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WILLOW PARK

## City approves contract to extend Ranch House construction

ETJ swap with Fort Worth approved

By Randy Keck  
The Community News

The Willow Park City Council approved a bid by Quality Excavation to pave the final 1,100 feet of Ranch House Road, from the point the current concrete project ends, to, and including, the Ranch House/Crown Road intersection.

The council met in a special meeting on Jan. 22.

Derek Turner with Jacob and Martin, the city's engineering firm, said the winning bid came in at \$271,784.30. Competing bids were \$343,000 and \$347,000.

Since Quality Excavating is the contractor in the existing project, Turner said, "they're on the ground and ready to move on it."

He said he anticipated about a month and a half to complete the project.

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## READY TO ROCK!



RANDY KECK/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

London Kaspar is shown in dress rehearsal for Aledo High School's presentation of *Rock of Ages*, which will run Jan. 24-27 in the AHS Auditorium. Shows are at 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday. General Admission seating is \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors or students. Tickets will be available at the door, cash or check only, or buy online from [squareup.com/store/aledo-theatre-boosters](http://squareup.com/store/aledo-theatre-boosters).

WILLOW PARK

## Where is Willow Park?

City leaders hope to provide answer to retailers

By Randy Keck  
The Community News

Willow Park is in the initial stage of an aggressive campaign to lure retailers and restaurants to the city. The city has formed a relationship with Retail Coach, a firm that specializes in recruiting retailers.

Aaron Farmer, senior vice president at Retail Coach, spoke to the city council at a special meeting on Jan. 21.

Farmer said his company began by performing an analysis of where people who shop in Willow Park are coming from. He described a process called "cell phone analysis," in which home addresses can be determined using data from cell phone towers in the area.

Based on the analysis, Farmer said, "you are underserved when it comes to retail."

Farmer said Willow Park's trade area has a population of about 47,000, with average household income of \$135,608. Median age is 41.3, with the fastest growing segment being millennials.

"Retail is coming - we can be smart about that," he said.

Farmer pointed out that the city is missing out on hundreds of millions of dollars in economic activity due to lack of amenities in the city. In the general merchandise category, for example, he said the city is missing out on \$118 million per year in retail sales, and another \$57 million in full-service restaurants.

Farmer encouraged the city to participate in upcoming retail conferences to make the city more visible to prospective businesses.

City Administrator Bryan Grimes said one of the biggest questions he gets at such conferences is "where is Willow Park." He encouraged the council to continue to participate and get the word out about the city.

WILLOW PARK

## Citizens group formed

Purpose to 'foster communication and pride in their community'

Staff Reports  
The Community News

With a goal of bringing back "chatting on the front stoop," a group of Willow Park residents has formed a 501(c)3 group, Willow Park Citizens Group.

"In the past, small towns were celebrated for their community feel, where everyone knew each other and felt an unspoken bond of local pride," a press release said. "However today, even small-town people are getting stuck in the silos of their own experience and becoming more segregated - and less engaged with the folks next door. That was the past, and the state of the present. We can bring back chatting on the front stoop, but it will need to look a little different.

The group is starting with the establishment of online communities and in-person "Hang-Outs" with special guests. Later, it will grow to include community events and improvement projects.

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ALEDO ISD

## District to send 124 to training in June



BOB BUCKEL/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

The Aledo PTO presented a check to the school district for \$80,000, the result of fundraisers during the fall. Shown are PTO members Mindy Flowers, Brittany Opsahl, president Candi Lear, and Jennifer Taylor; school board members Julie Turner, Forrest Collins, Jessica Brown, Hoyt Harris, Jennifer Loftin, David Lear, and Bobby Riques; and AISD Superintendent Susan Bohn.

### Effort to create 'Professional Learning Community'

By Bob Buckel  
The Community News

Aledo ISD will send 124 staff members to a three-day training workshop in Fort Worth this June as part of an ongoing effort to create a "Professional Learning Community" on each campus.

The training will include all

of the district's principals and assistant principals, content specialists, special education specialists and lead teachers from each grade level, in addition to superintendent Dr. Susan Bohn and deputy superintendent Lynn McKinney.

Amber Crissey, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, asked the school board Tuesday to approve an \$83,000 expenditure for the conference. The funds will be located

within the existing budget, mostly from Title programs and other campus sources.

Sending this many staff to the same training event is a departure for Aledo ISD.

"There really haven't been these large-scale professional learnings in the past in Aledo," Crissey said. "We kind of let people just pick and choose different things."

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ANNETTA

## Residents ask for transparency

City Council asks for patience

By Nicole Hawkins  
The Community News

Residents gathered at the Town of Annetta City Council meeting Thursday night to air their grievances regarding the city's proposed amendment to a zoning ordinance that regulates accessory dwelling units on residential lots.

Proposed zoning ordinance 192 requires accessory dwelling units on residential properties to exceed no more than 500 square feet or 25 percent of the lot, whichever is smaller, Annetta's planning consultant Karen Mitchell said in an email. On lots greater than two acres, the council may grant an increase to the maximum square footage allowed.

Some who attended the meeting said they felt blindsided by the amendment, which was tabled by the city council last week to be revisited again in March.

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## Customers are rewarded with perks at Tan Club

Tan Club owner Pam Brewster will award one lucky customer a 16x20" autographed photo of Dallas Cowboy legend Ed "Too Tall" Jones on the first of February. Pam does a drawing on the first of the month among all customers who actively tan or who Mystic Spray during the previous month.

Her prizes are typically Scentsy packages or other prizes valued at \$60 or more.

But monthly drawings are only one advantage of shopping and tanning at Tan Club.

Customers who come in groups can save with Tan Club's Friends and Family program.

"Whether related by blood or by love, if a group of three comes in together to tan, one of those is on me," Pam said.

She's also excited about her military support promotion, where active or retired members of the military can tan for 30 percent off with ID.

Do you work late?

"Here at Tan club we understand how hectic our lives can be, so we allow our customs to tan after hours all the way up till midnight by appointment," she said. Call the salon for details.

For February, Pam said "Love is in the Air!" Tan Club is offering \$15 Mystic Light/Medium - \$3 extra for dark.

Pam is always hard at work expanding the offerings in the Tan



Club Boutique, adding tons of new shirts, hats, accessories, and more.

She also custom makes items for customers.

"They're iron-on transfers and I can do almost anything," she said. "Of course, the more elaborate and the more rhinestones there are, the price goes up."

Pam sells both shirts and the transfers, and for designs she

doesn't have to order, turnaround time is two days. For orders, it's around two weeks.

"I'm stocking up so I have a wide variety," she said. "I've got sports, religious shirts, funny shirts, and a ton of designs."

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## GROUP

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Residing online (www.willow-parkcitizens.org) and via an app (Mobilize), the group will consist of everyone with a Willow Park address or place of business and will meet both online and in person at planned events.

"Willow Park is going to grow," said board member Ginger Adams. "The only choices are to let the growth trickle down to Willow Park and we can be reactive, or we can get engaged with each other and manage the growth for a positive, prosperous community. There are already so many separate online pages for different neighborhoods and interests, and we'd like to bring them all together for the good of us all."

Each neighborhood and interest group can have its own group in the Mobilize app, but still be able to have access to the opportunities of other groups available.

The group has a framework of planned events, but want the group activities to evolve organically as residents join. WPCG's

goal is to bring excited volunteers together and focus "on needs in our own backyard," whether it be to build a community vegetable garden with the local school, support local business owners, large and small, or to host holiday festivities.

For more information, visit the Facebook page, WPCitizens Group, or www.willowparkcitizens.org.

### KICKOFF MEETING

As a kick-off to a new year, the WPCG is introducing Willow Park Hang-Outs, hosted by Café 23:5 in the new Shops of Willow Park. The first Hang-Out will be from 7:30-9:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 31.

The group is inviting every resident, business owner, and civic leader to join them for a free cup of morning coffee and conversation. They'll hear first-hand about opportunities to get involved in building a better sense of community, supporting local businesses, and organizing family-friendly events. Hang-Outs are planned for every other week.

## ANNETTA

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Other attendees said they wanted more transparency from the city government regarding the amendments, as the revisions to the ordinance have not been posted on the city's website for citizens to access.

Alton Gloer, who has been in an ongoing battle with the city over a workshop he hopes to build on his land, said citizens need to see draft amendments before planning and zoning meetings commence.

"I can't come up with a battle plan for myself [without the documents]," Gloer said.

Public officials said the draft document for ordinance 192 was not posted online due to the fact that it's still being revised. Some citizens said they understood the city's reasoning for this, while others continued to question why.

"Is there a legal reason the [posting of draft documents] cannot occur?" Annetta resident Tim Pierce asked.

City Attorney Drew Larkin said there is no legal reason the city cannot post the draft document, but that Annetta is not obligated to post the document either. Larkin said it's at the city's discretion whether or not to post.

City council members said many documents aren't posted immediately because Annetta has only two full-time city employees.

"We all want to have more open and transparent government," Mayor Bruce Pinckard said. "The state provides that through open meetings, and that's where we conduct our business and nowhere else. That makes it kind of slow sometimes."

A member of Annetta's Planning and Zoning Commission, Jaime Saenz, said the goal of the original ordinance was to regulate what citizens were building on their land in order to ensure Annetta remain an "appealing residential area" for all residents.

"The goal is to put an ordinance in place that helps protect everybody's property," Saenz said.

Saenz said people were blindsided by the amendment because they



NICOLE HAWKINS/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

A full house of residents was on hand when the Annetta City Council met on Jan. 17.

### QUESTIONS ARISE OVER LEGALITY OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Annetta City Council meeting began Thursday with grumblings from attendees on what they said was the city's lack of transparency regarding revisions to zoning ordinance 192 - only to be compounded by the fact that some members of the council were gathered privately in a separate room before the meeting began at 7 p.m.

Attendee Mike Brasovan said city council members were violating the Texas Open Meetings Act by gathering privately before the meeting officially began.

"They didn't call into executive session," Brasovan said, referring to guidelines set forth in the act. Brasovan said the items should be discussed in an open session with attendees present, rather than beforehand in another room.

Annetta Mayor Bruce Pinckard said the Texas Open Meetings Act was not violated and that the "full

council" was not present in the room before the city council meeting began.

"It was city secretary, our CPA that does our books, myself, and another person on the council having to do with the finance committee," Pinckard said. "What we were doing there was some strategic planning in the financial realm." Chip Stewart, TCU journalism professor and expert in freedom of information laws, said in an email that when a quorum of city council members are present and city business is being discussed, it should be done in open session.

"If there's a quorum of the body present, and they are discussing city business, then yes, they should do that in open session under the Texas Open Meetings Act," Stewart said. "While it's OK for them to meet informally to discuss non-business matters, if those talks bleed over into strategic planning and financials, then that may very well violate the act."

In this case, it appears a quorum of city council members was not present in the pre-council meeting.

weren't up-to-date on the discussions that have occurred regularly over the past few months.

"We discussed the document at our Nov. 8 meeting," Saenz said, referring to the meeting agenda, which lists details of the amendments to ordinance 192 that were to be discussed.

"People can still have the opportunity to build what they want within the guidelines," Saenz said.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will next meet Feb. 7 and the Annetta City Council will meet Feb. 14. Both meetings are held at Annetta City Hall at 7 p.m.

## Obituaries

### Gary Dean Carter

Gary Dean Carter, 72, passed away at his home in Aledo on Monday, January 7, following a long illness.

Gary was born March 11, 1946, in Springfield, Ohio to Frank and Virginia (Weese) Carter. He graduated in 1964 from Springfield South High School and developed a life-long career in retail management. Mr. Carter enjoyed fishing, Native American culture and cheering on his favorite New York Yankees baseball team.

Mr. Carter will be forever remembered by his children, Carole (David Petersen) Carter of Montgomery Village, MD; Amy (William) Foust of Fort Worth; Gary S. Carter of Portland, Oregon; Lindsay Carter of Brooklyn, New York; and Katelyn, Ashley and Michael Carter of Clayton, North Carolina; his brother, Stephen (Jacqueline) Carter of Urbana, Ohio and his nephews Daniel (Rowes) Carter of Mechanicsburg,



Carter

Ohio and Nathan Erickson of Des Moines, Iowa. He will be dearly missed by his grandchildren Courtney, Dylan and Eryn Foust and Kirsten and Maren Petersen. He is also survived by step-children Shannon McDaniel, Ryan Sommer and Kerry Sommer and their families and many dear aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant brother, Frank A Carter III.

A memorial service, followed by a gathering for family and friends, is scheduled for 3-6 p.m. Sunday, January 27 at Jackson Lytle & Lewis Life Celebration Center, 2425 N Limestone St, Springfield, Ohio.

Donations may be made in memory of Gary to the American Lung Association, 55 W. Wacker Drive, Suite 1150, Chicago, IL 60601 (www.lung.org).

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PARKER COUNTY

# Judge lays out roadmap for growth and safety

About 100 residents attend town hall meeting

By Rick Mauch  
Special to the Community News

From public safety to county growth and more, Parker County Judge Pat Deen addressed it Tuesday night in a town hall at New River Fellowship Church.

The setting was informal, and around 100 residents attended, sharing their thoughts and listening to what the judge had to say.

This is one of several such settings, Deen said. Others upcoming are in Springtown and Brock.

Among the main items of discussion was a new county justice center for which Deen is advocating. He also acknowledged that many people want a new county recreation center, but said the former is more of a priority.

"Quite frankly, we need a justice center first," he said, returning to the issue several times throughout the evening.

However, he assured voters that he and the commissioners would do everything in their power to make sure it would not come out of the pockets of residents when one asked how much cash is on hand for such a project. Deen said about \$21 million is in reserve.

"We're not going to bond it out. We're going to figure out how we can sell the assets we have today, get the money to pay for it," Deen said.

Returning to the subject later in the meeting, he said, "We need a justice center, but I'm not going to put it on your back."

Deen acknowledged understanding "there's an entity out there that wants a recreation center," adding "it's about using your input and making a plan for the future."

The overall theme of the evening was looking to the future. As part of that future, Deen said Parker County is growing at an alarming rate – as is

the entire state because of its business-friendly no income tax.

"They found you and they're going to continue to come," Deen said with a laugh. "The key is controlled growth."

Another resident said he does not want a toll road between Parker County and Fort Worth "under any circumstances," even saying he'd be happy to pay higher taxes to avoid this.

Deen, who has been in local government more than two decades, including having previously been the mayor of Hudson Oaks, responded by saying the best way to avoid this and other things not desired is to not be complacent when it's time to vote.

"You have a choice who stands up here on this stage," he said. "I do take this seriously."

"It's not about what Trump's doing or tweeting. There's not a level of government that hits you harder than your local government. Planning is critical for the future. Have a say in who your elected officials are."

Deen told the crowd, when asked such questions as how much money from the Texas Lottery goes to the county, what can be done about improving water quality, and recycling, "The buck stops with me. If I don't have the answer, I'll get it."

On the subject of water, Kay Parr said, "I firmly believe water is the new gold. If we don't have water, we won't need that extra lane on I-20."

And while Deen said it is not the county's responsibility when it comes to water, he did say commissioners are monitoring the matter. The same is true of recycling, of which there is no county-wide program, he said.

Several cities in the county, including Weatherford and Aledo, do have recycling programs, he said.

Deen turned the program over to Tim Sansome of Freese and Nichols to address some transportation

questions. Sansome spoke about usage of funds from the \$76.2 million bond package for transportation that county voters approved in 2016, saying it has since been leveraged to now be around \$111 million.

Some residents questioned plans for what road construction is upcoming, specifically the continuation of the Ric Williamson Memorial Highway, or west loop, to include the eastern side of Weatherford. Sansome said, "At this time we're using the funds we have with the projects we have."

Deen added, "We can split hairs all day as to which one should have been done first. We're going to get there, but we're stewards of your money. It's all about priorities, and where we put that pie money."

Other topics Deen entertained during the evening, with his responses, included:

- What's being done economically to attract businesses? He answered by asking a question; what if a company came to the county, bringing 500 jobs with salaries of \$40,000 to \$60,000? "What happens if that company comes to Weatherford? What happens to Aledo? Willow Park?" he said, then noting that it would mean more homes also coming to the area, and an increased economy.

- A request for more public restrooms in downtown Weatherford to accommodate crowds for shopping, Christmas on the Square, the Peach Festival, and more. "We're going to have to have that. It's how we work together and how we pay for it, but that's a generator of wealth for Parker County."

- Hiring practices for the county. "You hire the right person for the job."

- Keeping and bringing doctors and medical personnel to the county. "The good doctors are going to come when there is a good community that



RICK MAUCH/SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS  
County Judge Pat Deen addressed a town hall meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 22.

offers a good quality of life for them and their families," he said, adding the same is true for businesses.

And he addressed the strategic plan on which Parker County commissioners have begun work to help accomplish many goals.

"It's critical we have a strategic plan. We're going to be very pro-active. I commend the commissioners for doing that. It hasn't been

done before," he said, adding that he's been working with the Mayors Council to help establish a partnership among cities and receive input from municipalities.

"It starts with communication, having a good relationship with your commissioners. This is mission accomplished. I'm going to take this information back (to the commissioners)."

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# ALEDO ISD

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She said the district likely already spends this much money on training, but it is scattered among a variety of programs. This event, which requires board approval because it exceeds \$50,000, is designed to get a core group from every campus focused and moving in the same direction.

"We don't just want to send a small number of teachers, we want to impact as many as we possibly can to have that same common language and foundation," Crissey said. "We're looking at larger-scale professional learning, but far more focused than what we've had in the past."

"We want the same common message."

Registration is \$669 per participant for the Professional Learning Community Institute, to be held June 25-27 at the Fort Worth Convention Center. Crissey said the conference is normally in San Antonio, which would involve a host of other expenses for lodging, travel and per-diem costs.

## Getting Creative

McKinney said campus principals have been "finding all sorts of creative ways" to get their people to the training.

"It's very important to the principals," she said. "They want their teams to go."

Crissey said those "teams" are the people who will apply these principles at the campuses.

"They will really be the team that will be helping to drive that work at the grade-level meetings," she said. "This is who we really see at the ground floor that's going to help us take PLC to that next level."

"It's one thing to hear it as an administrator and to come back and tell staff about it," she added. "It's a whole different story when the staff hears it first-hand, right beside their building leader."

"So we really wanted teachers to be a big part of this process... to be right beside us as we build this system next school year."

She pointed out that attending the conference will require teachers to give up three days of their summer break.

"We would be granting them flex credit hours, but beyond that, this is them investing their time," she said.

Trustee Bobby Rigues said he hopes the event "sets a precedent of lifelong learning for our educators" just as it is required of board members and administrators.

"At the end of the day, it's all for the students anyway," he added.

Bohn said the goals articulated in the PLC training will become part of the District Improvement Plan for next year and going forward.

"You don't see them right now, but next year you will see them,

and it will be a direct result of the training that will be happening this summer," she said.

The board's approval was unanimous.

## Walsh resident seeks board's help on zoning change

A resident of Walsh Ranch wants the school board's help fighting a zoning change that could bring multi-family housing — and higher population density — to the new development east of Aledo.

Melissa Moorman, who spoke in the public comment portion of Tuesday's school board meeting, said a notice of public hearing received recently from the City of Fort Worth was the first alert residents got that the change was coming.

"The zoning change is requested to encompass the addition of townhomes to the second phase of the development," she said.

The proposed townhomes, which would be on smaller lots and start in the \$250,000 range, would be close to Walsh Elementary School, she said.

"The second phase was described to all of us by the developer as being a mirror of the first phase, with larger homes and larger lots — not multi-family housing," she said in her three-minute presentation.

She said if the change is approved by the city of Fort Worth, it could increase the number of small lots in Phase 2 to 30 percent.

The average home cost in Phase 1 is more than \$550,000, she added.

"Many of us chose Walsh over other areas because of the focus on quality, the amenities provided by the developer as well as an outstanding school district," she said. "We did not want multi-family, and we were told townhomes would be across the bridge, on the other side of I-30."

She asked board members to do anything they could to help oppose the change. Since the item was not on the agenda, board members are not allowed to respond or take action.

## Wood named new AD

After a photo-opportunity with a couple dozen players off the State Champion Bearcat football team, the school board Tuesday evening officially hired coach Steve Wood as the district's new athletic director.

Current AD Tim Buchanan, who preceded Wood as head football coach, will return to that job while Wood moves into administration.

"I don't know that I could thank you enough," Wood said. "I'm as excited as I can be."

"It's a very special place we live in here," he added. "We've had the perfect storm for several years now, and I will do all I can to keep it that way — to give our kids a chance to be successful on the court, on the field, in the pool, and off it as well."

He credited the community and school district for "great kids and great coaches," and said, "I'm going to be in their corner the best I can."

Board member Forrest Collins said he frequently hears from parents about Wood.

"One of the things all the parents tell me is not how great a coach he is, but what a great human being he is," Collins said.

Trustee Bobby Rigues echoed that.

"He's made a mark in Aledo, and we appreciate the leadership."

## Changes proposed for 2019-2020 calendar

After reviewing several options and placing proposed calendars on the school district's web site for public comment, administrators brought a calendar for the 2019-2020 school year to the board as a communication item.

Among the proposed changes are moving the start of school to Aug. 19 and going from a six-week grading period to a nine-week system.

"Moving to Aug. 19 [from Aug. 12] means we will not get out of school by Memorial Day," assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction Amber Crissey told the board. "We got a lot of public comment favoring that, and we will continue to study that in future calendar development."

She said start dates for band, volleyball and football were a big consideration.

Moving from a six-week to a nine-week grading cycle allows more time for students to demonstrate mastery of content before it goes on a report card, and gives teachers more time to work with students before they make that report, she said. It does not impact UIL eligibility criteria, she noted.

The calendar allows the district to plan more professional learning days and give teachers more flexibility in when those days are taken.

"We want to incentivize professional development, to make sure our teachers are growing and learning as educators," superintendent Dr. Susan Bohn said.

Board members discussed the 21 pages of public feedback that came through the web site on the calendar issue.

"I appreciate everyone who has participated in this process," board member David Lear said. "We saw the comments — that was transparent to us — so when the second calendar came out, you could see how that reflected the community's comments."

## Legislative session holds promise for education

As the Texas Legislature meets in Austin, Aledo educators and trustees are already planning their strategy to monitor and lobby for the district's concerns.



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**Aledo High School student Daeleigh Patridge was the high point individual for 2018 in 4-H and FFA horse judging competition. Judges in teams rank horses in eight classes — four halter and four performance — and then have to answer questions explaining their decisions. Daeleigh accumulated 2,453 points in statewide competition to lead all of Texas in this event. Daeleigh was recognized at Monday's school board meeting, and is shown with trustees Hoyt Harris and Jennifer Loftin, and AISD Superintendent Dr. Susan Bohn.**

Superintendent Dr. Susan Bohn said at Tuesday's meeting that her committee was reviewing the cover letter summarizing the legislative priorities approved by the board in December.

Those include:

- Protecting local control and opposing further state regulation of elections, local tax rates and appraisals;
- Advocating that the state make public school funding a priority and infuse more funding into the state's public school system;
- Advocating that the state work to create a revamped school finance system;
- Fund full-day pre-K for every qualifying student in the state;
- Fund any new requirements placed on public school districts, including those related to safety and security;
- Increase funding for the Teacher Retirement System health insurance programs;
- Require accountability and transparency in the use of local tax dollars with regard to property values, reductions in state funding, funding of programs other than education, and the funding and accountability of charter schools;

• All the local community to hold Aledo ISD accountable and craft local systems to measure the success of its schools;

• De-emphasize the state's reliance on multiple-choice, standardized testing; and

• Remove all A-F labeling for school campuses and districts.

The letter will be sent to Aledo ISD's legislators and the chairs of the House and Senate education committees once they are both determined.

Trustee Forrest Collins gave board members a snapshot of what is coming.

"The Senate has come out with \$3.7 billion for teacher raises," he said. "That would give every full-time teacher a \$5,000 raise. The question remains, is that adequate?"

He said the House is looking at a \$7 billion boost to education funding, but much of that may come from a proposed three percent cut in funding to Health and Human Services.

"We'll see where that goes," he said. "It's pretty early in the game."

The annual conference of the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) is Feb. 26, and East Parker County day at the Capitol is March 21.

# APPROVAL

from page one

## Fort Worth Agreement

The council approved an agreement with the City of Fort Worth to exchange a portion of the cities' extraterritorial jurisdiction.

City Administrator Bryan Grimes said there is a ridge to the east of

Willow Park on which both cities had ETJ. Because of the nature of the ridge, it was not economically feasible for Willow Park to provide utilities to the far side of the ridge.

Under the agreement, Fort Worth will take the east side of the ridge, and Willow Park will take the west side.

The council also approved an ordinance, as required by the Texas

Commission on Environmental Quality, to establish a cross connection program, designed to protect the water supply from back flow contaminants or pollution.

Turner reported to the council to provide an update on the city's well replacement program.

He said wells 14 and 15 have been completely replaced, resulting in an additional flow of 117,000 gallons

per day.


In addition, two wells have been rehabilitated, adding another 63,000 gallons per day.

Another well has also been brought online, adding 115,000 gallons per day.

Finally, the city has bids advertised for three new wells, with an anticipated production of 325,000 gallons per day.

In all, Turner said current city production capacity is 1.3 million gallons per day. During the summer, peak demand was 1.2 million gallons per day.


Once the new wells come on line in about four months, city capacity will be an estimated 1.7 million gallons per day, or enough additional water to service an estimated 500 customers.



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## PINEWOOD DERBY

Pack 2001 from Aledo/Willow Park held its annual Pinewood Derby on Saturday, Jan. 19, at the Cendera Center in Fort Worth.

Scouts of all ages design and build their own cars to compete for the gold medal. Winners from each den are selected along with overall grand prize champions.

Pack 2001 meets each Monday night during the school year at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Willow Park. It is open to boys and girls in kindergarten through fifth grade. The Pack has more than 60 active scouts. For information about the pack, email Cubmaster Mike Trinka at mike.r.trinka@lmco.com.

### THIS YEAR'S WINNER'S CIRCLE:

#### Lion Scouts:

1st Place - Graham Phillips  
2nd Place - Griffin Richwine  
3rd Place - AJ Holden

#### Tiger Scouts:

1st Place - Caleb Lancaster  
2nd Place - Luke Paxton  
3rd Place - Ethan Sawyer

#### Wolf Scouts:

1st Place - Evan Kelbaugh  
2nd Place - Josh Fink  
3rd Place - Connor Shashack

#### Bear Scouts:

1st Place - Carson Fisher  
2nd Place - Jacob Breisch  
3rd Place - Hudson Harford

#### Webelos Scouts:

1st Place - William Sullivan  
2nd Place - AJ Kessel  
3rd Place - Gabriel Seastunk

#### Arrow of Light Scouts:

1st Place - James Leising  
2nd Place - Alex Hall  
3rd Place - Corbin Richwine

#### Grand Prize Champions:

1st Place - James Leising  
2nd Place - Carson Fisher  
3rd Place - William Sullivan



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Tiger Scouts Watching Their Cars



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Adult Volunteers John Kelbaugh, Chris Baker, and Angela Carlberg

### COMMUNITY

## REMEMBERING QUANAH PARKER

Great-great grandson shares stories with Aledo Lions

By Randy Keck  
The Community News

Mention the name Quanah Parker and anyone familiar with the history of north Texas and southern Oklahoma will nod appreciatively at the name of the great Comanche chief.

The Aledo Lions Club had a first-hand glimpse into our shared history on Tuesday when they hosted a program by Lance Tahmahkera, the great-great grandson of Parker.

Tahmahkera said he grew up spending time in visits with the tribal elders in Oklahoma.

"They shared story after story," he said.

Tahmahkera, in turn, shared some of those stories with his audience.

He said the Comanche tribe was a spin-off of the Shushones, and stretched from Texas all the way to Colorado, Kansas, and Nebraska.

In the early 1800s the Comanches would mount raids into Mexico and other areas where they would "steal" people. And it was indeed Cynthia Ann Parker, Quanah Parker's mother, who was kidnapped in a raid in Texas in 1836.

Cynthia was taken along with her younger brother, John, at Fort Parker, Texas, the same year Texas won its independence from Mexico.

Cynthia's uncle, James Parker, appealed to Sam Houston for assis-



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Lance Tahmahkera (right) shows artifacts before his presentation to the Aledo Lions Club.

tance in mounting a posse, but the fledgling republic had little assistance to offer.

Cynthia Ann stayed with the Comanches for 24 years. Located by Texas Ranger Lawrence Sullivan (Sul) Ross, she was returned to her family, but never acclimated to her new life.

Tahmahkera said the Comanches revered the buffalo, which provided them sustenance. In the 1860s the government began slaughtering

the buffalo, knowing that if they killed the buffalo, it would force the Comanches into reservations.

In 1867, the Comanches agreed to the Medicine Lodge Treaty, in which three million acres was set aside for the Comanches. The Comanches promised no more raids, and the government agreed not to hunt buffalo on the reservation.

One band of Comanches did not agree to the treaty - the band led by Quanah Parker.

In a story related by Tahmahkera, Parker was almost caught by a Col. McKenzie in Palo Duro Canyon. Parker entreated his medicine man for assistance, and after a prayer, a blizzard blew in, totally hiding the Comanche band from sight. However, the band had to leave all its possessions behind in the canyon.

Quanah Parker was captured in 1875.

"He was a great leader in those

times," Tahmahkera said, adapting to his new assimilation and becoming an American.

He became a judge on the reservation, negotiating leases with the ranchers in the area, including the Waggoners.

In 1871 a school was opened on the reservation, and Tahmahkera said it became a point of pride on the reservation that their children were going to be educated.

Tahmahkera's father graduated from that school, which didn't close until 1988.

Quanah Parker became a well-respected chief who, among other things, became friends with Theodore Roosevelt.

Quanah Parker died in 1911, and Congress appropriated funds in 1930 for a monument. In 1957, Parker's remains were moved to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where they remain.

### Honoring Veterans

Shedding some light on the recent incident in Washington, DC, in which a student stood face-to-face with a Native American veteran, Tahmahkera said there is great reverence for military veterans among the Comanches. While the student did not know this, the tradition is that "I will never stand so close to you that my shadow will fall on yours."

Veterans are also never approached from behind, with the mindset that they should never have to look over their shoulders.





SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS

The organizing committee for Aledo Dancing with the Stars has been hard at work preparing for the event, which is designed to raise money for the Class of 2020. Feb. 1 is the deadline to purchase tickets. Committee members shown are (from left) Kristi Rawley, Laura Brooks, Kelly Knox-Thompson, Becky Reese, Alene Chapin, and Kristin Bryan. For more information, visit [aledopc2020.com](http://aledopc2020.com).

PARKER COUNTY

# Farmer addresses MLK event



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Harper Boone, Will Smith, and Gianna Buchfink were the winners in the second-third-grade essay contest.

By Randy Keck  
The Community News

The Parker County/Weatherford branch of the NAACP hosted its annual Martin Luther King Day on Monday, Jan. 21 in Weatherford.

Dr. Tod Farmer, Weatherford College President, was the featured speaker.

Farmer said King is one of his personal heroes.

“Dr. King was an incredibly intelligent, gifted, courageous American,” Farmer said. “He was one of the greatest orators in history.”

Farmer recalled that King skipped two grades in high school, entering Morehouse College at the age of 15, graduating at 19 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology. King went on to earn a Divinity degree and, at the age of 25, became a pastor. He went on to receive a PhD in theology.

In the wake of the Rosa Parks incident, King led the Montgomery

bus boycott and became a leader in the civil rights movement.

Farmer recalled the “I Have a Dream” speech in 1963, and King’s assassination in 1968.

“Half a century later, there is still much to be done,” Farmer said. “It is time to eradicate the vestiges of racism.”

“It is now time for ALL of our people to realize the American Dream.”

Farmer recalled a trip to Washington with a group of students, touring the memorials on the mall. The group went to the Korean War Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, and the Lincoln Memorial. At the Martin Luther King Memorial, Farmer said, a young African-American girl broke into tears, saying she never thought she would make it.

The event culminated in the presentation of awards to students in the NAACP artistic expression and essay contests.



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Girl Scout cookie sales are in swing, and two scouts from Troop 4837 set up shop in the foyer of Willow Park City Hall before the council meeting on Jan. 22. Shown are Ainsley Evans (left) and Maggie Druyman.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Note of Thanks

Thank you so much to those who took the time to shop, volunteer, or donate to Angel Project 2018. We are grateful for your help in serving those in our community who are in need.

Angel Project 2018 was a great success! Once again, AdvoCats and Aledo community members joined together to provide an invaluable service to families within the Aledo

ISD. With your help, 413 children had the joy of opening gifts this holiday season.

Angel Project would like to give special thanks to the Oak Ridge Church of Christ; The Summit Church; Aledo United Methodist Church; Reading Friends of Aledo; East Parker Coffee Company; Vandagriff Elementary School Student Council, and Aledo ISD administrators and school counselors. Your support was vital to the

success of Angel Project 2018.

Aledo Children's AdvoCats is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization of women committed to raising charitable funds to help fulfill and aid unmet needs of children and their families in the Aledo area. Established in 2002, the AdvoCats organization has donated nearly \$900,000 to our community. One-hundred percent of monies raised through fundraising are used towards charitable efforts, such as

medical expenses, clothing, living expenses, field trips, senior expenses, dental care, school supplies, and counseling.

We look forward to your continued support during Angel Project 2019. Thank you and have a wonderful year!

- ELISHA McDONALD,  
ANGEL PROJECT CHAIR  
ASHLEY HEALEY,  
ANGEL PROJECT CO-CHAIR

## Capital Highlights

# State's top elected officials take oaths of office at inauguration



Ed Sterling

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Public officials and private citizens gathered at the south steps of the state Capitol on Jan. 15 for a day's worth of inaugural events, most notably the administering of oaths of office to Gov. Greg Abbott and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who were reelected to four-year terms in November.

In his inaugural address, Gov. Abbott predicted the 86th regular session of the Texas Legislature, which convened on Jan. 8, would be "transformative." He said that with the help of Lt. Gov. Patrick and newly elected House Speaker Dennis Bonnen, leadership would "usher in a new era for children, teachers and taxpayers."

"We must finally rein in skyrocketing property taxes in Texas," Abbott said. "To fix this, Texas must limit the ability of taxing authorities to raise your property taxes. At the same time, Texas must end unfunded mandates on cities and counties. And taxpayers should be given the power to fire their property tax appraiser."

Abbott touched on a list of other topics, such as job growth, the state's low unemployment rate, the importance of public education

and public education reform, the need for teacher pay raises and better teacher retirement, enhanced school safety, and progress in natural disaster recovery efforts.

### Lt. Gov. delivers remarks

Patrick echoed Abbott's call to operate as a unit with Speaker Bonnen.

"The people of Texas didn't elect us to be silent on things that matter," Patrick said. "They elected us to work together and do what is right for the people of Texas. We have a moment in time, right now, to set the stage for an even greater Texas for future generations. It is within our grasp. The elections are over for now — we will have them again in two years to air out our differences — but for right now, it's time for us to work together for all of the people of Texas. I intend to do my part."

Patrick announced that Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, chair of the Senate Finance Committee, has filed Senate Bill 3, which he called "the first across-the-board pay increase for Texas teachers in nearly 20 years." SB 3, he said, would give every one of Texas' 350,000 teachers a \$5,000 raise beginning in the next school year, and that would be the first step in increasing the base pay of teachers by \$10,000. Patrick added that Nelson also had filed Senate Bill 1, the state budget, legislation that includes \$3.7 billion to fund the teacher pay raise.

### Panel chairs are named

Patrick, who presides over the state Senate, on Jan. 18 made public his selection of 16 committee chairs and members of each panel.

The appointments, he said, "reflect the proven leadership, commitment, solid work ethic and wide range of expertise of the 31 senators who have been elected by the people of Texas to represent them." Complete lists of panel members may be found at [www.senate.texas.gov](http://www.senate.texas.gov). These are chairs and vice chairs for each panel:

- Agriculture: Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, and Jose Rodriguez, D-El Paso;
- Administration: Bryan Hughes, R-Mineola, and Pat Fallon, R-Prosper;
- Business & Commerce: Kelly Hancock, R-North Richland Hills, and Robert Nichols, R-Jacksonville;
- Criminal Justice: John Whitmire, D-Houston, and Joan Huffman, R-Houston;
- Education: Larry Taylor, R-Friendswood, and Eddie Lucio Jr., D-Brownsville;
- Finance: Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, and Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen;
- Health & Human Services: Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham, and Charles Perry, R-Lubbock;
- Higher Education: Brandon Creighton, R-Conroe, and Royce West, D-Dallas;
- Intergovernmental Relations: Eddie Lucio Jr., and Charles Schwertner, R-Georgetown;
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Zaffirini, D-Laredo;

- Nominations: Dawn Buckingham, R-Lakeway, and Kirk Watson, D-Austin;
- Property Tax: Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston, and freshman Angela Paxton, R-McKinney;
- State Affairs: Joan Huffman, and Bryan Hughes;
- Transportation: Robert Nichols and Kelly Hancock;
- Veterans Affairs & Border Security: Donna Campbell, R-New Braunfels, and Bob Hall, R-Edgewood; and
- Water & Rural Affairs: Charles Perry, and Brandon Creighton.

### Jobless rate stays low

December was the 104th consecutive month of positive employment growth, the Texas Workforce Commission reported Jan. 18.

Texas gained some 38,000 seasonally adjusted non-farm positions during the month, pegging the unemployment rate at 3.7 percent and maintaining the same historic 43-year low the state has enjoyed since October 2018.

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area recorded December's lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 2.1 percent, followed by the Amarillo MSA and Odessa MSA, which tied for the second lowest with a rate of 2.6 percent. The Austin-Round Rock MSA recorded the third lowest rate of 2.7 percent.

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## TheIdleAmerican

# Backs to the Wall?



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My Uncle Mort's telephone is almost always warm, mostly due to the heat generated from his hand held firmly against his cheek, wherein is a jawbone that's almost always yakking.

Maybe that assessment is a bit harsh, but when the old duffer's comments have been clocked at 150 words per minute with gusts to 200, you'll get no argument here. Count me among the dozens of people on his "call list" who feel compelled to answer, if only out of curiosity.

He kicked off the new year with what he described as a "phone warning" about the danger of spending too much time worrying about walls. Before he finished, I was humming the Statler Brothers' old hit, "Counting Flowers on the Wall." You remember it, of course,

the one about "playing solitaire 'til dawn with a deck of 51."

"I've been 'studying up' on walls," my uncle began. "If you want to take on a topic that's bound to add 'muddle' to a mind already 'muddled,' be my guest. Walls have been used for centuries both to keep people out and to keep people in. And in some cases, it took centuries to build 'em. Recorded history hasn't helped much to determine whether walls are good things or bad things."

He claimed that there's so much material about walls, it can lead to the "hurting of hair, the crossing of eyes and even turns to other political parties."

What got him started, of course, is the brouhaha in Washington, DC, concerning President Trump's insistence for construction of a wall between the United States and Mexico.

Mort believes that even with full funding and the employment of most modern construction techniques, there's "no way" the wall will ever be more than a "bump in the road" when compared to great walls in history.

"The Chinese set the standard no other country can ever reach," Mort claimed. "They started their

'Great Wall' seven centuries BC, and they had many 'starts' and 'stops' before winding it up in the 19th century AD. And, the exact number of construction years still is being debated."

Best I can tell, he's right about the arguments. About all I can add is that multiple centuries, many dynasties and much manpower led to construction of one of the Seven Wonders of the World.

I think I can better contribute to "wall conversations" by offering a frame of reference more easily understood.

Admittedly, a fly on the wall might well have a better understanding, whether studies include walls dating back to Biblical times, or the one proposed today for our southern border.

For comparison's sake, let's limit discussion to the proposed wall and another provided by a Mother Goose rhyme. I refer, of course, to Humpty-Dumpty's experience with walls.

Like Humpty, we've arrived somewhat suddenly at "wall talk." We really don't know how Humpty-Dumpty — a figure described by a kindergartener as a "real egghead" — ascended the structure.

In the rhyme, the story begins

with his sitting there, then falling.

It is suggested that it wasn't a "Jack and Jill" kind of fall, but indeed a "great fall," the kind that cracks both noggins and eggs.

What to do? The "rhymester" in jolly Old England opined that all the king's horses and all the king's men — try as they did — took a "SHELLacking."

Putting Humpty-Dumpty together again was well above their pay grade.

American citizens, of course, generally feel that they have little more than an "ifs/buts/candy/nuts" understanding of the proposed wall. We do know that if the king's horses — as well as his men (and women) are called — many of them may "call in sick" unless assured of being at the top of the list for payment as soon as the government shut-down ends. It may be a while before we learn if we're to live happily ever after.

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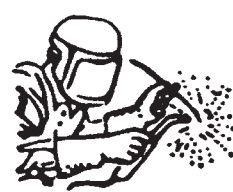
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## FOOTBALL

# STATE HONORS

McClellan, Callaway head a list of five Bearcats on AP Class 5A all-state team

### Staff Reports

The Community News

Aledo junior tailback Jase McClellan and senior offensive tackle Cameron Callaway each earned Associated Press first-team, all-state honors in Class 5A and three other Aledo football players earned all-state honors.

McClellan rushed for 2,073 yards on 269 carries (7.7 yards per carry) and scored 48 rushing touchdowns. He also caught nine passes for 107 yards and a touchdown. Callaway graded out to 95 percent and recorded 42 pancake blocks and had 52 knockdowns.

Earning all-state honorable mentions from Aledo were senior defensive end Colt Ellison; senior offensive lineman Logan Escamilla; and sophomore receiver Jo Jo Earle.



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**Aledo senior offensive tackle Cameron Callaway, shown celebrating at the state championship game, was selected to the Associated Press Class 5A all-state, first team for 2018.**



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**Aledo tailback Jase McClellan (9) was selected to the 2018 Associated Press Class 5A all-state first team. McClellan rushed for 2,073 yards on 269 carries (7.7 yards per carry) and scored 48 rushing touchdowns.**



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**Bearcats senior defensive end Colt Ellison earned an Associated Press all-state, honorable mention for 2018.**



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**Bearcats sophomore receiver Jo Jo Earle earned an Associated Press all-state, honorable mention for 2018. Earle caught 65 passes for 1,090 yards and 16 touchdowns in 2018.**



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**Bearcats senior offensive lineman Logan Escamilla (70) earned an Associated Press all-state, honorable mention for 2018.**

## BASKETBALL

# GOOD POSITION

Bearcats split pair of 4-5A games to finish 3-1 in first half of district play

### By Tony Eierdam

The Community News

Don't look now, but the Aledo Bearcats basketball team is in position to challenge for a District 4-5A championship.

The Bearcats, who have not reached the playoffs since the 2013-14 season, have not only put themselves in an excellent position to qualify for post-season play, but are also just one-half game out of first place after a 66-44 victory over Abilene Cooper Tuesday night in a boys' District 4-5A game at Aledo.

Bearcats head coach Fred Jones, in his fourth year at Aledo, said his team is pleased with its standing but realize there is still half of the district schedule left to play.

"We are excited to be 3-1 halfway through district," he said. "But we also realize the second half of district will be tough with three of the four games on the road. That is why it was so important (during the first half of district play) that we took care of business at home.

"I am just proud of the way the guys bounced back after the tough Rider loss (Jan. 18). They showed a lot of character. Our seniors have been encouraging and have lifted their teammates up."

Jones has said all year that success begins with defense. The Bearcats came from behind to take the lead for good by holding Cooper to just six second-quarter points.

"This game came down to defense," he said. "We did not execute our game plan against Rider, and our emphasis (against Cooper) was to stay with the game plan and execute well, and they did a great job. We wanted to win in rebounding and execute in the paint, and we were able to do that.

"We were aggressive early and that set the tone for the game."



TONY EIERDAM/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

**Aledo guard Austin Hawkins splits a pair of Cooper defenders while driving the lane during the Bearcats' win over Abilene Cooper.**

### Game recap

Cooper led 14-11 after the opening period before the Bearcats put on the defensive clamps. The game was tied at 20 after a layup by Cole Nitsch off a feed from Devan Daughery before Aledo closed first-half play with a 12-0 run for a 32-20 lead at the break.

Senior guard Tre Owens scored seven points in the run that was finished by a driving layup by guard JW Comiskey.

In the third quarter consecutive three-pointers – one each from Max Newell and Reid Dietrich – gave Aledo a 43-29 lead. A driving layup each by Daugherty and Brian Biggs to close the third period gave the Bearcats a comfortable 49-32 advantage as the game moved to the fourth quarter.

Owens led the 'Cats with 16 points, with Nitsch adding 15.

Also scoring were Dietrich with 11 points, Newell with seven, Truen Johnson with five, Austin Hawkins and Comiskey, each with four, and Daugherty and Brian Biggs, each with two.

### Wichita Falls Rider 59, Bearcats 42

Wichita Falls Rider jumped out to a 7-0 lead and never looked back as the Raiders outlasted the Aledo Bearcats Jan. 18 at Aledo High School.

The loss knocked the Bearcats out of the district's top spot as Rider assumed a one-half game lead over Aledo.

Rider led 16-10 after the opening period and built a 33-22 lead at the half. Rider extended its lead to 46-25 in the third quarter, but the Bearcats ended the quarter on



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**Aledo forward Max Newell puts emphasis on the Bearcats' win with a slam-dunk late in the fourth quarter.**

a 10-0 run – courtesy of six points from Johnson, a three-point bucket by Newell and a made free throw by Dietrich – to cut the Raiders' lead to 46-35 as the contest moved to the fourth quarter.

A driving layup by Johnson to begin the final stanza cut the visitor's lead to 46-37, but it was as close as the Bearcats would get. Rider closed out the game with a 13-5 run to take the win.

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SOCCER

# Ladycats stay unbeaten after Birdville tourney

**Staff Reports**  
The Community News

With pool-play wins over Hurst L.D. Bell, Birdville, and Irving MacArthur at last weekend's Birdville tournament, the Aledo Ladycats have built an 8-0-1 record after nine matches.

The Ladycats will continue non-district play with an interesting foe when they host Class 4A No. 1 Stephenville at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25 at Bearcat Stadium.

"That should be a great game," Ladycats head coach Bryan Johnson said of the Aledo/Stephenville matchup. The Ladycats are ranked No. 7 in Class 5A.

The Ladycats defeated Bell, 2-0, with Ashlyn Laughley and Grace Ornelas each scoring a goal. Ironically, each assisted on the other's goal.

Aledo, behind a second straight shutout by goalkeeper Emma Davis, downed Birdville, 2-0. Megan Crawford and Arwen Wise each scored a goal, with Laughley assisting on both scores.

The Ladycats concluded pool play with a 3-2 win over MacArthur. Goal scorers for Aledo included D'Anjelah Allen, Reagan Knesek and Brooke



**Aledo midfielder Ashlyn Laughley (9) scored a goal and dished out five assists in three matches at the Birdville tournament. The Ladycats are ranked No. 7 in Class 5A with an 8-0-1 record after nine matches.**

Jones. Jones scored on a free kick, while Laughley assisted on the other two goals.

High winds and below-freezing wind chills canceled the last day of the tournament.

Although sporting an unblemished

record through nine matches, Johnson feels the team needs to get stronger in a couple of areas.

"We need to continue working on set pieces and defensive transitions," he said.



**Ladycats senior midfielder Brooke Jones (4) scored a goal during Aledo's 3-2 win over Irving MacArthur at the Birdville tournament.**



**Aledo forward Megan Crawford (25) scored a goal during the Ladycats' 2-0 win over Birdville at the Birdville tournament.**

SOCCER

# Bearcats tie Azle, fall to 6A Duncanville at weather-shortened Birdville tournament

**Staff Reports**  
The Community News

High school soccer seems to bring out the worst of the weather.

The Aledo Bearcats managed to get their first two matches at the competitive Birdville tournament in before high winds that produced below-freezing wind chill temperatures on the third and final day of the tournament forced cancelation of a full day of games on Jan. 19.

Bearcats goalkeeper Ryland Yates earned the shutout in the scoreless tie with Azle.

"It was Ryland's third shutout of the season," Bearcats head coach Derek Vierling said. "I thought (midfielder) Micco Little and (defender) Tommy Breaux stood out and played very well."

The Bearcats dropped a 4-1 decision to Duncanville. The Panthers raced out to a quick 3-0 and never looked back. The Bearcats' lone goal was scored by sophomore forward Tyler

Oetinger, his team-leading fifth, with senior forward Clayton Holt earning the assist.

"We started off real timid," Vierling said. "We gave up three goals in the first nine minutes, but then played them 1-1 for the next 61 minutes. Duncanville is a large school (4,451 enrollment) and I think we played pretty good despite the score and start of the game."

The Bearcats are 6-3-1 after 10 matches, which includes three tournaments.

"We have played 10 games in a span of 13 days, and going 6-3-1 is a pretty good start," Vierling said. "However, we haven't been as consistent as I would like, but we have dealt with a ton of injuries and that has allowed some of our backups and younger players to get plenty of playing time."

"Hopefully, as we slow down and settle into a Tuesday/Friday routine we can get healthy and more consistent."



**Aledo senior defender Austin Jones (20) heads a ball during a recent game. The Bearcats are 6-3-1 after 10 matches in 2019.**



**Aledo junior midfielder Micco Little (10) advances the ball up field during a recent match. Little earned the assists on the Bearcats' goal in a 4-1 loss to Duncanville at the Birdville tournament on Jan. 18.**

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REFLECTION

# Wood looks back at his five years as Bearcats' top boss

By Tony Eierdam  
The Community News

In 2014, because of a rapidly-growing school district, Aledo head football coach/athletic director Tim Buchanan was forced to make a decision to either step away as head football coach and concentrate on his athletic director duties only, or stay as head football coach and help find a new AD.

Buchanan chose the former, and his longtime defensive coordinator, Steve Wood, succeeded him as Bearcats head football coach.

It was a brilliant move. In five years Wood compiled a 75-4 record, had four state championship game appearances, and won three state championships, the last this past December when the Bearcats defeated Fort Bend Marshall, 55-19,

Wood's winning percentage of 95 percent is an Aledo record that may never be broken.

But alas, now Wood is ready to flip flop with his boss. On Tuesday night, the school board approved the change, so in February Wood will take over as athletic director while Buchanan returns to the sidelines as head coach.

In a sit down with The Community News, Wood reflected on the last five years and his career as a football coach in a Q and A session.

**Q. In reflecting on your career, what did you think about first when you knew you had coached your last game?**

A. I just think about the relationships; that's what coaching is about. You build relationships and get so close to people – the coaches and the kids – because of the time we spend and the commitment that it requires. To this day, some of my best friends are guys that I coached years ago.

Those relationships built through the years, and in this profession you are able to meet so many interesting

people, especially the young people and you watch them grow. It's exciting to see those people again, and it's exciting when someone bashes you on social media and (the guys he has coached) come on with a response to back you up – they always have your back. It is also exciting when they call me and need me a little bit. I have told them I will always be there for them, and I am always happy to help.

This is a unique profession because you are able to touch so many people; be involved with so many people. There are very few professions like it where you work so close with people, and through the years you think about them.

**Q. On the senior class**

A. We have obviously had a lot of success, but that being said, there were two years where we did not win it all. I wish we could have for those kids playing on those teams, especially the seniors. I have always tried to make each football team about the senior class. They have gone through the years and paid their dues and done everything they are supposed to do – you know, it's their year and their legacy to leave.

Most of our seniors have played since freshman year – where they are the lowest on the football food chain – and then when most are sophomores they are blocking dummies that get very little attention. But that is part of the rite of passage of growing into that junior year, and in that senior year when you have arrived they can say 'it's my year.' It is a neat process.

I love this sport – I love sports in general – but I especially love football and what it can offer young people. It's been an unbelievable ride.

**Q. What were the after effects of falling in the state title game in 2017?**

A. It's kind of like the show Wide World of Sports (former popular ABC weekly sports show) – in sports



CYNTHIA LLEWELLYN/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

**Aledo head coach Steve Wood talks to players during the Bearcats playoff win over Lucas Lovejoy. Wood is taking over as Aledo ISD athletic director. In five years as head coach of the Bearcats, Wood compiled a 75-4 record and won three state championships.**

we go through the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat. You hope you can continue to learn from the wins, but the reality of it is you learn more from a loss.

A loss is a tough way to learn a lesson but it is true. If you don't learn from a loss then you have failed, because you are not going to win all of them. Nobody wins ALL of them. The key is when you get knocked down to get back up. That is one of many life lessons that sports teaches.

When you lose that last game – and that has happened two times since I have been in charge – it sets on you. It has to drive you and you have to use it as motivation. I think the kids and coaches have done a great job of doing that.

**Q. Which was your favorite of the three state championships while you were head coach?**

A. I can't say that one state championship was more gratifying than

the other; it is so special to win a state championship and see the gratification in everybody's eyes. It is special because you know all of the hard work and time everybody has put in – it is the ultimate high.

By the same token, there is no low lower than what we experienced against College Station. So in a span of 365 days we went from one extreme to the other. But that is the nature of this; there is no middle ground. You are either on Cloud 9 or down at the bottom of the ocean.

**Q. What was your favorite victory?**

My first win (in his first game as head coach), Cedar Park down at Baylor's stadium – was a pretty gratifying win. That was also fun because we played the first game at (McLane Stadium). That was a game that we might not should have won, but we came back at the end for an exciting win. That was pretty exciting for a guy trying to follow Ole Buc (Tim

Buchanan) up.

**Q. What was your main goal as a coach?**

My goal as a coach and trying to teach players is you have to learn to enjoy those wins at the same level as a loss devastates you. But that is the problem with this; those losses seem to hang on a little longer than you enjoy those wins. I was very fortunate to only be devastated four times. I have obviously been blessed to coach some really great kids.

**WOOD'S RECORD AT ALEDO HEAD COACH**

- 2014: 15-1 (state championship)
- 2015: 13-2 (state semifinals)
- 2016: 16-0 (state championship)
- 2017: 15-1 (state finalists)
- 2018: 16-0 (state championship)

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The Aledo High School Theatre Department will present Rock of Ages, High School Version, Jan. 24-27 in the AHS Auditorium. Shows are at 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday.

This show takes place at the end of the '80s in Hollywood, and the party has been non-stop! Big hair, Aqua Net, Lycra, and Heavy Metal have just about run their course on Hollywood's Sunset Strip.

This version takes place at the Snake Pit, where legendary rocker Stacey Jaxx is preparing for his last hurrah. Amid the madness, aspiring rock star Drew longs to take the stage as the next big rock-n-roll idol. He is head over heels for Sherri, fresh off the bus from Kansas with stars in her eyes.

But the rock-and-roll fairy tale is about to end when German developers sweep into town with plans to turn the fabled Strip into just another cookie-cutter strip mall. Can Drew, Sherri, and the gang save the Pit - and themselves - before it's too late? Only the music of hit bands Styx, Journey, Bon Jovi, Whitesnake and more hold the answer.

Rock of Ages HS version is a slightly different storyline than you may have seen. This version's subject matter has been adjusted to be appropriate for families and a high school audience. PG rating.

General Admission seating is \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors or students. Aledo High School Auditorium doors open 30 minutes prior to show. Tickets available at the



RANDY KECK/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

**David Lasater is shown in dress rehearsal for Aledo High School's presentation of Rock of Ages, which will run Jan. 24-27 in the AHS Auditorium. Shows are at 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday. General Admission seating is \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors or students. Tickets will be available at the door, cash or check only, or buy online from [squareup.com/store/aledo-theatre-boosters](http://squareup.com/store/aledo-theatre-boosters).**

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**JANUARY 25**

**Employer Health Plan Cooperative explained**

The Weatherford Chamber of Commerce will host a Lunch & Learn on the new North Texas Employer Health Plan Cooperative from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25 at the Fairfield Inn & Suites in

**ACROSS**

1 TX creek: \_\_\_

Digo

5 TXism: "got the hang \_\_\_"

6 "holy moly" (2 wds.)

7 \_\_\_ Star State

8 TXism: "it's root hog \_\_\_ die"

9 corn on the \_\_\_

12 "\_\_\_ like a dog"

17 this Paul was 1970's "Bozo" ringmaster in Dallas

20 TXism: "\_\_\_ driller" (dentist)

22 TX Ann gave this address at 1988 convention

23 this Davy Crockett saying, e.g.: "Be sure you're right, then go ahead"

24 Big D

29 "to \_\_\_ his own"

30 animal fur

31 parent co. of Dallas Morning News

32 in Fannin County on U.S. 82

36 \_\_\_ Newton (cookie)

37 Waxahachie event: \_\_\_ Faire

43 TX wildflower ("flaming sword")

45 TXism: "greasy \_\_\_" (cafe)

47 TX saying: "one \_\_\_ one Ranger"

48 TXism: "blind as \_\_\_"

50 "\_\_\_ of war"

51 Palo Duro's "\_\_\_ Monkey Railroad"

**TEXAS CROSSWORD**  
by Charley & Guy Orbison  
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52 TXism: "he blazes a \_\_\_ trail" (big man)

53 TXism: "costs a pretty \_\_\_"

54 South TX rancher: Mary \_\_\_ West

55 USS Texas was a Dreadnaught \_\_\_ ship

56 UT has largest collection of \_\_\_ Nash works

58 TXism: "\_\_\_ got a clue" (don't know)

**DOWN**

1 TX Strait's "\_\_\_ In Love"

2 TXism: "a good judge \_\_\_ flesh" (capable)

3 TX Doak Walker was a Detroit \_\_\_

4 Lake \_\_\_ Pines

9 gator's kin

10 TX Willie Nelson tune (4 wds.)

11 quilting or killer

12 Opie's aunt

13 TX Roddenberry Trek line: "Live long \_\_\_"

14 TX Buddy Holly hit: "\_\_\_ On"

15 Cameron AM radio

16 Branch Davidians, e.g.

18 TXism: "adios"

19 TXism: "thick as ticks \_\_\_ hound dog"

21 TX pro golfer, Elder (init.)

24 Henry Wade was the \_\_\_ who prosecuted Jack Ruby

25 TX Bob Wills line: "\_\_\_ ha, take it away Leon"

26 pos. of Cowboy rookie Vander Esch in Gray County on highway 273

27

28 1983 TX hurricane

33 citizens' radio

34 TXism: "stuffed \_\_\_ the gills"

35 Travis' Alamo letter: "I shall never surrender \_\_\_ retreat"

37 Mexican "yes"

38 talon

39 rare \_\_\_ buffalo shot in TX in 1878

40 TXism: "she has to sneak \_\_\_ mirror to fix her hair" (homely)

42 TX song: "\_\_\_ Back to Houston"

43 godly

44 TX singer Tanya (init.)

46 TX singer Nat (init.)

49 watching the sheep

50 TXism: "worn to a frazzle"

57 Exxon predecessor

**Weatherford.**

If you have two to 50 employees and are looking for affordable healthcare for your employees, there will be a panel of local insurance carriers that can provide quotes/policies. Each of the agents will speak on the insurance options and coverage and then it will be opened for questions and answers. This could be just what you are looking for. The cost is \$10 for chamber members and \$30 for non-members and includes a catered lunch.

RSVP by Jan. 22 to [info@weatherford-chamber.com](mailto:info@weatherford-chamber.com).

**JANUARY 31**

**Willow Park Hang-Out**

Willow Park Citizens Group will host a "Hang-Out" from 7:30-9:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 31 at Cafe 23:5 in the Shops of Willow Park.

Any resident, business owner, and civic leader in Willow Park is invited for free coffee and conversation, and the opportunity to get involved in the formation of the community.

For more information, visit [willowparkcitizens.org](http://willowparkcitizens.org).

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The Flourishing Tree of

Life will hold its inaugural Diaper Event from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31 at 9900 E. Bankhead Hwy. The free diaper event only has 50 spots available. To participate in the event, you must be a new client; must be pregnant or the biological parent or legal guardian of a child younger than six months; have photo ID; and must have parental documents for the child receiving diapers (birth certificate or Social Security number).

For more information, call the Flourishing Tree of Life at 817-458-0123.

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P.O. Box 117 · 241 N. Front St.  
Aledo, TX 76008  
817-441-9062

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Service 10:00 AM **5050 S Hwy 5**  
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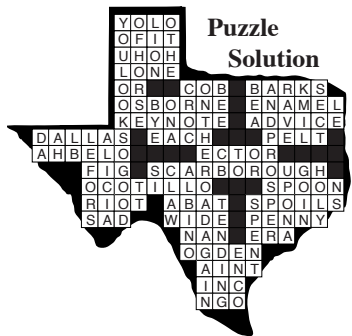
Assistance needed for 1 hour in the evening to assist elderly woman. 10\$ per hour. Contact (817) - 495 - 9927.

### 801-899 MISCELLANEOUS

#### 801 Personals

#### THE ALEDO GROUP

The Aledo Group meets in the Rock House, east corner of Aledo UMC. Monday and Thursday 7 pm. All meetings are open. Call 817-781-1715 for more information.



Puzzle Solution



ALEDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2018						
Data Control Codes		10 General Fund	50 Debt Service Fund	60 Capital Projects	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>						
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 38,893,483	\$ 13,698,157	\$ 199,916	\$ 2,546,212	\$ 55,337,768
5800	State Program Revenues	11,465,218	268,337	-	445,751	12,179,306
5900	Federal Program Revenues	115,443	-	-	1,583,916	1,699,359
5020	Total Revenues	50,474,144	13,966,494	199,916	4,575,879	69,216,433
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>						
<b>Current:</b>						
0011	Instruction	25,007,704	-	217,740	1,603,849	26,829,293
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	644,783	-	-	78,994	723,777
0013	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	406,133	-	-	116,796	522,929
0021	Instructional Leadership	605,290	-	-	-	605,290
0023	School Leadership	2,716,372	-	-	-	2,716,372
0031	Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	1,524,432	-	-	386,155	1,910,587
0033	Health Services	516,370	-	-	34,846	551,216
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	2,015,876	-	185,247	14,310	2,215,433
0035	Food Services	886	-	-	2,135,807	2,136,693
0036	Extracurricular Activities	2,255,412	-	-	5,393	2,260,805
0041	General Administration	2,023,108	-	-	15,296	2,038,404
0051	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	5,135,176	-	982,640	-	6,117,816
0052	Security and Monitoring Services	545,256	-	-	296	545,552
0053	Data Processing Services	954,682	-	220,124	-	1,174,806
<b>Debt Service:</b>						
0071	Principal on Long Term Debt	-	6,325,000	-	-	6,325,000
0072	Interest on Long Term Debt	-	7,032,220	-	-	7,032,220
0073	Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	97,902	-	-	97,902
<b>Capital Outlay:</b>						
0081	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	609,073	-	1,205,910	-	1,814,983
<b>Intergovernmental:</b>						
0091	Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	857,599	-	-	-	857,599
0099	Other Intergovernmental Charges	679,159	-	-	-	679,159
6030	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	46,497,311	13,455,122	2,811,661	4,391,742	67,155,836
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	3,976,833	511,372	(2,611,745)	184,137	2,060,597
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>						
7949	Other Resources - Gas & Land Lease	16,216	-	-	-	16,216
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	3,993,049	511,372	(2,611,745)	184,137	2,076,813
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	16,777,547	2,079,103	11,833,499	627,223	31,317,372
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 20,770,596	\$ 2,590,475	\$ 9,221,754	\$ 811,360	\$ 33,394,185

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CITY OF WILLOW PARK, TEXAS  
Doyle Moss, Mayor

Date: January 18, 2019

**City of Annetta South, Texas  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE  
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AND THE  
CITY COUNCIL**

Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Annetta South, Texas will hold a public hearing at a meeting that begins at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at New Faith Baptist Church, 3303 W. FM 5, Aledo, Texas 76008.

Further notice is given that, a second public hearing is scheduled where the request and the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission will be considered by the City Council at a meeting that begins at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at New Faith Baptist Church, 3303 W. FM 5, Aledo, Texas 76008.

At such times and place, the Commission and the Council will hear and take action on a proposed zoning amendment to the Zoning Ordinance No. 2018-4-10 Zoning Map. Seadrift Development L.P. requests rezoning, from "A" Agricultural to "SF-1" Single Family Residential, 11.35 acres within the City of Annetta South for purposes of developing an 82 lot single family residential development. The 11.35 acres within the City of Annetta South, is part of an overall 106.34 acre tract; the remainder of which is within the City of Annetta South Extra Territorial Jurisdiction. The subject tract of 11.35 acres is part of the Tax ID No. 80-0175213 generally located on the south side of FM 5 between Medina Drive and Thunderhead Lane.

Citizens are invited to attend and participate in the public hearings.

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At such times and place, the Commission and the Council will hear and take action on a request of Bryan Tennison, owner, for a replat of Tax ID 80-0878597 being part of Canyon Lake Estates Tracts 33r and Lot 34R being located at 105 Canyon Lake Dr. Proposed is to plat the two existing lots into three lots.

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# LADYCATS

from page 16

## Ladycats 60, Wichita Falls Rider 28

Allanach scored a game-high 18 points and Sale added 13 to lead the Ladycats over Wichita Falls Rider on Jan. 18 at Aledo High School.

Aledo jumped out to a 15-1 lead as Allanach scored the first 10 points of the game. In the second quarter, the Ladycats scored 21 points while holding Rider to 15 to take a 36-16 lead at the break. Aledo went on a 14-4 run in the third period to take a 50-20 lead into the fourth quarter.

"The best news was everyone got to play and the non-starters played a lot of minutes," Hyles said. "And they did some good things. We are happy to be undefeated in district halfway through, but this is a tough district and Abilene Wylie (second place in district) is dang tough.

"When we play Wylie (Jan. 29) we have to go to Abilene so that won't be easy, but all of these teams are capable of sneaking up on us if we don't take care of business."

Also scoring were Kalen Antonio with eight points, Pearce with six, Addyson Hebel and Melia Miller, each with four, Emma Fowler, Kylie Anderson and Laila Grubbs, each with two, and Herrin with one.

## ALEDO MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL RESULTS

**GIRLS**  
(Jan. 17 vs Brewer)

**8th grade**  
A team won, 46-10 (11-0)  
B team won, 45-23 (7-0)  
C team won, 45-7 (7-0)

**7th grade**  
A team won, 27-21 (10-1)  
B team won, 27-8 (7-0)  
C team won, 36-3 (7-0)



TONY EIERDAM/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Six Aledo Bearcats won team superlative awards and were recognized Monday night at the football banquet, put on by the Bearcats Quarterback Club. Awards winners include (from left) offensive lineman Cameron Callaway (Most Valuable Offensive Player), offensive lineman Logan Escamilla (Most Outstanding Offensive Lineman), offensive lineman Cooper Thompson (Heart Award), safety Tre Owens (Bearcat Award), defensive end Colt Ellison (Most Outstanding Defensive Lineman) and linebacker Wyatt Harris (Most Valuable Defensive Player).

# BEARCATS

from page ten

Johnson and Nitsch each scored 12 points to lead the 'Cats. Also scoring were Newell with 11 points, Owens with six and Dietrich with one.

"We got off to a good start in district and we know every home game is important," Jones said. "We were happy with our start but (Jan. 18) we slipped a little. We got back into the game (at the end of the third quarter) when we started being

efficient and knocking down shots.

"We got the ball in the paint on drives and passes, and that is the key to our offense. We have to get better at getting the ball in the paint. When we got down we got away from our game plan and we started to settle on outside shots. But give credit to Rider - their size and length made it tough to get the ball inside."

## DISTRICT 4-5A

WF Rider 3-0  
Aledo 3-1  
Abilene Cooper 1-2  
Abilene Wylie 1-2  
WF High School 0-3

Tuesday: Aledo 66, Abilene Cooper 44; Wichita Falls Rider 58, Abilene Wylie 42

Friday (Jan. 25): Aledo has a bye; Abilene Wylie at Abilene Cooper; Wichita Falls at Wichita Falls Rider

## DISTRICT 4-5A

Aledo 4-0  
Abilene Wylie 3-1  
Abilene Cooper 2-2  
WF Rider 1-3  
WF High School 0-4

Tuesday: Aledo 53, Abilene Cooper 42; Abilene Wylie 69, Wichita Falls Rider 30

Friday: Aledo has a bye and will travel to Argyle to play Liberty Christian in a non-district game; Abilene Wylie at Abilene Cooper; Wichita Falls at Wichita Falls Rider



TONY EIERDAM/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Aledo senior post Cole Nitsch (21) goes in strong for a layup during the Bearcats' 66-44 victory over Abilene Cooper in a boys' District 4-5A game Tuesday night at Aledo.



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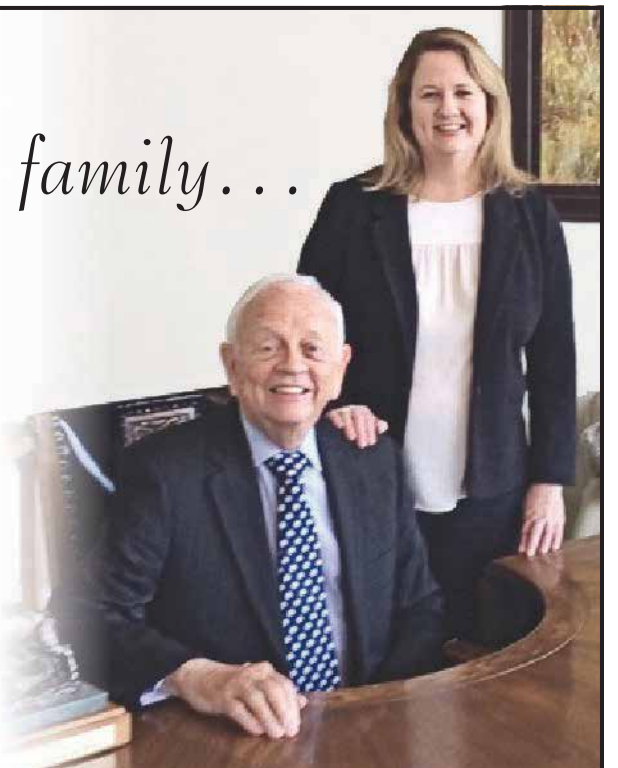
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BASKETBALL

# STAYING IN FRONT

Wins over WF Rider, Abilene Cooper keep Ladycats undefeated in District 4-5A

By Tony Eierdam  
The Community News

With convincing home wins this past week over Wichita Falls Rider and Abilene Cooper, the Aledo Ladycats stay undefeated in District 4-5A while maintaining a one-game lead over second-place Abilene Wylie.

Aledo will put its first-place position on the line in its next district game. The Ladycats will travel to Abilene on Tuesday, Jan. 29 to face Wylie. An Aledo win would wrap up the district championship.

Ladycats head coach Nikki Hyles was not happy with her team's execution Tuesday night (Jan. 22) in a 53-42 home win over Abilene Cooper. Aledo had beaten Cooper 62-26 in the first meeting between the two squads.

"Cooper gave us a good game, but we made a lot of mistakes that we don't normally make," she said. "But Cooper is the kind of team that can sneak up on you, and we took care of business. I thought Liz (Elizabeth Allanach) and Audrey (Pearce) both played very well, and Maddie (Shumway) had a good game coming off getting a cut on her head that required stitches in the Rider game. She was solid.

"We had a lot of good individual performances, but I just feel like as a team we could have done a little better."

Cooper led 8-4 early on before



Aledo freshman forward Kylie Anderson drives the lane Tuesday night during the Ladycats' 53-42 victory at home over Abilene Cooper. The Ladycats are in first place in District 4-5A with a 5-0 record.



Aledo junior guard Haley Herrin (22) plays tough defense as Audrey Pearce (3), Maddie Shumway (14) and Elizabeth Allanach get into position during the Ladycats' win over Abilene Cooper.

senior guard Allanach – who would finish with a game-high 22 points – hit a pair of free throws, converted a layup after a brilliant feed from junior guard Riley Sale and nailed a three-point bucket to give the Ladycats a 15-12 lead after the first quarter.

Aledo gave itself some breathing room in the second quarter, holding Cooper to four points and scoring 13 to take a 28-16 lead at the half. Guard Haley Herrin drove in for a pair of layups in the run, and

Shumway went four for four from the charity stripe.

Cooper managed to cut the Ladycats' lead to 11 points late in the third period before Sale swished a jumper from the right baseline to give the Ladycats a 39-26 lead as the game entered the fourth quarter.

In the fourth, a trey and a jumper by Allanach gave the Ladycats a 47-29 lead and the Lady Cougars never got closer until a pair of baskets in the final minute of the fourth

quarter that closed the scoring.

Also scoring were Sale with 12 points, Shumway with nine, Herrin and Pearce, each with four, and Kylie Anderson and Addyson Hebel, each with one. Shumway also pulled down six rebounds and recorded a blocked shot.

In sub-varsity action, the Ladycats junior varsity defeated Cooper, 52-43, as Sophie Smith led with 11 points with Carson Fronk adding 10. Also scoring were Tori Schairbaum with seven points,

Emily Delaune and Hannah Glover, each with six, Mikayla Brinkman and Abbey Connelly, each with four, and Olivia Tregallas and Shelby Bostick, each with two.

The freshman Ladycats defeated Cooper, 42-36, with Maddie Verner leading with 14 points. Also scoring were Hannah Engle with 11 points, Olivia Tregallas with 10, Kaylee Lucas with five and Shelby Bostick with two.

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