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WILLOW PARK

Police to provide SRO to Trinity Christian

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

At Tuesday's meeting the Willow Park City Council approved an agreement between the city and Trinity Christian Academy to provide a school resource officer for the private school.

As per the agreement, beginning in October the Willow Park Police Department will provide an officer to be on campus during school hours and activities.

"The officer assigned to the school will remain an employee of the City of Willow Park Police Department with an assignment of school resource officer," Willow Park Police Chief Carrie West explained. "The officer already has the necessary qualifications and has served in the capacity of school resource officer with another agency."

"This is a new position for our agency. However, the officer that will be assigned is already a member of our staff. The vacancy created will be filled at the earliest opportunity."

Per West's request at Tuesday's meeting, the Willow Park City Council amended the Fiscal Year 2023 budget to include funding to fill the vacancy.

Dr. Steve Newby, TCA Head of School, said this is something completely new for the school, but something that is certainly welcome.

"The Willow Park Police have come by, and so has the Parker County Sheriff's Department for special events and such to help with security, but this allows us to have someone here at a moment's notice," Newby said.

"There's people out there that want to hurt our children and we want to make sure that doesn't happen here."

Newby said the SRO will not only provide security, but will also help in areas such as educating students on being safer themselves and watching out for any possible criminal activity. The SRO will also know all the ins and outs of the school and staff.

Newby, who came onboard at TCA in 2016, said this is something he and West have been discussing since she became the Willow Park police chief a year later.

"I really attribute a lot of this to her forward thinking," Newby said.

"The Willow Park Police Department and Trinity Christian Academy recognize that a strong partnership between law

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Awesome Academics



Aledo High School National Commended High School students are (seated, from left) Devan Dave, Kate Bettencourt, Kaley Schabel, Morgan Furlow, Jordan Ivonon, and Fyn Neeley and (standing) Fabian Garcia, Michael Worch, Caden Breito, Ayden Jantzen, Andrew Miller, Bennett Moorman, Jackson Adams, Nathaniel Houchen, Marshall Anderson, and Nathan Buck.

Aledo High School nearly triples number of National Merit Commended Students

By Mercedes Mayer
Aledo ISD

In one year's time, Aledo High School nearly tripled its number of students earning National Merit Commended Student status, going from six in 2021-2022 to 16 in 2022-2023.

It was announced earlier this month that these 16 students - all seniors - are a part of about 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation who are being recognized for their

exceptional academic promise. Commended Students placed last among the top 50,000 students who entered the 2023 competition by taking the 2021 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

The students who earned the distinction are Jackson Adams, Marshall Anderson, Kate Bettencourt, Caden Breito, Nathan Buck, Devan Dave, Morgan Furlow, Fabian Garcia, Nathaniel Houchen, Jordan Ivonon, Ayden Jantzen, Andrew Miller, Bennett Moorman, Fyn Neeley, Kaley Schabel and Michael Worch.

Aledo High School announced last week that seniors Luke Shelton and Zach Taylor earned National Merit Semifinalist status.



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"Our extra emphasis on advanced academics and helping our students prepare for the SAT has definitely paid off, and I can see this upward trend of student success in the National Merit Scholarship program continuing," Aledo High School principal Angi Tims said. "I am so proud of our 16 Bearcat students who received the Commended Student recognition as it is a huge honor not only for them but also for their teachers and the entire Aledo High School community."



Rev. Troy Miklos (right) from The Summit in Aledo converses with David Seely on Sunday, Sept. 25. Miklos was at the home to say a blessing on a ramp church members installed at the Seely home. Read in the Oct. 7 issue of *The Community News* how the ramp came to be.

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ALEDO

Council passes FY23 budget

New private school planned on Bailey Ranch

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

At its recent meeting on Sept. 22, the Aledo City Council unanimously approved a budget of more than \$11.7 million for the Fiscal Year 2023.

The budget includes a property tax increase to 38.3 cents per each \$100 evaluation, an increase from 32.7 cents.

The theme of this year's budget is "getting critical things done," which is what City Manager Noah Simon said is exactly what the city staff is setting forth immediately to do.

"Now that the budget has been adopted, the staff team will be working on 'getting critical things done' towards successful implementation and completion of infrastructure projects," Simon said. "Getting critical things done also means launching new longer-term initiatives, such as the creation of the Aledo Police Department, laying the foundation for solid long-term financial planning, and diversification of Aledo's tax base through intentional economic development initiatives."

City officials said the budget is the first in years to have been balanced without any reliance on reserves. Among the top priorities in the budget are:

- A new municipal complex, which will include the city's future police department and ultimately reduce the city's reliance on the Parker County Sheriff's Department.
- Improved mobility through reconstruction of a vital segment of Bailey Ranch Road.
- More reliable future water and wastewater through the Clear Fork Interceptor Project and the planned expansion of the wastewater treatment plant.
- Communications program enhancements.
- The deployment of automated water meters for timely insights, transparency, and pinpoint accuracy. A pilot program testing the new meters at selected addresses will begin this fall, followed by a full city-wide roll-out in the second half of 2023.
- Purposeful boosting of economic development efforts with residents bearing less of the future tax burden.



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Capital Highlights

Speaker opposes drive to end tenure



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House Speaker Dade Phelan, R-Beaumont, said Friday he opposes a push by Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick to end tenure for new professors at the state's public universities and to revoke it for faculty who teach critical race theory, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported.

Phelan, speaking at the Texas Tribune Festival, said the feedback he has gotten indicates ending tenure would make it more difficult for universities to recruit professors. That includes those with conservative viewpoints, who benefit from tenure's protection against being fired for openly sharing their ideology.

Brian McCall, chancellor of the Texas State University system and a former Republican member of the Texas House, said eliminating tenure would "put the state at such a disadvantage," the Statesman reported.

"Tenure exists for a reason, and that is to get thought out," McCall said. "We're not running Vacation Bible School. We're teaching physics and various things that are science and not subject to certain opinions."

Critical race theory is a college-level approach to studying racism in society. It is not taught in Texas public schools below the college level.

Cartels designated as terrorist organizations

Amidst a growing national fentanyl crisis, Gov. Greg Abbott issued an executive order designating Mexican drug cartels as terrorist organizations.

"Fentanyl is a clandestine killer, and Texans are falling victim to the Mexican cartels that are producing it," said Governor Abbott. "Cartels are terrorists, and it's time we treated them that way."

The Biden administration recently awarded nearly \$1.5 billion to support efforts to address the opioid crisis and support individual recovery efforts. The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is receiving nearly \$53 million as a result.

Fentanyl is the leading cause of death for Americans ages 18 to 45, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

Deadline nears to register to vote

Eligible Texans have until Oct. 11 to register to vote in the Nov. 8 general election. The secretary of state's office is running a "VoteReady" campaign to educate Texans about the ID requirements for voting in Texas, as well as ID requirements for those eligible to vote by mail.

"I want to ensure that all Texans are informed, prepared and ready to make their voices heard," said Secretary John Scott.

The race for governor highlights the ballot, but voters have plenty of other choices to make down the ballot. For more information, go to votetexas.gov. Early voting runs from Oct. 24 to Nov. 4.

TCEQ expands lead testing in schools

A new online portal will help schools and child-care facilities test their drinking water for lead, according to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

The free statewide program "trains participants to collect samples, tests their drinking water for lead, and helps them take action to reduce lead in drinking water," according to the agency's news release.

TCEQ offers free sampling materials, training in collecting samples, laboratory testing and support for participants. Any Texas public school or state-regulated child-care facility is eligible. For more information, go here: tinyurl.com/mpsr3ddf.

Any level of lead in blood is considered unsafe and can be harmful to children's health, according to the CDC.

Fire crews sent from Texas to Oregon

With no active wildfires reported in the state as of Sunday, thanks to recent rainfall, a Texas A&M Forest Service wildfire handcrew has been dispatched to the Cedar Creek Fire in Oregon. The 20-person crew is working in the Willamette National Forest on a fire that thus far has consumed more than 112,000 acres.

"Mobilizing the handcrew to out-of-state incidents provides an opportunity for qualified personnel and trainees to gain unique experiences," said Crockett Pegoda of the TFS. "In Texas, we were fortunate to receive support from other states this year. It's great that we can reciprocate that support."

There are 94 large fires burning across the United States with more than 15,000 wildland firefighters and support personnel committed to these incidents, according to the National Interagency Fire Center. Nearly three dozen TFS firefighters

are responding to wildfires in California, Montana, Oregon and Washington.

Life expectancies dip during COVID-19

A new CDC report indicates Texas had one of the largest dips in life expectancy, the San Antonio Express-News reported. Unsurprisingly, with more than 1 million COVID-related deaths to date, every state in the U.S. saw a decline in life expectancy in 2020, when the pandemic began.

In Texas, life expectancy dropped from 78.6 years in 2019 to 76.5 years in 2020. The decline in Texas was larger among men at 2.4 years than women at 1.7 years. The state ranked eighth in decline in life expectancy.

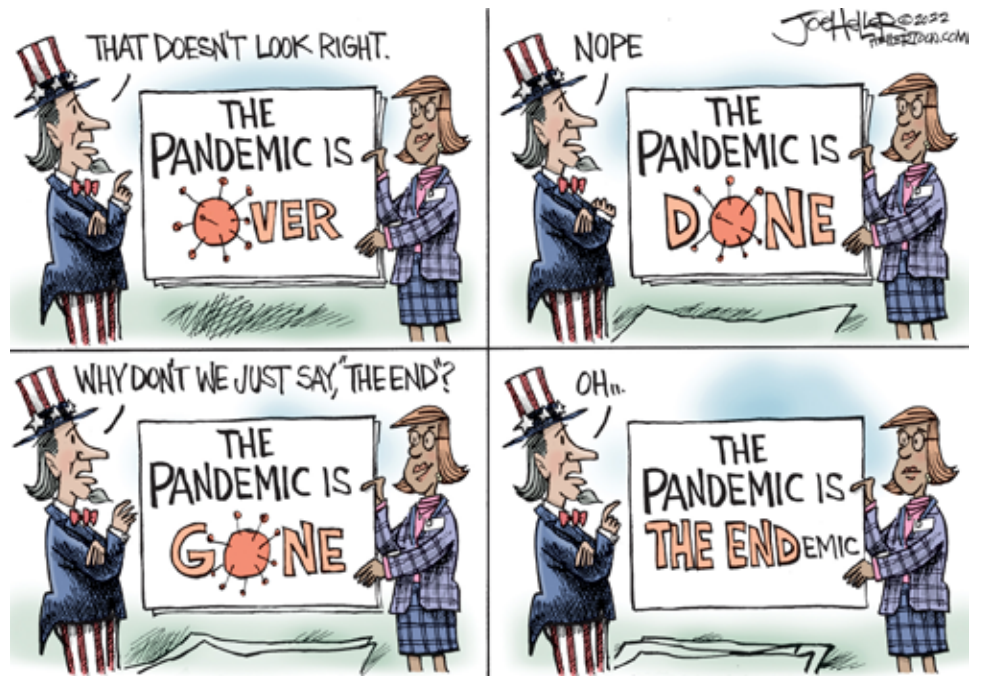
The Express-News interviewed Dr. Fred Campbell, an associate professor of internal medicine at the Long School of Medicine at UT Health San Antonio. He said it was a complex issue but that "accessibility and affordability of the state's healthcare system is primarily to blame."

"They died from the pandemic, and they died from self-abuse, and they died from a lot of other medical conditions that were not taken care of properly," he said. "...When you have to make that decision about affording to go to the doctor and affording to feed your family, that's what happens."

COVID-19 cases still waning

The number of new COVID-19 cases reported in Texas during the past week dropped to 25,081 with 151 deaths, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. The Texas Department of State Health Services reported 1,910 lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations as of Sunday, down slightly from the previous week.

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Guest Column

The importance of local newspapers



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Few professions have attracted the same level of public scrutiny in recent years as journalists. In many instances, these criticisms can be well warranted as many cable or online publications stray further into bad faith opinions rather than objective reporting.

This fracture between the "mainstream media" and the average Texan has deepened because of a competitive dispute between a corporate agenda and the traditional Texan culture—elite coastal publications broadcast a more liberal point of view. In contrast, our state still prides itself on its conservative values.

Throughout the last decade, general trust in prominent media outlets has declined significantly, and only 35% of Americans believe that news companies care about the people or circumstances on which they report.

As public trust in the media declines, the quality work of community-focused news organizations tends to be overlooked. In fact, little contributes to the growing culture and safety of the public more than the local newspaper.

Unlike the New York Times or Washington Post, local newspapers tend to be founded, funded, and operated by people who live in your community. These reporters, editors, and writers spend countless hours researching and investigating local issues with direct impacts.

The community newspaper keeps the town informed on elected officials' meetings, local acts of heroism, and, of course, the high school sports teams. Inside each issue is a beautiful microcosm of the culture of any town—large or small.

Your local newspaper also keeps the citizenry informed on the critical

happenings of local government. While the latest fight in Washington D.C. may be an exciting story, the deliberations from your city or county commissioners court over the upcoming tax rate make much more of a local impact.

Often the columns I author about essential policies in the Texas Legislature would not exist without the distribution of local newspapers across House District 60. This information would not be printed in a statewide publication, and without these community organizations, local leaders would be unable to keep constituents up to date.

Unfortunately, these important institutions are at risk of extinction across the state. According to a 2022 report by the Local News Initiative, over one-third of local newspapers have ceased operations since 2015, leaving numerous Texas counties without community journalism.

Nationally, more than 2,500 newspapers have dissolved in the past 17 years, with another third expected to be gone by 2025. More than 20% of Americans now live in a "news desert," meaning they have little to no local online or print coverage.

Many attribute the decline in local news to the rise of online journalism; however, as print organizations shutter their doors, digital replacements are few and far between. The total number of digital online websites is only barely keeping pace with the decline of print.

In areas that struggle with connecting to high-speed internet, access to online information is an even more significant challenge. Decreasing advertising revenue, coupled with the disproportionately increased operating costs of a news organization, have left small publishers in an untenable position.

As these local newspapers close, citizens lose necessary transparency on local government and municipal developments. One study found a correlation between increased corruption and inefficiencies in local government as the coverage of local news organizations

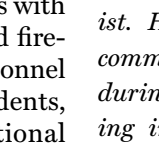
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Wildfire activity possible for multiple areas of the state

Texas A&M Forest Service fire analysts warn of wildfire activity, including the potential for significant wildfires, through Friday in the Western Pineywoods, Southeast and Central Texas.

While Hurricane Ian makes landfall in Florida and the national wildland fire preparedness level has decreased to a 2, wildfire activity has steadily increased over the past two weeks in Texas.

As the lack of rainfall and high temperatures have dried surface vegetation, Texas A&M Forest Service firefighters have responded to 65 wildfires over the past week, whereas the agency responded to just six wildfires during the first week of the month. "The 2022 fire season has been significant for the state of Texas, as state and local firefighters have



responded to more than 9,800 wildfires," said Wes Moorehead, Texas A&M Forest Service Fire Chief. "The state received beneficial rainfall mid- to late-August, which helped to significantly slow the operational tempo for wildland firefighters. However, the

benefits of that moisture have started to wane, and we are, once again, observing dry conditions across the state that is resulting in increased wildfire activity."

Very dry conditions following the weekend's cold front have

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Setting aside funds for capital projects, vehicles, and maintenance.

City leaders also have a goal of developing a long-term capital improvement plan over the next year.

Despite the increase, Aledo's property tax remains lower than most other cities in the area. For example, others include Weatherford (45.8 cents), Springtown (48.7 cents), Willow Park (53.8 cents), Azle (62.3 cents), White Settlement and Fort Worth (71.2 cents each).

For an average Aledo home, valued at just more than \$345,000, the new city property tax rate would mean a tax bill increase of about \$205.

Aledo Mayor Nick Stanley said the new budget may not be flashy, but called it important fundamental for addressing the city's most important needs. He also said the change in the tax rate can be connected to the city's dynamic growth.

"Up until recently it's fair to say we held the line as best we could, but not entirely faced up to the long-term implications of that growth," Stanley said. "Today, we have a smart, sustainable budget that sets the stage for appropriately addressing long-term needs."

Parks of Aledo addition

The council also approved a new Parks of Aledo addition that will consist of six commercial lots encompassing more than

8.8 acres in the general area of 400 Bailey Ranch Road. It will be anchored by The Prep, a premier 13,000-plus square-foot private early childhood education facility.

Simon said The Prep has an estimated project valuation of \$6.5 million. He added the development will also include five proposed medical and general offices buildings ranging from 6,000 to 8,000 square feet.

The Prep of Aledo will be a locally-owned/locally-operated year-round private preschool. Classrooms will include a technology room, art studio, multi-purpose room/gymnasium and more. The outdoor area will feature several age-appropriate shaded playgrounds, a splash pad, and an outdoor classroom.

Obituaries

Phil McClendon

Phil Dan McClendon, age 73, died Sunday, September 18, 2022, at Harris Hospital, following seven years of fighting Agent Orange-caused cancers.

Phil was born April 4, 1949, in Weatherford, Texas, to Alma Reldon Smith McClendon and Phillip Alson McClendon. He went to school in Peaster and Weatherford. Phil attended Weatherford College and received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Maryland.

After serving in the Vietnam War, Phil worked 30 years overseas as a Communications Officer for the U.S. Department of State. Phil traveled the world while stationed in England, India, Greece, Mexico, Brazil, Democratic Republic of Congo (Zaire), Malawi, Djibouti, Costa Rica, and Peru. While stationed in Washington, D.C., Phil continued to work short-term assignments, supporting Presidential travel and other urgent situations in foreign countries.

Phil finally retired in 2000, and returned home to Texas in 2001 after his wife finished her assignment.

A farmer at heart, Phil returned to Peaster, and together with his wife, ran a successful cattle business. Phil helped to found, and was an active member of, the Episcopal Church



Phil McClendon

of the Resurrection in Decatur, Texas.

Phil is survived by his wife, Jill C. Lundy McClendon of Weatherford; his daughter, Rhonda A. Hills (Harland), and their children Charlton and Marin of Atlanta, Georgia; sisters Judy Eidson (Jack) and children Nicole and

Leigh, and Janet Curtis (Bob) and children Melissa and Rob, as well as many cousins and other relatives. He also leaves behind a host of wonderful friends.

Phil was preceded in death by his parents and his son, Jonathan C. McClendon.

Visitation will be 4-6 pm, Sunday, October 2, 2022 at Galbreath-Pickard Funeral Chapel. The funeral service will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, October 3, 2022 at Galbreath-Pickard Funeral Chapel, followed by interment at Peaster Cemetery.

Flowers are welcome, or a charitable donation to Wise Congregation building fund (his church, PO Box 21, Decatur, 76234) or Cancer Assistance Fund of North Texas (his treatment center, c/o CCB, 920 Santa Fe Dr., Weatherford, TX 76086).

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declined—predominantly in metropolitan areas.

Newspaper barons, hedge funds, and communications monopolies have seized control of many local newspaper chains, taking away the crucial interpersonal component which drives the passion and involvement a community desperately needs.

With the August inaugural edition of the Palo Pinto Press, all of the counties in Texas House District 60 are fortunately covered by at least one local print outlet. Each of these community newspapers have dedicated

and talented staffers who work diligently to keep you informed and to keep me and my fellow elected officials accountable. These local news editors and writers are not outsiders, they are integral parts to the communities they cover. They do not write to appease the interests of billionaires or coastal elites; they write to serve you.

So next time you see a local paper on the stand, pick up a copy. Even better, subscribe to your local newspaper or place an ad in the paper. Stay connected to your hometown, keep yourself informed on important issues, and support local journalism.

Glenn Rogers represents Texas in House District 60.

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW

AHS grad at home in the kitchen

John Duke heads to Chicago to cook at Galit

By Randy Keck
The Community News

When John (Alex) Duke graduated from Aledo High School in 2013, he never dreamed he might spend his career in commercial kitchens.

But at the age of 27 he found himself in the position of executive chef at two upscale restaurants in Arkansas, and now he is taking that career line toward new opportunities.

His original plan out of high school was to go to Texas Wesleyan University because he wanted to go to Wesleyan (now Texas A&M) Law School. His career objectives changed during that first year at Wesleyan, however, and he decided to make a change.

"I had a whole bunch of buddies who were enrolled in Arkansas, and was still very close with them at the time, and they were texting me like 'You need to come up here,'" Duke said.

So he transferred to the University of Arkansas his second year with a major track in public health.

"I got into my head that I was going to try to be like a care flight paramedic and it was going to be public health and then go through the whole EMT and the paramedic training," he said.

But a class he took in his senior year led him to the conclusion that being a paramedic was not a good fit.

So how did he end up in the kitchen?

During his second year in Fayetteville he was running and he saw a sign that a local restaurant, Grubs, was hiring.

"I texted my roommate Preston at the time and I was like, 'Dude, they're hiring — this would be so easy. Let's go work there!'"

The two roommates did a tandem interview and they were both hired. Preston didn't stay very long, but Duke found himself running the line in the kitchen three or four months later after his boss had been fired.

"It was a bar and grill in a college town. It was a lot of fun," Duke said. "But yeah, three or four months in I'm running the line of this stupid busy Dickson Street bar and grill at game season for the University of Arkansas football team. That place feels like a fever dream almost. It feels like it was a war zone. But as far as cooking goes, it helped me find some patience; you know, if I can deal with that I can deal with about anything."

While still a student at UA very early in his cooking career he found himself pushing out hundreds of burgers a day for three years.

As the time came for his collegiate career to end, Duke felt he could do what he was doing on a finer dining level, and applied at some restaurants. He was hired by Theo's, described as "Upscale New



John Duke recently left Theo's to work in Chicago.

American plates served in a clubby atmosphere" on Google.

"At the time Theo's and Bordinos were the quote-unquote fine dining places on Dickson Street in Fayetteville, which is the main bar street," Duke said. "That's where everybody goes to eat and drink."

At Theo's

Theo's started Duke out on salads. Because he had experience, the chef who hired him put him on a fast track.

"The natural progression is you start on salads. You go to appetizers

or just starters like holdups and desserts," he said.

Duke went straight from salads to sauté, and said once you are ready, "they put you on grill to where you're working with the high-dollar protein — if you mess up you're getting in trouble."

"I was never really yelled at by my chefs. Number one, they were all great. Number two, I think they could tell I was beating myself up whenever I did mess up more than they ever possibly could," he said.

After nine months at Theo's in Fayetteville, Duke was named sous chef at the Theo's location in Rogers, Arkansas. Sous chefs are called upon to support executive chefs and represent them in their absence. The sous chef often is the one responsible for training new staff members and managing the team. They must be able to think on their feet, make sound snap decisions, and come up with creative concepts for the restaurant.

At that point Duke was basically second in line at the Rogers location. There was an executive chef, who oversaw four restaurants, and then a head chef at the Rogers location. After nine more months Duke became head chef at the Rogers location. Four or five months later, COVID-19 shut everything down.

Duke found a job at a restaurant inside of a brewery to wait out COVID.

"Yeah, I was flipping burgers. I was making corn dogs, but you know, we were getting boo-koo in tips every day, so I didn't really mind it," he said.

He was called back to Theo's when things opened back up. There was a challenge in that the owner had filed bankruptcy and the company underwent an ownership change, but no one had tended to the contents of the coolers. Duke and his sous chef spent most of August and September of 2020 throwing out old food and scrubbing coolers and kitchens before reopening the restaurant.

After two years of being head chef at Rogers, in January of 2022, at the age of 27, Duke became executive chef of both Theo's locations.

But now he has decided to seek new opportunities.

Chicago

Duke had done "staging" in Chicago on a number of occasions during his time as a chef. Pronounced "STAZH-ing," staging is defined as "an unpaid internship

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test when a cook or chef works briefly for free (or to gain a position) in another chef's kitchen to learn and be exposed to new techniques and cuisines."

"Legally, you can only keep people for like two hours," Duke said, "but I was working like a full 40 hours a week at a time. I was there for three days and I worked 12 hour days all the time. But that's because I just enjoy the work."

A new opportunity came his way in Chicago at an upscale restaurant called "Galit" run by executive chef Zach Engel.

"Google calls it Mediterranean food but it's really American Israeli," Duke said. "Chef Zach Engel is a good guy. He's really cool. He's a

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James Beard Award winner and really knows his stuff.”

In addition to the talents of the chef, Duke was impressed by the operation of the restaurant as well.

“Galit was amazing food-wise, and it was spotlessly clean,” Duke said. “It was organized, the food was great, but what really caught my eye was the way that everything was just absolutely structured out — it was just regimented and everybody was moving like a machine and that’s what caught my attention.”

Duke said even the interview process was buttoned down. His responses to interview questions were immediately entered into a Google document for future review.

Duke experienced a somewhat surreal moment during his interview with Engel and his Chef de Cuisine Tom Carlin. Carlin was

called away for a phone call while Engel continued to interview Duke. Carlin came back to the interview with a huge grin on his face, telling Engel that the restaurant had earned a Michelin Star (a Michelin Star is described as “the ultimate hallmark of culinary excellence”).

“So here I am hugging these two chefs that I’ve known for about five minutes as hard as I can. ‘Congrats guys, that’s awesome!’ Yeah. And then we had to sit down and pretend like we weren’t buzzing and going crazy and continue with this interview. So that in itself was just kind of wild,” Duke said.

Everything in the interviewing and the staging at Galit cemented Duke’s wish to go to Chicago. Duke’s thought process was “I would really like to work here. I’d like to learn from these people. I’d like to start making my bones in Chicago at this restaurant.”

Duke started at Galit earlier this month, moving from executive chef at Theo’s back to line cook at Galit.

At 27, as an executive chef, Duke had no one to learn from, and he sees the step down in title as part of his education.

“This is this is definitely a step down from what I was doing but I’m a-okay with it,” Duke said. “At this point in my career, I think it would be so much more valuable if I was learning from somebody, working on getting better, and having an instructor telling me what to do rather than trying to figure it out myself.”

Signature dish

At the time Duke left Theo’s, every dish on the menu was one of his creations. However, when asked if he had a “signature” dish, one particular creation stood out in his mind.

One of the important parts of the job of executive chef is nailing down recipes and procedures so they can be replicated, but to Duke that is also one of the most annoying parts of the job because it removes spontaneity.

“I feel like when you’re trying to write down a recipe, there’s so much less of just cooking with feeling or heart,” Duke said. “You know, putting a dash of this in there, tasting it, seeing if you need some more — to where it is regimented so people can copy — it takes away from what got me into cooking in the first place, which is creating something on the spot, from the heart.”

Duke thinks one of his most inspired creations is a braised lamb shoulder.

“I think lamb is probably my favorite protein to work with,” he said. The lamb shoulder “was braised in a lot of red onions, a lot of garlic. It was garam masala, cumin, coriander, brown sugar, and paprika for the most part, but it came with some smoked carrots, and a sweet potato aligot.”

Duke said the smoked carrots unintentionally became his signature dish among diners at Theo’s.

“We got more compliments on that dish than I think we got on anything else. Whenever I’m trying to make a dish, I want the flavors in your mouth to kind of bing-bang-pow you know, it’s like you’re experiencing a whole bunch of different stuff on your tongue, and you’re asking ‘how is this happening?’ That’s the reaction I want to get,” he said.

Down the road Duke is not sure where he wants to end up, but it might take the form of his own restaurant or restaurants.

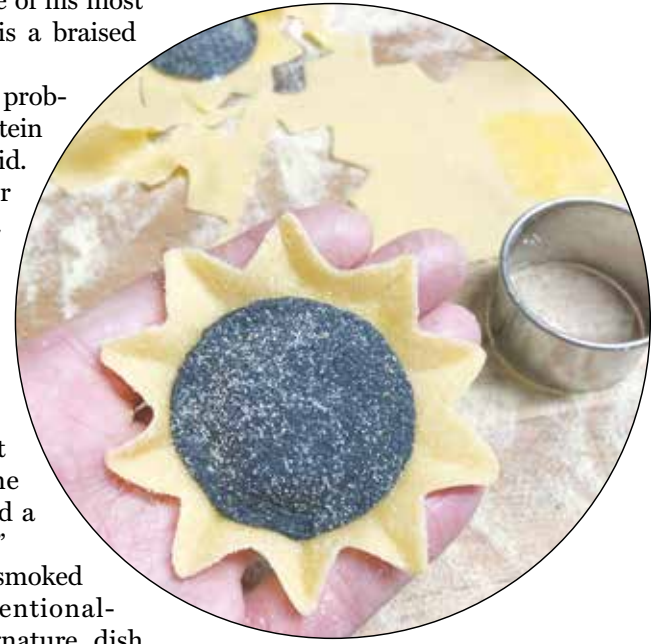
“I would like to have my own restaurant or restaurants but ‘m not

really on a time limit. I’m not giving myself a set date,” Duke said. “I’m going to try to learn what either I think I want to or I think I need to, then once I feel like I’ve got enough experience and cooking knowledge under my belt, I’ll go and see what’s available.”

He summed up his thoughts with wisdom that could apply to anyone.

“It’s a fun profession. You have to want it. You have to know either ‘I want to do this for the rest of my life because I’m good at this’ or ‘I want to do this because I’m passionate about that.’”

For Duke, it’s clear he has both.



John Duke puts finishing touches on a plate.



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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

Willow Park Police host National Night Out party

The Willow Park Police Dept. is hosting a block party for National Night Out from 5:30-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday night, Oct. 4, at the Willow Park Public Safety Building, 101 W. Stagecoach Trail.

The event provides an opportunity for residents to meet their police officers and neighbors, and enjoy a night out.

In addition to games and activities for kids, music will be provided by Kendi Jean Music and Jered Harlan. Carve & Cask, Cousins Maine Lobster, and Dosey Dough Texas will have edibles at the event, and there will be special visits from iRescue, Parker Paws, and Golden Reward Sanctuary for horses and dogs.

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

From Staff Reports 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: Hole sponsor, \$100, business logo or personal wording for player or team. Hole-in-one sponsor, \$500, four available slots for signage on par-3 holes with hole-in-one prize details. Par sponsor, \$500, large sign on practice green or large sign on short game area. 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.

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- hair coil
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- Odessa AM
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POLICE

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enforcement and academia is essential to the safety and security of students," West said. "The Willow Park Police Department is both excited and pleased to partner with TCA to add a layer of safety and security to its prestigious campus."

Newby noted that the school shooting in Uvalde on May 24 might have helped accelerate this decision becoming a reality. On that day a shooter got into the school and killed 19 children and two adults.

"I do think Uvalde raised everybody's awareness," he said, adding, "Part of it is God's timing. I think it was a combination of it all coming together."

A private school having an SRO is a rarity. In fact, Newby couldn't think of another private school that does have one, though some have hired security companies.

"We worked out an arrangement with the Willow Park police that's achievable and works for everybody," Newby said. "We prefer it this way. It's a good fit."

Other action

The council approved a change in its meetings. From now on city council meetings will start at 6 p.m., one hour earlier than before.

The Community News was approved as the newspaper of record for the City of Willow Park by the council.

The holiday schedule for city employees was amended to include Juneteenth. The schedule now is:

- Friday, Nov. 11, Veteran's Day.
- Thursday-Friday, Nov. 24-25, Thanksgiving.
- Friday, Dec. 23, Christmas Eve (Observed)
- Monday, Dec. 26, Christmas Day (Observed)
- Friday, Dec. 30, New Year's Eve (Observed)
- Monday, Jan. 2, New Year's Day (Observed)
- Monday, Jan. 16, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Monday, Feb. 20, President's Day
- Friday, April 7, Good Friday
- Monday, May 29, Memorial Day
- Monday, June 19, Juneteenth
- Tuesday, July 4, Independence Day
- Monday, Sept. 4 Labor Day

WILDFIRES

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resulted in accelerated drying of vegetation across large portions of the state this week.

Multiple days of relative humidity values below 25% will result in widespread critically to extremely dry surface fuel in the eastern half of the state by the end of the week. Wind speeds are forecast to increase to 10-15 mph out of the northeast and, when combined with dry vegetation, will support wildfire growth.

There is potential for significant wildfires where pine and yaupon fuels are present in the Western Pineywoods, Southeast and Central Texas. Historically, these high-risk fuels have produced high impact or significant wildfires that threaten public safety and property. Any ignitions that occur may also be resistant to firefighters' suppression efforts.

By the weekend, the Texas Panhandle may also experience increased wildfire activity in areas where cured grasses are present. Below normal rainfall amounts, low relative humidity and elevated wind speeds will support wildfire activity.

Texas A&M Forest Service is dedicated to protecting the citizens and natural resources of Texas from wildfire, and the agency has strategically positioned personnel and equipment across areas of concern for a quick response.

In Texas, nine out of 10 wildfires are caused by human activity, which means that most wildfires could be prevented by taking simple actions.

"It is important that all residents take care to prevent wildfires while conditions are windy and dry," said Karen Stafford, Texas A&M Forest Service Prevention Program Coordinator. "Consider waiting to conduct any outdoor burning or lighting campfires until conditions improve. Even if your county does not have a burn ban in place, we encourage everyone to be cautious with any activity that may cause a spark."

Stay wildfire aware. If a wildfire is spotted, immediately contact local authorities. A quick response can help save lives and property.

For current conditions and wildfire outlook, read the Texas Fire Potential Outlook at <https://bit.ly/3kemhbG>.

Fall basic CERT classes begin next week

The 2022 Fall Basic CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) class begins next week.

The Basic CERT course is a free 30-hour course. To receive a certificate, both classroom and hands-on training must be completed.

The class will be held at the Parker County Office of Emergency Services facility located at 215 Trinity Street in Weatherford (on the north side of the Weatherford Farmer's Market).

- Class dates are:
- Thursday, Oct 6 — 6:30 - 9:30 pm
 - Saturday, Oct 8 — 9 am - 5 pm
 - Thursday, Oct 13 — 6:30 - 9:30 pm
 - Saturday, Oct 15 — 9 am - 5 pm
 - Thursday, Oct 20 — 6:30 - 9:30 pm
 - Saturday, Oct 22 — 9 am - 5 pm

The course is divided into units covering the following topics:

Disaster Preparedness

- Community Preparedness
- Hazards and their potential impact
- Home and Workplace preparedness
- Reducing the impact of Hazards
- Protection for disaster workers

Fire Safety and Utility Controls

- Fire chemistry
- Reducing Fire Hazards in the Home and Workplace
- Hazardous Materials
- How to Size-up a situation
- Fire Suppression Safety/how to use a fire extinguisher

Disaster Medical Operations, part 1

- Treating Life-Threatening Conditions
- Triage

Disaster Medical Operations, part 2

- Public Health Considerations
- Functions of Disaster Medical Operations
- Establishing Medical Treatment Areas
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Light Search and Rescue

- Safety During Search and Rescue Operations
- Conducting Interior and Exterior Search Operations
- Conducting Rescue Operations

CERT Organization/Incident Command

- Incident Command/Mobilization
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Disaster Psychology

- Disaster Trauma
- Team Well-Being
- Working with Survivors' Trauma

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- What is Terrorism?
- Terrorist Targets/ Weapons
- CBRNE Indicators
- Preparing at Home, Work, and in Your Neighborhood

CPR/AED

- Stop the Bleed
- Wrap up, Final Exam, and Disaster Exercise

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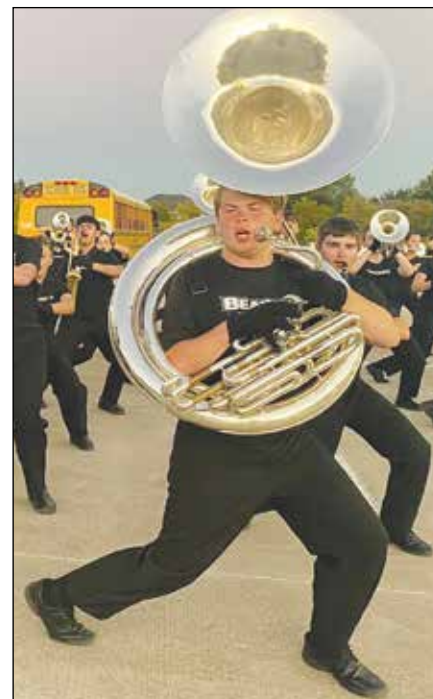
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Regiment marches to first place



The Aledo High School Bearcat Regiment won first place and won Outstanding Percussion and Music at the Mansfield Preview of Champions on Sept. 25 after winning all captions in the prelims.

Jerry Olazaran was awarded outstanding soloist. The Regiment and Visual Ensemble will next compete at the Mesquite Marching Festival in Mesquite.
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ALEDO FOOTBALL ADVANCE

Bearcats back home for first-ever meeting with The Colony

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

One might wonder if some folks in The Colony aren't thinking about what might have been had they promoted a certain young coach many years ago.

In 1986 Tim Buchanan was coaching defensive ends as an assistant coach for the brand new The Colony High School football team. The school had just opened and Buchanan's star was in the early stages of its rise.

Instead, Buchanan moved on and eventually made his way to Aledo as a head coach in 1993 and the rest is history. A state record 10 state championships (seven as a coach and three with Steve Wood as head coach and Buchanan as athletic director), reaching the postseason — and winning at least one playoff game — every year since 1996, and a state-record 106-game district winning streak highlight the many successes.

But now, Buchanan will face his former school for the first time as a head coach. In fact, it will be the first time Aledo and The Colony have ever met in football when the Bearcats (3-2 overall, 3-0 in District 3-5A Division I) host the Cougars (1-4, 1-2) Friday night at 7.

"We've played them at the JV level and it's always been a good game. They've got good athletes, always have," Buchanan said.

The Cougars' record this season, Buchanan said, is a bit deceptive. Their four losses have come to opponents with a combined record of 13-4, including district losses to unbeaten Burleson Centennial and Denton Ryan, No. 3 in the state in Class 5A Division I.

And that loss to Ryan caught the attention of Buchanan and others. After what looked like a blowout after the first quarter (a 21-3 Ryan

lead), The Colony held the Raiders to a field goal the rest of the game in a 24-10 loss.

"They play really good on defense. Like us, they're finding their way on offense," Buchanan said. "Their defense has multiple fronts. They hardly ever line up the same, and they bring a lot of pressure. We've got to stay out of negative situations, no big sacks.

"If we underestimate them they'll give us fits. We're not good enough to underestimate anyone."

But the Bearcats are continuing to improve, Buchanan noted. After a pair of tough non-district losses, Aledo has outscored its three league opponents 177-47. This includes a 49-20 victory at Northwest, which is expected to be one of the district's four playoff teams.

"We're on a good path. The offensive line is starting to mesh, realizing each one's role," Buchanan said. "We've got to continue getting better, getting our eyes in the right place, just fundamentally continue to get better every day."

Pass defense continues to improve

The Bearcats' run defense has been solid all season, holding three of five opponents under 100 yards. The pass defense, meanwhile, has steadily improved.

Since the start of district, the Bearcats are giving up just 137 yards per game in the air. This was highlighted by limiting Saginaw to a meager 19 yards passing last week.

"We're getting better. The defensive backs are starting to understand where they are supposed to be and where the guy next to them is supposed to be," Buchanan said.

In The Colony the Bearcats are facing a team that runs the ball better than they throw, but only by



a narrow margin. The Cougars are averaging 16 more yards rushing per game than passing (179-163).

The advancement of Hejny

At the midpoint of the season, Buchanan is liking the progress he is seeing from junior Hauss Hejny, in his first season as the starting quarterback.

After pre-district numbers that included completing just 13 of 30 passes for 239 yards with one TD and two interceptions, Hejny has turned it around in district play. He is 23-for-41 for 386 yards with four touchdowns and one interception in three games.

In addition, while his pre-district running numbers were good (20 carries, 113 yards), he has also upped his game in that department. In league play he's carried 10 times for 154 yards, including this past week against Saginaw when he rushed three times for 96 yards and his first two running touchdowns.

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TOP: Jaden Allen (2) makes a tackle. Also shown is Toby McDonald (12). | BOTTOM: Tyson Timms had two receptions for 47 yards in the game against Saginaw.

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Kenley Germany (pictured) and her doubles partner Bryanna Orr were victorious against both Azle and Brewer.

TENNIS

Aledo still undefeated in district with one match to go

Playoffs on the horizon

By Cathy Mason
Special to The Community News

The Aledo varsity tennis team defeated Azle 18-3 Tuesday and remains undefeated in District 5-5A.

The Bearcats' record in District 5-5A now stands at 5-0, with an overall season record of 11-2. The team will play its last district match against Granbury at home on Tuesday, Oct. 4 at 4 p.m.

Postseason play begins on Oct. 10 or 11.

All doubles matches were victorious. Boys line 1 Ian Leslie/Hogan Posey fought Azle's best players, split

sets and ended 8-6, 6-8, 7-5. Line 2 Ben Farmer/Craig Mason easily beat their opponents at 6-1, 6-2. Line 3 Jacob Heckathorn/Francois Britz earned their win in a match tiebreaker with a score of 6-4, 4-6, 10-4.

Girls Line 1 Bryanna Orr/Kenley Germany won 7-5, 6-2; Line 2 Elli Kate Bussmeir/Paige Federman won 6-4, 6-1; and Line 3 Natalie Nawrocki/Patrice Loftin also earned their win in a match tiebreaker with scores of 6-7, 6-4, 10-2.

The mixed doubles pair of Scott Mason and Eleanor Jack did not get to play their first round, as Azle did not

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VOLLEYBALL

Ladycats keep district streak alive with sweep over Azle

By Ryan Wade
The Community News

Aledo's Ladycat volleyball team swept Azle's Lady Hornets on Tuesday night, improving to 3-0 in district play and 4-0 overall since suffering their last defeat at the hands of Northwest earlier this month.

The Lady Hornets held their ground in the contest, but the Ladycat netters left Azle in short order winning in three-straight sets by scores of 25-21, 25-16, and 25-19.

Alyssa Gonzales led Aledo statistically in the match as she accumulated 16 kills, 13 digs, and an ace. Lauryn Mack also contributed at a high level leading the Ladycats in digs with 17 while also amassing 10 kills of her own.

Ava Reding and Catie Messer both finished the night with double-digit assists. Reding racked up 22 while Messer added 14.

Meanwhile, Kinley Elms tended the net for the Ladycats stuffing a pair of spike attempts by the Lady Hornets to add two blocks to her season stats.

Aledo sends Lady Bears into hibernation with win at home

Brewer's Lady Bears came to visit last Friday, but were quickly sent packing as the Ladycats bested Brewer in three straight sets by scores of 25-16, 25-10, and 25-19.

"With [Friday] being an off day for the students, it's kind of nerve-racking as a coach, because they're not in their routine that day," Coach Claire Gay said after the match. "But they came out, they handled the team well...For a Friday with no school and no

routine, I thought they did a good job."

The Ladycats controlled the action for most of the night, jumping out to early leads in all three sets forcing Brewer to use timeouts as potential momentum breakers. With each timeout called, the Lady Bears managed to inch a little closer to Aledo before the Ladycats were able to get back in sync ultimately sealing victory in the respective set for the home netters.

Brewer attempted to avoid the three-set sweep with a late rally in the third set. However, Messer's service with the score at 22-19 in favor of the Ladycats set Aledo's sprint to the finish in motion. Messer's serve made its way deep into the Lady Bear backcourt. Brewer's lady netters were able to make a play on the serve avoiding the ace, but failed to return the volley making it a 23-19 affair favoring the hometown team.

Messer's second serve was returned by the Lady Bears. However, the attempted spike overshot the playing surface as the Ladycats watched the ball sail out of bounds bringing up the pending match-point.

With the match in hand Messer's serve was returned successfully by the Lady Bears. Mack, Aledo's resident outside hitter, made a great defensive play to bump the ball into the air giving the Ladycats an opportunity to set up their offensive return volley. Messer set up the shot perfectly as mid hitter Skyler Lambert laid the finesse return over the net where it was bobbled by a pair of Brewer players before

hitting the floor to secure the victory for the Ladycats in front of the hometown crowd.

Gonzales led Aledo's statistical output with nine kills, a trifecta of aces, and a pair of blocks to her credit on the night. Maddie Frank also shined at the net with nine kills and two blocks of her own.

Meanwhile, Reding did a phenomenal job getting her teammates involved in the offense as she closed out the night with 22 assists.

The wins over Brewer and Azle moved Aledo to 4-1 in 5A Region I District 5 action and 23-14 overall. When asked what her

team needs to work on to overtake Northwest at the top of the district standings, Gay replied, "We need to clean up our game on our side of the net and get some good, consistent flow. We tend to shy away from talking. As much as they love to talk on the outside of the court, we tend to shy away from talking inside the court, and it creates struggles for us."

Aledo will be at home again on Friday for another district matchup when Granbury's Lady Pirates (14-23 overall, 2-3 district) come to town to close out the first round of district action. That match is slated to begin at 5:30 p.m.

AMS Ladycats vs. Crowley MS

8th Grade
A Team: Win (25-9, 25-15)
B Team: Win (25-12, 25-15)
C Team: Win (25-12, 25-15)
7th Grade
A Team: Win (25-9, 25-10)
B Team: Win (25-8, 25-11)
C Team: Win (25-10, 25-6)



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FOOTBALL

AHS freshman teams blank Saginaw

Both Aledo freshman football teams defeated the Saginaw Rough Riders last week in gridiron action.

Aledo Orange 54, Saginaw 0

- Kaden Winkfield 39 yard TD run.
- Lawson Stewart 2 yard TD run.
- Forced fumble by Casen Miller, Anthony Rivas with the fumble recovery in the end zone.
- Lincoln Tubbs 27 yard pass to Charles Hibbler for a TD.
- Lamel Swanson 73 yard punt return tackled at the 2 yard line.
- Lincoln Tubbs 2 yard pass to Chase Wilburn for a TD.
- Landon Barnes with an interception returned 37 yards for a TD.
- Evan Murdock 3 yard TD run
- Lincoln Tubbs 13 yard pass to Jackson Loos for a TD.
- Landon Barnes 2 interceptions
- Lamel Swanson 1 interception
- Connor Whitmire kick off recovery
- Casen Miller forced fumble
- Anthony Rivas fumble recovery

Aledo Black 47, Saginaw 0

- Christian Sandoval 22 yard pass to Christian Aaron for a TD.
- Christian Sandoval 35 yard TD run.
- Christian Sandoval 16 yard TD run.
- Christian Sandoval 38 yard pass to Christian Aaron for a TD.
- Brady Powell 2 yard TD run.
- Dane Browne 7 yard TD run.
- Christian Sandoval 22 yard TD run.
- Logan Lampley 1 interception
- Eli Snead fumble recovery
- Ethan Pickett fumble recovery
- Defensive standouts were Ethan Pickett, Tanner Tovar, Briley Perkins and Eli Snead. Thanks to Ryan Miller



ZACH HALEY PHOTOGRAPHY

ABOVE: Aledo Black Freshmen - Briley Perkins (34) makes a diving tackle. | **BELOW:** Aledo Orange Freshman - Kamron Hall (3) catching a pass from Lincoln Tubbs.



FOOTBALL

JV Orange crushes Saginaw

The Aledo JV orange team hosted Saginaw last week, taking a 64-6 win and staying unbeaten on the year with a 6-0 record.

The Bearcats' defense forced an early three-and-out after the Roughriders received the opening kickoff. The offense took advantage of excellent field position by completing a 5-play drive that ended in an RJ Blake 4-yard rushing touchdown. Logan DeFranzo added the extra point to make the lead 7-0.

The Bearcats' defense would once again rise to the occasion giving the offense great field position for the second drive. Gavin Beard went to the air connecting with Cayden Hix on a 44-yard touchdown pass.

The Bearcats' dominating defense would get on the scoreboard when Cody Cartwright sacked Saginaw's QB, forcing a fumble that was recovered by Thaddeus Keller, who took it 24 yards for a defensive touchdown.

The Roughriders would answer on the next drive with a 13-play drive that ended with a fourth down touchdown pass. The Bearcats closed out the half with a scoring drive when Gavin Beard connected with Blake Burdine for an 18-yard touchdown pass to close out the first half, 29-6, favoring the Bearcats.

The Bearcats received the second-half kickoff and took advantage once again. Gavin Beard found Blake Burdine once again for a 25-yard touchdown pass. Beard

would finish the night with three touchdown passes.

The Bearcats' defense dominated the second half. Will Barrett and Coy Flowers each had a defensive turnover. The defense did not allow a touchdown for the entire half. The Bearcats would score on multiple drives in the second half, finishing the night with a victory, 64-6.

The Offensive players of the game were Gavin Beard, Cayden Hix, Chase Anderson, and Blake Burdine. The Defensive Players of the game were Cody Cartwright, Will Barrett, Thaddeus Keller, and Brody Adams.

The JV Orange was scheduled to travel to The Colony at press time.

CROSS COUNTRY

Aledo varsity cross country sweeps at Birdville

From Staff Report
The Community News

The Aledo Bearcats and Ladycats cross country teams competed at the Birdville Flyin' Hawks Invitational on Thursday, Sept. 22 and both varsity teams swept to titles.

The Bearcats were led by Jack Fink's first-place finish. Molly Garrison's second-place finish paced the girls.

The junior varsity boys had a fourth-place finish, while the JV girls - placing as a team for the first time this year - finished sixth.

"Extremely proud of all these athletes!" exclaimed coach Mike Pinkerton.

Full results from the 5K course were:

Varsity girls - First as a team. Molly Garrison, second individually, 19:44.19; Sophia Brandenburg, third, 20:01.06; Elizabeth Griffin, fourth, 20:12.02; Sidney Tillotson, ninth, 21:08.49; Aubrey Connally, 20th, 22:05.37.

Varsity boys - First as a team. Jack Fink, first, 16:29.81; Vincent Luffey, third, 16:55.54; Henry Zedler, sixth, 17:26.97; Dominick Barrera, ninth, 17:42.22; Sam Haught, 13th, 17:50.19; Anderson Smith, 17th, 18:10.77; Luke Schabel, 46th, 19:21.01.

JV girls - Sixth as a team. Emily Lewis, 13th, 23:30.23; Sadie Williams, 17th, 23:44.76; Caroline Browning, 33rd, 25:14.87; Catie Weimer, 47th, 26:14.30; Ashton Teague, 110th, 34:51.92.

JV boys - Fourth as a team. James Price, third, 18:50.10; Daniel



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Vincent Luffey, shown at the Paschal Invitational, placed third at the Birdville Flyin' Hawks Invitational.

Stephens, 12th, 19:17.49; Bo Merrill, 26th, 20:20.88; Chad Thomas, 28th, 20:23.56; Caden West, 58th, 21:40.40; Ian Robbins, 62nd, 21:50.49; Lincoln Tuin, 69th, 22:22.14; Christian Flores, 80th, 22:49.90; Alex Gasper, 121st, 26:14.66.



Aledo's next meet will be at the Granbury Race for the Loot on Friday, Sept. 30. This race will take place at the Granbury Disc Golf Course. First race will be the varsity girls at 8:30 a.m.



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Sophia Brandenburg was the third-place finisher at the Birdville Flyin' Hawks Invitational. She is shown at the recent Paschal meet.

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ADVANCE

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“Hauss has gotten better every week and continues to get better,” Buchanan said. “This past week they gave him the chance to pull the ball and run with it and he had some really nice runs.”

“Any time your quarterback is a threat to run, it slows down the pass rush.”

Parkhurst making defensive noise

After success at safety previously, senior Andrew Parkhurst appears to have found a home at the linebacker position. Through five games he leads the Bearcats in tackles for loss (six for minus 30 yards), sacks (2 for minus 5 yards), is tied for the team lead in solo tackles with Dahvon Keys and Jake Gillespie (21 each) and is second on the team in total tackles with 29 (Keys leads with 30).

“I thought he’d be a good linebacker,” Buchanan said. “He’s sneaky good.”

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 was once again in the No. 3 spot.

The Bearcats and Raiders are set to meet in Denton Oct. 21.

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

Also, while not state-ranked, Bursleson Centennial (5-0, 3-0) is the league’s lone undefeated team. Aledo travels to face the Spartans on Oct. 14, while Centennial also has Ryan at home the previous week on Oct. 7. And since the Spartans are off this week they will remain perfect heading into that showdown.

Buchanan has a message for everyone, however, not to start looking ahead, no matter how important those games are.

“We start looking ahead to Ryan and Centennial and we’ll lose to The Colony,” he said. “The Colony is a good team.”

District 3-5A Division I standings

Team	District	Overall
Centennial	3-0	5-0
Denton Ryan	3-0	3-1
Aledo	3-0	3-2
Northwest	1-1	2-2
The Colony	1-2	1-4
Azle	1-2	1-4
FWSouth Hills	0-2	1-3
FW Brewer	0-2	0-4
Saginaw	0-3	0-5



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Skylar Frank (42) pressures the Saginaw quarterback. Frank had four tackles in the game. Also shown is Carson Dempsey (35).

Last week’s results

Aledo 73, Saginaw 7
Ryan 24, The Colony 10
Centennial 63, South Hills 0
Azle 54, Brewer 0

This week’s games

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

Game at a glance

The Colony Cougars (1-4, 1-2 in District 3-5A Division I) at Aledo Bearcats (3-2, 3-0)

When: 7 p.m. Friday, Bearcat Stadium

The Colony offensive leaders:
QB Carson Cox 51-for-104, 762 yards, 4 TD, 3 int. Passing, 226 yards, 4 TD rushing; RB Camden Wesley 57 carries, 317 yards, 2 TD rushing; WR Alex Elam 16 catches, 258 yards.

Aledo offensive leaders: RB Hawk Patrick-Daniels 73 carries, 631 yards, 9 TD; QB Hauss Hejny 36-for-71, 625 yards, 5 TD, 3 int. passing, 30 carries 267 yards, 2 TD rushing; WR Jalen Pope 19 catches, 396 yards, 5 TD; TE Tyson Timms 12 catches 166

yards, 1 TD; WR Kaydon Finley 6-114, 2 TD.

Saginaw defensive leaders: LB Andrew Kasmenski 57 tackles, 3 for loss, 2 fumble recoveries; LB Devin Hensley 33 tackles, 2 for loss, 1 interception.

Aledo defensive leaders: LB Dahvon Keys 30 tackles, 1 for loss; LB Andrew Parkhurst 29 tackles, 6 for loss, 2 sacks; S Jake Gillespie 26 tackles, 1 for loss, 1 int.; LB Ky Howington 23 tackles, 1 for loss, 1 int..

Team rushing yards per game: The Colony 178.8, 73.0, Aledo 266.0.

Team passing yards per game: The Colony 163.0, Aledo 168.6.

Team rushing yards surrendered per game: The Colony NA, Aledo 107.4.

Team passing yards surrendered per game: The Colony NA, Aledo 201.6.

Turnovers: The Colony 4 (1 fumble, 3 int.), Aledo 7 (3 fumbles, 4 int.)

Takeaways: The Colony 9 (5 fumbles, 4 int.), Aledo 9 (5 fumbles, 4 int.)

Notable: Aledo has won 106 consecutive district games dating to 2007..This is the first meeting ever between Aledo and The Colony..The Cougars last made the postseason in 2019, the last in a string of seven straight years... Aledo has reached the postseason every season since 1996 and has won at least one playoff game each time.

TCA ROUNDUP

Lady Eagles split matches

Eagles stumble on the road

Staff Reports

The Community News

The Trinity Christian Academy Lady Eagles volleyball team split a pair of matches this past week. They defeated Colleyville Covenant Christian at home for their first win in TAPPS District 1-4A, followed by a road loss at Fort Worth Country Day.

The Lady Eagles (15-11 overall and 1-4 in district) swept Covenant 25-15, 25-11, 25-17. They were swept by Country Day, 25-14, 25-18, 26-24.

Against Covenant freshman Emily Ickert led the way with eight kills and senior Margaret Cowley earned seven kills and served one ace. Against Country Day, Cowley recorded five kills, and Junior Caroline Thompson secured four aces and 24 defensive digs.

“I am very happy with how the athletes played against Covenant Colleyville. It was a match where they took care of business. The athletes were communicating on the court and making the most of each play,” coach Jessica Sims said. “I am

very impressed with how much they have grown over this season, and I look forward to seeing what they do each time we step on the court.”

The Lady Eagles will host Arlington Grace Prep Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Barber Gym. It is a Pink Out match to bring awareness breast cancer as October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Eagles at Dallas Covenant

The Eagles football team struggled in a 55-12 road loss at the Dallas Covenant Knights this past Friday.



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TCA, now 1-4, fell behind 28-6 after the first quarter. By half-time the score was 41-12 and the Knights (5-0) added a touchdown in each of the final two quarters.

The Eagles return home Friday to host Fort Worth Lake Country Christian (4-0) in both teams’ Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Division III District 1 opener.

TENNIS

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have enough female players and had to forfeit that match.

In boys singles play, Line 1 Leslie won with a score of 7-6, 6-1. Line 2 S. Mason lost his match in a close second set tiebreak, 4-6, 6-7.

Line 3 Posey played one of the longest matches, splitting sets with tiebreakers, then earning the win with a match tiebreak round; his scores were 7-6, 6-7, 10-6.

Lines 4-8 had no problems with their competition, posting the following scores in pro sets: Line 4 Farmer, 8-1; Line 5 C. Mason, 8-0; Line 6 Heckathorn, 8-1; Line 7 Britz, 8-5 and Line 8 Will Beyer, 8-1.

The girls were equally impressive in their singles matches. Winning their matches were Line 1 Orr, 6-2, 6-0; Line 2 Bussmeir, 6-1, 6-0; Line 3 Germany, 6-0, 6-0 and Line 5 Jack, 8-2 in a pro set.

Line 4 Federman and Line 6 Gracie Heydman lost their close matches 6-8, and 7-9.

The remainder of the girls lineup was not able to play due to the lack of players on the Azle team.

Aledo 21, Brewer 0

On September 20, the Aledo varsity tennis team played their fourth district match of the season, defeating Brewer High School with a score of 21-0.

Girls doubles scores were: Bryanna Orr/Kenley Germany, 6-2, 6-0; Bussmeir/Federman, 6-1, 6-0; and Nawrocki/Loftin, 6-0, 7-6.

Boys doubles posted the following scores: S. Mason/C. Mason, 6-1, 6-1; Leslie/Posey, 6-0, 6-1; and Farmer/Heckathorn, 7-5, 6-1.

The mixed doubles team Beyer/Sydney Byrd defeated their opponents 6-1, 6-0.

Singles play saw high scores from both the girls and boys: Orr, 6-1, 6-0; Bussmeir, 6-1, 6-0; Germany, 6-0, 6-0; Federman, 8-3 in a pro set; Eleanor Jack, 8-0; Gracie Heydman, 8-4; and Nawrocki, 6-0.

The boys ended with the following scores from S. Mason, 6-2, 6-2; Leslie, 6-0, 6-2; Farmer, 8-0; C. Mason, 8-3; Heckathorn, 8-0; Britz, 8-3; and Beyer, 7-5.



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LADYCAT OF THE WEEK



Molly Garrison
Molly Garrison led the Aledo Ladycats to a first-place team finish at the Birdville Flyin' Hawk Invitational on Thursday, Sept. 22. She clocked a time of 19 minutes, 44.19 seconds over 5K to finish second individually.

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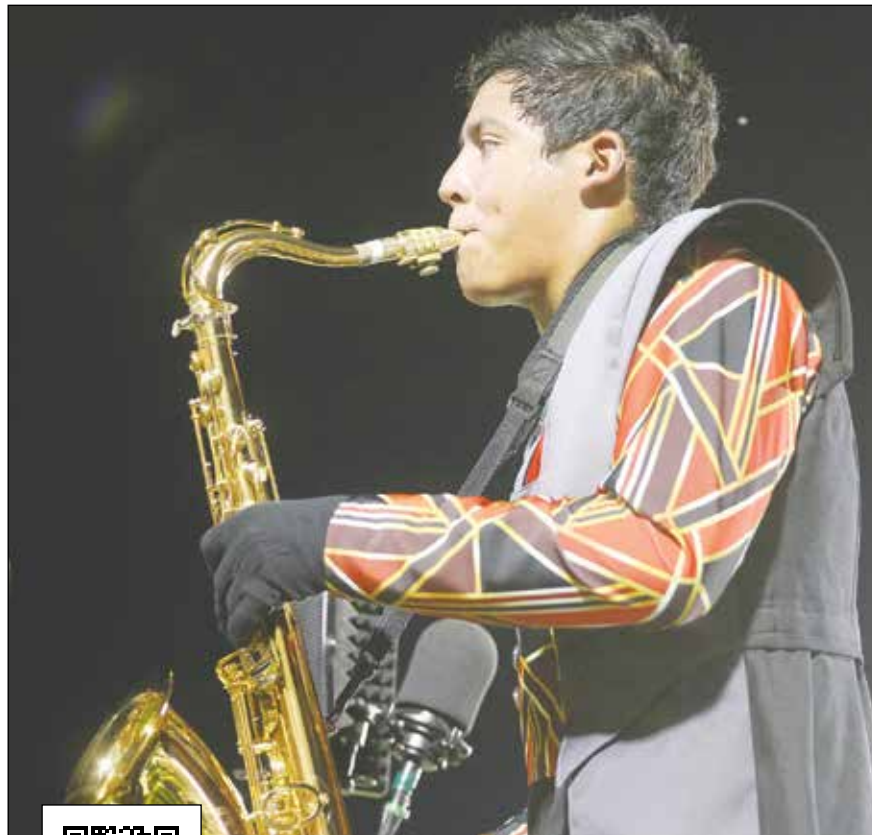
Jack Fink

Sophomore Jack Fink took first place at the Birdville Flyin' Hawk Invitational cross country meet on Thursday, Sept. 22, posting a time of 16 minutes, 29.81 seconds over the 5K course. His performance led the Aledo Bearcats to a first-place team finish.

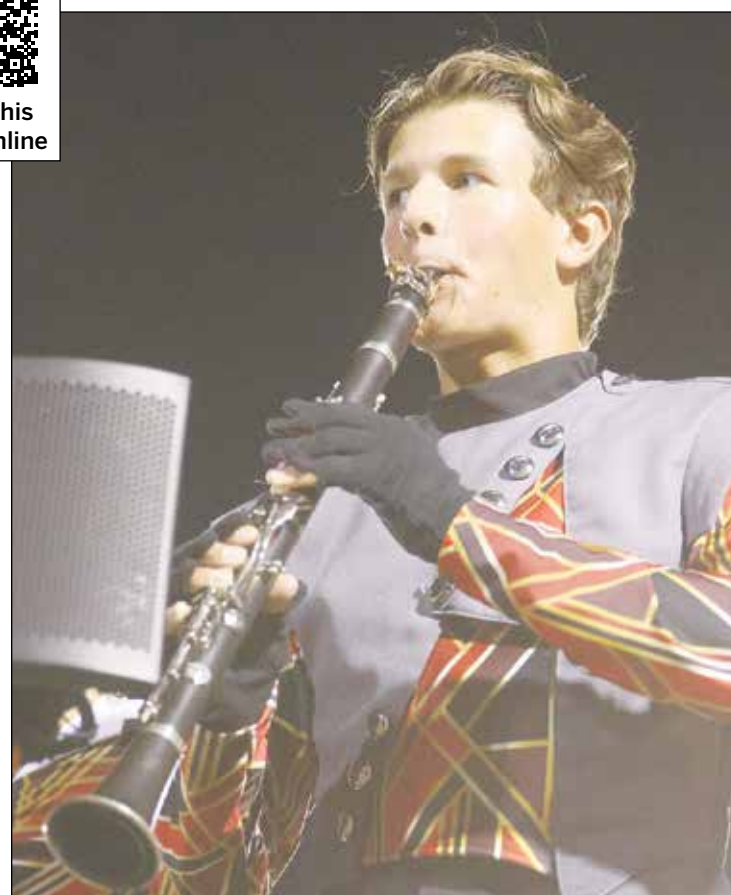
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The City of Aledo is interested in receiving a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) for professional design services for the design and preparation of construction plans and contract documents for the Safe Route to Aledo High School Project. The goal of the project is to provide a safe route to school for residents along Bailey Ranch Road from FM 1187 to Aledo High School in Aledo, Texas.

Submission of Qualifications – One (1) original, three (3) copies, and one (1) copy of all qualification documents in PDF format on a compact disc (CD) or flash drive shall be submitted in sealed packages. Firm's name and address as well as the title of project shall be marked on the outside of the envelope.

SOQ's must be received by Friday, October 14, 2022 by 2:00 pm and delivered or mailed to: City of Aledo, City Hall, P.O. Box 1, Aledo, Texas 76008. SOQ's will not be accepted electronically.

If you desire additional information and instructions for preparing the SOQ, contact Gretchen Vazquez, PE, Director of Public Works at 817-441-7016.

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEST OF AUTOMATIC
 TABULATING EQUIPMENT**

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the General Election held on November 8, 2022 will be tested on October 5, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at Parker County Courthouse Annex, 1112 Santa Fe Drive, to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.

Jenise 'Crickett' Miller
 Parker County Elections Administrator

**AVISO PUBLICO DE PROBAR EL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR
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Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automáticamente que se usará en la Elección general celebradas el 8 de noviembre de 2022 se probará el día de octubre de 2022 a las 9:00 am en el anexo de la corte del condado del Parker, 1112 Santa Fe Dr, para determinar si el equipo contará con exactitud los votos para todos los puestos oficiales y sobre todos los proyectos de ley.

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Specification information can be obtained at, and proposals should be submitted to:

Parker County ESD1
 C/O Charlie Dall, Training Chief
 PO Box 323
 315 Morrow Road
 Springtown, Texas 76082
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**TOWN OF ANNETTA
 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Annetta will hold a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 13, 2022 at Town Hall, 450 Thunder Head Lane, Annetta, Texas 76008. At this meeting, a public hearing will be held to consider amending portions of Ordinance No. 215, and more specifically; amending Article 4 "Permitted Uses" to provide permitted use listings for the new Agricultural Uses, and related requirements; Section 4.2 "Supplemental Standards For Land Uses" by adding a subsection 32, "Animal and Livestock Regulations" to provide new standards for Livestock, Swine, Chickens, Wild Animals and Wildlife, including standards for location, number of animals allowed by zoning district, minimum acreage requirements, pasture fencing, shelter, and provisions for Specific Use Permits for additional animals or swine; Section 9.2 "General Definitions" by amending or adding definitions related to the foregoing sections, and amending or adding definitions for Accessory Farming and Livestock on Urban Lots or Parcels; Animal; Animal Breeder; Animal Commercial Enterprise; Animal Domestic; Animal Owner; Animals Prohibited; Chickens, Urban; Chickens or Chickens, Rural; Livestock; Secure Enclosure; Swine; Wild Animal or Wildlife; Agricultural, Farming and Forestry Activities; Animal Production, Ranching and Livestock; The Town Council will consider the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and adoption of the proposed zoning text revisions, as amended, in a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on October 20, 2022 at Town Hall, 450 Thunder Head Lane, Annetta, Texas 76008.

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Separate sealed bids for the construction of **2022 Street Improvements** will be received by the **City of Willow Park, Texas** until **11:00 AM on Friday, October 21, 2022** at Willow Park City Hall, 516 Ranch House Road, Willow Park, Texas 76087, and then at said location publicly opened and read aloud. This project consists of removing and replacing approximately 36,500 square yards of existing asphalt pavement with concrete paving and replacing approximately 18,600 square yards of asphalt pavement with 2" HMAC. The City may elect to award the contracts for concrete street construction and for asphalt street construction separately or as one.

The Contract Documents, consisting of Advertisement for Bids, Information for Bidders, Bid Proposal, Bid Bond, Agreement, Performance and Payment Bonds, General Conditions, Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed, Plans, and Specifications, may be examined at the following location:

Jacob & Martin, LLC
 1508 Santa Fe Drive, Suite 203,
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A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at **2:00 PM on Monday, October 17, 2022** at the Willow Park City Hall, 516 Ranch House Road, Willow Park, Texas 76087.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any infor-

malities and to reject any or all bids. Bids may be held by the Owner for a period not to exceed 30 days from the date of bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders prior to awarding of the contract.

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS must be ordered online at www.jacobmartin.com. Orders for CONTRACT DOCUMENTS will be **\$0.00**. Contractors must purchase a set of CONTRACT DOCUMENTS to be considered a registered plan holder eligible to bid the project.

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City of Willow Park
 Doyle Moss, Mayor
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FOOTBALL

Bearcats manhandle Saginaw

District win streak goes to 106

By Jim Zimmermann
The Community News

The Aledo Bearcats traveled to Rough Rider Stadium Friday night and left with a 73-7 victory over winless Saginaw (0-5, 0-3 in District 3-5A Division I). It was Aledo's 106th consecutive win in district, a state record that dates back to 2007.

Since Aledo started district play the Bearcats have been unstoppable. The Bearcats (3-0 in the league) have outscored their three opponents 76-7 in just the first quarter.

Aledo went into "beast mode" on defense, only allowing 50 yards of total offense, 31 yards rushing, and 19 yards passing.

The Bearcats had a total of 492 yards of offense, and they only had two players with more than 100 yards of offense. Hauss Hejny completed five passes in 10 attempts for 152 yards and Jalen Pope had four receptions for 118 yards. Three of Pope's receptions were for touchdowns.

Aledo's first play on offense was a 75-yard touchdown pass from Hejny to Jalen Pope just 12 seconds into the game. The Bearcat defense forced the Rough Riders to punt on their first possession.

On the Bearcats' second possession, the offensive line was allowing Hejny plenty of time to look for

open receivers. Saginaw's defensive backs were playing deep, and that allowed Hejny to run up the middle for big gains.

Aledo scored their second touchdown when Hejny ran 18 yards on a designed quarterback keeper to give the Bearcats a 14-0 lead just six minutes in the first quarter.

Saginaw's next possession started on their 9-yard line after a personal foul during the kick. Aledo's Ben Wheeler was in the right place when Saginaw fumbled the handoff and recovered the ball for Aledo on the 2-yard-line.

Hawk Patrick-Daniels, who had 282 yards rushing last week, took the handoff and walked into the end zone behind strong up-front blocking. Aledo led 21-0.

On the kickoff, Saginaw got a return all the way to the Aledo 10-yard-line. Two plays later, the Rough Riders scored their only points of the game with a quarterback keeper.

Hejny showed off his speed with a 43-yard run into the end zone, and on the Bearcats' next possession Patrick-Daniels found the end zone to take a 35-7 lead heading into the second quarter.

From that point on, the Bearcat defense pinned their ears back and put endless pressure on the Saginaw offense all night.

Buchanan would alternate quarterbacks, giving Brant Hayden his opportunity at the helm of the Bearcat offense. Even with some



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Chris Johnson (6) pursues the Saginaw ball carrier. Johnson had three tackles in the game.

starters sitting out, the Aledo offense still scored 28 points in the second quarter.

Caleb Pope led all Aledo rushers with 108 yards on 11 carries, also scoring three touchdowns. Hejny rushed for 96 yards and a pair of scores on just three carries and Patrick-Daniels finished with 69 yards and two TD

on nine carries. Ryan Cox rushed 10 times for 46 yards.

Hayden completed six of eight for 57 yards and a TD.

Also, Tyson Simms hauled in a pair of completions for 47 yards.

The Aledo defense was led by Andrew Parkhurst with seven tackles, including three for a loss with a sack. Coleton Hope had two tackles

for a loss and a sack. Boston Epley had an interception, while Carson Dempsey and Bryon Wheeler each recovered a fumble.

This Friday the Bearcats will host The Colony, (1-4, 1-2), at 7 p.m. It will be the first of back-to-back home games. After The Colony, Aledo will face South Hills.

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