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Council approves Dean Ranch agreement, future annexation

Decision sets stage for distinctive mixed-use project at city's eastern gateway

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

As a result of a historic decision by the Aledo City Council at its meeting on Thursday, June 23, the eastern entry to the city will soon have a new look.

The council voted to approve a development agreement that will allow for the voluntary annexation of 238 acres of Dean Ranch into the city, opening the door for development according to Aledo community standards. It will also add greatly to the community's tax base in the next five years.

The annexation is expected to take place in the fall.

Working through master project developer Levens Capital Partners, LLC, several homebuilders, including the notable D.R. Horton, plan to build about 325 single-family homes and up to 100 townhomes in the Aledo portion of the project. This area will also feature a variety of community amenities, and at least 35 acres are planned for new commercial development.

City officials also note that while many new homes that have been built recently in Aledo have been on 50- or 60-foot lots, the new single-family homes in the Aledo portion of Dean Ranch will be on 60- or 70-foot lots.

Dean Ranch is a 1,825-acre, mixed-use, master-planned development that will be located along the Fort Worth/Aledo border. The 238 acres that will now belong to Aledo are located along Bailey Ranch Road and FM 1187.

Newly elected Aledo Mayor Nick Stanley called the first major act of his administration a "major win" for Aledo. With the project going to be built on Aledo's doorstep one way or another, this decision allows for Aledo to be in control of how the growth on these 238 acres takes place.

"Not only will we add high-quality, single-family homes on substantial lots and well-designed townhomes, but there will also be a private amenity center, public parks, trails, green space, and substantial new commercial development, all of which adds to our tax base," Stanley said. "Most importantly, we get to decide what this gateway to our community will

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Exponential

Growth will continue in Aledo ISD, only more — and faster

By Randy Keck
The Community News

School board members and administration officials in the Aledo Independent School District may very well feel like jugglers as they address the issue of continued and accelerating growth in the district.

Representatives from Population and Survey Analysts (PASA) laid out to the board what their estimates tell them is coming to the district in the next five to 10 years at a workshop on Monday, June 27.

PASA provides a range of services to school districts, including student projections, long-range facilities planning, bond election planning, attendance zone and long-range planning, and mapping.

Kris Pool, director of planning for PASA, addressed the board first and explained the methodology behind the projections that were presented to the board.

"We start with housing," Pool said, adding that they looked not just at plats and permits, but they spoke to developers and landowners.



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Angela Fritz (foreground) and Kris Pool laid out growth projections at a workshop of the Aledo ISD Board of Trustees on Monday, June 27.

"We map everything because we think that a picture's worth 1,000 words," Pool said. "I want you to be able to understand absolutely where everything is that's going on."

PASA geo-coded every student in the district to map out where past and current student population are.

Pool said the COVID-19 pandemic in some ways had the

opposite effect of what many thought would happen.

"We thought, 'well, everybody's gonna stop doing what they're doing.' And, instead, it was quite the opposite. And this housing acceleration came on this big boom, low interest rates," Pool said.

While school enrollment across the state declined by 2.2 percent

during the pandemic, it rose 4.4 percent in the Aledo ISD.

Among school districts in the greater DFW metro area composed of the 12 counties that include and surround Dallas and Fort Worth, Aledo is 38th in terms of current enrollment, but is 15th in percentage growth and 13th in numerical growth in the metro area for the past five years.

AISD is 12th in numerical growth for the past year.

Demographically, the AISD has a slightly higher median age (37.6) than the metro area (35), but a significantly higher median income (\$129,012 compared to \$72,882).

The district also has a higher proportion of people aged 5-17 than the metro area at large (23 percent to 19 percent).

Pool said the demographics make Aledo ISD very interesting to new parents that might look at it compared to others.

History of growth and what's coming

Aledo ISD's student population has grown every year since 2008, but the rates of growth are increasing as well. Last year, the district enrollment grew by 9.6 percent, up from 4.4 percent in the

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PARKER COUNTY

Emergency declaration bans fireworks

Due to drought, officials expect governor to extend emergency declaration

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

Individuals wishing to make some noise celebrating America's independence this year will likely have to find a way other than fireworks this year.

Of course, there are still the city fireworks displays that will take place in Hudson Oaks and Weatherford. But if, as Parker County Fire Marshal and Emergency Management Coordinator Sean Hughes predicts, Texas Governor Greg Abbott extends an emergency declaration, individuals will not be allowed to discharge fireworks anywhere in the county.

"Parker County is dryer than other counties around us, including Palo Pinto (where, at the time of this article, a large wildfire was still ablaze). We have every reason



to believe the governor will extend this," Hughes said.

Earlier this week Parker County Judge Pat Deen signed an emergency declaration of a local state of disaster due to drought. It cited that because of the imminent threat of individuals discharging fireworks into dry grass, trees and brush, the discharge of any fireworks within Parker County is prohibited through midnight Thursday, June 30. However, a request has been sent to Abbott to extend the declaration and prohibition through July 5.

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PROFESSIONAL FIREWORKS SHOWS

Boomin' 4th
Boomin' 4th is the largest fireworks show in Parker County. It's held each year on July 4 at Hudson Oaks City Hall. It is one of several signature events put on by the City of Hudson Oaks.



The annual event is an all-afternoon celebration at Gené Voyles Park (210 Hudson Oaks Drive) beginning at 5 p.m., and features a kids zone, food court, and live music provided by Midnight River Choir, Bobby Irwin, and Sophia Kuentz in addition to the fireworks show, which will be choreographed to music.

For more information, visit <https://events.hudsonoaks.com/boomin-4th>.

Spark in the Park

Spark in the Park is another large fireworks show that can be seen for miles around Weatherford. Several food and beverage vendors will be on hand.



Beginning at 6 p.m. at Heritage Park (317 Santa Fe Drive in Weatherford) and the amphitheater at 378 Jack Borden Way, the music lineup will be anchored by San Antonio country music star Mike Ryan. The opening act will be Micky & the Motorcars.

The Spark in the Park fireworks show will also be choreographed to music.

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pandemic year and five percent the previous year.

With a couple of exceptions, the early elementary through fifth-grade segment has accounted for the largest amount growth each year, and that segment had the lion's share of growth in 2021-2022 with more than 400 students.

The growth will only accelerate in the future based on numbers provided to the board by Angela Fritz, a demographer with PASA.

Fritz said employment in the DFW area is strong and has "definitely recovered" from the pandemic.

"There's strong job growth that continues certainly across the region; Fort Worth specifically has had multiple announcements in the area," Fritz said. "And as you all are aware, there are also large tracts that are primed for development in Aledo ISD as well. And that's important in terms of keeping the employment pipeline filled and potentially having an even larger market to drive demand for continued housing in the area."

"So, the big question on everybody's mind, including ours at PASA, is new home construction and the housing market and what's going to happen with that."

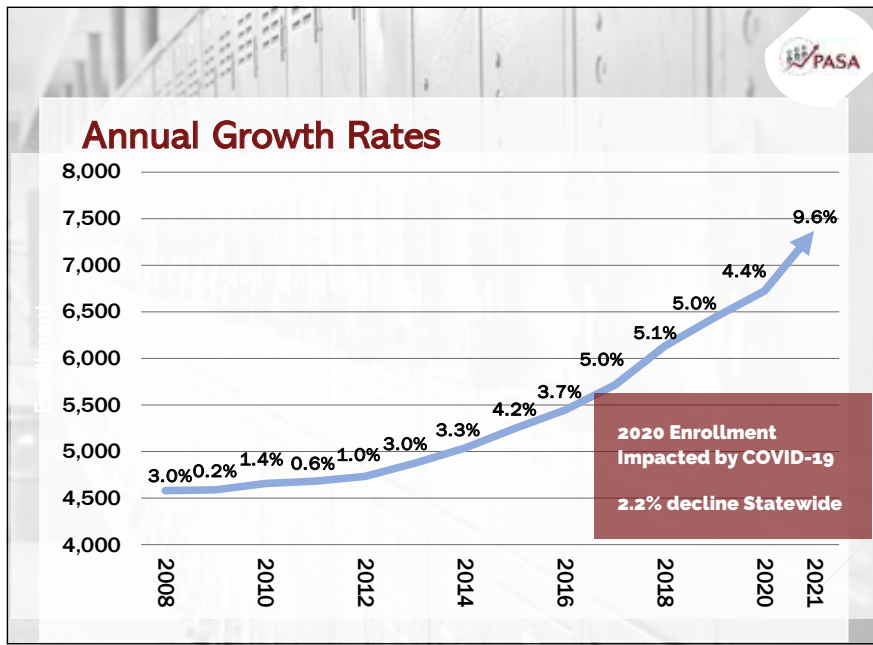
Interest rates and the national economy may play a role. The historically low mortgage rates have increased significantly.

Supply chain and labor availability are also factors.

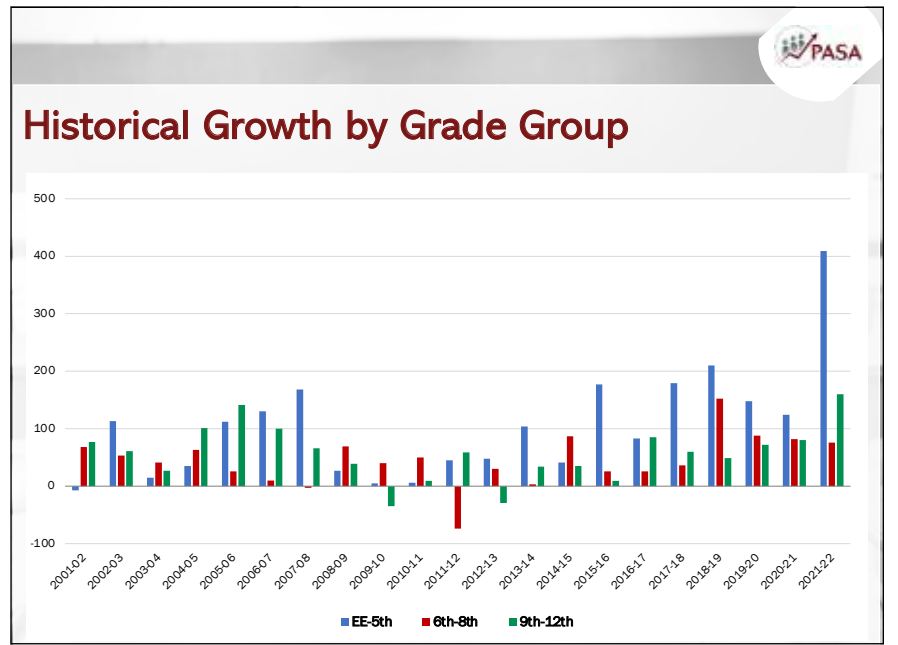
Fritz said some of those factors are beginning to stabilize in the DFW metro area.

Looking at recent data, Fritz said home sales in the Aledo ISD have been concentrated in the \$300,000-plus range.

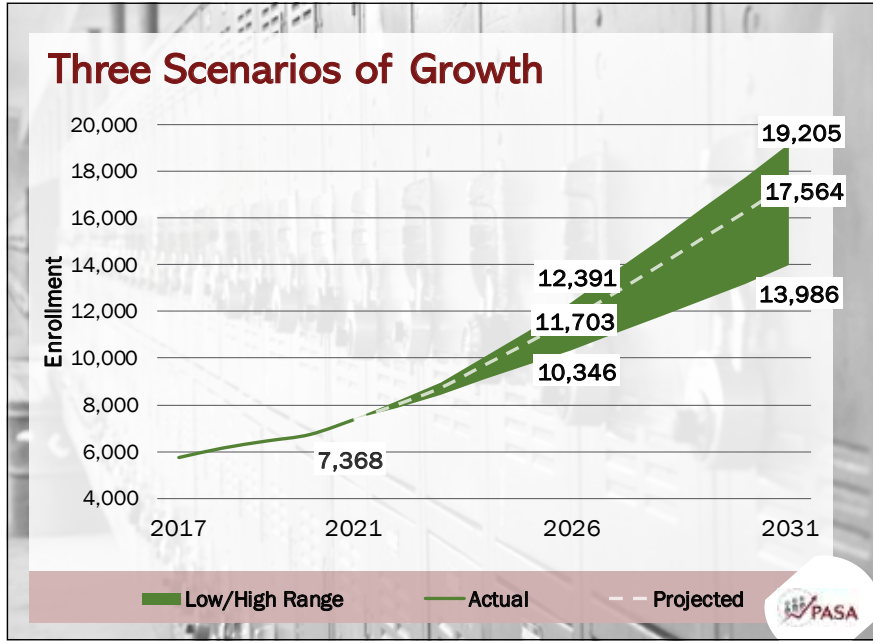
"So those home sales are still very strong, the housing market, that demand remains very robust," Fritz said. "And this is driven mainly by demographics. An interesting point is that the bulk of millennials are now aging to 32 this year, which is also the median age for first-time homebuyers."



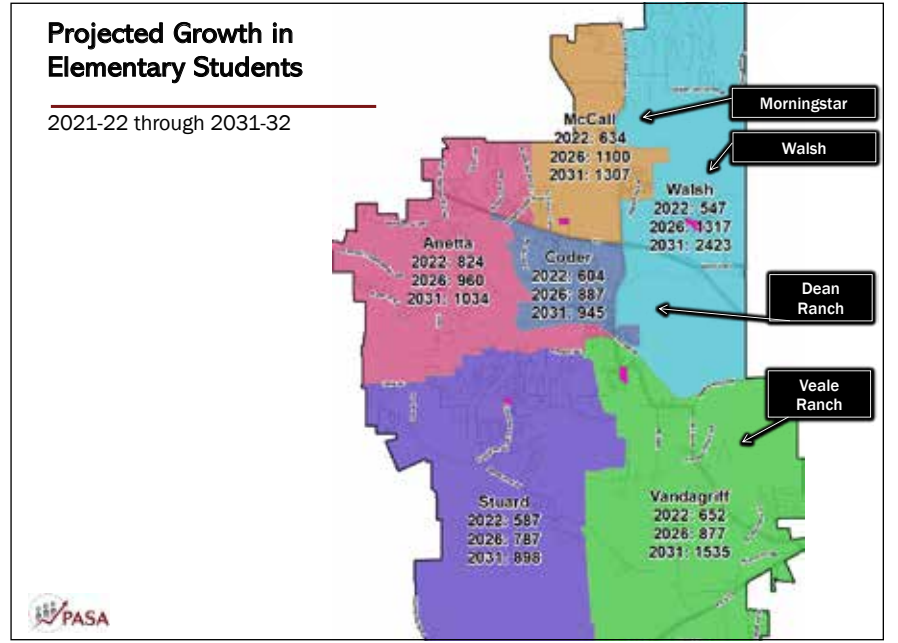
LEFT: Student enrollment in Aledo ISD continues to grow year-over-year both numerically and percentage-wise. | RIGHT: Grades k-5 have comprised the lion's share of student population growth in the district.



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LEFT: In the low-growth scenario the Aledo ISD student population could still almost double by 2031. In the high-growth scenario it could increase more than 2.5 times. | RIGHT: Projected growth in elementary school attendance zones through 2031



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"Demand is also still high for homes priced above \$500,000. And there are a significant number of those in Aledo ISD in the planned developments as well."

Based on the above and additional factors, Fritz said the largest growth in the next five years will likely come from five developments.

"So, the big three are Walsh, Morningstar, and Parks of Aledo,"

Fritz said. "In the first five years of the projection period, these three communities will contribute 50 percent of all the new single family housing occupancies that we project in the district combined. Walsh, Morningstar, and Parks of Aledo are projected to add about 2,800 new homes by fall of 2026."

Fritz added that she put an asterisk there because things are

changing rapidly taking the City of Aledo developers' agreement with the Dean Ranch into consideration.

"So, throughout the latter part of the first five years we do also project that both Dean Ranch and Veale Ranch will begin development as well in the Aledo ISD portions," Fritz said. "There are a lot of other smaller developments that continue to build out and are influential on

your existing attendance zones. But these five will really be the heavy hitters in terms of numbers for the projections."

There will also be new multi-family developments in the next five to 10 years that are taken into account in the projections, although statistically there are fewer enrolled

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WILLOW PARK

Council votes for more lights during Christmas season

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

Christmas may look a little different in Willow Park this year. At Tuesday's meeting the city council approved a budget of up to \$17,000 for each of the next three years to contract someone to install more lights and decorations in places such as the public safety building and city hall.

"Willow Park is the second largest city in Parker County. To me, the children, residents and businesses deserve Christmas," Willow Park Mayor Doyle Moss said.

At a previous meeting on June 14 the council voted to spend up to \$20,000 to establish electricity in Memorial Park and Cross Timbers Park. At that same meeting a

company was mentioned that was asking for up to \$30,000 to do the work, prompting city leaders to balk at such a commitment.

City Manager Bryan Grimes said he likes the decision the council made Tuesday.

"I think every city wants to put its best foot forward in the holiday season, but at the same time be cognizant of the cost," Grimes said. "I think this is a good compromise."

City staff are beginning the search for a contractor who will supply the lights and decorations.

New municipal judge appointed

Also at Tuesday's meeting, the council appointed

Weatherford attorney Josh Norrell as the city's new municipal judge. He replaces longtime judge Carol Gauntt.

Norrell is a graduate of TCU as a dean's scholar. Following that, he graduated magna cum laude from Texas A&M School of Law and served as editor of the law review.

Norrell has clerked for two Texas appellate judges, has extensive business in business law, civil law and contracts, criminal defense, school law, military law and family law.

"We did a thorough search and we all focused on judge Norrell," Grimes said. "I visited with Josh, the mayor said 'We have our guy,' and with 25 years of law practice I think he's a great choice."



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Weatherford attorney Josh Norrell (with wife Sandra) was sworn in as the new Willow Park municipal judge recently by city secretary Crystal Dozier.

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students per unit than in single-family homes.

"Less than two percent of your current students live in multifamily units right now," Fritz said. "We're projecting 1,482 in the coming decade."

For the next 10 years, "your projected new housing occupancies are 15,123 units," Fritz said. "That's 13,641 single family and 1,482 multifamily."

Growth scenarios

Fritz concluded her presentation with student population projections for the next 10 years in the Aledo ISD. She said their study came up with three possible outcomes.

"We project a moderate growth scenario, which we say is the most likely or what we believe to be the most likely growth scenario for you all to consider for your long-range planning," Fritz told the board.

But the company also developed a low-growth scenario that might happen if there was a slowdown in construction, and a high-growth scenario that might happen if, for example, a large employer moved into the area.

"So, the housing eventually is going to happen," Fritz said. "The question is, how is that? What is that timing going to look like? Is it going to continue with the pace it's happening now? How is it going to affect different markets at different price points? And that's really the million-dollar question right now and that's what everybody is trying to figure out."

Under the moderate projection, Fritz said the AISD would see an

Student Population Projections Summary											
	Capacity	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32
Annetta	889	824	856	898	938	960	981	994	1,008	1,019	1,034
Coder	675	604	677	774	846	887	903	914	925	934	945
McCall	744	634	762	878	996	1,100	1,203	1,256	1,272	1,286	1,307
Stuard	675	587	635	688	739	787	822	848	866	881	898
Vandagriff	889	652	665	684	741	877	1,025	1,150	1,282	1,401	1,535
Walsh	675	547	680	875	1,102	1,317	1,506	1,723	1,965	2,187	2,423
Aledo	1,449	935	960	999	1,038	1,119	1,239	1,385	1,527	1,640	1,744
McAnally	1,449	886	1,028	1,231	1,395	1,551	1,759	2,018	2,271	2,475	2,653
High School	3,135	2,237	2,352	2,554	2,734	2,945	3,204	3,477	3,803	4,225	4,741
Total		7,906	8,615	9,581	10,529	11,543	12,642	13,765	14,919	16,048	17,280

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The student population projections show Coder, McCall, and Walsh Elementary School attendance zones at capacity by the 2023-2024 school year.

additional 4,335 students enrolled in the next five years and an additional 5,861 in the next five years.

"So, by fall 2026 you guys can have an enrollment of 11,700 students is what we're projecting and by fall 2031 a possible enrollment at 17,564," Fritz said.

Pool rejoined the presentation to talk about attendance zones and to drill down on some of those numbers.

"So, if you want to work just from west to east and you'll get the less heartburn starting the west and more heartburns going east," Pool said. "The future growth will mainly affect the attendance zones currently for Walsh, McCall, and Vandagriff Elementary Schools.

The Walsh Elementary School attendance zone, for example,

currently has 547 elementary-aged students. By 2026 that number is expected to be 1,317 and in 2031 it is expected to be 2,423.

"I don't know who the principal is at Walsh but I'm gonna bet he or she does not want 2,423 students at the end of the projection period," Pool said. The information "shows you where you're headed, and sort of the magnitude of what we're looking at now."

Decisions ahead

While the bulk of the growth is in the elementary ages, those students eventually end up in middle school and high school, and inevitably those larger (and more expensive) facilities have to be considered.

"If you need to build a new high school, it's going to take you two

years to construct it and you've got to find the site," Pool said. "You've got to pass the bond. You've got to get the committee going. You've got to have site work done. You've got to have design work done and prep and we're talking a lot of time; it's not one of those things we can decide, 'Hey, we need a new high school next year' and have boots on the ground."

Pool recommended to the board that they concentrate on the next five years but plan for the next 10.

"If you concentrate on that 2031 you might not sleep tonight, but be aware if things kept going under the moderate growth scenario, that's where we could be," Pool said.

Based on projections, Walsh, McCall, and Coder Elementary Schools will reach capacity by

the 2023-24 school year. The following year, Annetta and Stuard Elementary Schools join that list. And by 2026-27, the not-yet-opened McAnally Middle School will be at capacity.

Aledo High School will reach its capacity in the 2027-28 school year according to the moderate growth projections.

"The good news is there's nothing that has to be done at the secondary level today," Pool said. "But you will be having to consider what you want those high schools to look like in the future because we're looking here at the possibility of two really well-utilized high schools by the [10-year] projection period.

"But the elementaries are really I think, what's going to be driving things in the near term."

School board members briefly discussed bond election scenarios, water and wastewater availability in portions of the district, and how to minimize disruption in attendance zones going forward. Those discussions will continue with the school district and the community at future school board meetings.

"The idea that we may need not one, maybe not two, but maybe three elementary schools in the next five years, makes it challenging to do it in a piece," said Aledo ISD Superintendent Dr. Susan Bohn. "You're essentially doing it every one and a half years at max at the elementary level. So, I think that that's a new challenge that we haven't had before. We've been able to space them out. I think we're coming into a situation where it's a longer-term plan."

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look like, by having a portion of the development actually within Aledo and distinctively shaped by the design standards in this carefully negotiated agreement.”

Infrastructure improvements on streets, sidewalks, drainage, and utilities, projected to cost up to \$41 million will be financed by the creation of the first public improvement district (PID) in the city’s history and will not be a burden to taxpayers, city officials said. PIDs are a financing tool through which such improvements are paid for by the developer and are commonly used by Texas cities to provide specific types of improvements or maintenance within a designated area.

A private amenity center that will serve the subdivision — at least 5 acres in size — is planned to be constructed before or immediately following construction of the first 100 residential units. The clubhouse and swimming pool, as well as some pocket parks will be owned and maintained by the homeowners association.

In addition to the private amenities, at least 10% of the total development area is dedicated to



public parks and open space for picnic pavilions, pedestrian connections to community park amenities, benches, trash receptacles, pet waste stations, playgrounds, and more.

City officials also hope that in the future the Dean Ranch internal trail system will be connected to Aledo’s larger trail system, creating more pedestrian and bike connectivity within the community, though no such plans have been formalized.

Stanley assured residents with any concerns that the council and staff are taking purposeful steps to address Aledo’s dynamic growth in and around the community. Of course, among the major concerns is increased traffic congestion along FM 1187 and Bailey Ranch Road.

City officials note the entire Dean Ranch area was subject to a traffic impact study by engineering firm Burns & McDonnell earlier this year. Its conclusions and recommendations have been reviewed by the City of Aledo, as well as the City of Fort Worth, and along with TxDOT both communities are

The portion of the Dean Ranch property in the Aledo city limits will include an extension of Bailey Ranch Road to the east. The overall 1,500 acres will have an extension of Bankhead as well.

incorporating that study into their future infrastructure plans.

They also reiterated that the large development was coming anyway. Now, with the annexation, the city can enforce roadway design standards consistent with the traffic impact analysis, along with deriving significant tax revenues from the project.

Stanley added that if Dean Ranch was going to happen in Fort Worth, immediately adjacent to Aledo, it was critical that this part of the development be brought into Aledo and thoughtfully designed as an eastern “gateway” to the city.

The decision comes after more than a year of planning and negotiating between city officials and the developer. It also fulfills one of the final wishes of former Aledo Mayor Kit Marshall and former Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price, who made an agreement that this would be best for both cities.

In June of 2021, the Aledo City Council approved a Joint Resolution and Boundary Agreement between Fort Worth and Aledo, through which a portion of the subject property in Fort Worth’s ETJ (extraterritorial jurisdiction) was released to Aledo’s ETJ, creating this opportunity.

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The release also noted that at the time of the declaration 100 percent of the county is listed as abnormally dry, and 66.85 percent is additionally classified as in severe drought. Also, the Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI), maintained by Texas A&M Agrilife Research and Texas A&M Forest Service - an index that is used to determine fire potential - indicated a KBDI of 590 for Parker County as of this past Monday.*

In addition, local fire departments in the county responded to 28 wildfires within a week as of Tuesday and 61 wildfires to date for the month of June at that point.

In some places, such as Willow Park and Aledo, there already existed year-round bans on the sale and use of fireworks in any capacity within city limits.

“Our official position is just don’t do it - period,” said Willow Park Communications and Public Relations Director Rose Hoffman. “Fire conditions are very dangerous, as we see by the fire in Palo Pinto County.”

Hoffman also cited statistics from the United States Fire Marshals Association that say every year about 13,000 people are treated in hospitals for fireworks related injuries. Also, those same statistics show that fires resulting from fireworks result in about \$20 million in property damages.

Hoffman said the ban on fireworks of any kind is because all have a danger connected.

“Sparklers can get as hot as a blow torch,” she said.

“Typically, every year we see somebody get hurt,” Parker County Emergency Services District 1 Fire Chief Steve Watson said.

Watson said that on an ordinary day his unit will have about 20 firefighters on duty, but “On Saturday, Sunday, and Monday we’ll have 28.”

Deen encouraged anyone wanting to enjoy fireworks to attend one of the approved public displays in Hudson Oaks or Weatherford.

The declaration does not prohibit the sale or purchase of fireworks, only the discharge. Also, there are some penalties that go

along with violating the declaration, including being liable for damages, injuries, and even death.

“From a law enforcement standpoint, we would pursue charges,” Hughes said, adding that he prefers a more positive approach to staying safe as approached to writing tickets and making arrests.

And, even if the governor extends the declaration, Hughes has a simple request.

“The order may say you can discharge fireworks after a certain day, but we’re asking people not to do fireworks until we get some rain,” he said.

For more information about this declaration and order prohibiting the discharge of fireworks, contact the Parker County Fire Marshal’s office at 817-598-0969.

*Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI)

0 – 200: Soil moisture and large class fuel moistures are high and do not contribute much to fire intensity. Typical of early spring following winter precipitation.

200 – 400: Fuels are beginning to dry and contribute to wildfire intensity. Heavier fuels will still not readily ignite and burn. This is often seen in late spring or early summer.

400 – 600: Lower litter and duff layers contribute to fire intensity and will burn actively. Wildfire intensity begins to increase significantly. Larger fuels could burn or smoulder for several days. This is often seen in late summer and early fall.

600 – 800: Often associated with more severe drought with increased wildfire occurrence. Intense, deep-burning fires with extreme intensities can be expected. Live fuels can also be expected to burn actively at these levels.

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JULY 1

A Midsummer's Night Dream
The community is invited to a night of enchantment and dreams in the Weatherford College Alkek Fine Arts Center with the community production of William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer's Night Dream" July 1-3 and July 8-10. Director James Brownlee promises this production will be a feast for the eyes, with gorgeous sets designed by two WC students, original music compositions by a local artist and a story that will draw in the audience with its themes of love and conflict. "It is a comedy despite the serious themes," Brownlee said. "And it is one of Shakespeare's most popular plays because the dialogue is typically more palatable than in his other works." Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays. Doors open a half hour prior to the start, and admission is free.

JULY 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.

JULY 5

Art Camp
The Weatherford Art Association will host Art Camp from 10 a.m. to noon for four weeks in July. The first week will run from Tuesday, July 5 to Friday, July 8. The remaining weeks will run from Monday-Thursday at

Central Christian Church Cupped Hall, 1602 S. Main Street in Weatherford. Campers will be divided into two age groups: grades K-2 (ages 5-7) and grades 3-5 (ages 8-10). The cost for the camp is \$60 per student per week. To register, visit www.weatherfordart.com and look for payments/donations. For more information, call K. Cuning at 817-694-0245 or Jill Harper at 817-980-6159.

JULY 6

Peach Walk
The Tarrant Area Food Bank West will host a Peach Walk from 5:30-7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 6, at 112 Winners Circle in Weatherford. Participants will journey through the new TAFB facility, sampling peach-themed bites while learning how they can be a part of alleviating hunger in the community. A single \$30 ticket will provide 150 meals. Two tickets (\$50) will provide 250 meals. To register, visit <https://tafb.org/events/>.

JULY 7

Republican Party Meeting
The Parker County Republican Party will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 7 in the Strain Community Room at the Doss Student Center at Weatherford College. The party members will meet their State Republican Executive Committee members for Senate Districts 30 and 10. For more information, email parkercountygop@gmail.com or call Scott Utley at 817-304-0144.

JULY 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.

JULY 9

Peach Pedal Bike Ride
Registration is under way for the annual Peach Pedal Bike Ride on Saturday, July 9, at Weatherford High School, 2121 Bethel Road in Weatherford. The 61-mile ride starts at 7:30 a.m. The 39-mile ride starts at 7:45 a.m. and the 28-mile and 8-mile rides start at 8 a.m. The registration fee is \$40 if you register between July 1-7. In-person registration will be available from 3-6:30 p.m. on Friday, July 8, at the Weatherford High School cafeteria, and ride-day registration is \$45. The ride benefits the United Way of Parker County and the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce. For more information, visit <https://www.peachpedal.com/>.

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 down-

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ACROSS

- TXism: "in _____ neck of the woods"
- TXism: "that dog _____ hunt"
- Texas Ranger pitcher, Glen _____
- expression of relief
- TX Farrah Fawcett film: "Somebody Killed _____ Husband"
- doctors' org.
- seat of Callahan County
- racing team rowing guys
- blood vessel
- _____ sonnets (poems)
- peanut
- TXism: "quick _____ in church"
- TX-born Roger Miller 1964 hit: "_____ Me"
- gunfighter skill in early Texas: "quick _____"
- Lake Ray Roberts area: "Isle _____"
- TXism: "wipe the slate clean"
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- TX NFL Hall-of-Famer Forrest Gregg was drafted _____ in 1956 _____ by the Packers
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- _____ will in Texas requires an addendum or a codicil
- TX Farrah's character Jill on "Charlie's Angels" _____ or nay"
- "The sun never _____ on Uncle Sam"
- in Hidalgo County on highway 107
- CFA soldier: "Johnny _____"
- _____ but sure"
- _____ "house of prayer" in Sarita, Texas: "_____ Shomea"
- sheep sound
- in southern Texas: groove-billed _____
- this Lazenby refined Dr Pepper formula (init.)
- Cut _____ Shoot, TX
- golf clubs tote
- TXism: "mean as _____"
- in Grand Prairie: "Ripley's Believe _____ Not!"
- TX Kelly Clarkson is daughter-in-law to this McEntire
- this former Cowboy, Pearson, is now in NFL Hall of Fame
- fed. retire. agcy.
- 2022, e.g. (abbr.)
- business info. in a Texas newspaper
- Texas "soccer mom" vehicle? (abbr.)
- golf tees
- semiaquatic mammal: river _____
- TXism: "a _____ walk the river with"
- bow and _____
- classic western: "High _____" (1952)
- Texas electronics corp.
- dir. to Cameron from New Braunfels
- "bland _____ without salt pork"
- sour _____
- TXism: "jump _____" (escape)

town Weatherford. Peachy treats are always featured, including homemade peach ice cream, peach cobbler, peach pie, peach tea, peach smoothies, and more. 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>.

JULY 12

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 jcjkat1959@gmail.com.

JULY 24

Howdy Party 2022

The Parker County Aggie Moms' Club will host its annual Howdy Party to welcome new Aggies and celebrate all things Texas A&M from 6-10 p.m. Sunday, July 24, at Shep's, 202 Fort Worth Hwy in Weatherford. This event is their annual fundraiser for student scholarships. The evening will include live and silent auctions, Yell Practice, Aggie Mom Boutique, catered chicken fried steak dinner, keynote speaker Cliff Dugosh '86, recognition of 2022 scholarship recipients, and more. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased at <https://parkercomomms.aggienetwork.com>.

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Capital Highlights

Abortion officially illegal in Texas



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The U.S. Supreme Court ruling overturning Roe vs. Wade effectively ends all legal abortions in Texas within the next 30 days, many news media outlets reported.

“Planned Parenthood and Whole Woman’s Health, with clinics across Texas, stopped performing abortions following Friday’s decision, due to uncertainty about how the ruling will affect the state’s trigger law and a long-standing ban on abortion that predates Roe v. Wade, officials with those organizations said,” according to the *Austin American-Statesman*.

“Texas is a pro-life state, and we have taken significant action to protect the sanctity of life,” Gov. Greg Abbott said in an issued statement.

Beto O’Rourke, Abbott’s Democratic opponent in the November gubernatorial election, said on Twitter, “I will always fight for a woman’s freedom to make her own decisions about her own body, health care, and future.”

State senator sues DPS over Uvalde records

State Sen. Roland Gutierrez, who represents Uvalde, has sued the Texas Department of Public Safety over records relating to the Uvalde school shooting that have been withheld.

“In the wake of the senseless tragedy, the people of Uvalde and Texas have demanded answers from their government. To date, they have been met with lies, misstatements, and shifts of blame,” Gutierrez said in a lawsuit filed Wednesday, according to the *Texas Tribune*.

Both state and local Uvalde officials are contesting releasing the records that could shed light on the botched emergency response to the shooting, which killed 19 children and two teachers. Law enforcement responding to the shooting waited more than an hour before breaking into the classroom to kill the shooter.

Meanwhile, Gov. Greg Abbott said his office has been transparent in providing information since the May 24 massacre, in a statement released by his press secretary: “The governor and his office will continue making all available information public, including the full results of the ongoing investigation by the Texas Rangers and the FBI. The governor wants all facts of this tragedy to be made public as quickly as possible and will do his part to achieve that goal.”

Wildfire risks grow as heat wave continues

The risk of wildfire across a large swath of Texas continues as the state enters summer after enduring a hot, dry spring.

The Texas A&M Forest Service reported that last week marked the third week in a row with high-pressure weather systems dominating the state.

Above-normal temperatures and below normal rainfall are again forecast throughout Texas. As a result, the forest service reported

responding to seven wildfires that burned more than 1,000 acres as of late last week. All but one had been contained — the Dempsey Fire in Palo Pinto County, which has burned more than 1,000 acres.

A total of 160 Texas counties have enacted burn bans to date.

Drunk drivers cause one in four state traffic fatalities

One in four traffic deaths on Texas roads last year were caused by drunk drivers, while more than 25,000 traffic crashes involved drunk driving — up 9% over 2020.

The Texas Department of Transportation has again launched its “Faces of Drunk Driving” campaign to remind motorists of the human toll a drunk-driving crash causes on the lives of both victims and survivors. The campaign features testimonials from both victims of drunk drivers and drunk drivers as well.

“Every crash and every death caused by a drunk driver is 100% preventable,” said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. “We hope these personal accounts from real offenders and survivors wake people up to the consequences of drinking and driving. Always get a sober ride through a designated driver, taxi, rideshare app, or calling a friend—or simply stay where you are.”

Applications to become a ‘Bird City’ now accepted

It’s time for cities to go to the birds. Audubon Texas and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department are accepting applications from communities that would like to receive Bird City Texas certification. The program, in its fourth year, recognizes the contributions that communities make to improve nature in and around where people live, work and play.

“All communities, big and small, are eligible to participate,” says Richard Heilbrun with TPWD. “Bird City Texas is a great way to demonstrate that a community values nature, that they’re willing to improve that nature, and that residents are encouraged to get outside and experience nature.”

Certification is based on work in three categories: education and engagement, habitat management and improvement and removal of threats to birds. Community residents are encouraged to be part of the process, Heilbrun said.

Applications for Bird City certification will be accepted through Dec. 2, but applications must be started by Nov. 1. More information can be found here: <https://tpwd.texas.gov/wildlife/birding/bird-city-texas>.

COVID-19 cases up, deaths down

The number of new COVID-19 cases reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University rose once again in Texas the past week, with 61,682 reported — up 28% from the previous week, though deaths dropped sharply to 66. The number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 cases in Texas hospitals rose to 2,055, up 17.6% from the previous week, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

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Thistles & Roses

Tarrant courthouse shooting was 30 years ago



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July 1 marks the 30th anniversary of when former attorney, George Lott, began shooting in the Court of Appeals courtroom in Tarrant County on July 1, 1992.

On that day I was inside the family court services office setting up visitation and other routine orders for a divorce case for a client after a hearing. That office was located within the perimeter of the building where the shooting occurred. Someone

rushed in and told us there was an active shooter. We were locked down for several hours. Lott may have passed me in the hallway.

Lott killed two lawyers and seriously wounded two judges. Another attorney was wounded.

One of the lawyers was Chris Marshal, a friend and colleague, who was chief of appeals for the district attorney’s office. John Edwards, a transactional attorney for the law firm Haynes and Boone, and a 33-year-old father of twin girls, was killed on a stairway trying to escape. When we were finally allowed to leave, I walked through a ring of police in tactical gear outside the court house. I went across the street to another court trying to get information. I was in shock.

Rumors were flying around. Who was shot and who was dead was uncertain. Finally it was determined that Chris Marshal was dead.

I did not have a cell phone at that time but, I was able use a land line to call my wife who was frantic. I called my legal assistant who was also upset. My other family were notified that I was all right.

In a daze, I finally walked up the street to my office where my secretary had locked the door out of fear. We never left it unlocked again.

Reports of how many gunmen were involved and where they had gone were also going around. We later learned that Lott, acting alone, had calmly walked out of the courthouse to his van

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Guest Column

Congress just delivered major postal reform legislation, so why is the US Postal Service ignoring it?



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After the massive mail slowdowns and postage hikes of 2021, Congress took action to financially stabilize the U.S. Postal Service by passing a historic, bipartisan postal reform bill. The

bill freed the Postal Service from an unreasonable 2006 law demanding that it pre-fund retiree health benefits 75 years in advance—a requirement that put billions of dollars on the Postal Service’s balance sheet each year and motivated it to keep hiking postage rates while reducing services.

Congress passed the 2022 postal reform legislation with the intent to strengthen this critical service and help the Postal Service avoid additional large rate increases and service cutbacks. However,

Postal Service leadership has seemingly decided to stamp Congress’s message “return to sender.”

The very same day President Biden signed the monumental postal reform legislation, Postmaster General Louis DeJoy announced his plans to increase postage prices at an “uncomfortable rate” for some time to come. Specifically, DeJoy and the Postal Board of Governors intend to increase stamp prices again on July 10, again

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ALEDO

Council approves downsized parking

Modifies restaurant parking requirements

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

At their meeting on June 23, the Aledo City Council approved parking space size changes within the city.

Following a report from City Planner Nathan Gonzales, the changes approved were to a decrease in the current regular space from 10 feet by 20 feet to 9x18 feet. The change for compact cars will be from a 9x18 space to 8x16.

"It changes the compact size to a true compact size," Gonzales told the council.

Changes were also made in restaurant parking. Whereas the current regulations called one parking

space per 100 square feet of the entire restaurant, now they will allow for one space per 100 square feet of dining area.

Dining area is defined as tabled, seating areas, including bar areas.

Gonzales said the changes were recommended because some potential new businesses might have difficulty meeting the old parking requirements. He said the new requirements should encourage more businesses to consider coming to town.

"We didn't want to tell someone you can't go in there because you can't meet the requirements for parking," he said.

Gonzales said the change will also help cope with oversized lots.

"In Aledo, space is valuable," he said.



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Margo Swain enjoys a summer treat before the Aledo Pine Street town hall meeting on June 28.

PARKER COUNTY

Sheriff investigating shooting death of child

Incident occurred in northeastern portion of county

From the Parker County Sheriff's Department

The Parker County Sheriff's Criminal Investigations Division is investigating the shooting death of a child Tuesday evening.

Sheriff Russ Authier said the incident took place at a residence in the 100-Block of Woodie Way in northeast Parker County just after 9 p.m.

The 5-year-old victim was playing with another child relative when an adult inside the residence heard a gunshot.

The supervising adult reported a 9mm handgun was in a dresser of the master

bedroom and the magazine had been removed for safety.

The children were playing in another bedroom of the home when the adult left to attend to a third child in the living room. The adult told sheriff's investigators they later heard a gunshot, then observed the victim's injuries.

LifeCare paramedics arrived on scene and performed life-saving measures while the child was transported to a local hospital. The victim was later pronounced deceased at the hospital.

Sheriff Authier said the case is still under investigation. At this time, the sheriff's department not identifying the victim or the family. "Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of this child," Authier said.

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next January, and as often as twice each year after that. And they can, thanks to a recent Postal Regulatory Commission ruling giving DeJoy the power to initiate postage rates that outpace inflation.

In just a decade, Americans could be paying well over \$1 to mail a single letter. Unless Congress takes action again to hold the Postal Service accountable, let's just say we should all be buying "Forever Stamps" while they are still somewhat affordable.

As a businessman and a fellow Republican, DeJoy should know that raising prices generates fewer customers and can lead to less revenue. The same holds true for unnecessary postage increases. They will not only deter individuals from using the mail, but will also drive away businesses, newspapers, nonprofits, and charities—all of which generate more than half of all postal revenues.

The Postal Service already anticipates losing 42% of mail volume over the next decade, driven partly by massive rate increases. Additional unnecessary postage hikes could lead to a huge loss in revenue that will jeopardize the survival of the Postal Service itself and its workforce of 650,000 Americans, many of whom are veterans.

Whether it brings something as special as a handwritten card or something as necessary as medication, the U.S. Postal Service is the only institution capable of going the last mile to reach, serve, and tangibly link every American. Some claim that private couriers like FedEx and UPS could replace the U.S. Postal Service, but that's simply not true.

The Postal Service is unique in that it's obligated to serve every American. It processes more than 425 million pieces of mail (not including packages) each day, delivering them to and from a staggering 163 million delivery points in all of the country's more than 41,000 zip codes. The Postal Service goes the last

mile, no matter how rural or remote the address—and that's something no private courier could, or would, do.

What can be done to right the ship? First and foremost, the recently passed postal reform legislation can't be ignored by Postal Service leaders. There are new members of the Board of Governors who should push to challenge DeJoy's plans. At the same time, the Postal Regulatory Commission needs to review the freedom it gave to the Postal Service to raise rates.

But if none of these things happen, Congress needs to step in and take action.

Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat will stop the Postal Service, but excessive rates and reduced service just might.

Former Congressman Kevin Yoder (R-Kan.) is executive director of Keep US Posted, an alliance consisting of consumer interests, newspapers, nonprofits, industry groups and businesses advocating for a strong, affordable, reliable Postal Service. This article was originally published by The Hill.

THISTLES

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in a parking lot across the street from the courthouse. I walked past that parking lot on my way back to my office.

Lott later said that he stayed in the van for a while and then began driving around aimlessly. He eventually went to the offices of WFAA-TV in Dallas where he turned himself in to news anchor Tracey Rowlett. He also gave Rowlett the gun and ammunition. All was caught on camera. Lott had been upset at how the courts had ruled in his own child custody case. Lott eventually was executed.

This had been the fourth shooting at the Tarrant courthouse within a few years. One of these was a love triangle where one of the men killed the other man in front of the woman inside the courtroom. I was going to the courthouse that day when I saw the man being carried out on a gurney.

It wasn't until after the Lott shooting that Tarrant County put in metal detectors.

I went to Chris Marshal's funeral over that Fourth of July weekend.

Recently I mentioned the Lott shooting to a young lawyer and he did not know what I was talking about.

I thought that those of us who went through that day in 1992 have a duty to let the younger lawyers know what happened. Chris Marshal's portrait hangs in the lobby of the courthouse.

Thousands walk by and have no idea who he was and why his portrait is there.

When I see the innumerable random shootings that have occurred recently, I remember that July day and feel for the victims and their families.

I remember the fear from being locked down, not knowing what would happen and how worried my family must be. The courtroom where Lott was shooting was one where I appeared many times. I think, what if I had been in that courtroom that day?

It gave me a deep felt appreciation for life and my colleagues and my family.

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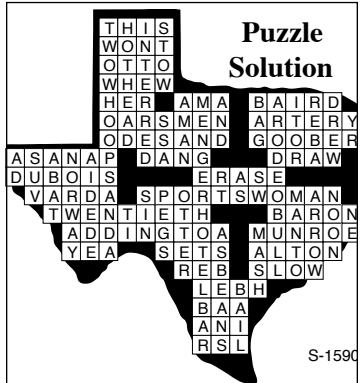
TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Willow Park, Texas, shall convene at 7:00 o'clock P.M. on the 9th day of August, 2022, at the City Hall, 516 Ranch House Road, Willow Park, Texas, and, during such meeting, the City Council will consider the passage of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of certificates of obligation in an amount not to exceed \$4,250,000 for the purpose of paying contractual obligations to be incurred for (i) designing, constructing, acquiring, improving, enlarging, and equipping the City's municipal drainage utility system, including any repair, replacement, and relocation of streets and utilities in connection therewith, and the acquisition of land and rights-of-way therefor, and (ii) professional services rendered in relation to such projects and the financing thereof; such certificates to be payable from ad valorem taxes and a pledge of the net revenues of the City's Municipal Drainage Utility 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 \$14,973,544; (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 \$20,334,709; (iii) the estimated combined principal and interest required to pay the certificates of obligation to be authorized on time and in full is \$6,007,428 (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 February 15, 2047. The above information excludes \$37,241,456 in principal amount of outstanding debt obligations the City has designated as self-supporting in Resolution No. 2021-06 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.

Crystal Dozier City Secretary
 City of Willow Park, Texas

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Interested persons can apply for this open position by going to the City website at www.aledotx.gov and clicking on the link on the front page and completing the application and returning back to the City Secretary no later than 5:00 pm on July 1, 2022 in order to be considered. For any questions please contact City Secretary Deana McMullen at citysecretary@aledotx.gov or 817-441-7016 during regular business hours.



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ALEDO

Residents get glimpse of Pine Street plans

City seeking input on redevelopment project in its early stages

By Randy Keck
The Community News

About 40 Aledo residents gathered at an outdoor town hall meeting on June 28 to provide input on the first phase of the city's Pine Street redevelopment project.

City planner Nathan Gonzales explained to the group that The Velocity Group, a city planning consultant, was hired in 2019 to help the city plan for its future. One of the items that grew out of that process was the idea of redeveloping along Pine Street, the north-south corridor just to the west of FM 1187.

In the long term the plan will run the length of Pine Street, but the city is taking the process in stages, and the portion of the plan showed to residents was just the stretch of Pine Street from Jearl to John Street on the north end (behind Aledo Medicine Store).

Gonzales said the first part of the plan calls for a plaza on the north side of Jearl where there is now a vacant lot. The second part is the stretch between Jearl and John Streets.

Gonzales said the gutters along Pine street will be replaced with storm drains, parking would be added, and trees would be added.

Misty Christian, an engineer with Kimley-Horn, which is



RANDY KECK/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Aledo City Planner Nathan Gonzales opened the town hall meeting, encouraging feedback from residents.

designing the project, said the project has just gotten started.

"What we want to do tonight is we don't want to go too far without getting your input. We want to hear from you," Christian said.

She added that the current iteration of the plan adds curbs,

gutters, and sidewalks to the area of the project, along with decorative stamped concrete crosswalks.

"And this plaza area is going to serve as a trailhead that will begin to set the trail system on the back side and then also reach over to 1187," Christian added.

The city plans additional meetings for resident input as the project takes place.

"We love an engaged community," Gonzales said.

Disclosure: Randy Keck is a member of the Aledo Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors.



RICK MAUCH/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Trinity Christian Academy's Christina Kuschel worked on her form at a recent practice.

SOFTBALL

TCA pitcher in elite event

Travels to Netherlands for Team USA

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

Christina Kuschel's fastball is taking her places.

So is her curve, changeup, every pitch in her repertoire, in fact.

The freshman-to-be at Willow Park's Trinity Christian Academy was in the Netherlands in early June with Team USA's 16-Under squad, competing in an elite event involving several nations. It came after a successful season pitching for the Lady Eagles.

"I've never been out of the country. It's pretty cool," Kuschel said, also explaining how she came to be part of the team. "My pitching coach brought it up in one of our lessons, and when he did I thought, 'Yeah, that's really cool.' Then I found out I was actually going."

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LEFT: Misty Christian described the project to the residents at the meeting. | RIGHT: Residents broke into groups to provide input into the project.

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KUSCHEL

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Kuschel is one of two girls from the area selected to be on Team USA, the other being Weatherford's Morgan Shaw, a friend of Kuschel. Repeated efforts to reach Shaw through her father were unsuccessful.

"I don't usually like traveling, but it'll be good memories, a lot of fun," said her mother, Tracy Kuschel, before the trip.

"I think it's a wonderful opportunity for a 14-year-old," former Lady Eagles coach Trevor Shaw said. "The sky's the limit for her. She'll be a force immediately in high school. She's also a very good leader."

Her success this past season included at least two no-hitters for the Lady Eagles.

Kuschel also plays select ball for Crush in Granbury.

She started playing softball in the second grade at age 7, she said. She became a pitcher at age 10, though she wasn't in love with the position at the time.

"I actually quit pitching for a while, but in 2020 my team (TCA) didn't have a pitcher, so I started again," she said. "I enjoy it more now. I missed it."

Then, she added with a chuckle, "And I'm kinda good at it."

Kuschel did not play for her school in 2021 as there weren't enough players for a team, she said.

She said when she was younger, she tried playing a lot of different sports to try and find where her main interests were. "Softball is what stuck," she said.

Kuschel added a special thanks to all of her past and current coaches, saying, "I would like to thank God for putting all of these encouraging people in my life. God has given me my talents and motivation through these amazing people. And finally, I would like to thank my friends, family and teammates. Their support has been amazing."



Kuschel

CLAY SHOOTING

Aledo Clay Busters bringing home medals in summer competitions

The Aledo Clay Busters shooting team garnered four medals and many personal best scores when they competed at the Texas Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) State Championship on June 9-12 at the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio.

In the Trap discipline, Christian Aguila competed in the Collegiate Division and earned first place and the state championship with a score of 99. Christoff Aguila competed in the JV Division and earned third place in a shoot-out after an initial score of 97. Dean Gallaher competed in the Intermediate Entry Level Division and earned a spot in the top ten, placing ninth with a score of 87. Tyler Lewis competed in the Intermediate Advanced Division and also earned a spot in the top ten, placing sixth and shooting his first perfect round of 25 in competition. In the Senior Varsity Division, high scores were reported by Jake Seaman (93) and Scott Mason (92).

In the Skeet discipline, Dean Gallaher competed in the Intermediate Entry Level Division and earned third place after a shoot-out, with an initial score of 90. Scott Mason competed in the Senior Varsity Division and was tied for fifth place with a score of 97. Jake Seaman also reported a high score of 90 in this Division.

In the Sporting Clays discipline, high scores were reported by Scott Mason (92) and Cale Jaros (90) in the Senior Varsity Division.

"We are extremely proud of our team's effort in the state competition," said a coach from the ACB.

With approximately 270 shooters throughout the men's divisions, Dean Gallaher earned third place High Overall Average in his division. Scott Mason earned 11th place High Overall Average in his division, with 117 athletes competing in the Varsity division. Mason's score in Skeet has earned him a spot on the Skeet All State team, and he will compete for Texas at the National Shooting Competition in Ohio in July.

ACB will have five team members competing in the SCTP National Shooting Competition which begins on July 7 in Marengo Ohio. Drew Woodliff, Scott Mason, Craig Mason, Brady Christensen, and Dean Gallaher will represent the team.

ACB also announced that Christoff Aguila and Scott Mason were chosen for the SCTP/SSSF 2022 All Scholastic Team. In order to qualify for this honor, the athletes had to earn certain scores in competition as well as maintain a high grade point average and submit two letters of recommendation.

ACB has had a great season and looks forward to starting



SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Christoff Aguila, Christian Aguila, and Dean Gallaher display medals received at the Texas Scholastic Clay Target Program State Championship on June 9-12 in San Antonio.

strong with competitions in contact Head Coach David September. For more information on the Aledo Clay Busters Competitive Shooting Team, Mason at aledo.clay.busters.coach@gmail.com.

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