

## Aledo Varsity medals in seven events at Cleburne

By Andrea Garnett  
Special to The Community News

The RacquetCats traveled to Cleburne on Thursday, March 10, to play in the Cleburne High School tournament that hosted six teams. The Aledo team placed in the top two in seven events.

Boys A doubles team Jax Joiner/Hogan Posey came in first place followed by boys B doubles Ben Farmer/Craig Mason with a first place win.

Girls A doubles duo Katie Siddons/Georgia Posey won first along with girls B doubles Paige Federman/Zoe Whitcomb taking first place as well.

Mixed A doubles pair Ian Leslie/Bryanna Orr came in second place while mixed B doubles team Jacob Heckathorn/Kenley Germany placed fourth.

Boys A singles Scott Mason came in fourth and boys B singles Will Beyer placed second. Girls A singles Payton Bierle medaled with second place.

After Spring Break the RacquetCats will travel to Abilene for a two-day tournament March 25-26. The District tournament will be held in Wichita Falls the following week March 29-30.

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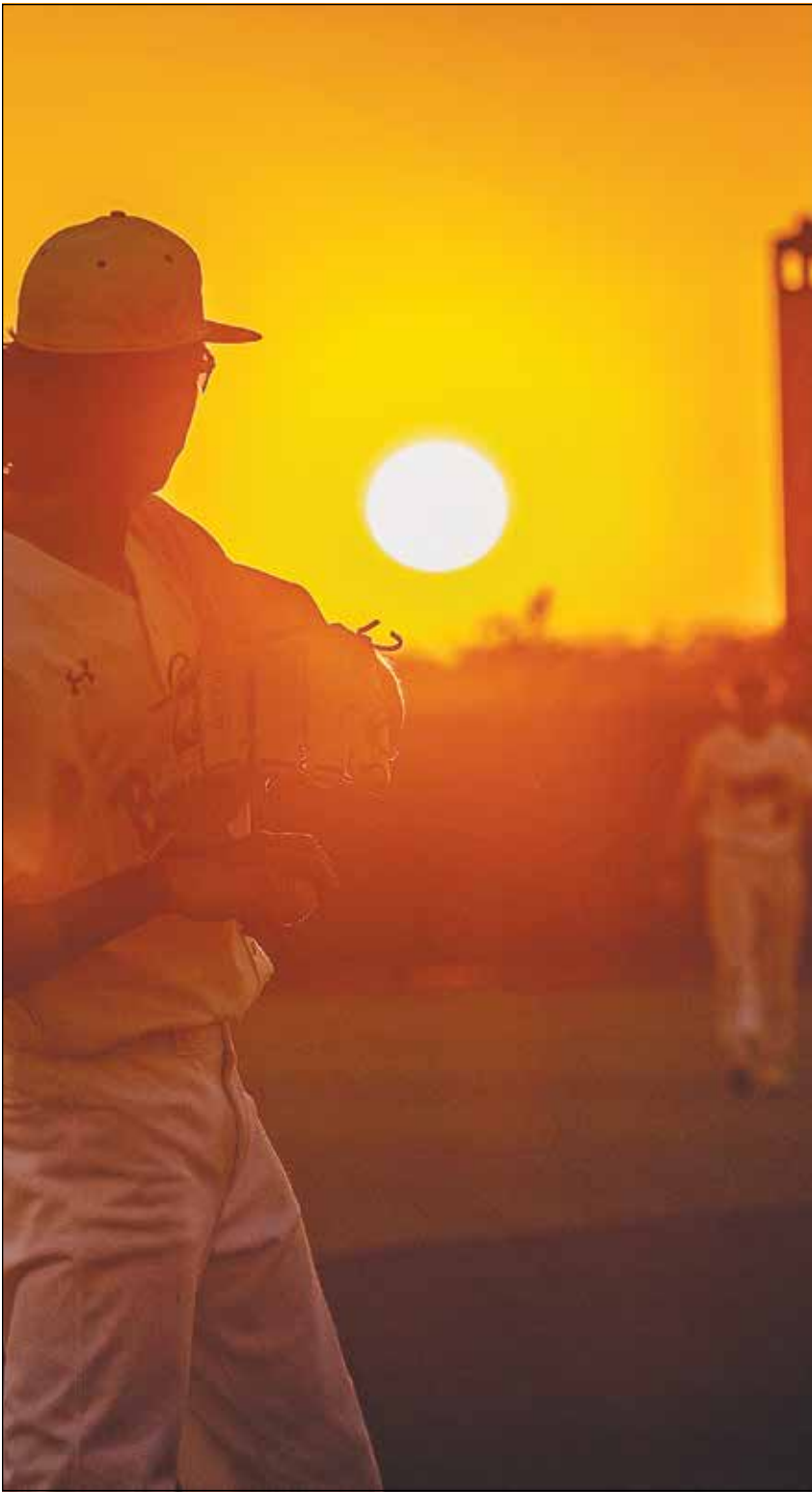
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Bearcats warm up before their Saturday game against Weatherford.

SOFTBALL

# Aledo pitching stays sharp

Seven no-hitters and counting

By Nolan Ruth  
The Community News

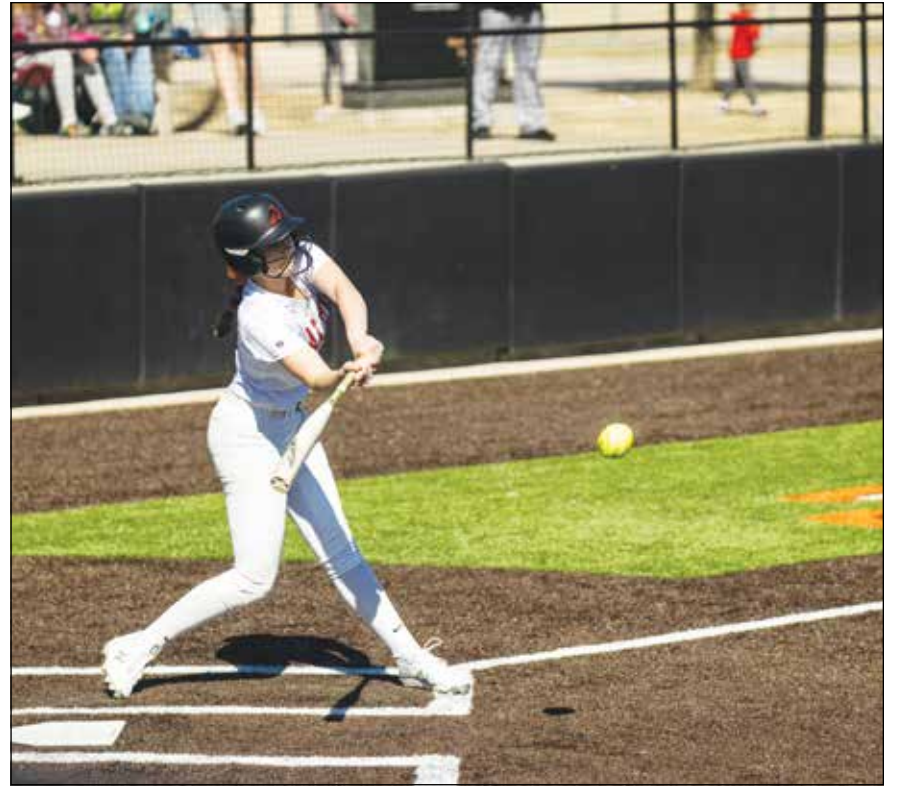
Pitching is an invaluable asset for a baseball or softball team to have. More often than not, pitching will make or break a team. However, a pitcher can't do everything. The defense has to stand like a stone wall behind their pitcher. Only then can one team prevent another from scoring.

After a 3-1 victory over Abilene Wylie to end non-district play, the Aledo Ladycats opened up the district schedule with an afternoon game against arch-rival Brewer on Saturday, March 12. The game was a tight one as both teams were perfect defensively until the fifth inning when Aledo scored three runs. Brenlee Gonzales, Maddy Jarvis, and Claire Byars all touched home.

Ace-pitcher and North Texas commit Kayleigh Smith had not allowed a base runner all game, thanks in part to the defensive play of Madyesen Boutwell, Presley Hull, and Texas Ray in the infield, along with Marissa Powell who made a few stellar plays in center field.

In the top of the sixth inning, the perfect game was lost on a walk, but Smith shut Brewer down the rest of the way, ultimately striking out seven and throwing 58 strikes on 85 pitches to earn the no-hitter and solidifying a 3-0 win.

Then on Tuesday, March 15, Missouri commit Nathalie Touchet took the rubber in Granbury. The Ladycat offense struck early to give Touchet a three-run cushion in the



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Claire Byars scored one of the Ladycats' three runs against Brewer on Saturday.

first inning. An early error allowed a base runner for Granbury, a run that would later score on a passed ball, but Touchet struck out two in the inning without allowing a hit.

That was the last sign of life for the Lady Pirates. Touchet settled in and did not allow a hit all game, while the offense exploded. With a run in the second inning, five in the third, one in the fourth, and two more in the fifth, Aledo had a 12-1 lead going into the bottom of the fifth inning.

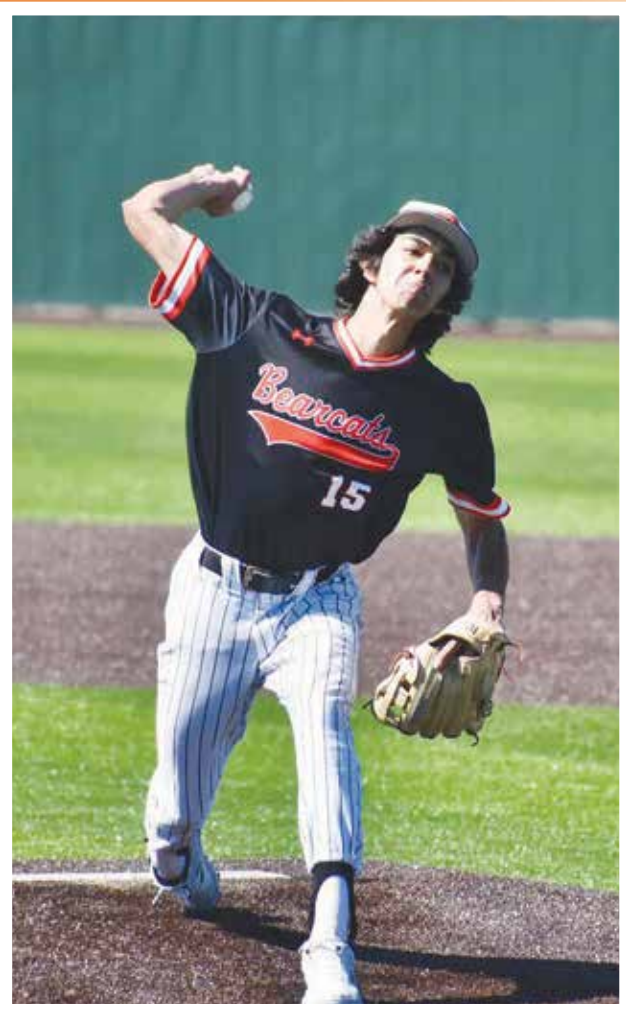
The final three Granbury batters were retired with ease, and the game

was called by run-rule. Touchet completed the second Ladycat no-hitter in as many games, striking out eight, walking one and a pitch-strike ratio of 66-43.

Aledo now has seven no-hitters on the young season between four different pitchers. Smith, Touchet, and Gonzales have each thrown two, while Jenna Austin has one — which also happened to be a perfect game.

The Ladycats now hold a record of 14-2 and will continue district play with a game against Azle at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22 at Ladycat Park.

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