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Commentary

On the mountain top

A reflection on the life of Bob Bull

By Randy Keck
The Community News

Life is often defined by snapshots in time.

Those in the community who knew Bob Bull – and that includes pretty much anyone who has lived here any time at all – didn't really know Bob.

They knew snapshots of Bob because it would have been impossible to have known the fullness of the man.

Sharing his life, his wife and soulmate Trish knew Bob closer than anyone, and she shared some insights with me about him.

Because I only knew snapshots of Bob.

I saw a snapshot of him as a member of the praise band and choir at Aledo United Methodist Church.

I had a snapshot of him as the man who came and repaired the drywall and trim around the door in my office

that I had clumsily tried to install.

I saw a snapshot of Bob as a neighbor who would always stop on his way somewhere else when he saw me in the yard, to ask how I was doing.

And then there was the snapshot of Bob as the guy who drove around sometimes pulling a trailer that had "Epiphany Ministries" emblazoned on the side, never quite knowing what that was all about – and maybe that's one of the best snapshots to share with you.

Epiphany Ministries of Texas

Bob was instrumental in the formation and operation of Epiphany Ministries of Texas, and served as Chairman of the Board.

Epiphany and Kairos are sister ministries serving inmates. Kairos serves the adult inmate population, and Bob worked there, too, but it was Epiphany – the ministry to young inmates – where his passion lay.

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Three Bearcats signed letters at D-1 schools. Shown are (from left) Colt Ellison, Cameron Callaway, and Wyatt Harris.

NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

THREE BIG BEARCATS

Ellison, Harris sign with TCU, Callaway an Army man as 7 other Bearcats sign college letters

By Tony Eierdam
The Community News

Although two Aledo Bearcats seniors accepted their offers in the early-signing period in December, the pair and other Aledo High

School athletes signed on the dotted line Wednesday afternoon at the AHS Indoor Facility on National Signing Day.

Bearcats senior defensive end Colt Ellison and senior linebacker Wyatt Harris signed scholarship letters to play football at TCU, and senior offensive lineman Cameron Callaway signed with Army West Point.

Ellison was the heaviest recruited, as he got offers from

TCU, Notre Dame, Penn State, Arkansas, Vanderbilt, Tennessee, Oklahoma State, and Washington, and that was before the 2018 season began. Ellison took an official visit to Notre Dame and said that visit weighed heavily on his mind.

But in the end, playing for the Horned Frogs and head coach Gary Patterson trumped all for the all-state defensive end.

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BOB BUCKEL/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Charlie Gilchrist was elected 2019 chairman of the board for the National Automobile Dealers Association.

Parker County car dealer leads national organization

By Bob Buckel
The Community News

Charlie Gilchrist knows a thing or two about the automobile business.

He can talk brand loyalty, customer service, and the love Texans have for their pickups and SUVs. He can address long-term customer relationships and explore the deep, psychic connection between driving and freedom, the joy of car owner-

ship, the thrill of the open road.

That insight, ironically, has him spending a lot of time on airplanes these days.

Gilchrist, who owns and operates Southwest Ford as well as Buick-Chevrolet-GMC, Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep-Ram, Nissan, and Volkswagen franchises, is 2019 chairman of the National Automobile Dealers

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AHS seniors repeat as All-State Choir performers

By Bob Buckel
The Community News

Making the Texas Music Educators' Association (TMEA) All-State Choir, even once, in your high school career is a big deal.

Making it three or four times is, well, ridiculous.

That's what Aledo High School seniors Madison O'Brien and Danielle Harrington have done. Harrington recently earned her third straight berth in the state's top choir while O'Brien completed a sweep, going four-for-four for her high school career.

Harrington, who sings soprano 2, was named first chair in the All-State Mixed Choir, the state's top choral ensemble. O'Brien will occupy fourth chair as a soprano 1 when they gather for the 2019 TMEA Convention Feb. 13-16 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio.

The tryout process at the District, Region, and Area levels is grueling, but the Aledo girls are experienced veterans who have thrived in competition throughout their high school years.

Madison's path

For O'Brien, it began long before high school.

"I think I was just born with music in my soul," she said.



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Madison O'Brien (left) and Danielle Harrington recently earned recognition as members of the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) All-State Choir. Both are seniors at Aledo High School.

"Honestly, I always loved to sing."

Madison said her mom recognized her potential and got her started in music lessons when she was about nine or 10 years old. But the folk songs her teacher gave her didn't inspire her. Then one day, she heard nine-year-old Jackie Evancho on "America's Got Talent."

"She was, like, my age, and she

comes out with this classical voice, and it was a big deal," she said. "She was one of the first younger singers to do opera on the show."

Madison said she was up in her room when her mom called her to come watch.

"She said, 'Hey, you need to come see this girl. She can sing way

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"I want to play for Coach Patterson," Ellison said. "It is also close to home, which will be great for my family. But I like Coach P's defensive mindset, and I feel I am a good fit for what they are doing. I made a commitment during the summer, and today (at National Signing Day ceremony) is just for fun and show.

"I am ready to get going; ready to go. It will be fun to join Wes (Harris) and Wyatt (Harris) in college but that did not really influence my decision. I can't wait to play for TCU."

Ellison will be joined at TCU by all-state linebacker Wyatt Harris, whose brother Wes, an offensive lineman, starts for the Horned Frogs. Brother Hunter also spent some time at TCU before an injury halted his college career.

Wyatt Harris will play linebacker at TCU.

"I am fired up to get to play



TONY EIERDAM/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Aledo all-state defensive end Colt Ellison signs a letter of intent to play football next year at TCU. Shown behind Colt (from left) are Makena Ellison, Julie Ellison, Skylar Ellison, Monty Ellison, Daleigh Ellison, Sharon Phillips and former Bearcats head football coach Steve Wood.

for Coach (Gary) Patterson," Harris said. "He has one of the best defensive minds in college football. TCU is right in my back yard, and that also helped my decision, that and getting to play at a top school and the best school in Texas for the past

20 years. I am really fired up."

Harris said he has always cheered on the Horned Frogs, but added he got closer to the program emotionally after his brothers Wes and Hunter were on the team.

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Community Notes

'How to Find a Job' Seminar

Aledo United Methodist Church will host a seminar for people looking for a new job, or looking to make a job change, from 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 100 Pecan St. in Aledo.

A light meal will be served, but there is no cost for the seminar. Pre-registration is requested but not required. For more information, email trudysmith@aledoumc.org.

Vegetable Garden Planning

It's time to start planning your vegetable garden. The Gardeners' Club of Parker County will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, at St. Francis Church, 117 Ranch House Road in Willow Park (in the building behind the church). Sharon Abner, Master Gardener of the Year, will present the program on vegetable gardening. All are welcome. For more information, call 817-919-6280.

NAACP Meeting

The Parker County/Weatherford NAACP Branch 6321 will hold a general membership meeting from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9 at the Historic Mount Pleasant School, 213 Raymond George Way in Weatherford. For more information, visit facebook.com/NAACP6321/.

Do-it-yourself plant propagation

Do-it-yourselfers who want to grow their own plants from cuttings can get some hands-on training at the next meeting of the Native Plant Society of Texas, Cross Timbers Chapter at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14 at the Mount Pleasant School, 213 Raymond George Way in Weatherford.

For more information, see the events listing at www.community-news.com.

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better than you!" At that point I was like, 'Oh, no she didn't!' So the next lesson I busted out my best opera impression.

"I'm so glad I did that at nine or 10 years old," she laughed. "I don't know that I would ever have the courage to do it now."

But that was the turning point — the moment she went from singing for her Barbies, up in her room, to performing for the public. She sang her first aria at the age of 11 and the rest, as they say, is history.

Danielle's Journey

Danielle's musical journey started in middle school.

"I had wanted to do choir, but I was nervous," she said. "But I thought, you know, I like to sing, and so I'm going to do it."

She began lessons with AHS pianist and voice teacher Danilia Silva, and her talent and interest quickly

blossomed. When she got in high school, AHS choir director Karen Paul took note, and Harrington was on her way.

"It was like I finally found something that was my thing," she said. "I didn't really have anything like that, so I said, 'Yeah, I think this will be good for me.'"

Dedication

Neither girl has ever been in band or had piano lessons — their musical training has been strictly vocal from the beginning. But Paul said both are dedicated to their craft.

"These two students work so hard," she said. "I am in awe of their talents and could not be more proud to have them in the choir. They are truly amazing young ladies in every way."

Earning All-State recognition, particularly in the highly competitive Dallas/Fort Worth region, places a singer among the top 2.4 percent of those who originally begin the tryout process in 33 regions state-

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Danielle Harrington

wide. TMEA selects a mixed choir, a men's choir, a women's choir, and a small-school All-State mixed choir for schools classified 4A and below.

All-State bands, jazz ensembles, and orchestras will also rehearse with celebrated clinicians during the four-day convention in San Antonio. A total of 12 groups will showcase the talents of more than 1,700 students.

The Mixed Choir, directed by internationally renowned Venezuelan conductor Maria Guinand, will perform at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16 in the Convention Center's Stars at Night Ballroom. The concert will feature pieces by Ariel Ramirez, Bach, Jake Runestad, Brahms, Mozart, Moses Hogan, Alberto Torrealba, and Antonio Estevez.

Both girls say singing with Texas' best is a musical mountaintop experience.

"You're at a place where everyone wants what you want, and everyone is there to make music with you," Madison said. "The first time I went, I had no words. It was the best experience of my life."

Harrington agreed.

"I hadn't really experienced a full choir of people who were so dedicated," she said. "It was like, 'Wow! This is what everyone has worked for. Everyone's finally here and we're all so excited.' It's just so great, everyone making music together."

Both girls have also excelled in UIL solo & ensemble contest and taken part in the nationwide Schmidt Youth Vocal Competition and the Sarofim Vocal Competition hosted by Southwestern University in Georgetown. Madison has done camps in Virginia and New York, and got to work with members of the Metropolitan Opera last February.

That, she said, was a taste of something she wants more of, as she pursues a degree in vocal performance either at TCU or Southern Virginia University.

"I would like to do opera," she said. "I would still like to do musicals, but my long-term goal is to be able to sing on the Metropolitan Opera stage in New York. I just love being on stage."

Harrington plans to teach vocal music after attending either TCU or the University of North Texas.

But neither of them plans to ever stop singing. That would be ridiculous.

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Capital Highlights

Senate committee starts work on property tax reform


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Voters would have the power to prevent their local governmental bodies from increasing property taxes by more than 2.5 percent per year under legislation introduced in the Texas Senate and House on Jan. 31.

Senate Bill 2 and identical House Bill 2, both 116 pages in length, propose to amend the current law, in which local taxing authorities may increase taxes up to eight percent each year before a rollback election would be required. Cries for relief are widespread, given the leeway current law affords and the fact that county appraisal districts may increase the value of property at the same time.

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who presides over the Senate, said, "People desperately need property tax reform, our businesses need property tax reform, and we have set out, on this date, early in session, with a major piece of legislation. We are setting the tone for the rest of the session on this issue," Patrick added.

In the introduced versions of SB 2 and HB 2, taxing authorities that bring in less than \$15 million in annual revenue would be exempt from the new requirements.

Sen. Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston, chair of the Senate Property Tax Committee, said, "The vexing problem facing taxpayers is that tax bills are going up at least two or three times faster than they can handle. I think that the concept of having a two and a half percent rollback rate across the board means there's a universal solution."

According to the Senate News Service, local elected officials have turned out in force to oppose caps on taxing growth, saying it harms their ability to deliver on needed services in their home communities. So far, those efforts have succeeded, as similar measures have failed to reach the governor's desk in previous sessions.

Patrick said that while he hopes local officials will work with the state on this issue, ultimately property tax reform is coming. "We have been stopped time after time in the past by a total resistance to reform," he said. "The days of saying, 'No, we're going to kill the bill because we don't want change' . . . that day is over."

The Senate Property Tax Committee will meet this week to discuss SB 2. House Speaker Dennis Bonnen soon will assign HB 2 to a committee. HB 2 author

Rep. Dustin Burrows, R-Lubbock, chairs the House Ways & Means Committee, which is scheduled to meet this week.

Advisory sparks lawsuits

LULAC, the League of United Latin American Citizens, and MALDEF, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, last week filed lawsuits alleging the violation of voting rights, voter suppression and voter intimidation over an election advisory dated Jan. 25 and addressed to county voter registrars by Texas Secretary of State David Whitley.

In the advisory, Whitley informed the registrars that some 95,000 individuals identified by the Texas Department of Public Safety as non-U.S. citizens have matching voter registration records in Texas. Whitley said about 58,000 of those have voted in one or more Texas elections, and that those records would be turned over to the Texas Attorney General's office for potential legal action.

MALDEF's lawsuit was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Corpus Christi Division. LULAC's lawsuit was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio. Both civil rights organizations seek to stop the state from removing registered voters, particularly those who are naturalized, from voter rolls. MALDEF's lawsuit

names as defendants Whitley, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, Gov. Greg Abbott and Galveston County Tax Assessor and Collector Cheryl E. Johnson, in their official capacities. LULAC's lawsuit names as defendants Whitley and Paxton.

Land Office sets deadline

Hurricane Harvey survivors living in temporary housing units provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Texas General Land Office need to solidify their housing plans leading up to a Feb. 25 deadline, Land Commissioner George P. Bush announced Jan. 30.

Those who continue to meet FEMA eligibility requirements may be approved to pay rent and remain in their current temporary housing units through Aug. 25. Others may be eligible to purchase their unit. However, these programs must be approved by local officials and may not be available in all areas, according to a General Land Office news release.

Hurricane Harvey hit coastal and inland counties of Texas from late August to early September 2017, directly or indirectly causing more than 100 deaths, displacing tens of thousands of citizens and causing monetary damages estimated at \$125 billion.

Ed Sterling is Director of Member Services for the Texas Press Association.

BOB BULL

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"Epiphany and Kairos go in and show God's love," Trish told me.

It goes something like this:

A team from Epiphany would travel to a prison for a three-day weekend. Working with a set number of inmates, a "family" would be formed for the three days consisting of two team members, one clergy, and five inmates.

The inmates are designated as "stars." The team members will have a name badge on a lanyard for each inmate. On the opening meeting, the team members approach the inmate and ask "may I place this around your neck?"

Over the course of the weekend, the family participates in numerous activities and games. The team members prepare food and serve the inmates at meal times.

The family hears of the "Fruits of the Spirit," and each family member has a positive name modifier, such as "Joyful Joe."

The ministry doesn't end with the weekend. The team returns for all-important follow-up visits, knowing that many youthful offenders have people who come in and out of their lives, and stability is needed.

Bob was always there with his guitar, his smile, and a depth of faith that couldn't help but be infectious.

Trish said they often heard back from the inmates at later dates – sometimes with apologies for the way they acted, and often with gratitude that there were people who cared about them.

Trish said over the course of the weekend, they would see inmates that began with a slouch, "just there for the food," ending up engaged and sitting up straight.

During Epiphany weekends, an exception is made to the rule against touching. At each meal, all would join hands to pray.

"And then we would serve them just as a parent would," Trish said. "You see hardened young men and women go from hardened back to kids again."

Additional activities include re-enactments of biblical scenes from the life of Jesus. "A lot of them know the scripture, but it doesn't

mean anything to them," she said.

Planting Seeds

Epiphany, as significant as that is, is still just a snapshot.

Bob was also a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) volunteer when he wasn't in Guatemala or somewhere else on a mission trip, or just somewhere else doing a mission of mercy.

Anyone who hired Bob to do a project (he built the bridge here at The Community News) knew that it might not be completed on the same schedule as someone else would.

That was because, if someone called and needed help – any time of the day or night – Bob was available.

He always felt the project would still be there when he got back, but the human on the other end of the phone – well – they needed help right then.

"He would go – it didn't matter if it was 2:30 in the morning," Trish said. And sometimes the call – well, it was that one call someone gets, and Bob always accepted.

Bob certainly spent a big hunk of his life volunteering, but he also took others along as well.

Trudy Smith is Director of Congregational Care and Connections at Aledo United Methodist Church.

"I'm in prison ministry now because of Bob," Smith said. "I'm a CASA volunteer because of Bob."

In other words, Bob may be gone, but he just keeps giving.

The Untold Story

What many people don't know about Bob is that he was diagnosed with cancer in 2013 – cancer that went to his liver. The typical prognosis is about a six-month life span.

The cancer followed Hepatitis C he contracted from a bad blood transfusion 30 years before.

In 2016, a lump formed on his arm. It was a rare, highly-aggressive, nerve cancer. MD Anderson Cancer Center had only seen five cases of it. The cancer was successfully removed without attaching itself to his nervous system.

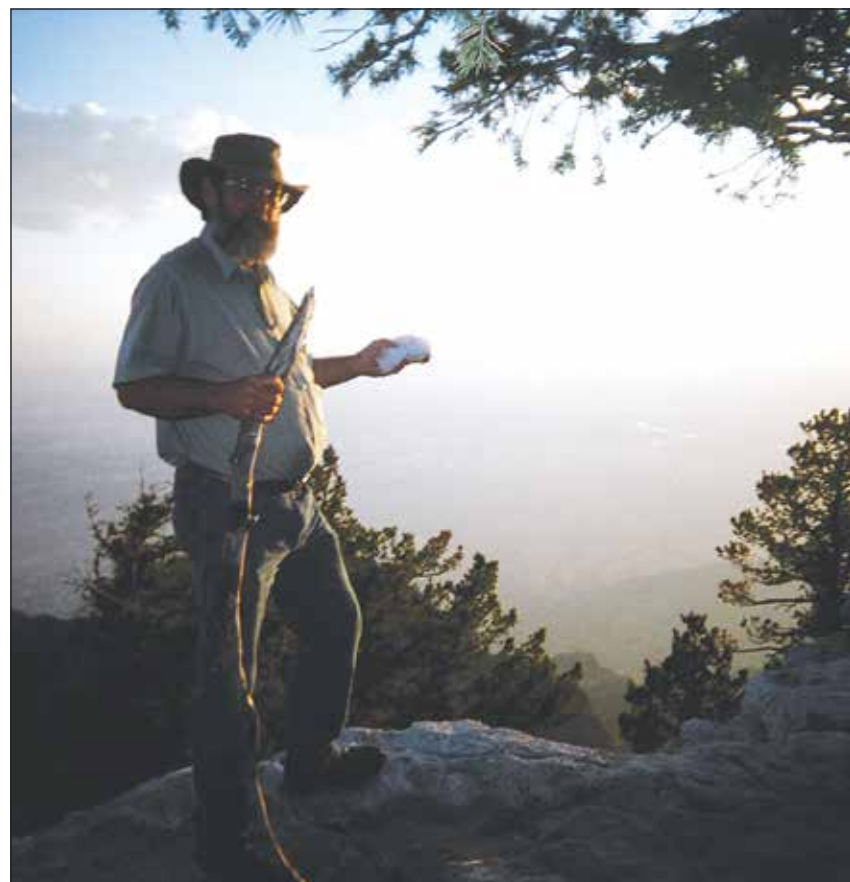
Through all these issues, Bob just kept being Bob.

He just kept working.

He just kept helping.

He just kept ministering.

And even up to the end he was



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Bob Bull stands on a mountain top at Sandia Peak, New Mexico.

ready to go where needed – Trish had to convince him just recently not to go on a mission trip to Haiti.

"He was always singing and doing," Trish said. "Whenever there was a baptism at the church, it was Bob who sang the baptism song."

There is an old spiritual – "I woke up this morning with my mind set on Jesus."

"That was Bob," Trish said. "He always had a song on his heart. How could you keep him from singing?"

Snapshots

There are so many snapshots of Bob:

- Singing in the Texas Boys Choir;
- Son of a preacher;
- Grandson of a preacher;
- Choir director;
- Children's choir director;
- Handbell choir director;
- Praise band member;
- Mid-life Crisis band member;
- Ministry at Tarrant County Jail;
- Ministry at Parker County Jail;
- Ministry at prisons in Brownwood and Gainesville;
- CASA volunteer;
- Mission trip leader;
- Stephen Minister and leader;
- Pathfinders; and



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Bob Bull (foreground) works to build a latrine in Guatemala.

Friend.

He showed that each life has value. He showed that God's love is not exclusive.

Trish summed it up best:

"He was always up on the mountain top. He didn't let anything bring him down."

If you knew Bob, or even if you didn't, you can find out more at the celebration of his life, which is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at Aledo United Methodist Church.

GILCHRIST

from page one

Association (NADA). That group, which includes more than 16,000 car dealers and 1,500 heavy truck dealers, is a powerful voice for an industry that represents 20 percent of the U.S. economy.

Gilchrist just returned from NADA's annual meeting in San Francisco, where he took the reins of leadership and spoke to 22,000 attendees on key issues facing the industry. In November, he went to Washington, D.C. and met with President Trump on behalf of the nation's auto dealers.

It's a busy time. But on his home turf at Southwest Ford in Hudson Oaks, Gilchrist is friendly and accessible as always. He's honored to be on the NADA team, and excited about the group's mission — battling to keep cars and trucks affordable, attract young people to the business, and help regulators understand the complexity of a global economy.

"We are looking after the customers and the dealers, and I think it's really an important time to be involved," he said. "It's truly an honor for me, even though it's a lot of work and a lot of traveling."

Gilchrist is well-known in Parker County. He's on the board of Texas Bank, the East Parker County Chamber of Commerce, and the Weatherford College Foundation. He was Weatherford's Citizen of the Year in 2005, and he continues to be involved with good causes all over the county.

He's every bit as well-known in the auto industry, having served as a board member of the Texas Automobile Dealers Association and having earned the Ford President's Award eight times. He believes strongly in what NADA is doing.

The need for young techs

In San Francisco, he spoke with passion about the NADA Foundation Workforce Initiative, saying the auto retail sector's critical shortage of service technicians "is not a can we can afford to kick down the road.

"Our future depends on our ability to recruit, train, and retain the best people," he continued. "We will need 76,000 more service technicians each year between now and 2026."

Back in the office, he expanded on that.

"We have to recruit young people, train them, and get them involved with our organizations," he said. "To me, that's a huge issue — but it's also a great opportunity for our community here, for our young people.

"We have to do a better job of talking to them in junior high, in high school, in colleges, and get them to come to dealerships for a career," he added. "These are great places to work."

Gilchrist said average technician pay, nationwide, is \$61,000 per year. Some of his techs make more than \$100,000 a year.

"We need to get that word out, because some of the best-paid people I have here are technicians," he said. "It's a wonderful business to be involved in."

Keeping cars affordable

The affordability of cars is another issue NADA, and Gilchrist, are passionate about.

"Vehicles are getting so expensive," he said. "We have to make sure that technology — safety technology, fuel efficiency technology — is good as it can get, but it also is affordable for our customers."

The ability of people to buy new cars is the lifeblood of the automotive industry.

"If vehicles aren't affordable for our customers — for you — you won't buy new cars. You'll shift over to used cars," he said.

That's fine, he noted, but the business model of the industry is to sell both new cars and used cars, along with parts and service.

"At NADA we're working with all the regulators and with the government so that we can get the best technology put on cars, but keep them affordable," he said. "If you put all this technology on cars and people can't afford them, then they won't buy them."

And if people don't buy new cars, he said, all that technology is wasted.

"You haven't improved the fuel economy for the fleet of the nation, you haven't helped anybody with safety, because they can't afford it," he said. "We have to make sure our government doesn't mandate all these things to the point that you can't afford that car."

Self-driving? Don't hold your breath

Gilchrist doesn't foresee a huge demand for self-driving cars in this part of the world.

"If you want a self-driving car, I want to sell you a self-driving car," he said. "But in Texas, people love their trucks, their SUVs and their cars, and most people enjoy driving their vehicles. I have yet to have anybody tell me, here in Weatherford, Hudson Oaks, Willow Park, Aledo, or Brock, that they want a self-driving car."

He cited a recent NADA survey of 1,200 millennials in L.A. and Boston designed to see how many people wanted to give up their cars for ride-sharing and self-driving cars.

"Three hours later, the moderator said, 'People love their cars.' That's the truth," Gilchrist said. "People do love their cars."

One NADA-funded study showed that depending solely on ride-hailing services is actually more expensive than owning a new car, while yet another revealed that the average customer takes 10 trips a day, and the average wait time is nine minutes.

"That means if you take 10 trips a day and wait nine minutes, that's an hour-and-a-half of your life," Gilchrist said. "Most people love the flexibility and freedom of owning their own car."

'A fascinating business'

After earning a degree in accounting at the University of Texas, Gilchrist worked as a CPA for two years before getting into the automotive business as controller of a heavy-truck store in

Albuquerque, New Mexico. He came to Weatherford as controller of Southwest Ford and Nichols Ford, and in 1986 owner Ken Nichols let him "run the store."

"In 1992 I negotiated a buyout of it, and in 1995 I bought him out," Gilchrist said.

He can't think of anything he'd rather be doing.

"It's a fascinating business," he said. "You have a sales department, which is different than service, parts is different than service and sales, body shop is different than service and parts, used cars is different from new cars — so you've got all these different businesses that are operating under one roof.

"But at the end of the day, we're all actually in the service business. We need to take care of you and your automotive needs."

Building relationships is the key, he said. Over 30 years, he's been privileged to watch not only his customers and their families grow up, but to watch the communities of Parker County grow up as well.

"I've kind of seen the transformation," he said.

And even though his position at NADA takes him all over the country and the world, his greatest joys are still right here at home.

"I want everybody's kid that works here, to work here," he said. "This is a family business. I want you to be proud enough that you work here that you want your kids to work here."

For the next year at least, Charlie Gilchrist is a frequent flyer, representing the dealers whose product accounts for about one-fifth of the United States economy. He'll talk about issues, taxes, training and the global economy. And he's happy to be involved.

"I'm so proud to be a dealer — I hate to say the word dealer — I'm just proud to be in the car business," he said. "I'm proud that I can be involved in the community. To me, this is not a job — this is my hobby.

"This is what I get to do. I love doing this."

Aledo man cleared of sexual assault charges

A Parker County grand jury has declined to indict a man accused of sexually assaulting two women who went home with him one night in June 2018.

As reported in July of 2018, Christopher Drew Addison, 37, was arrested after being accused of sexual assault by the two women.

Each of these charges carried a punishment range of up to 20 years in prison.

"Our client has maintained his innocence since day one. He passed a polygraph administered by the leading polygrapher in north Texas," said Fort Worth defense attorney Benson Varghese, of the law firm Varghese Summersett. "We are grateful the grand jury considered all of the facts and circumstances surrounding these accusations — including facts that were not made public — and reached the appropriate decision.

"These were very serious allegations that, unfortunately, have disrupted our client's life and damaged his reputation. He is looking forward to moving on with his life and putting this criminal case behind him. He has better days ahead."

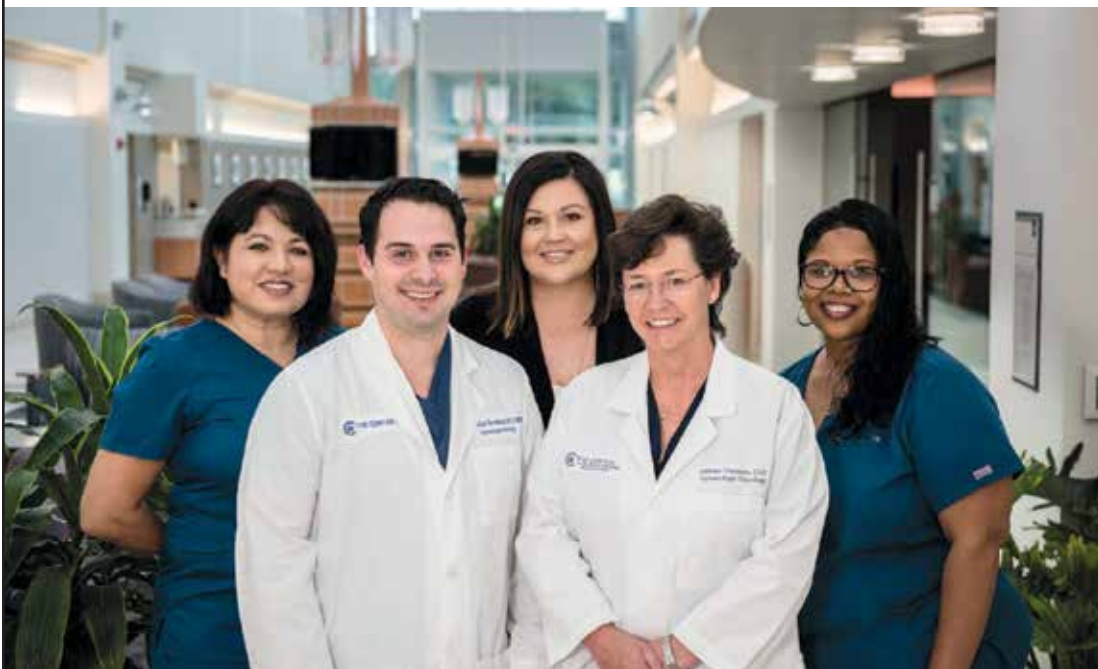
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WHIPPED CREAM DELIGHT

'Pies' boost income from annual band auction and dinner

By Randy Keck
The Community News

Whipped cream stock prices may have soared after Saturdays "Bid the Sound" band auction and dinner at Aledo High School.

The annual Band Boosters fundraiser features all kinds of activities, from dinner, to performances by AISD bands, to silent and live auctions.

But the highlight each year is definitely the "Pie the Director" auctions, which bring in additional dollars to support the band program.

Auctioneer Randy McDaniel was helping with the revenue by doubling-up the buyers on the pies, asking the top two bidders in each auction if they would each like to "pie" a director.

The directors, on the other hand, were not shy about sharing some of the pie with the students when they posed for photos.

Jake Albin ended up being "pied" at least four times, all for a good cause, and adding additional humor when he came out with goggles and a cap for the final two.

In all, the pies raised more than \$4,000 for the band program at the dinner.

In addition to the bands, more than 800 parents and band supporters attended to hear the sixth grade beginner band, three Aledo Middle School bands, three Aledo High School bands, and the AHS Jazz Band 1.

Aledo Band Booster treasurer Jeanne Klansek said the auction committee worked for months gathering hundreds of silent and live auction donations, including vacation rentals, tickets to the symphony, and jewelry. Each grade level and instrument section also created auction baskets.

The Band Boosters' mission is to further music education in Aledo and they host events all year long to raise funds for all the bands, sixth through twelfth grade.



Jake Albin was covered with whipped cream after his fourth "pieing."



Aledo Middle School director Joey Qualls was the recipient of a "group pie-ing."



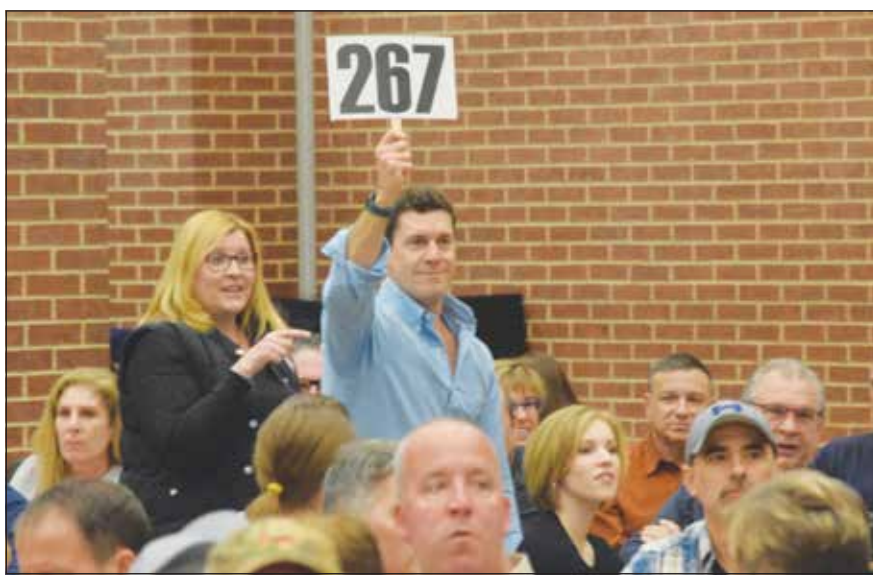
Director Scott Stephens was "pied" by Jake Lewis.



Aledo Band Director Joey Paul was "pied" by Jake McCluer.



Randy Keck/The Community News Erica Smith "pied" Director Mike Robinson.



Bidding got fierce when it came to "pieing" directors. Dawnne and David Manning (standing) and Sky Manning (seated) were among the bidders to "pie" director Joey Paul.



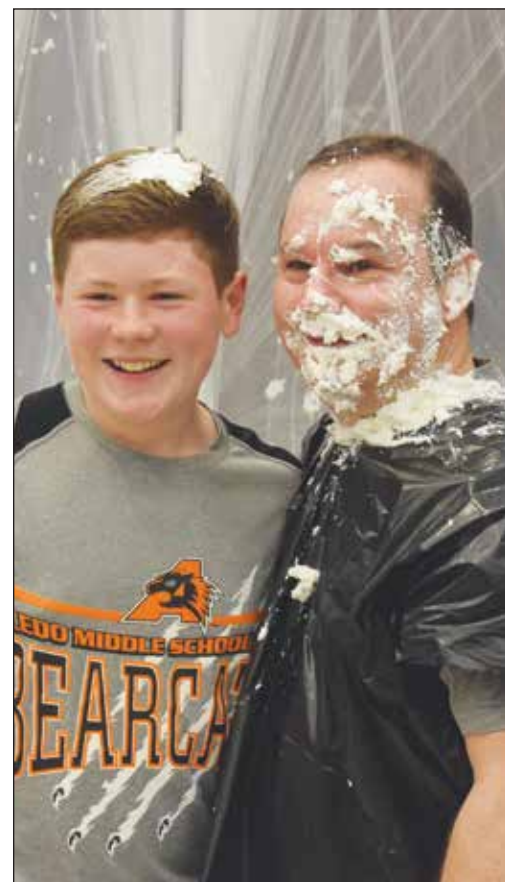
Annie Mazon, Sydney Marris and Nate Michaelis - AHS Wind Ensemble



Christian Medrano and Jake Albin.



Jake Albin donned protection for his third "pieing"



Max Moeller "pied" Director Joey Qualls.



Braden Montgomery - Beginning Band



Alina Garwacki - Middle School Honor Winds



Landon Roffi (left) and Sam Manning (right) won the bidding to "pie" Director Jake Albin.



Clayton Crawford



Clayton Crawford

WEATHERFORD COLLEGE

TCA takes first in Calculus at Coyote Math Championship

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Trinity Christian Academy of Willow Park took first place in Team Calculus. Mineral Wells High School was second, and Brewer High School was third, when more than 100 students from area high schools converged on the Weatherford College campus Friday, Feb. 1, for the 17th annual Coyote Area Math Championship.

The winning team was composed of seniors Cole Alberts, Cody Athey, Caleb Chesney, and Abby Skaggs.

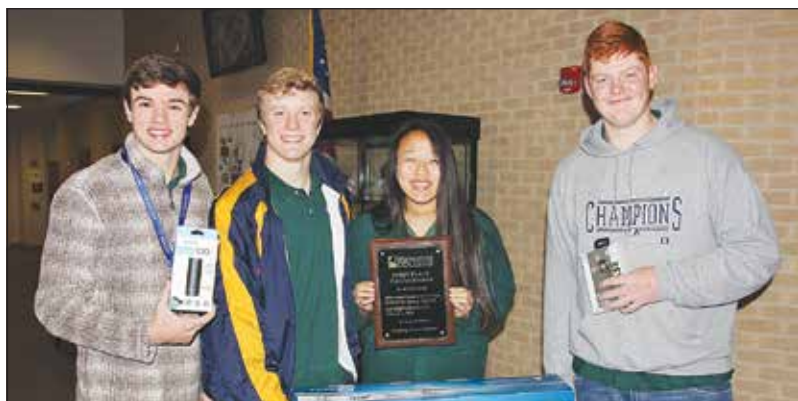
In Pre-Calculus, Poolville High School took first, Weatherford High School took second, and Azle placed third.

TCA mathematicians who placed individually in calculus were Caleb Chesney (first), Cody Athey (eighth), and Cole Alberts (ninth).

TCA students who placed in pre-calculus were Rebecca Lu (fourth) and Olivia Feissli (sixth).

"I am very proud of TCA's math program as a whole and especially our calculus and pre-cal students. Their first place win at the competition is the result of years of hard work," said Secondary Principal Ken Nobles.

"My Calculus and Pre-Calculus students put forth a great deal of



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The Trinity Christian Academy team of Cody Athey, Caleb Chesney, Abby Skaggs, and Cole Alberts claimed first place in team calculus at the Coyote Math Championships.

time, energy, hard-work and determination towards their studies and it is wonderful to see it pay off at the 17th Annual Coyote Math Competition," said math teacher Kimberly Cyphert. "I was thrilled to see the students win five of the individual events and, on top of that, my Calculus students also brought home the first place plaque in the Calculus Team Event for the third year in a row!"

Students competed in pre-calculus and calculus competitions via written tests.

The day also included guest speaker Adam Feriend, owner and chief operating officer of JRJ Construction, who outlined the numerous careers in construction, engineering, and architecture that require a solid math foundation.

"The industry is seeing unprecedented shortfalls," he said. "Construction related employers are looking to fill an average of 225,000 jobs each month."

He cited statistics that show the industry has a median age



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Trinity Christian Academy mathematicians who competed at Weatherford College include (front row) Emily Pritchard, Rebecca Lu, Emma Chrane, and Olivia Feissli; and (back row) Cody Athey, Max Perales, Cole Alberts, teacher Kim Cyphert, Jacob Sherman, Caleb Chesney, Abby Skaggs, Jacob Camp and Jacob Shelton.

of 42.6 with 9.4 percent being younger than 25. And 91 percent of more than 2,700 contractors, engineering and architecture firms reported having a difficult time finding skilled workers.

"We have a huge gap in construction right now," Feriend said. "Computers

and robots will never build a building. Ever. There are too many field related, unforeseen circumstances that happen every day in construction that you couldn't put a calculation in for it to determine the answer. There are big opportunities out there."

TCA students excel at spelling bee



Trinity Christian Academy sixth grader Adelaide Martin received third place in the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) District Spelling Bee. Martin and eleven other TCA students attended the district bee. According to Krystal Lewis, Academic Competition Coordinator, Trinity students participate in a variety of ACSI and TAPPS competitions throughout the year. "All of these students did a great job representing TCA at the ACSI District Spelling Bee. We are proud of them all," said Lewis.

LEFT: Adelaide Martin received third place in the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) District Spelling Bee.

RIGHT: Trinity Christian Academy students who attended the ACSI District Spelling Bee included (front row, from left) John Meyer, Julia Bettencourt, Anabelle McKinney, Avery Anderson, and Brayden Terrell; and (back row) Byron Anderson, Adelaide Martin, Darby Schroeder, Brooke Davis, Isaiah Holt, Shane Houston, and Micah Chesney.

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TRINITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Alumni return for annual panel discussion

Recent graduates of Trinity Christian Academy recently returned to the school for TCA's annual alumni panel discussion. TCA invites several recent graduates to share wisdom about transitions from high school to college with current 11th and 12th graders.

"Current students get encouragement from people they know, to do the hard things academically now because there is a payoff in college," TCA Academic Advisor Robbie Watson said.

The alumni shared numerous ways that TCA prepared them for success in the transition. The alumni spoke of academic rigor, note taking abilities, budgeting skills, and writing proficiencies learned at TCA that have already served them well. Additionally, graduates spoke of the importance of self-care and a willingness to make new friends and to try new endeavors.

"Current TCA students get to ask college students ... questions they may be pondering and because the

questions are asked in a large group setting, many current students reap the benefit of the answers," Watson said. "Current students and alumni look forward to the discussion."

TCA alumni who participated and current university were Colt Spinks (University of Texas at Tyler), Michaela Perales (Texas Christian University), Emily McMillen (Sam Houston State University), Zachary Givens (Harding University), and Blake Martin (Tarleton State University).



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TCA alumni who participated in the panel discussion were Colt Spinks, Michaela Perales, Emily McMillen, Zachary Givens, and Blake Martin.

Ribbon Cuttings



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The East Parker County Chamber Ambassadors held a ribbon cutting for The Sanders Agency on Jan. 31, 2019.



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BASKETBALL

UNDEFEATED CHAMPIONS!

Ladycats down WFHS, WF Rider to run District 4-5A table

By Tony Eierdam
The Community News

After sealing the girls' District 4-5A championship 10 days ago with a win at Abilene Wylie, the Aledo Ladycats took care of business with wins over Wichita Falls High School and Wichita Falls Rider to finish the league slate with a perfect 8-0 record.

The latest, a win Tuesday night at Rider, not only earns the district championship for the Ladycats, but also 4-5A's top seed in the 5A playoffs.

Senior guard Elizabeth Allanach, a four-year starter, has played on an Aledo district champion but never on a team that ran the table in league play.

"It feels awesome," Allanach said. "We all came together as a team and it was more of a team effort. The coaches helped us a lot, too - calling the right stuff at the right time - so it all came together. I like this team because we all work and we know that we all have to contribute in order to win - it is not just a one-person show."

Ladycats head coach Nikki Hyles pointed to her team's work ethic and attitude as the reasons the team put together an undefeated district season.

"This team is unselfish and they play for each other," Hyles said. "That is the only thing you can hope for as a coach. These kids give everything no matter what, and they don't have quit in them."

"We have grown so much from the beginning of the season. I think there were big question marks early, and they have answered every single one."



TONY EIERDAM/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Posing with their District 4-5A championship trophy are the Aledo Ladycats, who clinched an undefeated district season after defeating Wichita Falls Rider on Tuesday night at Rider High School. Shown (front row, from left) are Melia Miller, Riley Sale, Elizabeth Allanach, Kailey Keeton, and Haley Herrin; and (back row) Mackenzie Smith, Kylie Anderson, Addyson Hebel, Emma Fowler, Maddie Shumway, Audrey Pearce, and Laila Grubbs. Not pictured is Kalen Atonio.

The Ladycats will open the bi-district playoffs against the fourth-place team from 3-5A, Canyon Randall at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11, at Vernon High School.

Although the win over Rider sealed the undefeated district season, the Feb. 1 win over Wichita Falls High School was equally important.

Following the Big Win

After the win at Abilene Wylie on Jan. 29, Hyles was concerned how here team would react when it played at home against Wichita

Falls High School. And although the Ladycats started off slowly against an opponent fighting for its playoff life, they cruised to a 51-39 win.

"Sometimes it is tough to follow a big win, but I feel the girls did a good job," Hyles said. "There was a lot riding on this game because they needed a win to stay in the hunt for a playoff spot, so we got their best. But we also want to finish undefeated in district so we needed the win as well."

The game was also the final home contest for Aledo seniors Allanach, Maddie Shumway, Emma Fowler,

and Kailey Keeton.

"It is really emotional on Senior Night," Hyles said. "All of these young ladies are what I call program girls. Liz (Allanach) has been on varsity and working her rear off for four years, and she has been in Aledo since elementary school. She has always wanted to be a Ladycat."

"But we also had a move-in with Maddie (Shumway), and she has done a fantastic job of fitting in and being a part of the team. I think Maddie has done a fantastic job of representing Ladycat basketball. Emma is another program girl who

also works her tail off every day, and she works hard every day in practice and helps makes us better as a team.

"Kailey Keaton is injured and it is a shame she could not play in this game. But she is another program girl who also makes our team better with her strong work ethic."

Shumway led the Ladycats with 13 points, with Allanach adding 12 and Audrey Pearce 11. Also scoring were Riley Sale with seven points, Haley Herrin with six and Fowler with two.

Game Recaps

Aledo led 14-5 after the first quarter and 27-15 at the half. The Ladycats outscored the Lady Coyotes 17-12 in the third period to take a 44-27 lead into the fourth quarter.

The Ladycats sub-varsity teams swept Wichita Falls. The junior varsity outlasted the Lady Coyotes, 45-34, with Tori Schairbaum leading with 12 points. Also scoring were Carson Fronk and Caroline Erb, each with eight points, Hannah Glover and Abbey Connelly, each with six, and Sophie Smith with five.

The freshman Ladycats rolled to a 43-7 win, with Hannah Engle scoring 17 points to lead Aledo. Also scoring were Kaylee Lucas with six points, Shelby Bostick with five, Katelyn Attaway and Maddie Verner, each with four, Olivia Tregallas with three, and Addie Jarrell with two.

Against Rider Tuesday night at Rider, the Ladycats took an 11-3 lead after the first quarter paced by six layups following offensive rebounds by the 6-4 Shumway, and Aledo stretched its lead to 32-8 at the half. The Ladycats outscored the Lady Raiders 12-9 in the third period to take a 44-17 lead into the fourth quarter.

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BASKETBALL

BEARCATS ARE IN!

After five seasons, the Bearcats qualify for the playoffs after 37-36 win over Wichita Falls

By Tony Eierdam
The Community News

For the first time in five years, the Aledo Bearcats basketball team will compete in postseason play.

Sparked by a defense that allowed single digits in three of four quarters, the Aledo Bearcats secured a playoff berth with a 37-36 victory over Wichita Falls High School in a boys' District 4-5A basketball game Feb. 1 at Aledo.

The win, combined with a loss at district-leading Wichita Falls Rider Tuesday night, raises the Bearcats' district mark to 4-3. As a result of the win over WFHS, the Bearcats qualify for the playoffs and despite the loss to Rider still are in contention for the district's second seed.

Currently, Aledo remains one-half game behind second-place Abilene Wylie. Aledo has one game remaining in district play (at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8 at Abilene Cooper) but Wylie has two games left to play in 4-5A.

"I am so happy for our kids," Bearcats head coach Fred Jones said. "I cannot say enough about our kids. The work that they have put in during the last couple of years...this is a testament to their hard work and commitment."

"I am very happy for the senior class, who were freshmen when I got to Aledo. The guys handled a lot of adversity tonight, but they kept playing through it. I have to tell you every guy - from the starters to the guys cheering hard on the bench - made a difference in this game."

"We got back to our basics on defense, and we felt like that would be our staple. We knew we had to get stops, and we did, especially at the end. I am proud of these guys."



TONY EIERDAM/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Aledo guard Reid Dietrich (3) goes strong to the basket in traffic during the Bearcats' loss to Wichita Falls Rider.

Wichita Falls Win

With the Bearcats leading 37-36, Wichita Falls held possession and tried to work the clock down to a final shot to decide the game. But with 16 seconds left in the game the Coyotes missed a shot, and guard Max Newell came up with a huge rebound.

The Coyotes, which had only four team fouls, fouled AHS three times in the last 15 seconds - the seventh

foul with four seconds left - which put Aledo post Truen Johnson on the free throw line.

Johnson missed the front end of a one-and-one but Newell again came up with a big rebound before passing the ball to JW Comiskey who was fouled as time expired and the Bearcats rushed the court in celebration.

"All year, Max has stepped up for us," Jones said. "He always competes, and he went and got what we call a



TONY EIERDAM/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Aledo junior varsity guard Hunter Lucas pulls up for a jumper Tuesday night at Wichita Falls Rider.

'go get it ball' twice in the last few seconds."

Johnson led the Bearcats with 15 points while pulling down seven rebounds. Jones showed his confidence in Johnson by leaving the senior in the game after he collected his fourth foul midway through the fourth quarter.

"Truen is a warrior," Jones said. "He battles every day in practice and in every game. What he brings to the table is a testament to our program. We always talk about being great in the classroom and having great character - and Truen is an excellent example of that - and every game he seems to make special plays."

"I wasn't in any way taking him out of this game. I knew he would do something to help us in the end."

The Bearcats led 10-9 after the first quarter but fell behind 21-19



TONY EIERDAM/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Aledo senior guard Tre Owens (2) cuts to the middle while looking for an open teammate during the Bearcats' loss to Wichita Falls Rider in a boys' District 4-5A game Tuesday night at Rider High School.

at the half. Led by five points from Austin Hawkins and four from Johnson, Aledo outscored WFHS 12-8 in the third period to take a 31-29 lead into the fourth quarter.

After Newell canned a short jumper to give the Bearcats a 35-34 lead, the Coyotes came back with a bucket for a one-point advantage.

But with two minutes left to play, Hawkins sent a crafty pass to Johnson, who scored on a layup from the left side to give the 'Cats a 37-36 lead that set up the frantic ending.

Also scoring were Hawkins with 10 points, Reid Dietrich with five, Newell with four, and Tre Owens, Cole Nitsch, and JW Comiskey, each with one.

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SIGNINGS

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"I really got into TCU when Wes committed," Wyatt Harris said. "That definitely had an impact. Wes had told me how great it is and when I started being around the program I knew I wanted to go to TCU. I didn't care what other schools contacted me, I knew a long time ago I wanted to play at TCU."

"TCU started contacting me my sophomore year and when they offered I was so excited."

District 5-5A's Offensive Player of the Year in 2018, offensive tackle Cameron Callaway initially gave a verbal commitment to Harvard. But he said Army "kept weighing heavy" on his mind and when he looked at his offers closely it was Army that he felt fit him best.

Apparently, Callaway was smitten with the annual Army/Navy football game, one of, if not the best rivalries in college football.

"What really made me switch from Harvard to Army was when I watched the Army/Navy game on TV," Callaway said. "That was the day of the (Frisco) Reedy (playoff) game. I woke up that morning and started watching Game Day (on ESPN) in Philadelphia and saw the Corp of Cadets and the Brigade of Midshipmen marching, and seeing that atmosphere and watching the Army/Navy game when I got back home from the Reedy game really kind of sealed the deal."

"West Point is a great academic school and a great football school."

Callaway said he visited West Point in April, but did not get an offer from Army until November.

"I had earlier jumped on Harvard because I thought 'I am not going to let Harvard run away' and I was taking the best offer at the time from the biggest school. But West Point continued to weigh a lot on my mind, and seeing the atmosphere from the Army/Navy game...I wanted to be a part of that."

Callaway said he was impressed with the style of offense that Army runs when he was at the Black Knights' spring game.

"Another reason is," Callaway said, "when I was at the Army spring game I turned to my Dad and said, 'It is the second quarter and each side has had possession twice and there is two minutes left in the second quarter.'"

"Army has the type of offense I like playing in, and they play physical football. Army has great academics and great leadership capacities and it is where I want to be. It took them a little longer to offer, but I am glad they finally did."

Other Bearcat football players signing Wednesday include Tre Owens (Midwestern State), Logan Escamilla (Tarleton State), Chandler Kandel (University of Central Arkansas), Colby Thomas (East Central University), Devan Daugherty (Midwestern State), Avery Jackson (Howard Payne), and Cayden Glasgow (Texas Wesleyan).

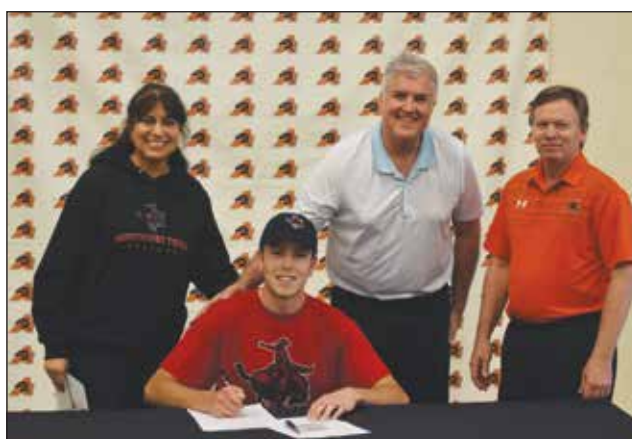


LEFT: Ben Huxtable, golf, Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva, Oklahoma. Shown are Shannon and Robert Huxtable and coach Jeff Lemons. | RIGHT: Devan Daugherty, football, Midwestern State University. Shown are Nolan Daugherty, Shannon and Rhett Daugherty, and head coach Steve Wood.



LEFT: Cameron Callaway, football, Army West Point. Shown are coach Doug Wheeler, Anita Callaway, Don Wright, Cynthia Callaway, Kade Callaway coach Lee Bishop, Shawn Callaway and head coach Steve Wood. | RIGHT: Wyatt Harris, football, TCU. Shown are Hank and Merry Harris.

Photos by Tony Eierdam



LEFT: Avery Jackson, football, Howard Payne University in Brownwood. Shown are Alex Jackson and Shea Jackson. | RIGHT: Chandler Kandel, football, University of Central Arkansas in Conway, Arkansas. Shown are coach Doug Wheeler, Alicia and Kevin Kandel, Lee Bishop, and head coach Steve Wood.



LEFT: Logan Escamilla, football, Tarleton State University. Shown are coach Doug Wheeler, Mary Jane and Edward Escamilla, coach Lee Bishop, and head coach Steve Wood. | RIGHT: Cayden Glasgow, football, Texas Wesleyan University. Shown are Carla and Todd Glasgow, head coach Steve Wood, and coach Lee Bishop.



LEFT: Tre Owens, football, Midwestern State University. Shown are head coach Steve Wood, family members Misti Owens, Shawn Hardeman, Boogie Owens, Jaylee Owens, and coaches Robby Jones and Aaron Clark. | RIGHT: Colby Thomas, football, East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma. Shown are coach Doug Wheeler, coach Lee Bishop, and head coach Steve Wood.

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TENNIS

Aledo fares well at weather-shortened Brock tournament; girls dominate doubles



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The Aledo girls' doubles pairing of Taryn Fambrough, left, and Allie Farmer took first place in the B-Draw Feb. 1 at the Brock tournament.



MELISSA MCCLURE/SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS

The Aledo mixed doubles pairing of Matt Coburn, left, and Allison Daletook finished in second place in the A-Draw Feb. 1 at the Brock tournament.

By Melissa McClure
The Community News

In a tournament shortened by inclement weather, the Aledo High School varsity tennis team competed in the Brock Slam Tennis Tournament Feb. 1.

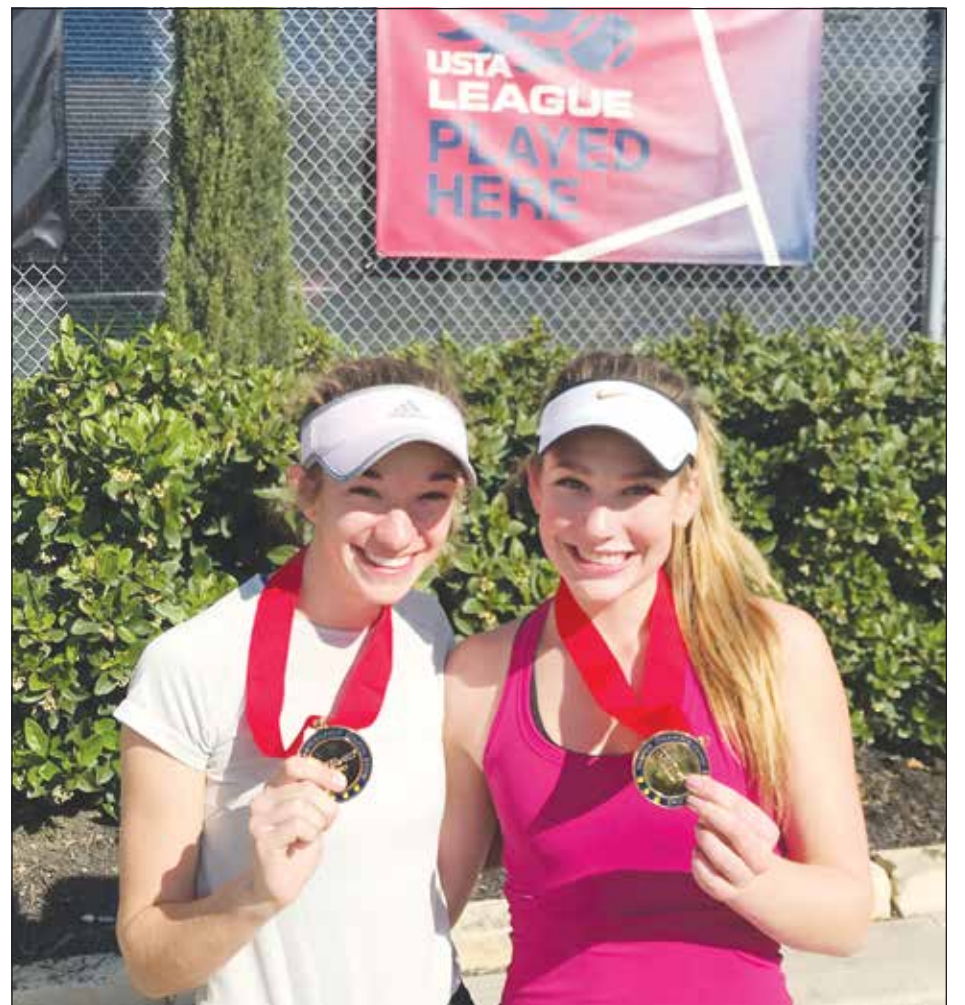
The boys' singles and doubles, and the girls' singles draws were not able to play. Aledo medaled in Mixed A-Draw, Girls' Doubles A-Draw and Girls' Doubles

B-Draw. Competition included Brock, Mansfield, North Crowley, Burleson, LD Bell, Decatur, Haltom, and district opponent Abilene Wylie.

In Girls' Doubles A-Draw, Priscilla Schimming/Erin Davis played teammates Carly Siddons/Concetta Ogden in the final for first and second place respectively. Also, in Girls' Doubles the pairing of Taryn

Fambrough/Allie Farmer beat Burkburnett (8-4) in the final to take first place in the B-Draw.

In Mixed Doubles A-Draw, Allison Dale/Matt Coburn lost to Abilene Wylie (1-8) in the final to take second place. The Aledo varsity tennis team is back in action on Feb. 22 at home in the Aledo Invitational tournament.



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Olivia Key of Aledo and her partner Grace Pawelkowski of Tyler played in the finals of the 16-and-under doubles B draw at the Super Champ Major Zone (SCMZ) San Antonio Level 3 Tournament.

BASKETBALL

TCA Lady Eagles in good playoff position after thrilling win in overtime

Staff Reports
The Community News

Although the Trinity Christian Academy Lady Eagles fell Tuesday night to Covenant Christian, the TCA girls are still in contention for a playoff spot thanks to an incredible comeback against Kennedale Fellowship Academy.

On Jan. 29, the Lady Eagles won in overtime at Kennedale in comeback fashion in the final minutes.

TCA was trailing 49-40 with 1:48 left in the fourth quarter, but in a span of 1:35 recorded three steals that led to three layups, the third coming with less than half a minute remaining in the fourth period to cut Fellowship's lead 49-47.

Needing to foul to create a possible miss, TCA fouled Fellowship; the Lady Mustangs missed a free throw and TCA's Madison Fowler was fouled.

Fowler sank both free throws to tie the contest, 49-49, with 13 seconds left in the fourth quarter.

TCA got the ball back, and Stephani Gabaldon sank a jumper, but officials ruled the shot left her hands after the buzzer sounded and the game moved to overtime.

It was all TCA in OT.

The Lady Eagles again used defensive pressure and timely rebounds to keep the Lady Mustangs scoreless in overtime while adding three more layups to take a 55-49 win.

"It was an amazing comeback," Lady Eagles head coach Matt Dowling said. "This was a big win to keep us in a spot to qualify for the playoffs (three teams from TAPPS 4A, District 2 qualify for postseason play). We started district 0-2 and have now won three games in a row (as of Jan. 29). The girls never quit."

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SWIMMING

Aledo qualifies two swimmers, two relay teams to state swim meet

Staff Reports
The Community News

Aledo junior Hannah Farmer will be busy at the UIL Class 5A 2019 State Swimming and Diving meet.

Farmer not only qualified by winning girls' breaststroke and 50 Freestyle, but she is also a part of two relay teams – the 200 Medley and 200 Freestyle – that qualified for the state meet.

The 5A state swim meet will be held Feb. 14-15 at the Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center on the campus of the University of Texas at Austin.

Farmer won the girls' 100 Breaststroke with a time of 1:07.13 and the girls' 50 freestyle with a time of 23.84 and she also qualified for state in two relays including the girls' 200 Medley Relay and the girls' 200 Freestyle Relay.

Farmer, along with Hanah Terrell, Abby Morrison and Maddie Edwards, placed first in both the 200 Medley Relay (1:53.24) and 200 Freestyle Relay (1:42.59).

Elijah Sohn also qualified for state in two individual races – placing second in the boys' 200 Free (1:40.94, personal best, possible school record) and first in the boys' 100 Freestyle (46.28)

Other results from the regional meet from Aledo include Edwards, who placed sixth in girls' 100 Freestyle (57.04) and sixth in girls' 100 Breaststroke 1:11.88; Terrell, who finished eighth in the girls' 100 Freestyle (58.4) and ninth in girls' 50 Freestyle (26.2); and Charlotte Lane, who finished ninth in girls' 500 Freestyle (5:57.09).

RIGHT: Five Aledo swimmers qualified for the Class 5A state swim meet in two relays and four individual races. Shown (from left) are Hannah Farmer, Hanah Terrell, Elijah Sohn, Maddie Edwards, and Abby Morrison. All four ladies qualified for both relay teams. The UIL state meet is Friday and Saturday, Feb. 15-16, at the University of Texas in Austin.



SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS

BEARCATS

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At Rider

On Tuesday, the Bearcats fell at Wichita Falls Rider, 64-51.

The Bearcats, paced by a three-pointer each from Owens, Newell, and Dietrich, jumped out to a 13-2 lead. But Rider came back with a 5-2 run to cut the Bearcats' lead to 15-7 after the first quarter. However, Rider scored 18 points in the second quarter while holding Aledo to nine to take a 25-24 lead at the half.

The Raiders outscored the Bearcats 24-13 in the third period to take a 49-37 lead into the fourth quarter.

Truen Johnson led the Bearcats with 15 points. Also scoring for Aledo were Nitsch, Owens, and Newell, each with eight points, Dietrich with six, and Hawkins and Comiskey, each with three.

"We executed our offense well in the first half," Jones said. "Our floor game was effective, so we were able

to get off to a good start. We also did a great job on the glass. In the third quarter, Rider made some outside shots that changed the momentum.

"Truen did a great job on the glass and defensively against Rider's bigs (posts). He continues to be physical in the paint and finish in traffic."

Jones said his team cannot let up with one district game remaining.

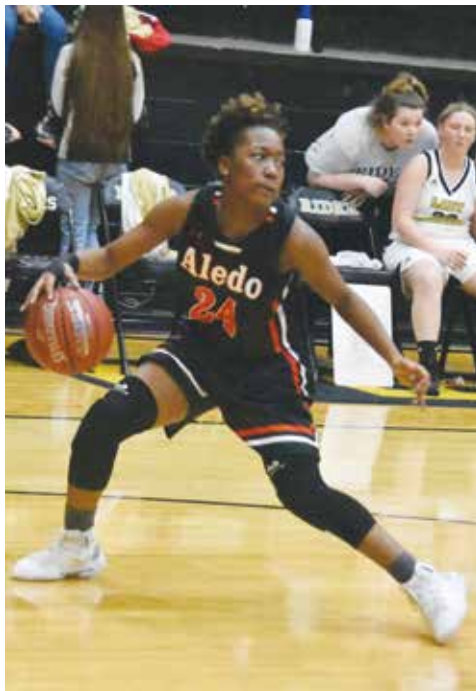
"The Cooper game is important in playoff seeding," Jones said. "It is Cooper's chance to make playoffs. We have goals as a team and that game helps us go in the right direction in accomplishing that goal."

DISTRICT 4-5A

WF Rider	6-0
Abilene Wylie	4-2
Aledo	4-3
Abilene Cooper	1-5
WF High School	1-6
Friday: Aledo at Abilene Cooper; Abilene Wylie at Wichita Falls Rider	

LADYCATS

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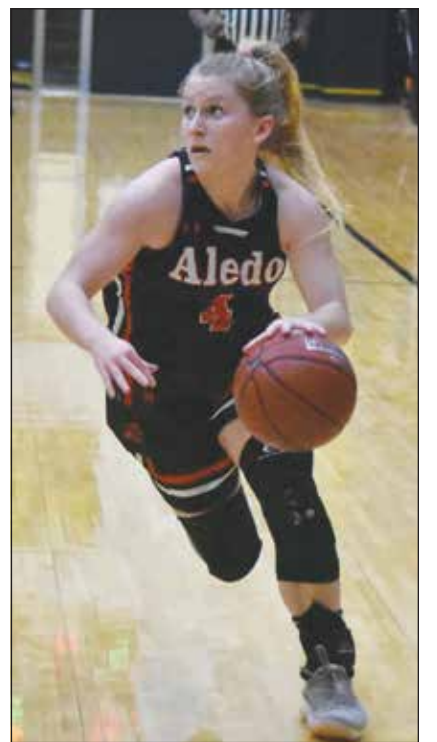
Aledo guard Laila Grubbs (24) puts on the brakes during the Ladycats' win at Wichita Falls Rider in the girls' District 4-5A finale.

Shumway led the Ladycats with a game-high 16 points, with Sale adding 14 and Allanach 13. Also scoring for the Ladycats were Pearce with five points, Kylie Anderson with four, and Fowler and Melia Miller, each with two.

The Ladycats JV defeated Rider, 49-30, as Fronk led with 16 points. Also scoring were Abby Morrison with nine points, Bostick with six, Smith and Glover, each with four, and Schairbaum, Emily Delaune, Connelly, Mikayla Brinkman, and Brooke Bell, each with two.

DISTRICT 4-5A (FINAL)

Aledo	8-0
Abilene Wylie	6-2
Abilene Cooper	3-5
WF High School	2-6
WF Rider	1-7



Aledo junior guard Riley Sale (4) cuts to the basket during the Ladycats' 56-28 victory over Wichita Falls Rider Tuesday night in the girls' District 4-5A finale at Rider High School.

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **Lacy Kimball**
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DATED the 28th day of January, 2019.

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Planning & Zoning Commission: Tuesday, February 26, 2019
Time: 6:00 PM

City Council: Tuesday, March 12, 2019
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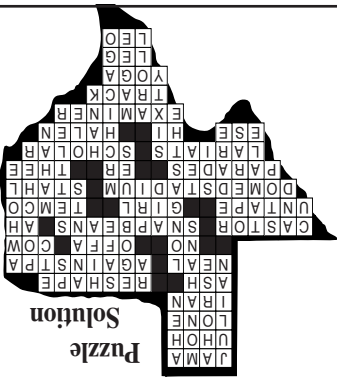
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- TXism: "____ puncher"
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- "T" of former TX corp. LTV
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Ladycats shut out 4A No. 4 Mineral Wells, 2-0

Bearcats split pair of matches

Staff Reports
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In a three-match span, the Aledo Ladycats have faced three of Class 4A's top four teams, coming away with a 1-1-1 mark against 4A's best.

The latest occurred when the Ladycats defeated 4A No. 4 Mineral Wells, 2-0, on Feb. 1 at Mineral Wells. Previous to the MW match, the Aledo ladies had tied 4A No. 1 Stephenville and dropped a one-goal decision to No. 2 Midlothian Heritage, the defending 4A state champions.

In the 2-0 win against Mineral Wells, Ashlyn Laughley scored both goals and was assisted each team by Brooke Jones. Emma Davis earned the shutout in goal as Aledo extended its record to 9-1-3.

The Ladycats will conclude non-district play at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8 at Northwest.

"We scored one goal in each half (against Mineral Wells)," Ladycats head coach Bryan Johnson said. "The girls played outstanding team soccer. Emma Davis secures the shutout saving four shots, all of which happened in the first half."

"I was able to play all the field players and got some excellent minutes out of our subs. We have our last non-district contest at Northwest and if we can get a favorable result we can complete our non-district season with 10 wins."



TONY EIERDAM/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Aledo senior forward Harper Smith (13) dribbles around a defender during a recent match. The Bearcats defeated Alvarado Tuesday night at Bearcat Stadium.

"We will play a lot of subs and try and prepare for our district opener on Tuesday at home vs Abilene Wylie."

Bearcats

The Bearcats (9-5-1) fell 2-1 on Feb. 1 at Mineral Wells but came back to defeat Alvarado, 4-0, at home Tuesday night.

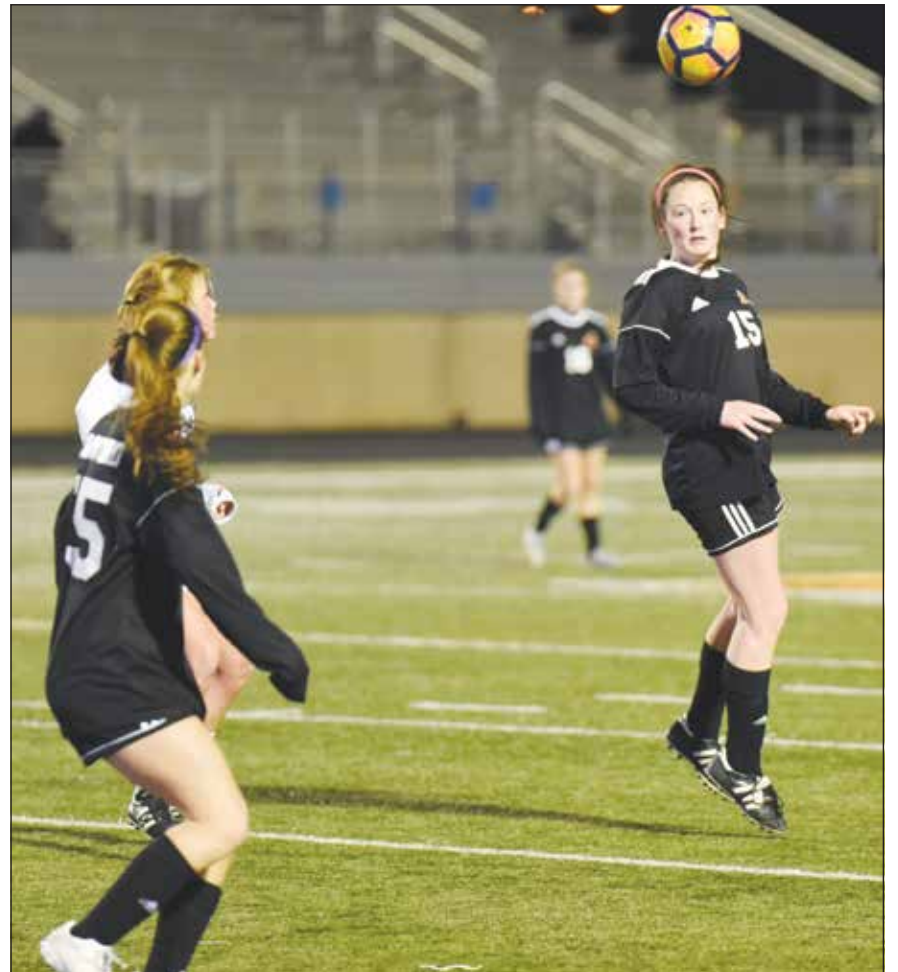
Harper Smith (assisted by Clayton Holt), Holt (assisted by Tyler Detinger), Chris Agular (assisted by Holt) and CJ Harper (assisted by Vinny Altieri) each scored a goal. Combining for the shutout were goalkeepers Ryland Yates and

Ben Oaks.

"We played well scoring the first three goals in 12 minutes," Bearcats head coach Derek Vierling said. "Clay had a great start scoring and assisting two goals. Having him and Harper both healthy was a plus."

"Brandon had a great game controlling the midfield with Trey and Micco (Little). Plus, we have almost all of our 'starters' back from injury. Connor (Steele) should be back for district start on Tuesday. If no one gets sick or hurt this week we could potentially have everyone for the first time all season."

"Going through all the illnesses



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Aledo senior defender Hunter Jones executes a header during a recent match. The Ladycats defeated Class 4A No. 4 Mineral Wells, 2-0, on Feb. 1 at Mineral Wells.

and injury's has really helped with experience; we have 17 out of 23 rostered players with at least two starts this preseason. That experience will pay off during district play and the playoffs."

The Aledo soccer teams will open District 4-5A play on Tuesday. The Ladycats will host Abilene Wylie, while the Bearcats will travel to Abilene to face Wylie. Both matches will begin at 7 p.m.

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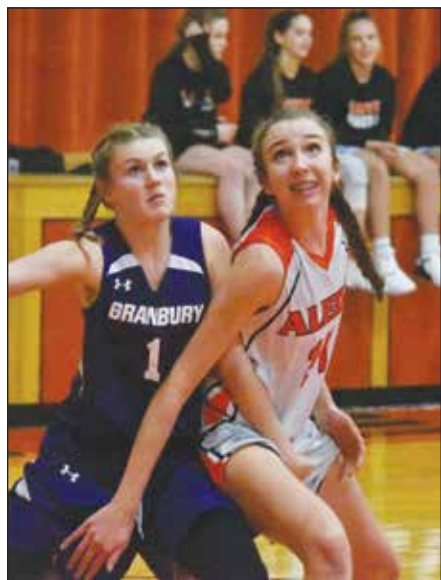
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THE COMMUNITY NEWS



"B" team post Kamryn Kupper fights hard in the paint for rebounding positioning.



"B" team guard Ashtyn Coufal gets around a Granbury defender on her path to the basket.



"A" team guard Maddy Jarvis (2) plays tough perimeter defense.



"A" team post Presley Hull (25) gets into rebounding position during a free throw.



"C" team post Alexa Brinkman fires a jumper from the left perimeter.



"C" team forward Avery Horton (41) pushes the ball up-court on a fast break.



"A" team guard Madison Bilbia (13) cruises in for an easy layup.



Aledo Middle School eighth-grade "B" team guard Taylor Paetzold (31) gets past a defender.



Aledo Middle School eighth-grade "A" team guard Presley Hull (25) pushes the ball downcourt.



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