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Young students preceded the players out of the gate at the start of the inaugural football game at Eagle Stadium on Friday, Sept. 9. Leading the pack were Brock Shaw, Mason Perez, and Boone Johnson. See the story and additional photos on page B6.

WILLOW PARK Council passes 2023 fiscal year budget

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

At their meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 13, the Willow Park City Council approved the city's budget for the 2022-23 fiscal year.

The budget has anticipated general fund revenues of \$5,124,659 compared to expenses of \$5,124,660.

As expected, the most revenue will come from property taxes (\$1.9 million) and sales taxes (\$1.75 million). The police department (\$1,903,517) and fire department (\$1,425,021) are the largest expenses.

"This budget reflects fiscal responsibility while still providing for the needs of Willow Park, particularly in the public safety departments," City Manager Bryan Grimes said. "While we are going below the no-new-revenue rate, we will see increased revenue through new development."

The city finished the 2021-22 fiscal year with \$1,738,308 in sales tax revenue, besting the budgeted \$1.4 million. It also continued a trend of increased sales tax revenue from \$1,223,675 in FY 2019-20 to \$1,448,563 in FY 2020-21.

The fire department's future impact on the budget remains to be seen. In November, Willow Park residents will vote on whether to allow Parker County Emergency Services District 1 to adopt the department.

The new budget will become effective Oct. 1.

Lower property taxes

The council also approved a new property tax rate to go into effect on the same day as the new budget. The new rate is 54 cents per \$100. That's a decrease of three cents from

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'Every day is a blessing'

Parade honors young Lincoln Finley

By Randy Keck
The Community News

When six-year-old Lincoln Finley was diagnosed with Leukemia in July, it turned his world — and that of his family — upside-down, as it does with any family faced with the same situation.

There are preparations to be made — lots and lots of medical appointments, chemo infusions, emotions, explanations, education, work arrangements, and the physical affects of the chemo on a little body — and then the realization that, just a few weeks later, Lincoln would not be able to celebrate his seventh birthday with a traditional party.

Friends stepped in, and the idea of drive-by well-wishers turned into a concept for a full-scale parade (See The Community News, Sept. 2, 2022).

That parade became a reality on Saturday, Sept. 10.

Sheltered in the portico of Faith Presbyterian Church in Aledo, family and friends set up balloons, a table with cupcakes, and a bullhorn for Lincoln.



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Lincoln Finley watches birthday greeters during the parade in his honor held on Sept. 10. See additional photos on page A4.

And suddenly at 10 a.m. the parade started, starting with an Aledo ISD police car and Willow Park fire truck, lights flashing and horns blaring.

Next came a slew of Corvettes, a Willow Park police car, and then an assortment of classic cars, cheerleaders, and friends — many

poking out of sunroofs — waving greetings and flashing homemade signs of encouragement and birthday wishes.

And they kept coming — Firebirds, convertibles, pickups, SUVs, cars, an Aledo fire truck, a Fort Worth Police car— all with heartfelt wishes for Lincoln.

"My hope — the whole parade — is that Lincoln has a visible idea of how many people are alongside him during this fight," his mother, Ashley Cunningham, said. "It's very hard to explain to a seven-year-old why he has cancer."

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Ex-Students' Association Banquet

The Aledo ISD Ex-Students' Association will hold their banquet on Saturday, Oct. 8, at the Aledo Learning Center Training Room. Visitation will begin at 4:30 p.m. and the meal will be served at 6:00 p.m.

All ex-students of Aledo ISD are encouraged to attend. The cost will be \$20, which covers the meal, expenses, and \$5 for dues.

If you did not receive an invitation and would like to attend, send a note to Aledo Ex-Students' Assn., P. O. Box 737, Aledo, Texas 76008. For more information, call Lillian Haile at 817-441-8862.



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Capital Highlights

Poll: Most Texas teachers consider quitting



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More than three-fourths of Texas teachers say they have seriously considered quitting the profession largely because of a perceived lack of respect and support, according to a new survey by the Charles Butt Foundation. Excessive workload and inadequate pay were other major reasons that teachers are considering leaving. The Dallas Morning News and other media outlets reported.

The percentage of teachers considering quitting has risen to 77% this year from 58% in 2020, when the foundation conducted the first survey on the subject.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic, Texas has experienced a teacher shortage that prompted the Texas Education Agency to form a task force to address the issue. No official findings have been released.

The statewide survey included 1,291 public school teachers drawn randomly from TEA's 2020 roster of teachers. Among those teachers who seriously thought about leaving the profession, 68% updated their resumes, while about one-third applied for another job.

"This isn't just teachers not feeling satisfied," research associate Victoria Wang told The Morning News. "They're actively taking steps to leave the classroom."

The foundation is named for the CEO of H-E-B, the largest privately held employer in Texas. Its goal is "pursuing a more equitable and prosperous future for all Texans," according to its website.

Drought conditions ease in state

Welcome rains across the state have eased drought conditions, with 62.3% of the state in moderate to severe drought, affecting about a third of the state's population, according to drought.gov. That is down from the end of June, when drought conditions covered 86% of the state.

Most of East Texas and South Texas and the El Paso area are no longer experiencing drought. Severe drought remains prevalent around the San Antonio and Midland-Odessa areas and eastward to the Abilene region.

Voter registration deadline is Oct. 11

Eligible Texans who plan to vote in the Nov. 8 general election must be registered by Oct. 11, according to Texas Secretary of State John Scott. While voter registration in Texas is county based, Texans can make sure they're registered by visiting the secretary of state's Am I Registered portal: tinyurl.com/4wcn4b9x.

Early voting runs from Oct. 24 to Nov. 4. A hotly contested governor's race between incumbent Republican Greg Abbott and Democratic challenger Beto O'Rourke is at the top of the ballot. Other statewide races

include lieutenant governor, attorney general, comptroller, land commissioner, agriculture commissioner, and railroad commissioner.

Other races are underway for seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, Texas Legislature and assorted local offices. Check with your local elections clerk for a full sample ballot.

Abbott: Electric grid safe this fall

The state's electric grid should have no problem handling power demand this fall, Gov. Greg Abbott said after meeting with members of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas and the Public Utility Commission. A joint meeting was held last week to discuss the issue, although typically there are few challenges to the grid during autumn and spring because of decreased demand.

The new forecast by ERCOT predicts plenty of power available in October and November, despite planned shutdowns by a number of Texas power plants for scheduled maintenance.

"The State of Texas continues to monitor the reliability of our electric grid, and I thank ERCOT and PUC for their hard work to implement bipartisan reforms we passed last year and for their proactive leadership to ensure our grid is stronger than ever before," Abbott said.

The grid faced unprecedented demand this summer with triple-digit temperatures across most of the state for weeks on end.

Updated COVID-19 boosters shipping to state

The third booster vaccine for COVID-19 is shipping to health-care providers across the state this week, the Texas Department of State Health Services reported. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has allocated about 900,000 doses of the updated boosters to Texas. That figure includes 502,5000 doses of the Pfizer vaccine and 192,800 doses of the Moderna vaccine available for order by health-care providers. Another 200,000 or so doses will be available through large retail pharmacies, such as H-E-B, CVS, Walgreens and Walmart.

The so-called "bivalent" vaccines differ from earlier versions in that they protect against both the original strain of COVID-19 and the Omicron variant that has been responsible for more than 99% of the COVID cases in Texas in the past month, according to DSHS.

People can get the updated booster if it has been at least two months since they received the original vaccine or one of the previously offered boosters.

COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations drop

The number of new COVID-19 cases reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University during the past week dropped to 49,326, down about 10% from the previous week, with 133 new deaths reported, also a decrease. DSHS reported 2,440 lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations, just slightly lower than the previous week.

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A lesson from Ticos

Hispanic Heritage Month runs from Sept. 15 — Oct. 15. Costa Rica's Independence Day is celebrated Sept. 15, when their independence from Spain occurred in 1821. The history and the formation of sovereign

American countries were under the same control which prompted the name "banana republics," a pejorative term.

In 1948 a new constitution was approved and Costa Rica has since been called the Switzerland of Central America. The military was abolished and neutrality declared. United Fruit's influence began to wane.

Elections are free and many presidents from many parties have been elected. Education is universal and state supported. Costa Rica is one of the most literate countries of the third world. Health care is excellent and free.

A Gallup poll and an article in National Geographic magazine found that Costa Ricans are the happiest people in the world. Reasons for this are strong social bonds, a clean environment, and investment in education.

"Pura Vida" (pure life) is the national motto and greeting, and sums up their attitude towards life. They are just more laid back and calm. When I arrive there, I feel an immediate sense of peace and calm.

Now that recipe for Gallo Pinto:

Gallo Pinto
1 sweet bell pepper (red is traditional), diced
1 medium onion diced
4 tablespoons cooking oil
2 tablespoons Salsa Lizano (optional)
2-4 cups cooked white rice
2-4 cups cooked black beans (Canned ok but cooked from dry preferred)
½ cupped chopped cilantro
(Note: Salsa Lizano is the national sauce of Costa Rica, called English sauce, and is now available in the USA from multiple online sources.)

In a large skillet:
Sauté onion and bell pepper in cooking oil



Add rice and more oil if needed. Cook the rice until slightly crispy or as desired

Add beans and some bean juice and let simmer, stirring the entire mixture until heated

Add salt and pepper as desired.
Turn off heat and stir in cilantro and Salsa Lizano.
Serve with more Salsa Lizano and corn tortillas if desired.

Salsa Lizano is not required to make the dish. You can make a very good pinto without it and many Ticos leave it out and restaurants and hotels leave it out.

The proportions don't have to be exact. Some people don't like cilantro and it can be left out. You can make a large batch of Pinto and heat and serve during the week.

A traditional breakfast consists of Gallo Pinto, corn tortillas, an egg, and grilled plantains. Tropical fruit is optional. When served at dinner, a skillet grilled chicken thigh or breast is sometimes included. Salsa Lizano and hot sauce on the side and Costa Rican coffee are other options.

Cook your own batch and think of it as a regular addition to you family's diet. We have.

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TEXAS TRAIL OF FAME

25 years in Stockyards Historic District

Nine bronze stars will be added this year

The Texas Trail of Fame, Inc., the organization responsible for placing more than 250 bronze stars in the sidewalks of the Fort Worth Stockyards National Historic District, will celebrate 25 years of educating and entertaining visitors in 2022.

The Trail began in 1997 and has become a key feature of the Fort Worth Stockyards National Historic District experience. To keep the quarter-of-a-century of momentum going, this year Texas Trail of Fame will add nine stars to the historic sidewalks which are seen by more than six million

visitors each year. The new inductees are:

- Robert Duvall, Actor
 - Sam Elliott, Actor
 - Geronimo, Apache Medicine Man
 - Rebecca Tyler Lockhart, American Paint Horse Association Founder
 - Texas Rangers, Dept. of Public Safety, Established 1823
 - Jimmy Risky, Texas Bar-B-Q Legend
 - Mollie Taylor Stevenson Sr. and Jr., Ranchers/Preservationists
 - Buster Welch, Rancher/Cutting Horse Trainer
 - William "Bill" D. Wittliff, Storyteller/Writer
- The 25th Anniversary Induction Ceremony and Dinner presented by



the Fash Foundation honoring the 2022 inductees on the Texas Trail of Fame will be held on Thursday, Oct. 27, in the 81 Club at Billy Bob's Texas, 2525 Rodeo Plaza, in Fort Worth. The event is open to the public, but seating is limited.

Doors open at 5 p.m.; dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$150 each and may be purchased online at www.TexasTrailofFame.org. Raffle tickets for a Henry Texas Tribute Edition rifle are also available online.

The individuals being inducted or their representatives have been invited to attend. Everyone who loves Western culture is welcome. The Induction Ceremony and Unveiling Ceremony of the stars take place during the Red Steagall Cowboy Gathering, which adds to the excitement of the event.

"It is a thrill to meet some of the individuals whose names are on the prestigious list of heroes," said

Brad Gandy, Texas Trail of Fame president. Evening attire is "Sunday best." The Induction Ceremony and Dinner will feature great speakers, entertainment, food and fun.

The Unveiling Ceremony for the nine new 24" Bronze markers and drawing for the rifle will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29, in front of the Livestock Exchange Building, 131 East Exchange Avenue, Fort Worth.

For more information including sponsorship opportunities, visit www.texastrailoffame.org or call Paula Cochran, Texas Trail of Fame secretary, at 817-791-4150.



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the current rate of 57 cents per \$100 and a return to the rate that was in place from 2016 through 2020.

The 2021 increase was reported as being due to additional fire department personnel.

Trail presentation

Larry Colvin, President of the Weatherford Mountain Bike Club (WMBC), made a trails presentation to the council. Colvin, who is also the senior designer for civil, landscape, and trails for Baird, Hampton & Brown engineering consultants in Weatherford, was instrumental in the design and implementation of the Parks of Aledo Trail system. He has been designing a comprehensive single-track trail plan for the City of Willow Park for more than a year.

In addition, Colvin has also been in contact and involved with the surrounding cities of Annetta, North Annetta, Aledo, Hudson Oaks, and Weatherford, as well as several Parker County officials. His plan is to connect all of his proposed trails, those of other cities, and ones existing into one connecting trail system

of nine miles of new single-track trails.

The goal of EPCoT will be to create an all-weather road bike route that will connect the existing and proposed mountain bike trailheads to one another.

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National Night Out

The City of Willow Park will participate in National Night Out on Oct. 4 at 5:30 p.m. at the Public Safety Building on West Stagecoach Trail. The Willow Park Police and Fire Departments will be on hand, along with several community partners.

- These include:
- The Kendi Jean and Jered Harlan musical entertainers.
 - Golden Reward Sanctuary animal rescue and Onyx of GRS.
 - iRescue animal rescue.
 - Parker Paws animal welfare.
 - Dosey Dough food truck.
 - Carve & Cask food truck.
 - Cousins Maine Lobster food truck.



Fort Worth pledges \$15 million for Juneteenth Museum

The Fort Worth City Council unanimously approved a resolution Tuesday pledging \$15 million to the development of the National Juneteenth Museum in the city's Historic Southside neighborhood.

The contribution will only be made once the balance of the \$70 million project is raised.

Architectural renderings of the National Juneteenth Museum show a building with a dramatic roofline that reflects the gables of the shotgun-style homes in the Historic Southside neighborhood where it will be located.

The building's design, and that of three adjacent residential buildings in the development planned for the Evans and Rosedale corridor, was unveiled during a recent City Council work session.

Jarred Howard, principal with Sable Brands, the project's developer, said the museum was designed by the New York office of Denmark-based Bjarke Ingels Group. It is the same architecture firm that designed Google's Northern California headquarters.

The design also draws on the design of the Juneteenth Star featured on the official Juneteenth flag, Howard said.

In the making for several years, the project was formally announced in December 2021. The museum will be on the second level of a two-story building. The lower level will feature a restaurant, business incubator, 250-seat amphitheater and storefronts. The three adjacent residential buildings will have 55 residences.

"Literally and figuratively, it was designed to be a beacon of light in an area that has been dark for a very long time," said Howard, who grew up in Fort Worth's Stop Six neighborhood. "It's time for the revitalization of the Historic Southside. Our hope is that the city will embrace it."

The national museum will complement those in the Cultural District and become a global tourist destination, he said.

Construction could begin by year's end or in the first quarter of 2023. A grand opening is planned for mid-2025.

Fort Worth resident and activist Opal Lee is the impetus behind the Juneteenth federal holiday. Juneteenth had been celebrated in Texas for many years to commemorate June 19, 1895, when Texas slaves were freed following the Civil War.

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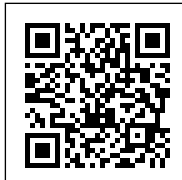
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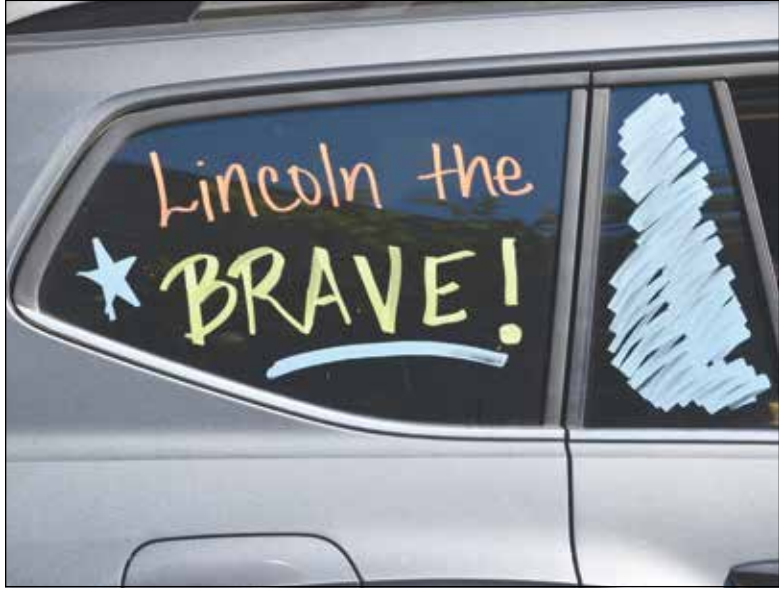


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"Why" is always the toughest question to answer. "He asked me the other day why he had cancer, why God chose him to have cancer," Cunningham said after the parade. "And my only response was, we don't know those exact answers and we may not know them ever during our lifetime, but what we do know and believe is that God chose him because he's special and that he has a very big plan for him, and I hope today was such a wonderful reminder of how big his plan is and how many hearts he's touching."

"And I hope that through Lincoln's journey, he brings people back to their faith, and just reminds us all how fortunate we are to have our able and willing bodies and every day is a blessing. So I just hope that he is motivated and uplifted by the parade today. That was my entire thought the whole time. And I'm just overwhelmed with gratitude."



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Additional parade photos and video can be found on the web version of this story.

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Top left | A car with Lincoln the Brave written on the window drives in the parade. Middle left | Lincoln waves to his birthday greeters. Bottom left | Family waves to the parade. Top center | A greeter holds a sign out of the window of the car during the parade. Middle center | A gift is given from a greeter. Top right | A sign encourages Lincoln along the parade route. Bottom right | A young boy waves to Lincoln. Below | Cheerleaders in the parade for Lincoln.



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AHS seniors earn prestigious National Merit Semifinalist status

By Mercedes Mayer
Aledo ISD

Aledo High School is home to two National Merit Semifinalists for the second-straight year as Bearcat seniors Luke Shelton and Zach Taylor were recognized on Wednesday, Sept. 14, among the 16,000 semifinalists nationwide and nearly 2,000 in Texas in the 68th annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test entrants in each state.

"We are so excited for Luke and Zach for earning this prestigious recognition and commend them for all of the hard work that got them to this point," AHS principal Angi Tims said. "Luke and Zach represent Aledo High School so well, and I know our incredible teachers who have helped them along the way are as proud as I am. Congratulations Luke and Zach!"

Shelton, who would eventually like a job that allows him to invent new things, plans to major in engineering, possibly mechanical or electrical, in college. He is applying to Texas A&M, MIT, the University of Texas at Austin, and Embry Riddle Aeronautical University.

"After receiving my score on the PSAT, I had hoped that my score



Left to right: AHS seniors Zach Taylor and Luke Shelton are National Merit Scholarship semifinalists.

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would be enough," Shelton said. "I was pretty happy when I found out that I was a National Merit Semifinalist."

Taylor, whose dream job is to be a NASA or SpaceX astronaut, is planning to major in Aerospace Engineering. He is applying to Texas A&M, the University of Texas at Austin, Purdue University, and the University of Oklahoma. About learning of his National Merit Semifinalist recognition, Taylor said he was "sort of expecting it" after calculating his scores.

"But I was still extraordinarily excited when I actually got it!" he said.

Shelton and Taylor will have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,250 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$28 million.

High school juniors entered the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2021 PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. National Merit Finalists are notified of this designation in February. National Merit Scholarship winners are selected from the group of Finalists.



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WEATHERFORD COLLEGE

Award-winning pianist to perform Schubert recital

Internationally renowned concert pianist Gustavo Romero will perform a free recital at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, in Weatherford College's Alkek Fine Arts Center.

Romero is renowned for technical brilliance and was hailed as a "pianist of genius" by The Washington Post. He began playing piano at age 5 and performing at age 10. At 13 he performed with the New York Philharmonic, and at 14 he attended the Juilliard School.

He has since traveled the world and won countless competitions

and is currently a professor of piano at the University of North Texas.

For his 2022-23 season, Romero is celebrating Schubert's contribution to piano on the 225th anniversary of his birth.

"The great miracle of Schubert's genius is that while he only lived to the age of 31, he wrote over 1,500 works including over 600 songs for solo voice and piano," Romero said. "This program presents four of his 21 sonatas and includes music that Schubert never heard performed during his lifetime."



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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

James and the Giant Peach
 Theatre Off the Square will present Roald Dahl's "James and the Giant Peach" on weekends Sept. 2-17 at 114 N. Denton in Weatherford.

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

The cast and crew are from Aledo, Azle, Benbrook, Fort Worth, Granbury, Mineral Wells, and Weatherford. Tickets are \$20 for all ages and all days, including matinees. To purchase tickets and choose seats, visit https://buy.tickets-tothecity.com/purchase.php?event_id=10309. Masks are optional.

Vaccination Clinic in Aledo

The City of Aledo will host a vaccination clinic, including Flu, High Dose Flu, COVID-19 vaccine and booster, and B-12. The clinic will run from 2-5 p.m. Friday, Sept 16, at Aledo Community Center, 104 Robinson Court in Aledo. Pre-registration is required. To register, visit <https://rightsidehealth.typeform.com/to/NTzSDV4m>.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17

Walk to End Alzheimer's
 The annual Walk to End Alzheimer's will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Heritage Park Amphitheater, 378 Jack Borden Way in Weatherford. All funds raised through

Walk to End Alzheimer's further the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association. The Alzheimer's Association is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization. All donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

The walk route is 3.1 miles (5k). Walkers can participate individually or as a team to raise funds.

To register, visit https://act.alz.org/site/TR?sid=23932&type=fr_informational&pg=informational&fr_id=15910.

For more information, call Jennifer Reinhardt at 817-500-9720 or email weatherfordwalk@alz.org.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Award-winning pianist to perform Schubert recital
 Internationally renowned concert pianist Gustavo Romero will perform a free recital at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, in Weatherford College's Alkek Fine Arts Center. Romero is renowned for technical brilliance and was hailed as a "pianist of genius" by The Washington Post. He began playing piano at age 5 and performing at age 10. At 13 he performed with the New York Philharmonic, and at 14 he attended the Juilliard School. He has since traveled the world and won countless competitions and is currently a professor of piano at the University of North Texas. For his 2022-23 season, Romero is celebrating Schubert's contribution to piano on the 225th anniversary of his birth. "The great miracle of Schubert's genius

is that while he only lived to the age of 31, he wrote over 1,500 works including over 600 songs for solo voice and piano," Romero said. "This program presents four of his 21 sonatas and includes music that Schubert never heard performed during his lifetime."

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

Ex-Students' Association Banquet
 The Aledo ISD Ex-Students' Association will hold their banquet on Saturday, Oct. 8, at the Aledo Learning Center Training Room. Visitation will begin at 4:30 p.m. and the meal will be served at 6:00 p.m. All ex-students of Aledo ISD are encouraged to attend. The cost will be \$20, which covers the meal, expenses, and \$5 for dues. If you did not receive an invitation and would like to attend, send a note to Aledo Ex-Students' Assn., P. O. Box 737, Aledo, Texas 76008. For more information, call Lillian Haile at 817-441-8862.

Fall Festival
 Aledo United Methodist Church will host their annual Lord's Acre or Fall Festival on Saturday, October 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a Kids' Zone, Country Kitchen, Live Auction, Silent Auction, Vendors, Food, and Music.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

Aledo golf fundraiser planned
 The 19th Annual Bearcat/Ladycat Golf Fundraiser is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 16 at Split Rail Links & Golf Club.

ACROSS

1 TX Tommy Lee Jones 1978 film: "Eyes of Laura _____"

5 TXism: "get your ducks in _____"

6 weather's "EI _____"

7 El Paso's first female mayor Suzy Mills County seat

16 popular Dallas area "West _____"

17 mineral springs (2 wds.)

21 Gov. "_____ " Ferguson

22 TX Farr of the "Sons of the Pioneers"

23 Kiowa chief "Orator of the Plains"

24 hair style foam

29 TXism: "at my _____ end" (frazzled)

30 TX Helmond's role on "Who's the Boss"

31 European political org. (abbr.)

32 TX LeDoux's "_____ Dollar"

34 a rapper's "dog"

35 TXism: "_____ as a boardinghouse cat"

36 art in oil

37 it's scored when an Astro crosses the plate (2 wds.)

38 _____ brush

39 TXism: "nip _____"

41 TX "Bandit Queen" Starr

42 TXism: "not a lick"

43 Lou Gossett role on Texas-based "Return to Lonesome Dove"

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DOWN

1 owner of 92 Texas Domino restaurants: "Mac Pizza _____"

2 state where TX Johnny Ringo died

3 Pres. Reagan

4 Texas wildflower ocotillo, aka "flaming _____"

9 TXism: "_____ the unvarnished truth"

10 "his and _____"

11 there's a mess of _____marts in Texas

12 this Ladd starred in "Santiago" with TX Chill Willis (init.)

13 TX Dan Jenkins' "Life _____ self"

14 TXism for "thing"

15 TXism: "_____ bien"

18 hubby of 21-across

19 TXism: "if a hog had wings he'd be _____"

20 lightly fried

22 famous Rice QB of the 1950's (2 wds.)

24 TX runner Mal _____ medals (init.)

25 TX V.T. Hamlin created "Alley _____"

26 fictitious sister of TX Ima Hogg

27 Texan activity in Colorado

28 seat of San Patricio County

29 TXism: "got a hankerin' for"

30 in Bowie County on U.S. 67

33 not yours

34 TXism: "he couldn't beat a _____"

35 Marble _____, TX

37 these are now illegal in Texas

38 TXism: "he shoots _____ eye bullets"

40 TXism: "me casa _____ casa"

41 TX barbed wire tycoon: John "_____ Million" Gates

44 "chute" or "graph" prefix

47 less than

49 Dallas Cowboys' "Ring of _____"

The event benefits the Aledo High School boys and girls golf teams. The tournament, with four-person teams, will have a shotgun start at 1 p.m.

Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

Entry fee is \$600 per team. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three teams, along with hole-in-one prizes.

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To pay by credit card, contact Booster Club Treasurer Jami Warner at 620-290-3386. For more details, contact Dalia Smith at 817-675-0404 or daliasguard-aledo@yahoo.com, or Becca Moore at 817-821-2407 or becca-moore@hotmail.com.

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NOTICE OF HEARING TO VOTE ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.100000 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of ESD #9.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.100000 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.094138 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.097698 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.137650 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2022 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for ESD #9 from the same properties in both the 2021 tax year and the 2022 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that ESD #9 may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for ESD #9 exceeds the voter-approval rate for ESD #9.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for ESD #9, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for ESD #9.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that ESD #9 is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2022 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 22, 2022 AT 07:00 pm AT Parker County ESD 9, 1107 FM 1189, Brock, TX 76087.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the voter-approval tax rate but not greater than the de minimis rate. However, the proposed tax rate exceeds the rate that allows voters to petition for an election under Section 26.075, Tax Code. If ESD #9 adopts the proposed tax rate, the qualified voters of the ESD #9 may petition the ESD #9 to require an election to determine whether to reduce the proposed tax rate. If a majority of the voters reject the proposed tax rate, the tax rate of the ESD #9 will be the voter-approval tax rate of the ESD #9

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount = (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100

FOR the proposal: Randall Grissom Craig Chambers
Cruz Rivas

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: N/A

ABSENT: Jim Calhoun, Jr.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by ESD #9 last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by ESD #9 this year.

	2021	2022	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.100000	\$0.100000	increase of 0.000000, or 0.00%
Average homestead taxable value	\$356,460	\$369,807	increase of 13,347, or 3.74%
Tax on average homestead	\$356.40	\$369.81	increase of 13.35, or 3.75%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$1,030,487	\$1,155,918	increase of 125,431, or 12.17%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for ESD #9 at 817-596-0077 or parkerced@parkerced.org, or visit www.parkerced.org for more information.

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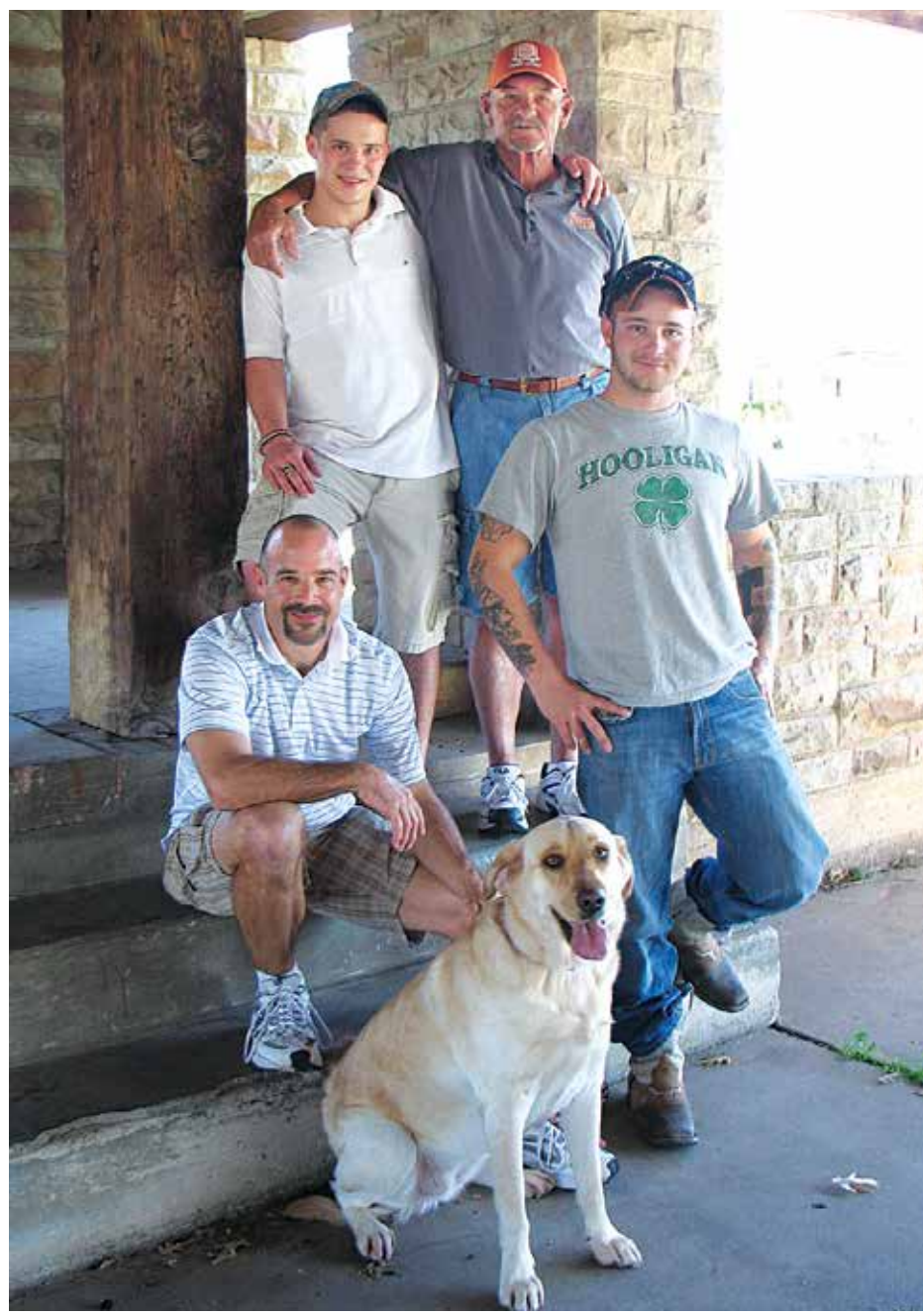
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ALEDO FOOTBALL ADVANCE

Bearcats look to keep Hornets winless

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

They say death and taxes are life's only two certainties. However, if you ask the folks in Azle they might add one other item to that list.

The Aledo Bearcats defeating the Azle Hornets — and soundly — has become as sure a thing as a mid-afternoon in July in Texas is going to be sizzling. In fact, in their past six meetings the games have been about as close as going to Amarillo by way of Houston.

Dating to 2008, the Bearcats have outscored the Hornets 332-10 in their last half dozen get-togethers. In all, Aledo leads the series 13-2, including winning their only playoff meeting in 2004, 48-35.

And this season the Hornets come into Friday's District 3-5A Division I game at Bearcat Stadium still looking for their first win, coming off a 63-14 humbling at home to Denton Ryan last Friday. In fact, Azle has been outscored 190-55 in its three losses.

"I really thought Azle would be better," Bearcats head coach Tim Buchanan said. "But we really don't talk about the other team that much. We talk about ourselves, what we need to do to get better.

"You cannot control your opponent. You can only control how good or bad you play."

The Bearcats played their best football of the season on Sept. 8 as they traveled to Justin Northwest and won 49-20 behind 148 yards rushing and four touchdowns from Hawk Patrick-Daniels. Starting quarterback Hauss Hejny and backup Hayden Brant each threw for touchdowns and wide receiver Jalen Pope caught six passes for 94 yards and a TD.

In all, seven different players caught a pass for Aledo and five ran the ball to go along with the twin play at QB. The defense, led by Jayton Owens with eight tackles (one for a loss) and a fumble recovery, recovered three fumbles.



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Ryan Cox (17) attempts to evade a tackle against Northwest. Also shown is Gavin Olenjack (22).

And on special teams, Austin Keith's only punt of the evening went for 63 yards.

Just have fun

Following the first 0-2 start of his head coaching career, Buchanan had a message for his team before their trip to Northwest.

"I told the kids we need to go have fun," he said.

And now?

"They're relaxed, having some fun, coaches are having more fun," he added.

Of course, life is more enjoyable with a win, and the Bearcats are hoping to keep the good feelings going Friday against an Azle squad

that could use a few smiles of its own.

Like Aledo, the Hornets have played a challenging schedule. Aledo's non-district losses were 24-17 at Dallas Parish Episcopal (3-0) and 44-14 at home to Denton Guyer (3-0), two of the top programs in the state. Meanwhile, the Hornets lost 69-20 at home to Frisco Reedy (3-0) and 58-14 at Grapevine before opening league game.

Pope, who has 15 catches for 278 yards and a pair of touchdowns this season, and fellow receiver Gavin Olenjack (6 catches, 58 yards) who has yet to drop a pass this season.

Also probably out are linebackers Cap Mooney, the team's leading tackler Ky Howington (20 tackles, 1 for loss, 1 interception). Offensive tackle Isaac Hohn is also expected to miss the

the week before against Guyer, Buchanan said there is no question who the starter is.

"Hauss is good and he's getting better," Buchanan said, adding praise for the play of Brant in a backup capacity.

Against Northwest Hejny completed 10 of 14 passes for 139 yards and a touchdown. Brant was 8-for-13 for 71 yards with a TD and interception. For the season, Hejny is 23-for-44 for 378 yards with two TD and two interceptions, while Brant is 15-for-26 for 100 yards with a TD and a pick.

Hejny brings a strong rushing element to the position, having carried 24 times for 156 yards.

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Hauss is the man

While both Hauss Hejny and Hayden Brant saw considerable playing time at quarterback at Northwest — and both played

Injury update

The Bearcats are likely going to be without up to five starters against Azle, Buchanan said. This includes



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ABOVE | Spartans' quarterback Jordan Irby is upended by Trinity Christian's Kadin James (52) and Riley McCracken (70). Also in on the play was Jake Anderson (8). BELOW | Defensive back Braxton Lewis (2) is congratulated by teammates following an interception in the game on Friday, Sept. 9.

FOOTBALL

Eagles drop home opener

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

While there was plenty to celebrate in the unveiling of the new stadium home of the Trinity Christian Academy Eagles football team, on the field it was a different matter as the Eagles were defeated 50-6 by Dallas Christian Home School Educators on Friday, Sept. 9.

In improving to 3-0, the visiting Spartans got 284 yards passing and four touchdowns from quarterback Jordan Irby. All four of

his touchdowns went to wide receiver Casey Hasse for 47, 43, 34 and 24 yards. Hasse ended the night with seven catches for 208 yards.

The Eagles (1-2) got 73 yards rushing on just nine carries from quarterback Evan Chrane, including the game's longest run at 64 yards. Running back Jake Wallis ended the evening with 58 yards on 10 carries and scored TCA's lone touchdown on a 4-yard run in the third quarter.

Wallis also caught a 10-yard pass from Chrane.

"The lessons we learned on Thursday nights we've got to learn on Friday nights," said Eagles head coach Bryan Marmion. "We've got to learn to be in a competitive situation and then learn how to win games."

A defensive highlight for the Eagles was an interception by defensive back Braxton Lewis. Also, on special teams, punter Riley

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CROSS COUNTRY

Aledo sweeps at Mineral Wells meet

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

The Aledo varsity Bearcats and Ladycats ran away with the championship of the Mineral Wells Ram Invitational on Friday, Sept. 9. Meanwhile, the junior varsity boys also claimed first.

And while they didn't field a complete team, the JV girls had four finishers individually in the top 10.

The course was a little longer than the traditional high school cross country course for both boys and girls. The boys' course was almost 3.5 miles, compared to the usual 5,000 kilometers, or 3.1 miles. The girls, who normally run 5K, were set to run 2 miles in this race, but instead the course was closer to 2.25 miles.

"Although the course was long, all athletes competed extremely well. It was truly an amazing day!" exclaimed head coach Mike Pinkerton. "So proud of these athletes — not only the way they compete, but also the way they train."

The JV boys, in fact, posted a perfect score of 15 with the top five individuals taking places 1-5 (team scores are comprised of the five top individual performances). The varsity boys came close with 19 points, having the top four finishers.

The Ladycats finished with 35 points and four of the top eight finishers.

Leading the varsity boys was Jack Fink, the overall individual winner with a time of 17 minutes, 55.14 seconds. Vincent Luffey was second in 18:31.24. He was followed by Dominick Barrera, third, 19:05.71;

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GOLF

Aledo golf fundraiser planned

From Staff Reports
The Community News

The 19th Annual Bearcat/Ladycat Golf Fundraiser is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 16 at Split Rail Links & Golf Club. The event benefits the Aledo High School boys and girls golf teams.

The tournament, with four-person teams, will have a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

Entry fee is \$600 per team. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three teams, along with hole-in-one prizes.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available, including:

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- Birdie sponsor, \$1,000, signage on all golf carts, signage on course, recognition on Facebook page.

- Eagle sponsor, \$2,000, four-person team, signage on all golf carts, signage on the course, recognition on Facebook page.

Artwork is due by Oct. 3 to daliasguard-aledo@yahoo.com.

Make checks payable to AABC - Golf. Mail to Aledo Athletic Booster Club - Golf, P.O. Box 693, Aledo, TX., 76008.

To pay by credit card, contact Booster Club Treasurer Jami Warner at 620-290-3386.

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Henry Zedler, fourth, 19:09.62; and Luke Schabel was 10th in 20:09.04.

Molly Garrison led the varsity girls, taking first individually in 12 minutes, 13.55 seconds. Sophia Brandenburg was third in 12:41.58, followed by Elizabeth Griffin, sixth, 13:04.09; Sidney Tillotson, eighth, 13:07.44; and Aubrey Connelly, 22nd, 14:02.67.

Leading the JV boys was James Price, first, 20:17.40; Daniel Stephens, second, 20:32.21; Bo Merrill, third, 21:56.96; Chad Thomas, fourth, 22:05.04; and Lincoln Tuin, fifth, 22:19.16. Also in the top 20 were Ian Robbins, 13th, 23:40.04; Isaac Price, 15th, 24:04.04; and Christian Flores, 19th, 24:20.97.

Caroline Browning posting the top time among Aledo JV girls, finishing in 14:36.30. Right behind in third was Emily Lewis, 14:47.85; followed by Sadie Williams, fifth, 15:00.89; and Catie Weimer, ninth, 15:38.85.

The Aledo squads are back in action Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Paschal Invitational. The meet will be held at the Athletic Performance Ranch.

Middle School Football

Three out of four Aledo Middle School football teams defeated Stephenville on Sept. 13.

The seventh grade teams both scored shutouts. The 7A team won 38-0, while the 7B team won 26-0. Both teams are now 2-0.

Stephenville squeaked by the 8A team 23-22, and its record falls to 0-2. The 8B team won 60-2, and now has a record of 2-0



Focus on Freshman Football

Both Aledo freshman football teams defeated Denton Guyer on Sept. 1.

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Left | Briley Perkins (35), Brady Powell (25), and Noah White (20) on the Freshman Black team gang-tackle a Guyer runner. Above | Kaden Winkfield on the Freshman Orange team evades a tackle.

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GAME REVIEW

Aledo gets first win

Extends district win streak to 104

By Jim Zimmermann
The Community News

The Aledo Bearcats rebounded after a 0-2 start to the season with a dominant performance Thursday night, Sept. 8, against the Northwest Texans, winning 49-20. Aledo's schedule to start the season was one of the hardest that they have had in several years.

Not only did Coach Tim Buchanan's team bounce back from an 0-2 start, but they also made a statement that Aledo isn't going anywhere, and you better bring your "A" game when you come to play the Bearcats!

The Bearcats scored 28 points in the first quarter thanks to some big plays on defense and a huge break-out game from Hawk Patrick-Daniels.

Aledo's first drive was extremely impressive. They looked sharp with great blocking by the offensive line giving quarterback Hauss Hejny plenty of time to look for receivers and giving Hawk big holes to run through.

The Bearcats scored 21 points in less than a minute to open the game. They scored when Hawk took the handoff and went one yard for the first score. Aledo recovered the fumbled kick at the 12 and Hawk took it in for 14-0 lead with 7:06 remaining in the first quarter.

After the Texans' drive stalled, Hejny found Jalen Pope for a 31-yard touchdown pass. Aledo 21-0 with 6:51 remaining in the first quarter.

The Bearcats' defense held their ground again and forced the Texans to punt again. This time Hawk took the handoff and went around to the right side 54 yards for his third



Hauss Hejny passes the football down the field.

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touchdown in the first quarter to give Aledo a 28-0 lead.

Given a 28-0 lead, the Aledo defense went to work. They played aggressive and continued to apply pressure with gang tackling and stopping the Texans' opportunities to get even close to the end zone.

It got even worse for the Texans just three minutes into the second quarter when Hejny found Tyson Timms for Aledo's fifth touchdown in less than 13 minutes to take a 35-0 lead.

Once again, the Bearcat defense denied the Texans any chance to put together a scoring drive and Aledo had the ball with less than five minutes left before halftime. When something is working well, you keep

using that formula. Thursday night, Hawk Daniels was the problem that the Texans couldn't solve.

The offensive line again controlled the Texans' defensive line allowing Hawk to score his fourth touchdown with a two-yard run to give Aledo a 42-0 lead late in the second quarter.

It wouldn't be fair not to mention that the Texans' starting quarterback, senior Jake Strong, was unable to play on Thursday. In the previous weeks game, he was holding for the extra point when the PAT was blocked, and he tried to run down the player with the ball and pulled his hamstring.

The Texans did manage to find the end zone with less than two minutes left in the second quarter, but it was a Bearcat lead 42-7 heading into halftime.

The second half of the ballgame was really the opposite of the first half with very little scoring on both sides.

The Texans scored the only points in the third quarter with a Kyle Cummings 13-yard touchdown run to make it Aledo 42, Texans 14 going into the fourth quarter.

Aledo added one more score late in the fourth quarter when Caleb Pope ran 12-yards for the final score for Aledo. Justin fought all the way to the end and did hit paydirt when backup quarterback Leddie Thompson hit Kenan Reil in stride for an 85-yard touchdown to make the final score Aledo 49-20.

Daniels ended up with 17 carries for 150 yards. The Bearcats' offense accumulated more than 480 total yards. Coach Buc was able to alternate his quarterbacks, and both were very productive. Hauss Hejny was 10 for 14 for 139 yards and one touchdown. Brant Hayden was 8 for 13 for 71 yards and one score and one interception.

Jalen Pope hauled in six passes for 94 yards and one touchdown.

On defense, Davhon Keys had six total tackles and Andrew Parkhurst had five, including one tackle for a loss.

Aledo will host the 0-3 Azle Hornets at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, at Bearcat Stadium. The Community News will continue their live coverage with Bearcat Live on our website.



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Chris Johnson picks up a punt fumble recovery.

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District 3-5A Division I standings

Team	Dist	Overall
Centennial	1-0	3-0
Denton Ryan	1-0	1-1
Aledo	1-0	1-2
The Colony	1-0	1-2
FW Brewer	0-0	0-2
Northwest	0-1	1-2
South Hills	0-1	1-2
Azle	0-1	0-3
Saginaw	0-1	0-3

Last week's results
Aledo 49, Northwest 20
Ryan 63, Azle 14
Centennial 65, Saginaw 0
The Colony 72, South Hills 0
Brewer bye

This week's games

Thursday
Saginaw at Ryan, 7 p.m.
Friday
Azle at Aledo, 7 p.m.
Northwest at Brewer, 7 p.m.
Centennial at The Colony, 7 p.m.
South Hills bye

Game at a glance

Azle Hornets (0-3, 0-1 in District 3-5A Division I) at Aledo Bearcats (1-2, 1-0)
When: 7 p.m. Friday, Bearcat Stadium
Azle offensive leaders: QB Josh Jones 39-70, 461 yards, 6 TD, 2 int.; RB Hagen Hughes 32 carries, 184 yards; WR Tyler Akers 15 catches, 214 yards, 1 TD.
Aledo offensive leaders: RB Hawk Patrick-Daniels 41-280 yards, 4 TD; QB Hauss Hejny 23-44, 378 yards, 2 TD, 2 int. passing, 24-156 rushing; WR Jalen Pope 15-278 yards, 2 TD; TE Tyson Timms 7-81, 1 TD.
Azle defensive leaders: LB Denim Fields

22 tackles, 2 for loss; LB Garrin Graves 17 tackles, 1 for loss.
Aledo defensive leaders: LB Ky Howington 20 tackles, 1 for loss, 1 int.; LB Davhon Keys 18 tackles; S Andrew Parkhurst 17 tackles, 3 for loss, 1 sack.
Team rushing yards per game: Aledo 190.3, Azle 122.7.
Team passing yards per game: Aledo 159.3, Azle 153.7.
Team rushing yards surrendered per game: Aledo 165.3, Azle 286.7.
Team passing yards surrendered per game: Aledo 265.3, Azle 193.0.
Turnovers: Aledo 5 (2 fumbles, 3 int.), Azle 6 (4 fumbles, 2 int.)
Takeaways: Aledo 6 (3 fumbles, 3 int.), Azle 0.
Notable: Aledo has won 104 consecutive district games dating to 2007..Aledo has won seven straight against Azle, including the past six by an average of 51 points...Aledo leads the all-time series against Azle 13-2 dating to 1946.



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Hawk Patrick-Daniels
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Above | Defensive back Braxton Lewis (2) is congratulated by teammates following an interception in the game on Friday, Sept. 9. Below | Running back Jake Wallis, who scored TCA's only touchdown, is shown picking up a big gain at the start of the third quarter.

EAGLES

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McCracken had eight punts for an average of 31 yards, including kicks of 50 and 40 yards.

Marmion praised the play of Chrane and Wallis.

"He's a good multi-dimensional athlete for us," he said of Chrane, adding of Wallis, "Wallis is a big kid who runs hard. He understands what his skill set is. We did a better job (blocking) in front of him in the second half."

The Eagles also won the penalty battle. TCA committed five for 45 yards, while the Spartans were flagged 13 times for 123 yards.

TCA is home again Friday when the Eagles host Olney Friday at 7:30 p.m. The Cubs are 3-0 and are coming off a 34-7 victory at Haskell. They have outscored their opponents 108-13.



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Blythe Cantrell joined the cheerleaders at halftime.

Eagles debut a home of their own

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

After years of traveling from Mineral Wells to Godley and various points in between for "home" football games, the Trinity Christian Academy Eagles finally have a football home to call their own.

Friday, Sept. 9, was the unveiling of Eagle Stadium, the first part of a multi-million dollar three-phase project that will later include facilities for a variety of sports. But this night belonged to the football program — and track, as come spring they will also be making use of the new facility.

"I just got chills driving up," said TCA school board member Tish Stanfield, mother of two daughters, one a graduate and another a junior currently at the school.

Then, she added, nodding to her friend next to her, Suzanne Kelley, "We were texting this morning. It's so exciting."

Kelley called the new stadium an answer to prayers, adding, "I can't wait to spend more time here with my children and grandchildren. I'll go back 20 years from now and remember that one day there were cows out here."

The dressing rooms have yet to be completed, but that didn't seem to bother the players who only had to go a short distance from and back to the school compared to previous seasons. Before this, the closest they had to home field was Aledo Middle School for several seasons.

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STADIUM

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“It feels great to have this place to call home, a short little bus ride from the school,” junior wide receiver/defensive back Jake Anderson said. “This has been a long time coming.”

Junior wide receiver/defensive back Matthew Sykes said, “It’s so much easier to get here, so much better. I’m extremely grateful for what God’s given us. I ran through (the paper sign to go onto the field) and saw all the TCA supporters and I was speechless.”

His twin brother, junior wide receiver/line-backer Jackson Sykes, added, “To just play at home is so cool. Every other ‘home’ was not that at all. It’s really cool for the players and fans to not have to travel so far.”

Cheerleaders were also getting in on the excitement of finally being able to cheer for a real home team.

“We are beyond excited. We’ve been looking forward to this for a long time,” said junior Olivia Cockrum.

Senior Amberlie Daniels, who also runs track, said she’s thrilled to

be able end her final year at TCA in the new stadium.

“I came here in the third grade. It’s such a weird feeling, but a good kind of weird, to finally have our own stadium. It’s amazing to show God’s glory,” Daniels said.

Before the game, several supporters of the athletic program gathered at midfield and pulled back a pair of tarpaulins to unveil the TCA logo at midfield. That brought a few tears to some eyes, as did seeing numerous former players back for a visit.

“It’s a come-to-fruiton kind of thing,” said TCA assistant boys basketball coach Dayton Sheridan. “To go from Aledo Middle School to Godley to here, right down from our own school, it’s nice to look around and have this thing now.”

School board member Bert Thompson, who led the campaign for the new facilities, said, “I’ve already cried three times today, that’s why I’ve got my glasses on. When we ask God for things, and he gives us those things, we have to thank him.”

Thompson said he was excited he arrived at the stadium at sunup for last-minute preparations before the big unveiling.

“I got here at about 6:15. I couldn’t sleep. I was picking some weeds and whatever else I could find to try and make things as perfect as they could be,” he said. “This is going to be great for our community, and Willow Park has been so accommodating.”

Even the opposing team and fans seemed excited about the evening.

“It’s going to be so cool for our boys to play on this new field. I’m so happy for the folks at Trinity that they have this,” said Dallas Christian Home Educators manager Avery Countryman.

And though there are still some finishing touches to be made, for example, visiting bleachers — the home side seats around 1,000 — the evening was like unwrapping a new present for the TCA faithful. And for future Eagles, well, they are definitely exciting and anxiously awaiting their turn.

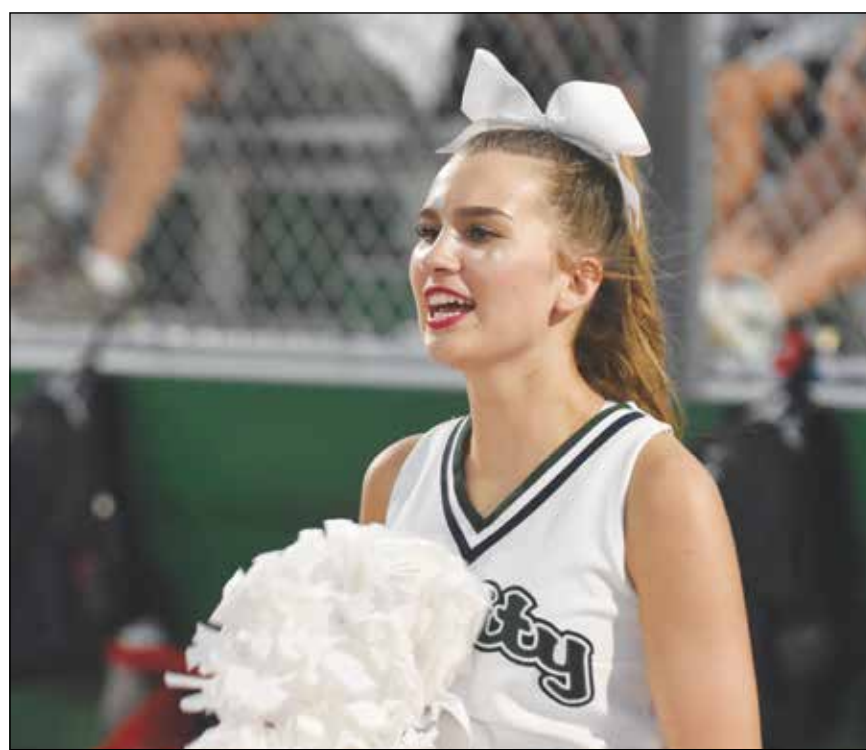
“I like the beautiful turf, the way the sun shines on it,” said fourth-grader Jace Shaw, who plays youth football.

In fact, some don’t want to wait for their turn when they get older, like fellow fourth-grader and youth football player Jackson Presley, who nodded to Shaw and said, “After the game tonight we’re gonna go wrestle on it.”



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Top left | Members of the TCA Eagles football team take the field. Above | Ethan Withrow and Tegan Pace take their places with the drum line. Below | Madison Hooper cheers on the Eagles.



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VOLLEYBALL

Ladycats out to 1-1 district start

By Ryan Wade
The Community News

The Aledo Ladycats split their record this week as they entered district play hosting Wichita Falls Rider last Friday before hitting the road to take on the Northwest Lady Texans in Justin on Tuesday.

Aledo's varsity netters swept Rider by a score of 25-14 in all three matches. Tuesday's road trip did not go as the Ladycats had hoped. The matches were competitive throughout as Northwest swept by scores of 25-14, 25-23, and 25-16, respectively.

The Ladycats currently sit at third in the 5A Region/District 5

standings after falling to 1-1 in district play on Tuesday night. They boast a 19-14 overall record thus far into the 2022 season.

Senior outside hitter Alyssa Gonzales led the Ladycats in kills (8) and aces (1) against the hosting Lady Texans. Mia Little, Aledo's resident libero, led the defensive effort with 16 digs on the night. Junior setter Rylee Metts got everybody involved offensively as she recorded 19 assists.

Aledo sophomore outside hitter, Lauryn Mack, recorded the best all-around performance of the night for the Ladycats. Mack finished the night with a dozen digs, six kills, a block assist, and an ace to her credit.

Several Ladycats hit the statistical jackpot defending their home court against Rider. Metts recorded a staggering 24 assists across the three matches. Gonzales mustered 14 digs on the night. Little added another 10 digs of her own to Aledo's defensive tally.

Junior outside hitter Vivian Parker led the offensive effort with 15 kills. Meanwhile, senior middle hitter Maddie Frank combined for 10 kills of her own while contributing to the defensive effort with five block assists, as well, with 10 digs and a pair of block assists of her own.

The Ladycats will be in action again this Friday when they travel to Saginaw to resume district play against the hosting Lady Rough



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Left | Ava Reding serves in recent action against Waco Midway. Above | Kenrie Pruitt waits for the ball in recent Ladycat volleyball action.



Riders. Varsity matches are scheduled begin promptly at 5 p.m.

Middle School results

The McAnally Ladycat volleyball teams played H.F. Stevens Eagles at Aledo High School on Sept. 8. The Ladycats dominated the games with wins for both seventh and eighth grade teams. The Ladycats were scheduled to take on Everman

Thursday, Sept. 15, at Aledo High School.

- 7th grade
- A Won 25-5, 25-11
- B Won 25-5, 25-13
- 8th grade
- A Won 25-8, 25-9
- B Won 25-8, 25-5

Aledo Middle School played at Stephenville on Sept. 8 and overall did a great job.

- 7th Grade
- A Won 25-11, 25-13
- B Won 25-14, 25-8
- C Lost 11-25, 21-25

- 8th Grade
- A Won 25-12, 25-11
- B Won 25-12, 25-11
- C Won 25-16, 25-19

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