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ALEDO ISD

Mural honors local history, agriculture ties

Installed at ag science building at AHS

By Randy Keck
The Community News

The Philip W. Bradford Agriculture Science Building at Aledo High School sports a striking new exterior addition this week after installation of a mural by department students.

The mural's development came about as the result of efforts by the school's Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter. Every year, the chapter participates in a program called the National Chapter Award Program.

Krysti Kelley, Agriculture Science Instructor and FFA Advisor, said the chapter must complete 15 activities related to three categories: Growing Leadership, Building Our Community, and Agricultural Advocacy.

Each of those categories has a student committee to work toward completion of those activities.

Kelley, who is also the Aledo ISD Business, Industry and STEM Department Chair, said one of the activity categories is called Agricultural Advocacy.

"This is really just trying to teach students how to promote agriculture within their community," Kelley said. "Last summer, we sat down with our officer team and they thought up the mural. They wanted to put an image in town that helped reinforce people's understanding of the agricultural roots of Aledo, and help them also see the current commodities that we produce — that was the vision and the reasoning for the mural."



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ABOVE: Agricultural Science Instructor Krysti Kelley and artist Lisa Voight look over the mural before it is moved outside the ag building. | BELOW: Hanging the mural

The Agricultural Advocacy committee met and researched the historical roots of Aledo and then decided on design elements for the project — an initial design that included the icons they wanted and what historical pieces they wanted to include.

Jud Voight, one of the leaders of the committee, is the son of Lisa Voight, a mural painter, and she volunteered her time and talents to the project.

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Drumline Dominates



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The Bearcat Regiment Percussion Ensemble won first place and all captions awards at the 2022 HEB Drumline Contest on Sept.17.

Thanksgiving Trot mixing it up

Moving into second decade

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The Marcia Walters Memorial Thanksgiving Trot begins its second decade coming off the reception of the Nonprofit of the Year by the East Parker County Chamber of Commerce.

"The Trot," as it is affectionately called, is unique among fund-raising organizations in that it selects a single recipient family to benefit from its efforts each year.

This year's recipient is Carter LeBaron, a 13-year-old Aledo ISD student that was diagnosed with Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia this past March.

Rhonda Torres, Executive Director of the Trot, says they are mixing things up a bit this year.

"We will have a new race course and Whitney Harris and Niki Thompson will co-chair the 11th Marcia Walters Memorial Thanksgiving Trot," Torres said. "These ladies will do an awesome job as they have been with the Trot from the beginning and share a passion for the race."

Three new members have also been added to the board of directors: Lauren Grant, Kate Ray and Jessica Pipkin.

"We are looking forward to their participation on the board," Torres said. "The only other board member appointed since the original board was named is Blair Cantrell, and she has done a great job with the Shop for the Trot."

This year's Shop for the Trot will be Nov. 13 at the Aledo Volleyball Club.

"We want to continue to grow the race and the addition of the new members will give us added resources to do so," Torres said, "Twelve years ago, I

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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

Hispanic Texans likely largest demographic group



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The U.S. Census Bureau released its latest estimate, which indicates Hispanic residents in Texas make up more of the state's population than white residents. The new population figures from the American Community Survey indicate Hispanic Texans comprise 40.2% of the state's population last year, while non-Hispanic white Texans made up 39.4%, as reported in the Texas Tribune.

The estimates, from July 2021, are not considered official but reflect trends that demographers have been tracking for years. Hispanics accounted for nearly half of the state's population increase of 4 million residents since 2010. Census figures indicate almost half of Texas residents under the age of 18 are Hispanic.

The survey showed that Hispanic residents are more than twice as likely as white resident to live below the poverty line. The median income for a white household last year was \$81,235, compared to \$54,857 for a Hispanic household.

More than 10,000 migrants bused elsewhere

With Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis grabbing headlines by flying migrants from Texas to Martha's Vineyard, Gov. Greg Abbott's office announced that it has now bused more than 10,000 migrants to what he terms "sanctuary cities" such as Washington, D.C., New York, and Chicago. Last week, at Abbott's behest, two buses of migrants from Texas were dropped off outside Vice President Kamala Harris' residence at the United States Naval Observatory in the nation's capital.

Abbott has long criticized the Biden administration's approach to migrants seeking asylum in the United States, and Texas has boosted border security funding by \$4 billion. Biden last week said the administration has a process to deal with migrants at the border.

"Republicans are playing politics with human beings, using them as props. What they're doing is simply wrong," he said at a gala for the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, according to Politico.

Disaster assistance approved after North Texas flooding

The U.S. Small Business Administration has approved Abbott's request for disaster assistance for seven North Texas counties affected by flooding last month. As much as 10 inches of rain fell in the Dallas area in late August, causing widespread damage to businesses and homes.

Counties included in the disaster declaration are Dallas, Collin, Denton, Ellis, Kaufman, Rockwall, and Tarrant. Applicants can download applications and get further information at disasterloanassistance.sba.gov.

'Moderate' deer hunting season predicted

Biologists with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department are predicting a moderate season for deer hunters, with archery season kicking off on Oct. 1.

"Overall, 2022 year is expected to be good in terms of harvest numbers and opportunities, so don't let the chance to spend time afield with family, friends and fellow hunters pass you by," said Alan Cain with TPWD.

The statewide drought, while now largely in remission, has adversely affected natural forage for deer in late summer, especially in the central, south, and western parts of the state, according to Cain. Wildfires caused significant habitat loss, but those areas are quickly rejuvenating, especially with the recent rains.

"Where fires have occurred, there's been new grass and weed growth providing some much-needed nutrition and cover for deer," Cain said. "Although habitat conditions have improved immensely with recent rains, the timing was a bit late to have any meaningful influence on antler quality."

TABC busts 131 retailers for underage alcohol sales

A statewide sting of alcohol retailers in college towns across Texas netted 131 retailers accused of selling alcohol to minors. The effort by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission coincided with the start of the college fall semester. Minor-aged volunteers under the supervision of undercover TABC agents attempted to buy alcohol from licensed retailers at 1,131 locations. They found a total of 131 violations, or 14% of the locations visited.

Businesses cited for selling booze to a minor could face civil fines and possible suspension of their liquor license. Individual employees would face misdemeanor charges as well.

Pop-up COVID-19 vaccine locations announced

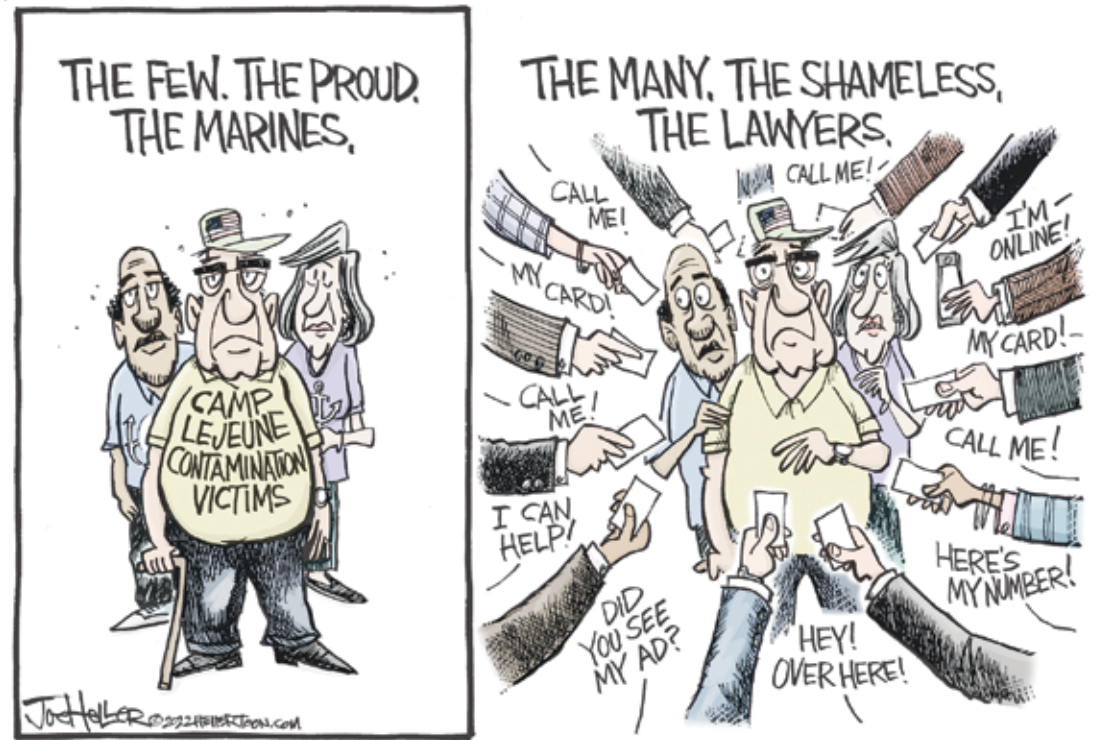
While new cases of COVID-19 cases continue to wane, with 36,856 reported in Texas by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University in the past week, along with 144 deaths, parking lot pop-up vaccine sites are taking place at select Walmart locations across Texas until Sept. 25.

Updated booster vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna address the newer variants, according to officials with the Texas Department of State Health Services.

"Vaccination remains our most important tool in the fight against severe illness and death from COVID-19," said DSHS Commissioner Dr. John Hellerstedt. "And the new bivalent vaccines promise an even more effective and safe protection from Omicron variants, which continue to be the leading cause of COVID-19 illness in Texas and across the U.S."

DSHS reported 2,161 lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations as of Sunday, down slightly from the previous week.

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Thistles & Roses

It's time to find water solutions



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A recent Dallas Morning News article titled "Water Woes — a Deepening Crisis by Annette Nivens, special contributor, addresses the water problems facing citizens of Parker County. It is one of a series of articles from a year-long project by the Denton Record-Chronicle and the University of North Texas graduate journalism students regarding the water problems of the DFW area. I recommend a full reading of the article.

I have written columns on this topic but not with the in-depth fact finding these folks did. They went out into the field to observe and interview the Watts family of Watts drilling, academics, and others who have studied the issue.

(Disclaimer: Watts has serviced our well for more than 20 years).

Nivens had some memorable, sobering quotes. One

such quote was attributed to Ron Kaiser, professor of water law and policy at Texas A&M University, about over-use of water on lawns and pools in drought: "That's due to 'Ignorance and stupidity' in not planning for the future. ... Ignorance comes from not knowing any better. Stupidity comes from knowing we are running low on water but abusing it anyway."

In our subdivision many wells were stressed this summer. Most finally quit watering their lawns. The vast majority had dry, burned-up grass. A few had green lawns, pumping day and night like there was no tomorrow.

Homeowner Bret Barnett was quoted: "Anyone who moves in thinks because it's free water, they can use as much as they want. We all need to realize that we share the same resource. We need to be responsible neighbors and conserve."

Jeff Bennett, another water well driller, said "There is an overall culture of rampant water use in the name of extravagance during a time of drought."

Toby Watts said "There are just so many straws we

can put in the ground before it all dries up."

There is mention in the article about fire departments not having enough water to put out fires.

I still think the ultimate solution is to tie on to the Tarrant Water District surface water as have Aledo, Willow Park, and Hudson Oaks, who are no longer dependent on wells. These cities have the necessary powers to force conservation measure at the water meters for the good of all.

You may not like government to regulate the use of water, nor the expense, but what is the alternative?

Jack Watts, the patriarch of the Watts Family has the final answer:

"We are going to run out of water someday. It's going to happen. It's just a matter of time."

I hope we can use our brains and find solutions that will prove him wrong. But we have to take action now.

Editor's Note: A link to the original Dallas Morning News article can be found with the web version of this article.

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TOTS introduces new theatre classes

Staff Report

The Community News

When you're doing something good, folks always want more. Now, Theatre Off The Square (TOTS) in Weatherford is offering just that.

TOTS has had nine years of successful summer theatre camps for youth entering grades 1-9. As a result, people have been requesting year-round classes. Now, TOTS President Laurie Jones said the nonprofit theatre group has expanded into a new educational venture with "Theatre Off The Square's StageStruck Theatre Academy."



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Registration is underway through Sept. 30.

This academy will offer theatre classes to youth and adults two days a week (Thursdays and Saturdays) and will be housed at Grace First Presbyterian Church in Weatherford. The inaugural semester is Oct. 6 through Dec. 10.

Classes offered this semester include: Let's Explore Theatre, Improvisation, Stage Makeup, Theatre Basics/Auditioning Skills, Intro to Shakespeare, Monologues/Scenes/Reader's Theatre, Character Development, and Theatre for Littles.

Classes are taught by qualified adult instructors, and all instructors and helpers 18 and over have had background checks.

The cost is \$100 for each nine-week course.

Description of classes and a registration form can be found on the theatre's website, www.theatreoffthesquare.org. Call Jones at 817-917-1689 with any questions.



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Annetta Elementary School is shown just before sunrise on its opening day in 2021.

ANNETTA

Local campus recognized with statewide honor

Annetta Elementary School to be included in Exhibit of School Architecture

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The Texas Association of School Administrators and Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) have announced that Annetta Elementary School will be among 55 projects included in the 2022-23 Exhibit of School Architecture.

This exhibit of new and renovated Texas school facilities includes projects from 36 school districts and two colleges that were submitted by 16 architectural firms. Annetta Elementary School was designed by PBK Architects.



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Eligible projects are newly constructed or renovated public education facilities completed in the past five years and not previously submitted in this annual exhibit.

The Exhibit of School Architecture awards are given at the discretion of a 12-member jury, which includes four school board members, four school administrators, and four members from the Association for Learning Environments (A4LE) Southern Region. The

juried exhibit awarded Stars of Distinction for Excellence to 34 projects in one or more of the following six areas: design, value, innovation, community, planning, and school transformation.

The Annetta campus was recognized under the "innovation" category.

Other school districts recognized included Abilene ISD, Alamo Heights ISD, Alamo Heights ISD, Aledo ISD, Amarillo ISD, Arlington ISD, Austin Community College, Austin ISD, Austin ISD, Austin ISD, Austin ISD, Barbers Hill ISD, Bay City ISD, Birdville ISD, Blue Ridge ISD, Brazosport ISD, Burleson ISD, Caldwell ISD, Collin College/Allen ISD, Comal ISD, Conroe ISD, Dallas ISD, Dallas ISD, Decatur

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New stop signs coming to Lasater Addition

The City of Aledo has announced that new stop signs are being placed in the Lasater Addition, which lies on the west side of FM 1187 south of Bailey Ranch Road.



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Plans are for stop signs at all full intersections on Cherry Street (John, James, and Robert Streets) and at the intersection of James and Plum Streets. Installation is expected to be complete early next week.



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called a group of people together and asked for their help in making a dream become a reality and they did. I am forever grateful for the original board members and to my son for the idea and pushing me to carry the vision to fruition."

One unique aspect of The Trot is that virtually all funds collected go to the recipient. All race services, prizes, signage, and staging are donated and provided by volunteers. The only item the organization pays for are t-shirts.

Torres said they are looking for a t-shirt sponsor so all proceeds can be donated to the recipient family.

Anyone interested in becoming a t-shirt sponsor should contact Randy Keck at The Community News (rkeck@community-news.com).

Thanksgiving Trot Current Original Board Members

- Rhonda Torres
- Niki Thompson
- Whitney Pack
- Rhonda Ray
- Carey Durham
- Kathy Flowers
- Sharlyn Poe
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- Cheryl Choban
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In the studio

Former Bearcat found ticket to happy life

By John English
 The Community News

From the time he was in the seventh grade, Jay King knew he wanted a career in radio.

The Aledo High School alum is now board operator and host of “The Ticket Top 10” at 1310/96.7 FM The Ticket, one of the most popular radio stations in the Metroplex.

He’s also proof of the old adage “once a Bearcat, always a Bearcat.” He moved with his family to Aledo from Wylie during his middle school years and said Aledo is still the place he calls home.

“I love it there,” King said. “I never had any bad experiences or anything like that, and it was a great place to grow up. I made a lot of close relationships with people.”

King made the most of his teenage years in his adopted city, playing basketball and baseball for a time at Aledo High School, as well as the trombone in the marching band. But it was a different pursuit that really helped him the most in cultivating and honing his budding radio talent.

“I joined the yearbook because I wanted to do something kind of like journalism,” King said. “I knew I wanted to get into that field. And so the yearbook teacher, Cheryl Posey, let me take pictures, she helped me get involved with sort of laying out pages and things like that. I had never even met her until I enrolled in her class, and she opened me up to it and helped me get started in doing what I wanted to do.”

King, 26, said that even before he arrived in Aledo, radio programs held a special place in his heart.

“In seventh grade, I knew that’s what I was going to do,” King said. “My granddad and I listened to old radio shows like ‘War of the Worlds’ and ‘Amos and Andy’ and so forth. I thought they were even cooler than television.”

Following graduation from Aledo High School, King attended Weatherford College and eventually transferred to Southeastern Oklahoma State.

He has worked as intern with Cumulus Media and the “Wake Up With The Wolf” show on KPLX, and as a station manager at KSSU, U92 FM in Durant, Oklahoma.



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Above | Aledo High School graduate Jay King, 26, is board operator and host of “The Ticket Top 10” at 1310/96.7 FM The Ticket, one of the most popular radio stations in the Metroplex. **Below** | Jay King is shown with his grandfather, Jim Webb, who helped inspire his love of radio.

But even with all the experience he was gaining, something was still missing.

“Sports radio was my biggest dream,” King said. “That’s where I wanted to be because it’s a mixture

of the two things I love. I was willing to do anything in radio to get there, no matter what.”

While King stopped playing football in middle school, the Aledo High School football team definitely helped inspire his passion for sports journalism.

“It always helps when your team is as good as they are,” King said. “And it makes you a little more passionate, because you have a product that’s like ‘oh man!’ The opportunities they get, where they’re playing, the caliber of teams they are playing, the high profile, great teams — it was awesome. No offense to the small schools, but a team that’s got a lot of opportunities like that was really cool to see.”

King’s show, “The Ticket Top 10” is described by the station’s website (<https://www.theticket.com/shows/the-ticket-top-10/>) as “a replay, regurgitation and review of the station’s best hot sports opinion discussions, hilarious funny bits and wheels-off-the-cuff moments that you may have missed the first time around.”

King said he was humbled to be given the chance to host his show at the age of 26, something that just happened this past June.

“It’s not like I talk a whole, whole bunch,” King said. “I listen to the ticket almost the whole day, and I work with the producers and pull the best segments from the show, handing them down. Then I edit it down to a certain hour-and-a-half or two-hour format and then I do a little voice track over it like, ‘Hey, listen to The Musers broadcast Monday morning,’ you know, stuff like that.”

King also runs the board when the Stars season starts up, and said the best part of his job is that often he forgets it really is a job.

“I’ve never gone to work thinking, ‘man I’m going to work,’” King said. “I’m like, ‘I’m getting paid to watch the team that’s on TV right now. I’m getting paid to be on a broadcast that’s going out and entertaining people.’”

“It’s brought me a lot of joy when times are tough or when things suck. I just go and turn on a game and turn off my brain and listen to what’s happening. Listening to people talk or being a part of a conversation — being a part of a friend’s group and stuff is what I love. So I don’t ever go to work.”

King said he tries to get back to Aledo as often as possible to stay connected with family and friends, and said his ultimate career objective is definitely within reach, but not necessarily something he is in a rush to obtain.

“Everyone says they want to be an on-air host and things like that,” King said. “That’s the goal. That’s the big thing. So, of course, that would be cool. I would love to do something like that, but just even being involved now in the way that I am, I thought that would be something longer-term, or that I would have gotten later on, so this is all pretty much a dream right now.”

“I just really try to enjoy it all and to enjoy the journey. I don’t know how long the ride will last, so I try to enjoy every minute of it.”

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"She helped us rework it into the image that we now have," Kelley said. "She was able to incorporate everything the students found on research, even give us a couple of ideas, and then bring it into an image that's going to be super eye appealing."

"It was such a big blessing for her to help us in that way, and we're really grateful for it."

The postcard concept was Voight's idea after she researched murals in other towns.

The Aledo FFA was chosen for the activity as one of the top-10 in the nation in the Agriculture Advocacy program.

Two local FFA students, Jacob Ellerbusch and Kaylee Hopkins, spoke at the mural's unveiling on Sept. 21, and they will repeat their presentation in an interview with a panel of judges on the chapter's behalf on Tuesday.

"We'll find out next Wednesday if we make top three, and if we do, they will interview in Indianapolis, Indiana in October, and share with another panel to see if we will become the national champions," Kelley said.

The installation and unveiling

The installation of the 200-pound mural, which was painted on treated plywood and then treated with a weather-resistant sealant, was another can-do project of the AHS ag students. On Tuesday, Sept. 20, they gathered in the ag building and, as a group, figured out how to lift it as a group and carry it outside, turn it back on its side, and then realize that a trailer needed to be backed into place for them to stand on to raise the mural to its place.

Lumber rails had been attached to the building, and the mural has matching rails on the back which allowed it to



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Moving the mural in progress

sit in place once it was raised into position. From here, it was a matter of centering and then permanently attaching it to the building.

On Wednesday, a group of school officials and spectators gathered for the unveiling of the mural.

Ellerbusch and Hopkins spoke of the mural and its significance.

Hopkins spoke of the metaphor that "a picture is worth 1,000 words."

"Aledo FFA brought this metaphor to life," Ellerbusch said. "The Aledo community is located just outside the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. It has deep roots in agriculture. Our community is known for cattle production, boasts being the ranch horse capital of the world, and is home to the Parker County Peach Festival."

"However, this historically agricultural community has become more suburban over the last 10 years," Hopkins added. "Many of our agricultural farms have become housing developments and industrial buildings. Our community is losing sight of its agricultural roots, and many have no idea of the agricultural significance in our county."

Hopkins said the overall message greets visitors to Aledo.

"The 'A' of Aledo represents the traditional farms in our community that helped form our town," Hopkins said. "The

'L' highlights cattle production, as 65 different cattle ranches have been the heart and soul of our town since its founding."

"In the heart of Aledo, there's a feed and grain company called Bryant Grain. Next to this mill is a railroad that carries many agricultural commodities and is known as the famous Aledo train. Both of these elements are depicted in the letter 'E,'" Ellerbusch added. "Parker County is home to the Parker County Peach Festival. Our county produces many peaches. And this is our contribution to the agriculture in the state of Texas and is honored in the letter 'D.'"

"The letter O is also an homage to the farms and ranches that formed our community," Hopkins said. "It displays the brands of the five major cattle ranches in Aledo. Finally, the horse and rider represent the significance of ranch horses at Parker County. Our county is known as the ranch horse capital of the world. And we wanted to honor this distinction."

The letters "FFA" are filled with icons of the national FFA organization: the owl, the corn with the plow and the rising sun, and the eagle.

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

VOLLEYBALL

Ladycats get two wins on the road

Hosting Brewer Friday

By Ryan Wade

The Community News

Aledo's Ladycat volleyball team improved their season record to 21-14 overall with a pair of wins on the road against Saginaw last Friday and Rockwall-Heath on Tuesday. The District 5 win over Saginaw's Lady Rough Riders bumped the Ladycats into second place in district standings behind the Lady Texans of Northwest ISD, who Aledo will host on Friday, Oct. 7.

It took four, highly competitive sets for the Ladycats to leave Drive Nation with the win over the Lady Hawks of Rockwall-Heath on Tuesday. Aledo took control early with a 25-20 win in set one. The Lady Hawks answered back in the second set with a 25-23 win of their own to tie the match up at a set apiece. Aledo rallied after that to take the next two sets by tallies of 26-24 and 25-22, respectively.

Senior outside hitter Alyssa Gonzales led the Ladycats to victory with an outstanding performance. Gonzales led her squad with 19 kills, three aces, 22 digs, and a pair of blocks to her credit. Lauren Mack made her presence known, as well. The sophomore outside hitter amassed 15 kills, a trio of aces, and 22 digs of her own en route to the Ladycats' victory.

Middle hitter Maddie Frank led the defensive charge for Aledo tallying six blocks as the Lady Hawks attempted to overtake the Ladycats. She also added double-digit kills to the offensive effort of Aledo with 10 on the night.

Setters Ava Redding and Catie Messer provided support to the Ladycat offensive unit as they combined for 42 assists across the four sets.

On Friday the Ladycats were able to dismiss district opponent Saginaw in straight sets by scores of 25-8, 25-19, and 25-21.

Gonzales led the way for Aledo as she ended the night with a double-double claiming 13 kills and 10 digs against the Lady Rough Riders. Mack finished with a double-double of her own. She compiled a stat line of 11 kills, 13 digs, and a pair of aces in the match. Junior setter Rylee Metts added 17 assists, 10 digs, and an ace to the stat sheet for a double-double, as well.

Defensive specialist Kenrie Pruitt put her defensive skills on full display leading the Ladycat defense with 15 digs. Frank finished the match with six kills and five blocks to her credit.

Aledo will hit the court once again on Friday when they play host to Brewer's Lady Bears in District 5 action. Brewer comes into the match boasting a 13-13 overall record and 0-3 in district play. That match is set to begin a 5:30.



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Alyssa Gonzales, shown in earlier action this season, had 19 kills, three aces, 22 digs, and a pair of blocks against Rockwall Heath.

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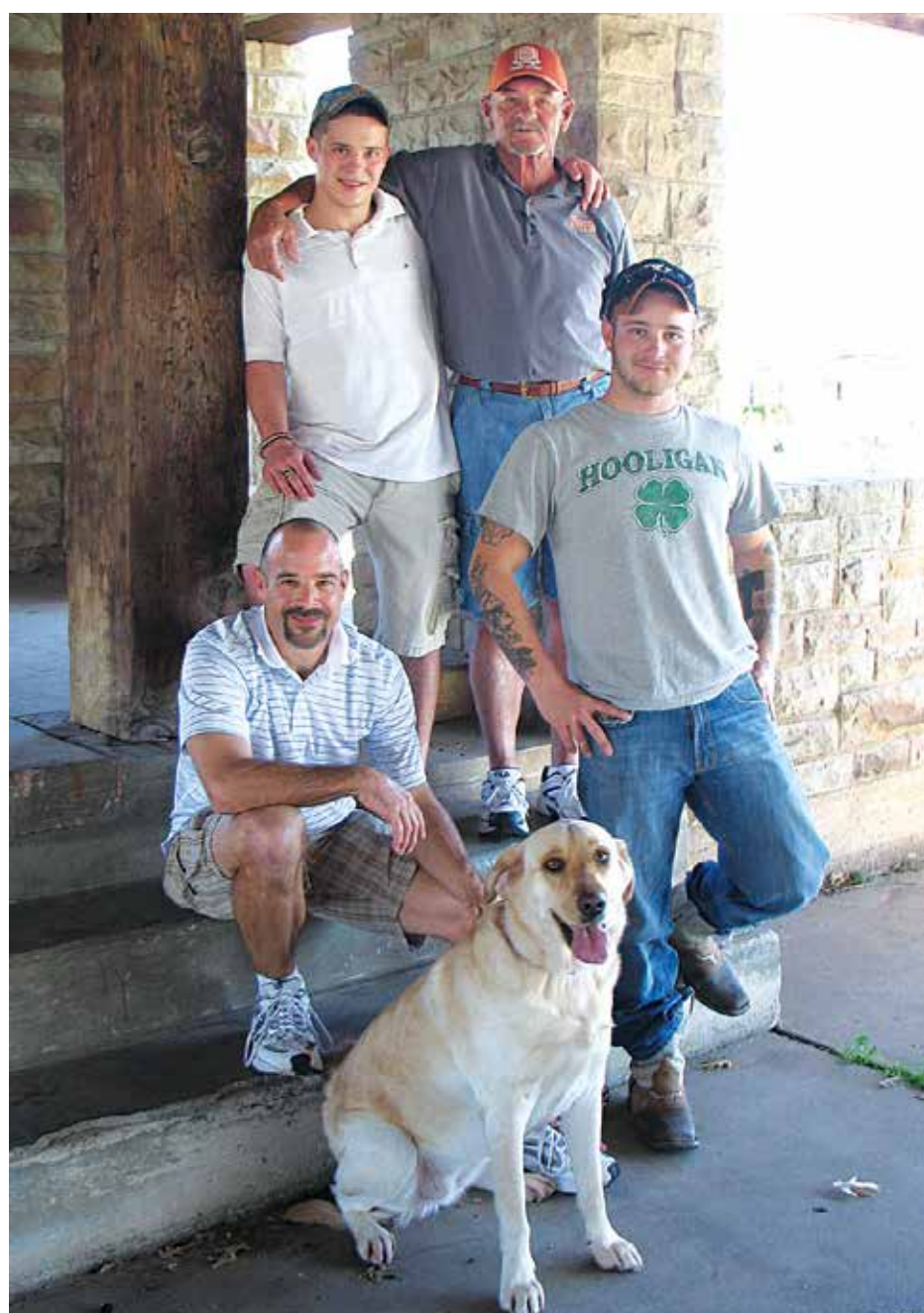
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Operating this business means the whole family can work together! Tim's sons Laken and Gaige have grown up, and they're now the third generation with Atex helping to take care of the community.

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FOOTBALL

Bearcats to scrap with Rough Riders in Saginaw

Winless opponent has faced stiff opposition

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

To say it has been a rough season for the Saginaw Rough Riders would be, well, a rough comment — and that's saying the least.

The Rough Riders are off to an 0-4 start (0-2 in District 3-5A Division I) and have been outscored 201-23. They've been shut out three times and have yet to score in district losses to Bursleson Centennial (65-0) and Denton Ryan (56-0).

And it's not going to be any easier this week as the Rough Riders will host the Aledo Bearcats, who are going in a completely opposite direction following back-to-back season-opening losses for the first time since 1991. The Bearcats are 2-2 overall and 2-0 in district after convincing wins at Northwest (49-20) and at home against winless Azle (55-20).

Meanwhile, Saginaw has not won since the opening game of the 2021 season, having dropped 13 straight and 23 of their past 24.

But Bearcats coach Tim Buchanan noted the four teams that have defeated Saginaw (they also faced Boswell and Fort Worth Northside in pre-district) are a combined 13-1. Buchanan knows a thing or two about playing a tough schedule as his team dropped pre-district contests at Dallas Parish Episcopal (24-17) and at home to Denton Guyer (44-14).

"They're better than people think they are," Buchanan said of Saginaw. "They are really good in the defensive backfield. We're going to have to work to throw the ball on them."

However, given that the Rough Riders are surrendering 234 yards per game on the ground and the Bearcats have one of the top running backs in the North Texas area in junior Hawk Patrick-Daniels (64 carries, 562 yards, 7 TD), just how much that secondary will be tested is a question. Daniels is coming off



a 282-yard, three-touchdown game against Azle.

Also, Daniels did not become the starting tailback until the second game. In the season opener at Parish Episcopal he carried just once for three yards.

Earning his spot

With the team's leading tackler, junior linebacker Ky Howington, sidelined last week, a new standout emerged on the varsity defense. Sophomore linebacker Ben McElree was called up from the junior varsity and responded with a team-leading 13 tackles, including two for a loss, with a fumble recovery that led to a touchdown.

"He worked his way to the varsity," Buchanan said. "Anytime you move a JV linebacker up and he's going to be a starter there's a question mark, but he was really good."

Buchanan said Howington is expected to be back this week.

McElree, however, will also stay on the varsity.

State rankings

The Bearcats remained No. 7 in this week's state rankings from Dave Campbell's Texas Football and the Associated Press. Also from the district, Denton Ryan moved up a spot from No. 4 to No. 3.

The two teams that have defeated Aledo are also state-ranked. Parish Episcopal is No. 1 among private schools and Guyer is No. 6 in 6A.

Watch out for Centennial

Ever since the UIL announced that Aledo and Denton Ryan would be in the same district this season, all eyes have been on their Oct. 21 matchup in Denton. However, Buchanan has some advice for his players, coaches, and the Aledo faithful.

"I knew Centennial was going to be good, but they are better than



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Top | Jake Gillespie returns an Azle kickoff for 36 yards. Gillespie also had a punt return for a 31 yards. | Above: Kaydon Finley (18) caught four passes for 97 yards against Azle.

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GOLF

Bearcats compete in elite tourney to open season

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

The Aledo Bearcats began the 2022 fall season by once again competing in one of the nation's elite high school golf tournaments, the Bart Granger Memorial Memorial at Pecan Valley near Benbrook.

The tournament, which regularly draws teams from across the country, has a unique 54-hole format. Teams play 36 holes on the opening day, Friday, and come back for a final 18 on Saturday.

The Bearcats Varsity Black posted a team score of 919 to place 18th out of 52 teams. They opened with rounds of 298 and 305 before finishing with a 316.

"The guys played well in the Bart Granger, finishing 18th out

of 52 teams in a very stacked field," said first-year coach Brian Mourning. "Jett Moore (70-74-76) and Braylon Mahanay (71-73-76) played really well. Logan Ban also played well in the 54-hole event. Jake Phillips and Grayson Freeman also did a good job competing in a tough field."

Along with 220 scores posted by Moore and Mahanay, Ban shot a 236 (78-77-81), Phillips came in with a 246 (79-81-86) and Freeman had a 253 (85-85-83).

The history of the tournament goes back more than four decades and was originally the Fort Worth Parks and Recreation Tournament. Then, it became the Dr Pepper/Paschal Invitational in 1997, a name that

would, unfortunately, only last for a couple of weeks.

After his Paschal Panthers won the tourney in 1997, one of the leaders of that team, Granger, was killed in an automobile accident on Oct. 10 of 1997. The tournament was then renamed in his honor.

The Aledo Varsity Orange team will compete in the Marcus Tournament at Tour 18 in Flower Mound on Wednesday, Sept. 28. The Varsity Black will return to action Oct. 6-8 at the Jay Brewer Memorial in Texarkana. Both squads will then compete in the District 5-5A Preview Oct. 11 at Sugartree Golf Course in Lipan.



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The Aledo JV boys golf team composed of Cade Moore, Johnnie Reed, Madox Jessup, and Noah Graham participated in the Fall 15 at Nutcracker Golf Course in Pecan Plantation and finished first, with Graham second and Moore third individually.



SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS

The Aledo varsity boys golf team composed of (from left) Grayson Freeman (Fr), Jett Moore (Jr), Jake Phillips (Jr), Braylan Mahanay (Sr), and Logan Ban (Sr) finished 18th out of 52 teams in the Bart Granger Memorial.

GOLF

Mahanay participating in prestigious California event

From Staff Report
The Community News

Aledo Bearcat golfer Braylon Mahanay is in California this week to participate in the Pure Insurance Championship, a PGA Tour event that impacts First Tee. The tournament is played at historic Pebble Beach and runs through Sunday, Sept. 25.

Participants have to complete an application and go through a rigorous screening process to be selected. This year, only 78 teens ages 14-18 from across the U.S. and Morocco were chosen.

Former Ladycat Aly Saunders attended last year and Ella Fisher went in 2019. Former Bearcat Tanner Smith would have attended in 2020, but participants were not allowed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mahanay, 17, volunteers at First Tee in Fort Worth teaching life skills

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FOOTBALL

Bearcats blast Azle again to stay unbeaten in district

Patrick-Daniels rushes for almost 300 yards

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

Johnathan Gray is the new running backs coach at his alma mater this season. Earlier in the week, the Aledo legendary running back and national record holder had high praise for Bearcat junior Hawk Patrick-Daniels.

"Hawk is a great runner. I'm really proud of what he's doing this season," Gray said.

Patrick-Daniels continued to prove his coach right and must have brought some sweet memories to Gray Friday night as he ran up and down the field at will against Azle in a 55-20 Aledo victory over the visiting Hornets. He finished the night with an unofficial 294 yards on just 24 carries, also scoring three touchdowns.

"I wanna go beyond with my team, go back to the state championship, but I can't do anything without my offensive line," Patrick-Daniels said. "I've got to give credit to my offensive line.

"I do feel like it's coming together, better as a team, as a family."

Patrick-Daniels carried one time for three yards in a season-opening loss at Dallas Parish Episcopal. In Week two, however, he became the spotlight back and has now rushed for a total of 574 yards and seven touchdowns on just 65 carries, an average of almost nine yards per carry.

"He did a good job of being in the right spot. The O-line did a good job of moving them (defenders) and he did a great job of finding the holes," Aledo head coach Tim Buchanan said of Patrick-Daniels.

With the victory, the Bearcats evened their season record at 2-2. More important, Buchanan noted, they remained undefeated in District 3-5A Division I. Azle is still looking for its first win at 0-4 and 0-2 in league play.

Aledo continued its dominance over the Hornets in their series, winning for the eighth consecutive game and having outscored Azle 387-30 in the past seven meetings. The Bearcats lead the all-time series 14-2.

"We're back to .500, but the main thing is we are 2-0 in district," said the coach whose team has won a state-record 105 district games dating to the 2007 season.

Patrick-Daniels had TD runs of 28, 32 and 38 yards. His first two scores gave the Bearcats a quick 13-0 lead less than four minutes into the game.

Then, after the Hornets silenced the crowd with a 72-yard touchdown pass by quarterback Jay Jones to Tyler Landon, Patrick-Daniels got them roaring again with his third touchdown just more than two minutes later for a 20-7 lead.

By halftime the Bearcats led 34-7 as running back Caleb Pope scored on a 13-yard run and Kaydon Finley caught a 14-yard pass from quarterback Hauss Hejny. Pope would add second-half touchdowns of one and five yards and Finley would catch a second TD, this time from backup QB Brant Hayden for 46 yards.

In all, the Bearcats amassed an official 572 yards of offense, of which 416 came on the ground. In fact, they averaged more than 10 yards on their 43 carries and had 14 rushing plays of 10 or more yards, with 11 coming from Patrick-Daniels.

Pope finished with 43 yards on seven carries. Also, Ryan Cox rushed three times for 37 yards and Ryan Morton had three carries for 34 yards.

Hejny was 8-for-17 passing for 95 yards with the aforementioned TD and an interception, along with rushing for 15 yards on three attempts. Hayden was 2-for-2 for 61 yards with the TD.

Finley led the receiving corps with four catches for 97 yards, while tight end Tyson Timms had three catches for 38 yards. Zach Reynolds hauled in two for 15 and Austin Keith caught one for six.

The Aledo run defense limited Azle to just 125 yards on 35 carries. Also, despite passing for 193 yards, Jones felt pressure numerous times from Bearcat defenders.

The Aledo defense was led by linebacker Ben McElree, who recovered a fumble at the Azle 14-yard line to set up a touchdown. He led the Bearcats with 13 tackles, including two for a loss.

Other defensive standouts for the Bearcats were Dahvon Keys (9 tackles, 1 for a loss), safety Jake Gillespie (8 tackles) and tackle Ansel Din-Mbuh (6 tackles, 1 for a loss, forced fumble). Defensive tackle Bryon Wheeler registered two tackles for a loss, while cornerback Chris Johnson, defensive end Lawson Moore and linebacker Gabriel Sherrod each had one.

Next up for Aledo is a trip to Saginaw Friday at 7 p.m. The Rough Riders (0-4, 0-2) are coming off a 56-0 loss at Denton Ryan.



Ryan Morton had three carries for 34 yards against Azle on Sept. 16.

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BEARCATS

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I anticipated," he said. "We'd better not be looking past them."

The Bearcats travel to Burleson to face Centennial, the district's lone undefeated (overall) team, on Oct. 14.

District 3-5A Division I standings

Team	District	Overall
Centennial	2-0	4-0
Denton Ryan	2-0	2-1
Aledo	2-0	2-2
Northwest	1-1	2-2
The Colony	1-1	1-3
FW Brewer	0-1	0-3
FW South Hills	0-1	1-2
Azle	0-2	0-4
Saginaw	0-2	0-4

Last week's results

Aledo 55, Northwest 20
Ryan 56, Saginaw 0
Centennial 49, The Colony 10
Northwest 37, Brewer 7
South Hills bye

This week's games

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

Northwest bye

Game at a glance

Aledo Bearcats (2-2, 2-0 in District 3-5A Division I) at Saginaw Rough Riders (0-4, 0-2)

When: 7 p.m. Friday, Rough Rider Stadium

Saginaw offensive leaders: QB Giovanni Petrella 22-40, 278 yards, 2 TD, 3 int. Passing, 28-101 rushing; QB Roman Morales 24-60, 248 yards, 0 TD, 3 int. Passing, 8-64 rushing; WR Zach Garrett 14-181, 2 TD receiving.

Aledo offensive leaders: RB Hawk Patrick-Daniels 64-562 yards, 7 TD; QB Hauss Hejny 31-61, 473 yards, 3 TD, 3 int. Passing, 27-161 rushing; WR Jalen Pope 15-278 yards, 2 TD; TE Tyson Timms 10-119, 1 TD; WR Kaydon Finley 6-114, 2 TD.

Saginaw defensive leaders: S Jimmy Howard 33 tackles, 1 int.; LB Robert Moreno 23 tackles.

Aledo defensive leaders: LB Dahvon Keys 27 tackles, 1 for loss; S Jake Gillespie 24 tackles,

1 for loss, 1 int.; S Andrew Parkhurst 22 tackles, 3 for loss, 1 sack; LB Ky Howington 20 tackles, 1 for loss, 1 int..

Team rushing yards per game: Saginaw 73.0, Aledo 246.8.

Team passing yards per game: Saginaw 131.5, Aledo 158.5.

Team rushing yards surrendered per game: Saginaw 234.0, Aledo 117.8.

Team passing yards surrendered per game: Saginaw 173.25, Aledo 247.3.

Turnovers: Saginaw 7 (1 fumble, 6 int.), Aledo 7 (3 fumbles, 4 int.)

Takeaways: Saginaw 3 (1 fumble, 2 int.), Aledo 6 (4 fumbles, 2 int.)

Notable: Aledo has won 105 consecutive district games dating to 2007...The Bearcats are 4-0 all-time against Saginaw, winning by an average margin of 50-8. All of the meetings have been in district, with the most recent being a 52-7 Aledo win in 2017...The Rough Riders last made the playoffs in 2019, losing in bidistrict. Since winning their regular season finale in 2019 they are 1-23 with 13 consecutive losses.



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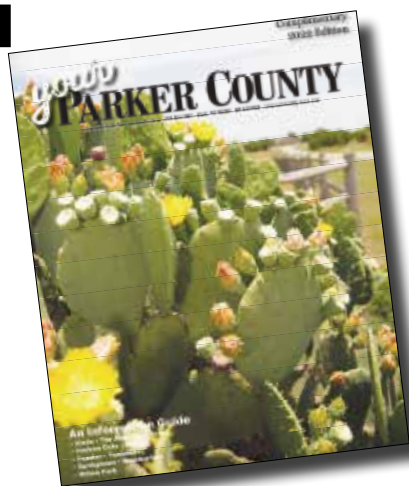
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LADYCAT OF THE WEEK



Sana'a Lemen

Ladycat golfer Sana'a Lemen finished second individually in the Lady Pirates Classic at Harbor Lakes Golf Course in Granbury this past weekend, leading Aledo to a team championship. She had rounds of 78 and 75 for a 153 two-day total.

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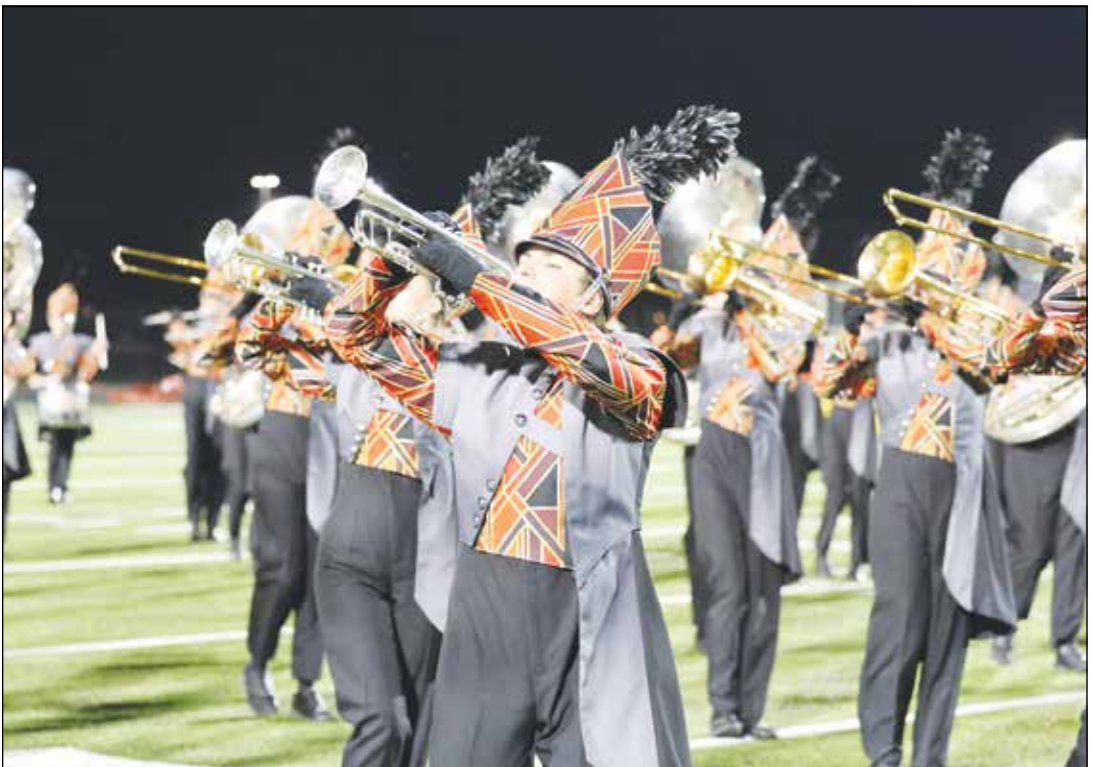
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Ben McElree
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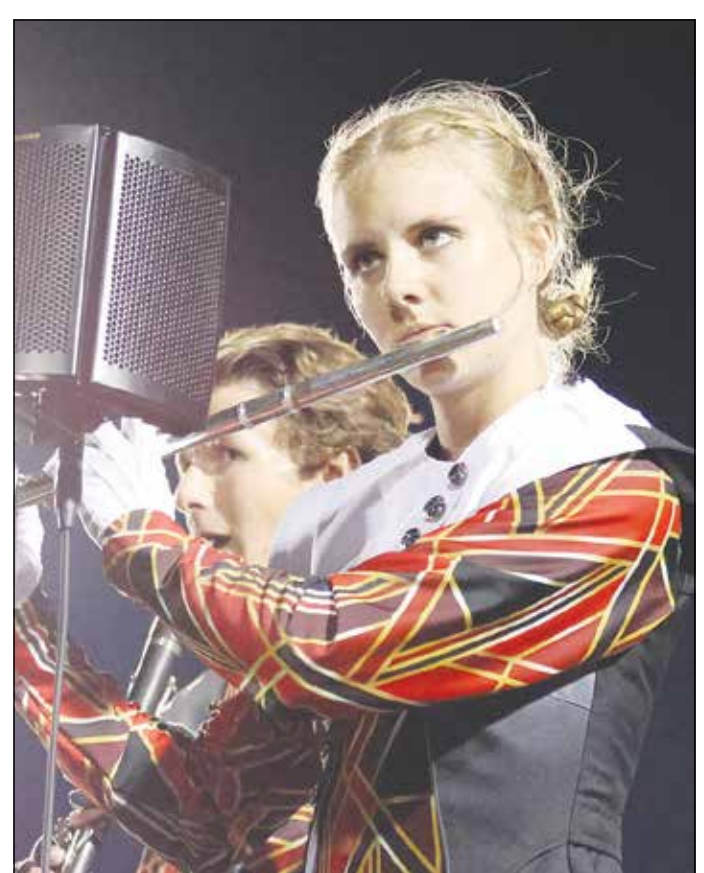
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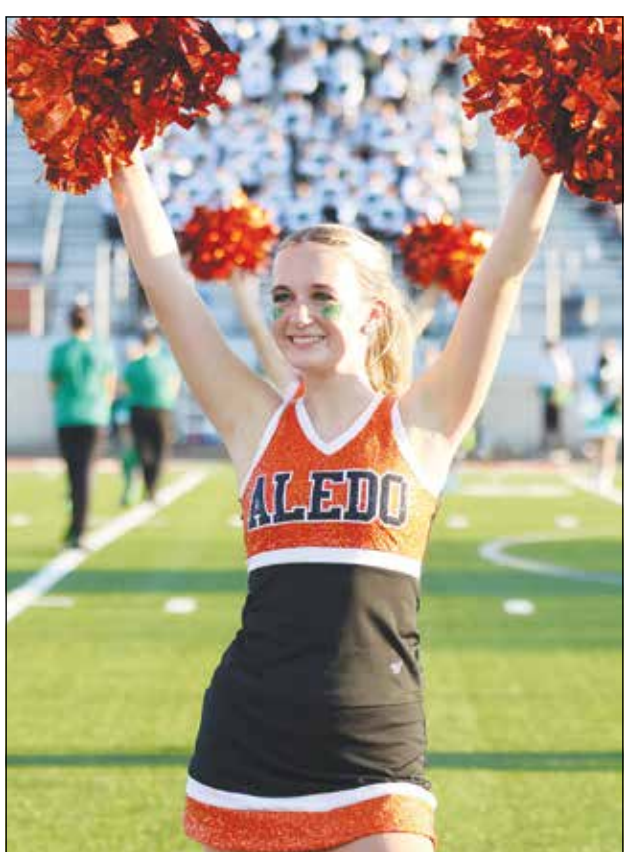
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FOOTBALL

Eagles fall to Olney

From Staff Reports

The Trinity Christian Eagles football team dropped its home contest to Olney, 50-6, this past Friday.

The Eagles fell to 1-3 on the season, while the Cubs remained unbeaten at 4-0. Olney has outscored its opponents 158-19.

After back-to-back games in their new on-campus stadium, the Eagles are back on the road this week. They travel to Fort Worth Lake Country Christian (3-0) to open play in the Texas Association of Private

and Parochial Schools Division III District 1.

LCC is the only unbeaten team in the district. In fact, the LCC Eagles are the only team in the league with a winning record.

Also in the district are Lubbock Trinity Christian (2-2), Pantego Christian (2-2), Arlington Grace Prep (2-2) and Colleyville Covenant Christian (0-4).



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VOLLEYBALL

Lady Eagles off to rough start in league play

From Staff Reporters

The Community News

The Trinity Christian Lady Eagles volleyball team is still looking for its first win in Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools District 1-4A after dropping a pair of matches in Midland and Lubbock this past week.

The Lady Eagles (14-10 overall, 0-4 in district) fell to Midland Classical 3-0, with all three games being close (25-23, 25-21, 25-18). Sadie Gough led Trinity with three aces and 25 assists, and Emily Ickert recorded eight kills.

Trinity Christian Lubbock then defeated the Lady Eagles in a tough

three-game matchup. Bella Sigala led the Lady Eagles with seven kills, and Meredith Miller added two aces.

Previously, the Lady Eagles dropped their first two league matches at home to Pantego Christian (3-1) and Arlington Grace Prep (3-0). Against Pantego, Margaret Cowley led the way with 12 kills and a block, while Sigala recorded 11 kills and a block.

Ickert had three aces and a half dozen kills. Against Grace Prep Academy, Cowley dominated the net with 10 kills and six blocks and Caroline Thompson served three aces and 18 digs.



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FOOTBALL

Aledo JV Black defeats Azle White 41-14

Randy Keck

The Community News

The J.V. Black defeated the Azle White by the score of 41-14 at Azle Thursday night, Sept. 15.

AJ Staggs scored on a 4-yard TD run and on a 7-yard TD run.

Micah Mason scored on a 13-yard TD run, Joshua Johnson scored on a 1-yard TD run, and QB Will Cayce completed a 32-yard TD reception to Luke Trager.

Defensive stand-outs were Joseph Hancin, who scored on a pick six; Tyler Wyss, who broke up a couple of passes; and Samuel Pimentel, who played well throughout the night.

Ethan Santos, Adam Averett, and Stran Mayes combined for 5/6 successful extra points. The J.V. Black is now 4-0 on the season. They will return to action next Thursday at 5:30 at home against Midlothian Heritage.



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Left | Gavin Beard looks for an open receive in the JV Orange game against Azle. Top | Decker Sanders blocks a defender. Bottom | Adrian Fuller avoids a tackle in the game against Azle.



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GOLF Ladycats win first tournament of season

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

The Aledo Ladycats began the 2022 fall golf season in strong fashion, winning the championship of the Lady Pirates Fall Classic Friday and Saturday at Harbor Lakes Golf Course in Granbury.

The Ladycats had a two-day score of 646, 13 shots better than runner-up Grapevine.

“The girls played really well on Saturday and extended their lead by 11 strokes,” said first-year coach Brian Mourning. “(Mallory) Miller and (Sana’a) Lemen both shot in the mid 70s on Saturday with Lemen shooting in the 70s on both days. Madi Warner, Kyla Morales and Emily Crick finished out the team and all improved their scores on Saturday.”

The Ladycats led by two strokes (329-331) after the first day before improving by a dozen shots on Day 2. Meanwhile, though Grapevine improved to a 328 on the second day, it was well behind Aledo.

Lemen had rounds of 78 and 75 for a 153 total. She was second overall individually. Miller’s rounds of 80 and 74 gave her a 154 total and third individually.

Also for the Ladycats, Morales came in with a 168 (85-83) for eighth place, Warner had a 171 (86-85) to tie for ninth and Crick’s 172 (87-85) placed her in a tie for 11th.

Playing as medalists for the Ladycats were Kennedy Parker (93-93 = 186), Abby Gray (95-92 = 187) and Reagan Gilliland (97-93 = 190).

The Ladycats will next compete in the District 5-5A Preview Oct. 11 at Sugar Tree Golf Course in Lipan.



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SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS

The Aledo varsity girls golf team composed of (from left) Emily Crick (Fr), Sana’a Lemen (Sr), Madi Warner (Sr), Mallory Miller (Sr), and Kyla Morales (JR) won the Lady Pirates classic at Harbor Lakes in Granbury with Lemen placing second individually and Miller third.



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The Aledo JV girls golf team composed of Chandler Edwards, Aubrey Morin, Catherine Haney, Karlee Shaw, and Harper Price played in the Fall 15 and placed second with Shaw placing second individually.

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Left to right | Molly Garrison, Elizabeth Griffin, Luke Schabel, Jack Fink compete at the Paschal Invitational on Sept. 17.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Aledo squads have strong showing on tough course

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

Competing on tough courses is nothing new for the Aledo cross country teams, and on Saturday, Sept. 17, they took on one of the toughest to be found in the Paschal Invitational at Athletic Performance Ranch.

"This is probably the most difficult course we run all year," said Aledo coach Mike Pinkerton. "It was a good day by all. Although we

were missing a few runners, the rest of the team really stepped up and performed."

All of the Aledo teams had a strong showing in the challenging field. The Bearcats placed third in the varsity boys division, while the Ladycats were fourth among varsity girls. The junior varsity were sixth.

Jack Fink once again paced the Bearcats, taking fourth individually with a time of 16 minutes, 43.24 seconds over the 5K course. Vincent

Luffey also broke the top 10, placing eighth in 17:03.47, while Henry Zedler was just out of the top 10 in 12th with a 17:18.57.

Molly Garrison led the Ladycats, posting a fourth-place time of 19:47.09. Sophia Brandenburg was 12th in 20:25.05.

Rounding out the varsity boys were Dominick Barrera, 32nd; Luke Schabel, 43rd; and Anderson Smith, 117th. Rounding out the varsity girls were Sidney Tillotson, 26th;

Elizabeth Griffin, 30th; and Aubrey Connelly was 59th.

The JV boys were led by Daniel Stephens, fourth individually in 18:41.26, while James Price clocked a 19:31.54 for 13th. Also, Bo Merrill (18th), Caden West (60th), Ian Robbins (68th), Christian Flores (69th) and Isaac Price (72nd) ran for the JV Bearcats.

Emily Lewis led the JV Ladycats, taking 15th place in a time of 23:28.47. Caroline Browning placed 21st and Sadie Williams was 24th. The JV girls did not have enough runners to field a complete team.

The Aledo squads were competing in the Birdville Flyin' Hawk Invitational, held at The Buff in Fort Worth, at press time.



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Drum Roll



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