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Dylan Taylor helps distribute glow accessories to race participants at the Aledo Children's AdvoCats annual Glow Run on March 26. More photos from the event are on page 3.

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WEATHERFORD COLLEGE

Distinguished Alumni to be honored

By Crystal Woerly
Weatherford College

Weatherford College has announced Donna Dickinson as its Alumna of the Year for 2022. She will be honored during the annual Alumni Awards Luncheon along with Distinguished Alumni Award honorees Dr. Arleen Atkins and Raymond Pritchard.



Dickinson

The luncheon will take place at 11:30 a.m. Friday, April 8, in the third floor Community Room of the new Emerging Technologies and Workforce Building.

Dickinson is a 1980 graduate of Weatherford High School and attended WC for three semesters before beginning her now 39-year career at the Jerry Durant Auto Group. She has served in several leadership roles including general manager and is now the "right hand" for Jerry and Vickie Durant as their community liaison.

"Donna loves Weatherford College and continues to support her alma mater," said her nominator. "She has advocated for the college in very significant ways and has been a key ambassador for the WC Foundation."

Dickinson established a new WC Foundation scholarship fund this past fall in honor of her mother and served on the steering committee for the WC Bell Ringers' Ball in 2019.

She has served on the WISD Education Foundation Board since 2009 and was president of the board in 2012-13. She is also a past president of the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce Board.

In 2018 Dickinson was presented with the Athena Award from the Weatherford Chamber and was selected as a Distinguished Alumna for Weatherford ISD in 2015.

Atkins grew up in Crawford, Texas, and earned her real estate license from WC in the early 1980s. She completed additional coursework in computer science and web design and was a county extension agent before starting work at WC part time in 1983.



Atkins

Over the course of 39 years, Atkins advanced at WC and retired in 2022 as the dean of institutional effectiveness, capping off her career by spearheading the most successful reaffirmation of accreditation visit in college history.

She holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Tarleton State University, is a Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor and earned a Doctoral Degree in Higher Education from Texas A&M University-Commerce in 1998.

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ALEDO HIGH SCHOOL

Ledoian wins Gold Crown

Award of excellence only awarded to 20 yearbooks in the U.S.

Aledo High School's 2021 *Ledoian* yearbook was recognized by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association with a Gold Crown Friday, March 18, in a virtual awards ceremony. This is the first Gold Crown Award for the *Ledoian*.

The Crown Awards honor top student publications chosen from CSPAs members. During Crown consideration, publications are judged on their excellence as shown by their design, photography, concept, coverage, and writing. A total of 817 publications were eligible for judging. 20 print yearbooks were selected as Gold Crown winners.

The Columbia Scholastic Press Association also announced the winners from its 39th Gold Circle Awards program. This year, these categories attracted 4,132 entrants in 91 categories (39 yearbook and 52 digital media).

In summary, judges cited a total of 606 winners for yearbook and digital media for either First, Second or Third Place or for Certificates of Merit (honorable mention) in a category.

The following *Ledoian* staff members won Gold Circle Awards:



LEDOIAN

The 2022 *Ledoian* staff was one of only 20 in the United States to receive a Gold Crown award.

- Taylor Tiberg - First Place, Photo Portfolio
- Taylor Tiberg - First Place, Sports Action Photo "Hanging on"
- Elise Creed, Ashlea McIntire, Hannah Mefford - First Place,
- Organization Spread "Thrill the Crowd"
- James Ward - First Place, Academic Writing "New Network"
- Elise Creed, Lyla Edwards, Payne Wellman - Third Place,
- Academics Spread "Welding Way"
- Hailey Bogner, Claire Kennedy, Lyla Edwards - Third Place Index
- Hailey Bogner - Third Place, Photo Illustration "Winter"



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ALUMNI

from page one

Atkins is a longtime leader of the Parker County Zonta Club, a board member of Sanctified Hope and past member of the WC Wesley Foundation Board, and is a member of Annetta United Methodist Church, where she plays the piano.

Pritchard is a graduate of Aledo High School and 1973 graduate of WC. He was hired by the Weatherford Police Department before he was old enough to buy a gun and checked parking meters until he turned 21. Following police academy training he worked patrol and then became a detective, working his way up the ranks to deputy chief.

During his career, Pritchard served on several committees including the Parker County Committee on Aging, Salvation Army, AIDS Resources of Rural Texas and the Parker County Transportation Advisory Board.



Pritchard

He has volunteered to speak to WC criminal justice students and regularly encourages people to start, continue or complete their education at Weatherford College. After a 30-year career, Pritchard retired but continued to work part-time for several years for Parker County and the City of Weatherford.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Tickets are available online at <https://www.simpletix.com/e/alumni-awards-luncheon-tickets-102261> or contact Madi Mayfield at 817-598-8924, mmayfield@wc.edu.

Around Town



RANDY KECK/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Christine Birkbeck, Bruce Campbell, and Walt Auen joined Willow Park Mayor Doyle Moss in picking up roadside litter in the city on March 26. The foursome collected 14 bags of trash.



CHRISTOPHER AMOS/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Jacob Brown takes aim during Trinity Christian Academy's clay shoot on Saturday, March 26. The event raised funds for the athletic department.



RANDY KECK/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Weatherford College hosted a ribbon cutting for its new Emerging Technologies and Workspace Building on Wednesday, March 30. Full coverage will be in next week's issue.

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TAKE NOTICE the City Council of the City of Aledo, Texas, shall convene at 6:00 o'clock P.M. on the 11th day of May, 2022, at the Aledo Community Center, 104 Robinson Court, Aledo, Texas, and, during such meeting, the City Council will consider the passage of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of certificates of obligation in a principal amount not to exceed \$20,000,000 for the purpose of paying contractual obligations to be incurred for (i) the construction of public works, to wit: constructing, acquiring, purchasing, renovating, improving and equipping a new City Hall which includes a new police station, the demolition of an existing municipal building in connection therewith, and the acquisition of land and rights-of-way therefor, and (ii) professional services rendered in connection therewith, and such certificates shall be payable from ad valorem taxes and a limited pledge of the net revenues of the City's combined Waterworks and Sewer System. In accordance with Texas Local Government Code Section 271.049, (i) the current principal amount of all of the City's outstanding public securities secured by and payable from ad valorem taxes is \$1,948,358.34; (ii) the current combined principal and interest required to pay all of the City's outstanding public securities secured by and payable from ad valorem taxes on time and in full is \$2,226,409.09; (iii) the estimated combined principal and interest required to pay the certificates of obligation to be authorized on time and in full is \$43,105,651; (iv) the maximum interest rate for the certificates may not exceed the maximum legal interest rate; and (v) the maximum maturity date of the certificates to be authorized is August 15, 2057. The above information excludes \$12,791,641.66 in principal amount of outstanding debt obligations the City has designated as self-supporting which the City reasonably expects to pay from revenue sources other than ad valorem taxes; provided, however, that in the event such self-supporting revenue sources are insufficient to pay debt service, the City is obligated to levy ad valorem taxes to pay such debt obligations. The certificates are to be issued, and this notice is given, under and pursuant to the provisions of Texas Local Government Code, Subchapter C of Chapter 271.

Deana McMullen
 City Secretary
 City of Aledo, Texas

Run, Walk, or Crawl Glow Run



FROM LEFT: Luke gets a ride from his father Todd Kovak of Trinity River Oral Surgery, one of the race sponsors. | Kristen Gallegos and her son Matthew | Audrey H. and Jaylah B. from McCall Elementary School | Blake V. makes the last curve in the race. | Race participants model glow accessories given at a rest station during the race.

PHOTOS BY KATHY CHRUSCIELSKI/THE COMMUNITY NEWS



Presley enjoys an ice cream treat from Frios food truck



Aledo Middle School cheerleaders at the starting line



Noah Peffer after crossing the finish line



Tinlee S. and Emmeline V. dance to music by DJ Ron Shelton, Principal of Stuard Elementary School.



Emily watches as her dessert is prepared at the Funnel of Love food truck.



Glow Run participants make their way back to Aledo Bearcat Stadium from Champions Drive

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Capital Highlights

Wildfire risk remains high in much of state



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Much of the state remains at considerable risk for wildfires through this week, largely because of higher-than-usual temperatures and drought conditions. More than 40% of the state is suffering extreme drought conditions, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. Nearly the entire state is in some form of drought, with much of the Panhandle, High Plains, and west central Texas most at risk.

Nearly 123,000 acres in Texas have burned in March alone, according to Texas A&M Forest Service. Earlier this month, more than 54,000 acres burned in Eastland County, between Fort Worth and Abilene. A sheriff's deputy died while trying to rescue others from that blaze.

A fast-moving fire forced Medina County residents near Medina Lake to evacuate on Saturday, according to the San Antonio Express-News. That blaze reportedly started with a vehicle fire and quickly covered nearly 1,000 acres.

Climate change is playing a role in this hot and dry spring, John Nielsen-Gammon, the state climatologist, told the Texas Tribune.

"There are enhanced chances of warmer-than-normal weather for literally the foreseeable future because of the combination of La Niña and climate change," Nielsen-Gammon said.

La Niña is a weather pattern that occurs in the Pacific Ocean. It typically brings colder, wetter weather to the Northwest and drier, hotter conditions in Texas and the South.

Insurance tips after spring storms

It's spring storm season.

More than two dozen tornadoes swept through Central and East Texas early last week, damaging about 1,000 homes from Round Rock, north of Austin, to Gilmer in Northeast Texas. The Texas Department of Insurance is available to provide contact information for insurance companies to homeowners and businesses and can also help with questions about how to file a claim. Its Help Line —800-252-3439 — is staffed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

TDI advises folks to report property damage as soon as possible to their insurance agent or company. Other tips:

- Take pictures and video of the damage. Don't throw away anything until the insurance adjuster tells you.
- Make temporary repairs, such as covering broken windows and removing standing water.
- Don't make permanent repairs before the adjuster sees the damage.

TPW awards \$12.5 million in park grants

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission last week awarded more than \$12.5 million

in grants to enhance and expand outdoor recreational spaces at 26 community parks statewide. The money is provided on a 50/50 match and is used to create more nature trails, native gardens, playgrounds, dog parks and athletic fields.

Money was awarded in three categories: cities with more than 500,000 population, cities with less than 500,000 population and towns of less than 20,000 population. A complete list of grant recipients can be found at tpwd.texas.gov/newsmedia/releases.

Arlington doctor gets prison time for fraud, drug crimes

A federal judge sentenced an Arlington doctor to 12 years in prison after he pleaded guilty to submitting fraudulent bills for physical therapy and office exams and illegally issuing prescriptions for controlled substances. Dr. Clinton Battle pleaded guilty last July to the charges after an investigation conducted by the Texas Division of Workers' Compensation's Fraud Unit and federal investigators.

"Health care fraud impacts everyone in the Texas workers' compensation system, and thanks to the teamwork between the Texas Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) Fraud Unit and federal investigators, we were able to ensure justice was served in this case," said Debra Knight with DWC.

Stuck in the middle with you

This tidbit comes from "Game Warden Field Notes," compiled from TPWD law enforcement reports:

"Val Verde County Game Wardens received information about a fishing boat that ran aground on the Rio Grande River. The area recently accumulated excess silt from the Amistad Dam. Combined with decreasing water levels on the river, the exposed silt became sticky and acted as quicksand. The two boaters were unharmed but unable to vacate the boat without sinking into the mud.

One of the wardens moved to an overlook point and located the boat. The wardens confirmed there was no way to reach them through waterways or on land. A call was placed for a helicopter with hoist capability. A municipal helicopter reached the individuals, and the rescue was completed successfully. The boaters did not require medical attention."

COVID-19 cases, deaths rise in past week

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas doubled in the past week compared to the previous week, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. A total of 37,030 cases and 533 new deaths were reported, both up considerably in what could be a timing issue. New cases, spurred by the omicron variant, have dropped considerably since January.

Reflecting that trend, despite this week's increase, the number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations as of Sunday dropped to 1,245, down 22% from the previous week.

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include a telephone number in case we have questions. Letters are due by Monday at noon for that week's paper. Community announcements, achievements and obituaries are due by noon Friday for the following week's paper. Send submissions to news@community-news.com.

Photos submitted should include names of the people in the photograph. For ease in submitting photographs electronically, visit our contact form at community-news.com/contacts.

The Community News does not charge for timely wedding, engagement and birth announcements provided they are of reasonable length. Lengthy announcements will either be edited to a reasonable length or, at the discretion of the person submitting the announcement, be charged a fee. The deadline for submitting announcements is noon Friday for the following week's paper.

Events

APRIL 1, 2022

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APRIL 2

Annetta Clean-Up and Beautification Day

The Town of Annetta will host a Community Clean-Up and Beautification Day from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, April 2. Volunteers will meet at Town Hall at 9 a.m. and will pick up trash on city streets. Household debris, old appliances, tires, and hazardous materials will not be collected. Anyone interested in participating should call 817-441-5770 or send an email to info@annettatx.gov. The city will provide safety vests and all bagged trash can be brought to Town Hall. After the clean-up, Annetta will provide lunch at Town Hall for the volunteers.

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.

APRIL 4

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.

APRIL 5

Colorguard Auditions

The Aledo Colorguard will hold auditions from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on April 5 and April 7 at Aledo High School. No experience is necessary. To register, visit https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1QBRDEHB9MX-aQXGOY3QYvOuZvCTZHiq-BrBqLHVxTc2M/view-form?edit_requested=true. For more information, email jmarquez@aledoisd.org.

APRIL 7

Parker County Soil & Water Conservation District

The Parker County Soil and Water Conservation District #558, a political subdivision of the State of Texas, will hold an open board meeting at 9 a.m. on Thursday, April 7, at 604 North Main Street, Weatherford, Texas 76086. Call 817-594-4672, ext. 3899, or email the District at parkercounty@swcd.texas.gov for more information.

Republican Party Meeting

The Parker County Republican Party will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 7 in the Strain Community Community Room at Weatherford College. The speaker will be Josh Moore with the Patriot Initiative speaking on "Restoring our Culture and Constitution." For more information, call Republican County Chair Scott Uteley at 817-304-0144 or email parkercountygop@gmail.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.

Duo Azul recital

Duo Azul, made up of Korean pianist Dr. Hyeoung Song and American pianist Dr. Amy E. Gustafson, will perform a recital at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 8, in the Alkek Fine Arts Center at Weatherford College. Duo Azul was founded in 2009 out of a deep friendship and a mutual love for the four-hands and two piano repertoires. The two met in Austin while they were both completing their doctoral degrees at the University of Texas. Admission is free.

APRIL 12

Aledo Community Lions Club

The Aledo Community Lions Club meets from 5-6 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Aledo Community Center and a Zoom meeting at 12 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. The public is invited. For more information call Bob Carlson at 817-718-4902.

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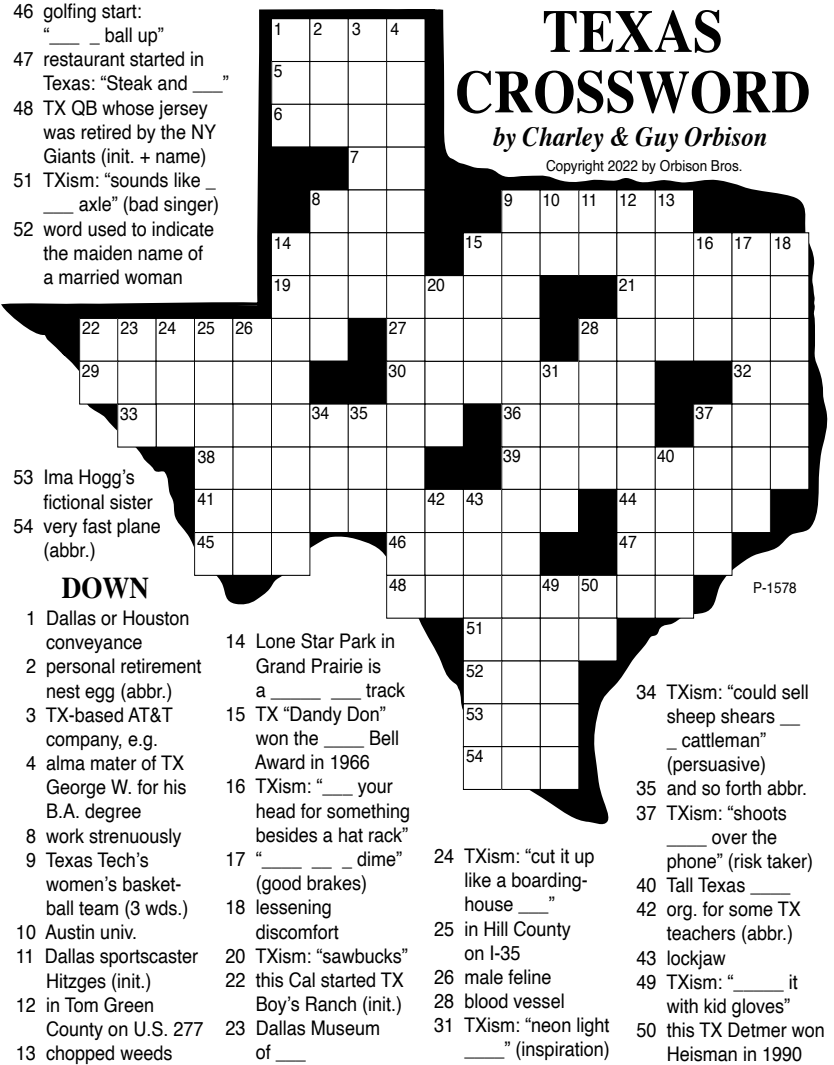
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- 8 work strenuously
- 9 Texas Tech's women's basketball team (3 wds.)
- 10 Austin univ.
- 11 Dallas sportscaster Hitzges (init.)
- 12 in Tom Green County on U.S. 277
- 13 chopped weeds
- 14 Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie is a ____ track
- 15 TX "Dandy Don" won the ____ Bell Award in 1966
- 16 TXism: "____ your head for something besides a hat rack"
- 17 "____ dime" (good brakes)
- 18 lessening discomfort
- 20 TXism: "sawbucks" this Cal started TX Boy's Ranch (init.)
- 23 Dallas Museum of ____

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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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 cjkat1959@gmail.com.

APRIL 18

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APRIL 24

Rewind: Totally 80s

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. 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 pennyskelton@att.net.



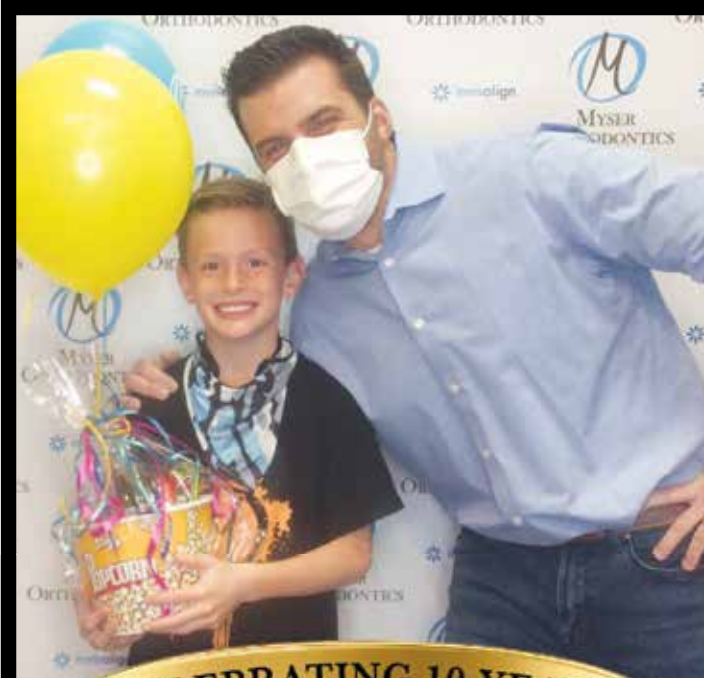
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BASEBALL

Win streak ends

But Bearcats go 2-1 on week

By Nolan Ruth
The Community News

It has been said that every great team must take a humbling loss to keep itself grounded. After a nine-game winning streak, the Aledo Bearcats baseball team suffered that loss, and bounced back in strong fashion.

Despite the loss, the Bearcats won two of three to open District 5-5A play. They stand 11-5 overall this season and 2-1 in the league.

On Tuesday, March 22, the Bearcats hosted rival Brewer to open their district campaign. With ace pitcher Carter Shands on the mound, Aledo was able to shut out the Bears 7-0.

David Jones opened the scoring in the second inning when he grounded into a fielder's choice that allowed Adrian Guzman to score. Later in the inning, Cade Pulido hit a sacrifice fly that brought home Ethan Jaques.

Pulido followed up in the fourth inning with a double to left field that scored Trace Mazon. Pulido later scored on a fielder's choice, making it a 4-0 ballgame. Three more runs scored in the fifth inning, and Shands closed out the

game giving up just two hits in the winning effort.

"I felt great," Shands said. "I came out before the game and did my normal routine, felt great in the bullpen and right up to the first pitch felt good. After that it was business as usual."

Despite the win, there was an uneasy feeling of complacency among the team. Going three weeks without a loss, the Bearcats went into Brewer the following Friday expecting a win, but took a tough 1-0 loss on the road.

Brewer (6-12-1, 1-2 in district) scored the only run in the first inning and Aledo could not seem to make anything happen. Nine runners were left on base for the Bearcats in the defeat.

"We had a couple of kids miss batting practice before we left," head coach Chad Barry said. "We had a couple of kids miss the bus as well. I think our whole approach towards the game set the tone for it."

"Then we didn't go out and execute the way we were supposed to. So we had a 'come back to reality' practice on Saturday. We focused on how we approach things and that just can't change."

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Keylee Lucas tags a runner out on second base at the game Friday night against Wichita Falls Rider.

SOFTBALL

Ladycats continue dominance

By Nolan Ruth
The Community News

With the UIL's "10 after five" mercy rule, a softball game can end at any point after five full innings if the run difference is 10 or greater. Over their last three games, the Aledo Ladycats have played 15 innings.

The Ladycats have "run-ruled" each of their last three opponents in District 5-5A play. The combined score from the three games was a whopping 40-2, allowing Aledo (17-2 overall, 5-0 in league) to hold a commanding lead in the district standings.

The three-game streak started on Tuesday, March 22, against Azle. Despite giving up an early run, the Ladycats never missed a beat as Marissa Powell and Madysen Boutwell both hit two-run home runs in the bottom of the first to get the day started.

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SOCCER

Season ends for Aledo squads

By Nolan Ruth
The Community News

Whether it ends with the thrill of victory or the agony of defeat, every season must end.

Unfortunately for both the Aledo Bearcats and Ladycats soccer teams, their seasons came to an end within 24 hours of each other.

On Thursday, March 24, at Bearcat Stadium, the Ladycats took the pitch against Colleyville Heritage for their bi-district match. The game was very physical from the start and both teams racked up multiple fouls throughout.

Ultimately, it was Heritage standing tall in the end, defeating Aledo 4-0.

The first goal came 16 minutes into the match when a costly foul in the box gave the Lady Panthers (18-3-2) a penalty shot. The score remained 1-0 going into halftime, and it appeared the Ladycats (11-8-2) would have a good chance to retaliate in the second half.

However, Heritage extended its lead just five minutes into the new half. Less than 10 minutes later, a 31-yard free kick zipped past goalkeeper Emma Davis and made it a 3-0 game in the blink of an eye.

Heritage added one more for good measure with a little more than 17 minutes left in the game. In the final minutes, Aledo coach Bryan Johnson did whatever he could to make sure all seniors got some final playing time.

"They're awesome," Johnson said about his departing seniors. "This has been the best four years of my life. I've got two all-time leaders, one at goalkeeper with Emma [Davis], and a goal

scoring stud in Ashlyn [Laughley]. I hate that we went out so early like this, but I appreciate them and I appreciate their contribution to this team."

Mustangs oust Bearcats

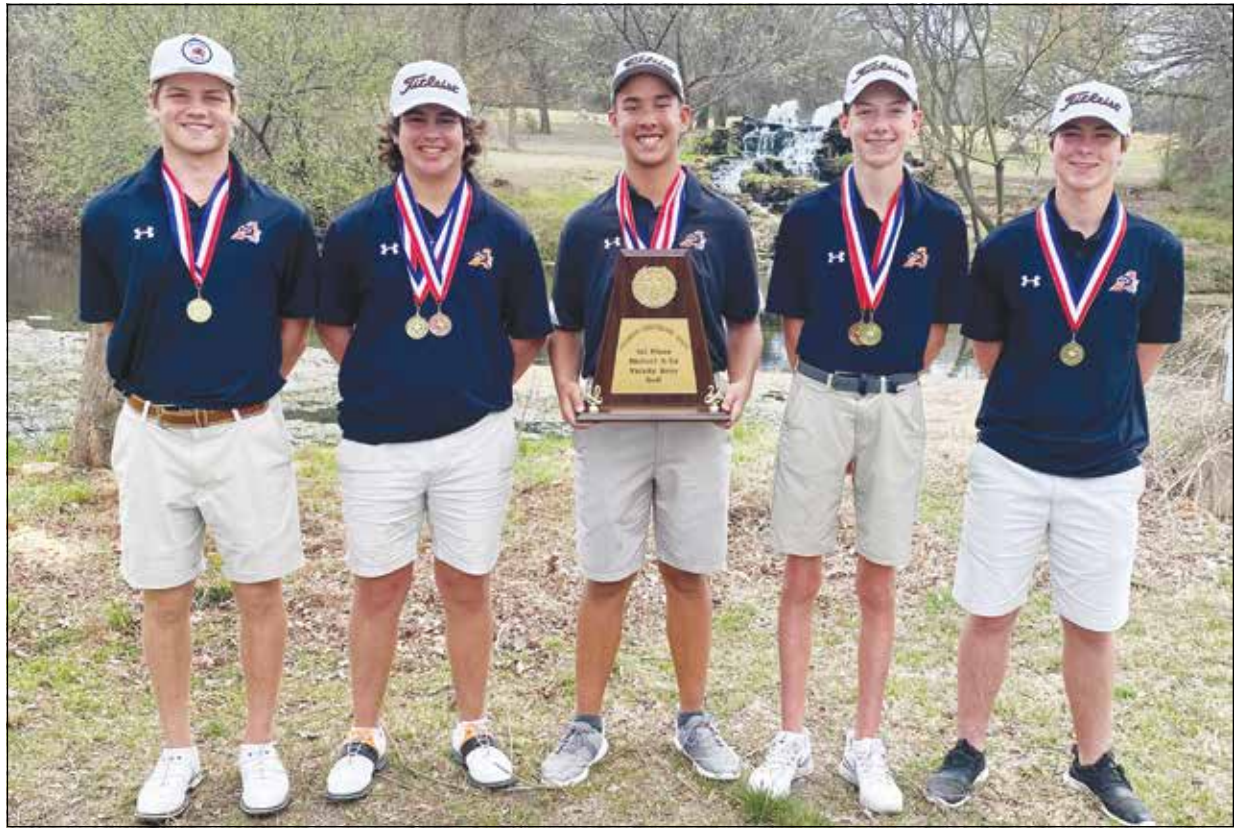
A day after the Ladycats finished their season, the Bearcats kicked off with top-ranked Grapevine 30 minutes up the road at Castleberry High School. Unfortunately for Aledo, a hard-fought game was spoiled by the first 15 minutes.

Grapevine jumped out to an early lead just 54 seconds into the match and continued to build upon it. Three more goals in the next 14 minutes had the Mustangs leading 4-0.

The Bearcats (6-13-1) started to push back. With less than five minutes left in the first half, Clay Murador took a hard shot that got a friendly deflection off the goalkeeper's hands and found its way in.

Murador did it again 15 minutes into the second half to make it a 4-2 score, but three minutes later Grapevine (25-0-2) responded for what turned out to be the final blow. Neither team scored for the remaining 20 minutes, and the undefeated Mustangs knocked off Aledo by a score of 5-2.

"If you take away those first 15 minutes, we win 2-1," coach Derek Vierling said. "When you're playing the number one team in the state, that's something to be proud of. We just weren't prepared for how quick they were going to come out and it got us on our heels. I take responsibility for that. We could have been more prepared."



CANDICE MAHANAY/REBECCA MOORE

The Aledo Boys Black golf team placed first in district. Shown are (from left) Jake Phillips, Jett Moore, Braylon Mahanay, Dylan Kiser and Logan Ban.

GOLF

Aledo Black wins district

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

After taming the course in the district preview tournament last week, the Aledo Bearcats returned to Cross Timbers Golf Course in Azle Monday and Tuesday for the real thing, with the Bearcats Black Team capturing the District 5-5A championship.

The Bearcats Black posted a two-day team score of 651 to take the title over runners-up

Granbury Purple. Both teams will advance to the Class 5A Region I Tournament at Rawls Golf Course in Lubbock April 18-19.

"With three returning starters from the 2021 team, our job coming into the week was to defend our 2021 district championship and advance to the regional tournament," Coach Joe Roquemore said. "Braylon Mahanay and Jett Moore carried the team during

Monday's round, with both carding 77s in pretty tough wind conditions. Tuesday's round was played in extreme wind conditions. Once again Braylon and Jett set the tone early by birdieing three out of the first four holes, and Dylan Kiser turned in a strong second-day performance."

The Black Team also had the second- and third-place medalists with Braylon Mahanay shooting

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Zoning Board of Adjustments for the Town of Annetta will conduct a public hearing on April 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 450 Thunder Head Lane, Annetta, and will act upon the following request:

1. A Special Exception for 204 Rim Rock Lane, a property containing 1.806 acres of land (Lot 53, Block 17, Deer Creek Phase VII Subdivision) to allow for a 1,200 square foot accessory structure that exceeds the allowed square footage as set forth in Section 8.10.B.2.c of the Town of Annetta Zoning Ordinance 215.
2. A Special Exception to Section 8.10.B.10 of the Town of Annetta Zoning Ordinance 215 for 204 Rim Rock Lane, a property containing 1.806 acres of land (Lot 53, Block 17, Deer Creek Phase VII Subdivision), to allow garage doors on any size accessory structure to face the right-of-way with additional landscaping, exterior materials or colors and ornamental features to ensure compatibility with the neighborhood.
3. A Special Exception to Section 8.10.B.3(1) of the Town of Annetta Zoning Ordinance 215 for 204 Rim Rock Lane, a property containing 1.806 acres of land (Lot 53, Block 17, Deer Creek Phase VII Subdivision), to allow placement of an accessory building in a portion of the side and front yard.

All interested persons are urged to attend.
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(s) Jamee Long, City Secretary
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Jenna Austin pitches for the Ladycats Friday night against Wichita Falls Rider.

SOFTBALL

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In the second inning, pitcher Brenlee Gonzales and the Aledo defense settled in, not allowing another Azle hit. The offense picked it back up in the fourth inning, scoring four more runs that were highlighted by back-to-back doubles by Powell and Texas Ray.

Three more runs scored in the bottom of the fifth inning to seal the win by a walk-off run-rule, 11-1.

Three days later the Ladycats hosted Wichita Falls Rider in a game that went almost the exactly the same as the game with Azle. Aledo took the lead in the first inning when Ray hit a sacrifice fly to right field that allowed Powell to score. Five more runs scored in the third inning, including three on a double by Boutwell.

After scoring three more runs in the fourth inning to make the score 9-0, Rider finally got on the board with an RBI single, but the Ladycats ended the game in the bottom of the inning by scoring two more. The finishing play was a walk-off double by Ray that scored Powell.

Then on Tuesday, March 29, Aledo traveled north to Wichita Falls to take on "Old High." The game was never even a contest as the Ladycats scored 10 runs in the second inning, followed by four in the third and fourth innings to take an 18-0 lead into the fifth inning.

Nathalie Touchet closed out the victory in the fifth inning, only allowing one hit all game and keeping Wichita Falls off the board.

The Ladycats' district campaign will continue at 5 p.m. Friday, April 1 when they travel to White Settlement to face Brewer for the final time.

BASEBALL

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Aledo got back to winning on Tuesday, March 29, when the team traveled to Granbury to open a new series. With incredibly windy conditions, the Aledo bats woke up when Hunter Rudel and Andrew Cambre hit back-to-back home runs, opening the door to a five-run second inning.

The Pirates (10-5, 1-2 in district) got a shot back with a three-run home run in the bottom of the inning, but Aledo went right back to work.

With two runners on, Cambre hit a long fly ball to center field that the entire Granbury defense lost sight of, allowing the three runners to circle the bases.

"I couldn't have asked for a better moment," Cambre said. "Last year I was in this position and I wanted to show what I'm capable of and I just did my thing."

The Bearcats never looked back from there. Three more runs scored in the fourth inning, and two more scored in the fifth.

With a 13-3 lead in the bottom of the fifth, and with Jaques on the mound, Aledo was able to record the final three outs of the game to win by run-rule.

The Bearcats will finish their series with Granbury at 7 p.m. Friday, Apr. 1 at Bearcat Park.



RICK MAUCH/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

(From left) Wes Robbie, Kennan Dowling, Brayden Smalley, and Caleb Gabbert of Willow Park Trinity Christian signed letters-of-intent to compete in their respective sports.

Four from TCA sign letters-of-intent

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

Four athletes from Trinity Christian Academy in Willow Park will be taking their talents to the next level after signing letters-of-intent in a special ceremony held at Barber Gym on March 23.

Wes Robbie will compete for the rifle shooting team at Schreiner University in Kerrville. Kennan Dowling will run hurdles for the Hardin-Simmons track and field team in Abilene.

Two football players also signed, Brayden Smalley with Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas, and Caleb Gabbert with Hardin-Simmons.

"It's one of the top schools in the country," Robbie said of Schreiner, which won a national shooting championship in 2019 and was second last season.

Though Schreiner is NCAA Division II in most sports, in shooting it competes against colleges of all levels.

Robbie won three state titles while competing for TCA and was second in nationals two years ago. He was also named All-American four times, all-state four times and was the team captain this season.

He plans to major in cyber security/computer science.

Dowling was a two-time state finalist in the 110-meter and 300-meter hurdles for the Eagles. He is undecided on his major, but is leaning toward business or criminal justice, he said.

"I chose Hardin-Simmons because it's a smaller college, a tight fit with the hometown feel," he said. "Coming from a smaller school it seemed more welcoming."

Smalley garnered all-state honors for his play on both offensive and defensive lines for

the Eagles football team. His major will be sports science/kinesiology.

"It was between Hendrix and Hardin-Simmons, and I felt God was leaning me toward Hendrix," he said.

Likewise, Gabbert was all-state on both the offensive and defensive line. He is also majoring in kinesiology.

"When I walked onto the campus, I really liked the feel," he said of HSU.

Brian Snow, assistant athletic director and head football coach, said this brings to 21 the number of athletes from TCA to sign letters-of-intent over the past five years.

"Most are great academically also," Snow said, adding of the current crop, "They've always been multi-sport athletes, leaders in class, someone others look up to. They have a great opportunity to expand well beyond Parker County."

TRINITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Athletic Summaries for the Week of March 28

Baseball

March 22 at Abilene Christian School - Tyler Hollingshead pitched six innings, allowing two ER with 11 strikeouts, to lead the team to a 9-5 victory over Abilene Christian School. At the plate Tyler also went 4-4. Also contributing were Jack Smith, Evan Chrane, and Brayden Smalley, all with two hits each.

March 25 at home vs. Abilene Christian School - Brody Morgan allowed 0 ER and had seven strikeouts to lead the team on the mound. Hits from Braydon Lewis, Ryan Leet, and Garrett Gough helped seal the 11-1 victory.

North Texas' best sporting clays shooters and was extremely competitive.

Eli Miller had the most notable breakout performance. Eli, a TCA sixth grader, shot 69 out of 100 targets, finishing sixth out of 47 in his extremely competitive division. In his very first year, Eli is shooting at the same level than older, more experienced athletes.

The top shooter was Max Skogsberg, who shot 89 out of 100 targets and finished sixth out of 90 shooters in sporting clays. Wes Roddie shot 86 out of 100. Through both events, Wes Roddie broke the most targets on the team with 83%.

Clay Target

The TCA Clay Target Team competed in the March Madness Sporting and Super Sporting clays event at Fossil Point last weekend. All TCA athletes shot more than 200 rounds in a competition with 17 teams and more than 200 high school shooters. This event brought out some of

Softball

Softball took on THESA last week with a predominantly young team. Senior Paige Bull led all hitters going 1-2 with a HR and 3 RBIs. They also took on Trinity Valley on Monday, taking the loss after a close game in which the score was 7-5 going into the bottom of the third. Ashlyn

Chaffey led the team going 1-2. District play begins at the end of the week.

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200 m- Varsity / Sophie Scott 2nd, Caleb Nelson 7th
200 m- Junior Varsity/ Elle Smith 2nd, Landry Crumpler 4th, Matthew Sykes 5th
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800 m - Varsity/ Gracee Whiteaker 2nd, Jayde Scull 7th, Mason Brunson 5th
1600 m- Varsity / Jayde Scull 4th
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300 m Hurdles- Varsity/ Kennan Dowling 4th, McKenna Kelley 8th
4 x 100 relay- Varsity / Boys 3rd, Girls 2nd
4 x 100 Junior Varsity/ Boys 1st, Girls 3rd

4 x 200 relay- Varsity/ Boys 3rd
4 x 200 Junior Varsity/ Boys 3rd
4 x 400 m relay- Varsity/ Boys 2nd, Girls 2nd
Shot - Varsity/ Ben Camp 3rd, Caleb Gabbert 6th
Shot - Junior Varsity/ Max Johnson 8th, Emilee Epps 6th, Belle Huffman 10th
Discus - Varsity/ Ella Cockrum 2nd, Ben Camp 7th, Caleb Gabbert 10th
Discus - Junior Varsity/ Emilee Epps 10th, Max Johnson 1st
High Jump - Varsity/ Amberlie Daniels 1st
High Jump - Junior Varsity/ Jackson Sykes 5th, Kosta Leuker 1-6th, Elle Smith 5th, Madison Hooper 6th
Long Jump - Varsity / McKenna Kelley 3rd, Sophie Scott 4th, George Brenner 4th, Caleb Nelson 7th, Hudson Quinn 8th
Long Jump - Junior Varsity/ Landry Crumpler 2nd, Will Saadeh 3rd, Seth Roetman 6th
Triple Jump- Varsity/ Kennan Dowling 5th, Reese Hargrove 7th



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Katie Siddons and Georgia Posey

TENNIS

RacquetCats travel to Abilene to prepare for district tourney

By Andrea Garnett
Special to The Community News

The AHS Varsity tennis team traveled to Abilene March 25-26 to compete in their last tournament before the district tournament.

With more than 30 teams in each bracket, the RacquetCats came out strong winning most of their first round play. Going into day two only one team came out on top. Girls A Doubles team Seniors Katie Siddons/Georgia Posey took

first place winning all five of their matches. Boys A Doubles duo Jax Joiner/ Hogan Posey won all but one match putting them in fifth overall, only losing to a strong Del Rio team that took first place. Girls A singles Payton Bierle also came in fifth place overall losing only to an opponent from Prosper.

The RacquetCats travel to Wichita Falls on March 29-30 for the 5-5a District Tournament.

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157 (77-80) and Jett Moore posting a 159 (77-82). Granbury Purple's Tanner Larsen was top individual medalist with a 155 (80-75).

The Aledo Orange Team placed fifth overall with a two-day score of 723. They were led by Helton Mosiello's 172 (87-85).

Aledo Black led by three strokes over Granbury Purple after the first day, shooting a 327. They improved to a 324 on the second day to pull away from the field.

Also for the Black Team, Dylan Kiser tied for fifth individually with a 162, improving by 10 strokes from his first to second round (86-76). Logan Ban came in with a 173 (87-86) and Jake Phillips shot 178 (90-88).

The four lowest scores in each round comprise the team score.

Other scores on the Orange Team included Wyatt Hudson with a 182 (89-93), Austin Anderson at 184 (98-86) with the biggest improvement of any golfer from Day 1 to Day 2, Ethan Elmore posted a 187 (98-89) and Cade Moore's 193 (96-97).

Along with the top two teams from district, the top two medalists not on those team also advance. They are Adam Smith of Wichita Falls Rider (159) and Jason Merrell of Azle Green (162).

Rounding out the team scores at district are Azle Green, third with a 697; Granbury Gold, fourth, 718; Rider, sixth, 724; Azle White, seventh, 788; and Brewer, eighth, 894.

Prepping for district

In preparation for this week's District 5-5A Golf Tournaments, the Aledo Bearcats and Ladycats posted victories in last week's District

Preview Tournaments at Cross Timbers Golf Course in Azle.

The Ladycats Black Team posted a score of 342 to win by 34 strokes over Granbury Purple. Aledo Orange was third with a 392.

Meanwhile, for the Bearcats, their teams finished 1-2, with the Black Team shooting a 332 and the Orange a 355. Granbury Purple was third at 357.

The Bearcats were led by Braylon Mahoney, who shot a 1-over-par 73 to also win top individual medalist honors. His teammate, Dylan Kiser, was second with a 78.

"We had a couple of good performances by Braylon and Dylan, but overall as a team we struggled. We were fortunate enough to still take first and second in the team competition at the district preview, but need to improve if we are going to reach our goal of going to the state tournament," Aledo boys coach Joe Roquemore said. "We have a bunch of hard-working kids who I know will go back over their rounds from Wednesday and tighten up their games for the district tournament."

Leading the Ladycats Black Team was overall top medalist Alyssa Saunders with a 77. Mallory Miller shot 83 for third overall (losing a scorecard playoff) and Kyla Morales posted an 88 for fifth individually. Rounding out the Aledo Black scores were Sanaa Lemen with a 94 and Madison Warner with a 98.

"I believe the girls team is well prepared for the upcoming district golf tournament. Part of my job as the head coach is to make sure they are prepared to face most conditions the outdoors throws at them. We practice in extremely hot to near extremely cold weather at times," Ladycats coach James Mullins said. "I definitely always take advantage of practicing on a very windy day.



The Aledo Ladycats' girls golf team includes (from left) Coach James Mullins, Aly Saunders (Black Team), Mallory Miller (Black), Kyla Morales (Black), Kennedy Parker (Orange), Reagan Gilliland (Orange), Sanaa Lemen (Black), Madison Warner (Black). Not pictured are Lorelei Barganski (Orange) and Sara Michaelis (Orange).

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So it happens that it was windy and cold during the district preview.

"I felt very confident in the girls' ability to perform in the conditions that day and they obviously did well in comparison. This team prepares for many hours outside of our mandatory practices. That's where their success comes from."

The Aledo girls Orange Team was paced by Reagan Gilliland with a 92, followed by Kennedy Parker with a 94 and Sarah Michaelis and Lorelei Barganski each with a 103.

Rounding out the boys Black Team scores were Jake Phillips (90), Jett Moore (91) and Helton Mosiello (98). The Orange Team was led by Logan Ban's 84 and Austin Anderson's 87, followed by Wyatt Hudson (90), Ethan Elmore (94) and Cade Moore (94).

The boys District 5-5A Tournament was played Monday



CANDICE MAHANAY/REBECCA MOORE

The Aledo Orange golf team placed fifth in district. Shown are (from left) Helton Mosiello, Ethan Elmore, Austin Anderson, Wyatt Hudson and Cade Moore.

and Tuesday (see above). At press time the girls were scheduled to play Thursday and Friday.

From district, the top two teams advance to the Region I Tournament

at Lubbock's Rawls Golf Course April 18-21. Also, the top two individuals not on those teams will qualify.

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