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Aledo head football coach Tim Buchanan celebrates with players after the Bearcats defeated Denton Ryan 35-21 on Oct. 21 at Collins Stadium in Denton. The win in the long-anticipated game clinched the district championship for the Bearcats, and extended their district win streak to 110 games. Read more starting on page B1.

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WILLOW PARK

Ice House noise debate quietens

Consultant offers suggestions

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

Some progress is being made in the community debate concerning noise from the Parker County Ice House when the facility hosts large outdoor concerts according to a report from Christopher "Topper" Sowden from Sowden and Associates, Consultants in Acoustics and Entertainment Technologies.



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Sowden reported to the Willow Park City Council at its meeting on Oct. 25.

Sowden also offered some suggestions as to how to further help with the issue.

Ice House management and city officials have been in discussions about how to deal with the noise emitting from their concerts, particularly late into the evening. Several complaints have been made by residents nearby.

The Ice House hosted another such concert on Oct. 1 with GNRX, a Guns 'N' Roses tribute band. Sowden was on hand to assess the noise situation, doing so from a dozen different locations in the area of prior complaints. His report was that there was no consistent significant noise violation per the city's noise ordinance.

The city's ordinance states that noise violations must exceed 60 seconds and Sowden said there were few instances where the noise rose above the city's limit and never for more than 60 seconds.

"No band will play at the same level for 60 seconds, I was expecting Guns 'N' Roses to," Sowden said with a chuckle.

The city's ordinance has a maximum of 85 dBA (decibels) at the property line. At its maximum, the sound from the concert reached 89 dBA, Sowden said.

Sound is measured in decibels. A whisper is about 30 dBA, normal conversation is about 60 dBA, and a motorcycle engine running is about 95 dBA. Noise above 70 dBA over a prolonged period of time may start to damage your hearing.

Ice House officials had previously promised to turn off upper speakers in an effort to help alleviate the noise and Sowden said they had kept their promise. He also said at the Oct. 1 concert he did not see any outside additional sound equipment brought in, as some bands will do for shows.

Willow Park Police Chief Carrie West said there were no complaints from residents about the Oct. 1 concert.

- Here is Sowden's report from each location:
1. I-20 traffic and cicada noise was the greatest observed ambient noise at this location. We detected voice and snare drum sounds below the ambient noise level.
 2. I-20 traffic and cicada noise was the greatest observed ambient noise at this location. We detected bass guitar and snare drum sounds below the ambient noise level.
 3. I-20 traffic and cicada noise was the greatest observed ambient noise at this location. We detected snare drum stick sounds below the ambient noise level.
 4. I-20 traffic and cicada noise was the greatest observed ambient noise at this location. The sound levels at this location were affected by dogs irritated by our presence in the area. We did not hear any sound originating from the facility.
 5. Same as Item 4 above. On the opposite side of the same street.

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By Any Other Name

First Baptist becomes Cross Timbers Baptist Church

By Randy Keck
The Community News

The members of the newly-named Cross Timbers Baptist Church in Willow Park will tell you that the adage from Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet that "a rose by any other name would smell as sweet" applies here.

Renaming any "First Baptist Church" might seem a daunting task, but pastor Jonathan Mansur said his congregation was on board.

"I kind of talked with the staff and some other church leaders about it last summer, in 2021. And I pitched it as an idea to the church at the end of a sermon series, where we just answered the question, 'what is church,'" Mansur said. "And a lot of those things were leading us to try to match up what Scripture says about the church better. Understanding our membership, our mission, the leadership of the church, and that was going to lead us to making some internal changes."

In addition to internal changes, the church began updating the outside of its



KCSTUDIOS KATHY CHRUSIELSKI

Cross Timbers Baptist Church celebrated its new name with a ribbon cutting at its fall festival on Oct. 23.

building and the landscaping. Mansur said all of the changes led to the concept that they were becoming a new church.

"And so I proposed that in addition to some of those other changes, we change our name to Cross Timbers Baptist. And

nobody gasped in the congregation," Mansur said.

And so on Sunday, Oct. 23, the church officially changed its name in conjunction with its annual Fall Festival.

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Capital Highlights

Early voting underway across state



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Early voting in this year's midterm elections began Monday and continues through Friday, Nov. 4. Election Day is Nov. 8. Voters will pick the state's next governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, land commissioner, agriculture commissioner and comptroller in statewide races.

District races are also being held for U.S. representatives, state senators, state representatives and members of the State Board of Education. There are also ballot propositions to be decided, as well as county, school board and city races, depending on where you live.

The deadline to register to vote was Oct. 11. Interested voters can find out more at votetexas.gov.

Business leaders predict DACA end will cause crisis

Dozens of business leaders, including several in Texas, are urging Congress to protect young immigrants who came to the U.S. as children, warning that the end of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program would exacerbate workforce shortages.

In a report published in The Dallas Morning News (originally in CQ-Roll Call), the leaders released a letter sent to congressional leaders and published as a full-page ad in The Morning News and other newspapers. They warn of serious workforce issues if a ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit gutting DACA protection holds.

The ad included the logos of about a dozen Texas-based businesses or business organizations, including private equity firm TPG, the North Texas Commission, the Texas Restaurant Association, the Texas Nursery and Landscape Association, the Texas Retailers Association and the Texas Association of Business.

If the work permits of DACA recipients expire, the business leaders said, the U.S. could lose more than half a million workers.

"The worker shortage will get worse for the United States if hundreds of thousands of critical workers are stripped of their legal ability to support themselves and their families," the business leaders wrote. "That is the situation we currently face if this ruling becomes final, and it is the reason for our request today."

The U.S. House has passed a bill that would put DACA recipients and other young undocumented immigrants on a path to permanent residency, but the Senate has not taken up the measure.

PUC: No water disconnects during extreme cold

The Public Utility Commission of Texas last week adopted rules that prohibit non-municipal water and sewer utilities from cutting off service to customers during extreme cold weather emergencies.

"The new rules put the health and safety of Texans first during extreme cold weather emergencies," said PUCT Chairman Peter Lake.

"This means Texans can focus on their family's safety during extreme cold and work with their water or sewer utility to make sure they pay their bills in a timely fashion."

Extreme weather in Texas is defined as "periods beginning when the previous day's highest temperature in an area did not exceed 28 degrees Fahrenheit and the temperature is predicted to remain at or below that level for the next 24 hours according to the nearest National Weather Service reports for that area."

The new rules came after passage of Senate Bill 3 in the last regular legislative session, in reaction to the disruption caused by Winter Storm Uri in February 2021.

Drought presents challenges for waterfowl hunters

As waterfowl hunters prepare for the new season, drought conditions across the state are posing challenges, according to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. Biologists with TPWD note habitat conditions for ducks are not ideal in many parts of the state. A May survey by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service showed most duck species had substantial decreases since the last survey in 2019.

"The drought that occurred in 2020 and 2021 had a large impact on duck hunting success in Texas," said Kevin Kraai, with TPWD. "Last year, Texas observed a significant decrease in total duck harvest compared to the previous hunting season. The total estimated duck harvest was down 41 percent in 2021 compared to 2020."

Except for South Texas and parts of the Panhandle, most of the state is well below seasonal rain averages, drought conditions that are the worst since 2010.

More than 79,000 dead on Texas roads since 2000

It is a grim statistic. Not a single day in Texas since Nov. 7, 2000, has passed without a traffic fatality. Since that date, more than 79,000 people have died in traffic crashes, according to the Texas Department of Transportation. That is roughly equivalent to the entire population of Cedar Park. For the past several years, about 10 people die daily in crashes across the state.

Texas Transportation Commissioner Laura Ryan and others are championing TxDOT's #EndTheStreakTX campaign, saying every Texan must do their part to drive safely and care about others.

"With the knowledge that, since the pandemic, people don't seem to view others around them as part of a community, and, that they care less about those around them, we are starting to identify the problem," said Ryan. "If we know there is a problem and we can identify that a big part of the problem is a lack of caring or apathy, then we also know the solution -- we must care more about those around us."

COVID-19 cases drop slightly

The number of new COVID-19 cases reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University in the past week in Texas dropped to 11,604 with 90 deaths reported. The number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations recorded by the Texas Department of State Health Services dropped to 1,026.

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Guest Column

Voter Ed: Selling the Willow Park Fire-Rescue Department

By KJ Hannah

Every vote counts. "Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could do only a little," advised economist and philosopher Edmund Burke.

On the Nov. 8 general election ballot for Willow Park and Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ), the Parker County Emergency Services District 1 (ESD1) has placed two Special Election questions.

Proposition A, "Adding a tract of land located in the City of Willow Park, Texas, and adjacent territory to Parker County Emergency Services District No. 1." For or Against.

"Adding a tract of land" means annexing the area of Willow Park and ETJ fire-rescue services to the area of ESD1 fire-rescue services. In this case, adding or annexing means selling the Willow Park Fire-Rescue (WPFR) assets to ESD1 and transferring the WPFR employees to ESD1.

A vote FOR Proposition A means a Willow Park or Willow Park ETJ voter SUPPORTS selling the WPFR to ESD1. If you don't want to sell the Willow Park Fire-Rescue Department, vote AGAINST.

A vote FOR Proposition B means a Willow Park and ETJ registered voter SUPPORTS assuming the current debt of the ESD1. During his two presentations to Willow Park citizens, ESD1 Fire Chief Watson indicated, in his experience, most citizens vote AGAINST on Proposition B, not to assume the existing debt of ESD1. A no vote just means

separate ESD1 accounting for Willow Park assets.

Our elected officials have been working behind the scenes for over a year to sell the Willow Park Fire-Rescue Department (WPFR) to Parker County Emergency Services District 1 (ESD1) in order to build a new city hall.

The details of the proposed sale of the WPF to ESD1 were documented during the Oct. 11 council meeting. ESD1 will purchase the existing City Hall property and lease it back to the City, and the lease "will be for a 2 - 3 Year period, or until the City can construct a City Hall at a site to be determined."

If the citizens of Willow Park and ETJ vote yes on Proposition A, the city will sell the Willow Park Fire-Rescue Department AND the current Willow Park City Hall to ESD1 for funds to "construct a City Hall." The final contract for the sale of the WPFR is planned to be completed by April 2023, before the May 2023 election for mayor and council seats 1 and 2.

The following is a summary of items Willow Park and ETJ voters need to study before they vote on Proposition A, during the Nov. 8 general election and early voting that started Oct. 24.

First, theoretically, Willow Park Citizens will exchange a tax levied by the City of Willow Park for fire and emergency services, for a tax levied by the Parker County ESD1 for these same services.

If the WPFR is sold to ESD1, property owners in

Willow Park and ETJ will have a new tax line item on their property tax bill, levied by ESD1, at a tax rate of \$.1 per \$100 property value. That's a property tax increase of about 19%. Our elected city officials indicated they might lower the city property tax rate enough to offset new ESD1 tax.

However, even if the city decreases our Willow Park city property taxes to offset the ESD1 property tax, senior citizens and ETJ residents will pay more in property taxes. The senior citizen exemptions that are given by the city are not provided by ESD1; ETJ residents, who currently do not pay Willow Park city property taxes, will find the ESD1 tax on their property tax bill.

Second, according to city officials, the \$1.9M budget of the WPFR is an economic burden on the city. In exchange for autonomy over their fire-rescue services and for the sale of the WPFR assets and employees to ESD1, Willow Park will be freed of the expense of fire and emergency services in Willow Park. Willow Park elected officials will be able spend the freed funds on projects such as lowering the city property tax rate, spending \$20M on street improvements, and increasing parks and trails. In addition, as of Oct. 11, the city must build a city hall within three years; the new "full-build out" city hall proposed in May 2022 is \$7M without real estate.

Third, Willow Park and ESD1 officials have assured citizens our Willow Park Fire-Rescue Department

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RESCUE

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employees will have better benefits and will be better off working for ESD1. However, in August, when the council approved this year's benefits packet for city employees, the city kept the health benefits package with a 5% increase in premiums, even though there was another health package bid that was "significantly" lower. The city employees chose to stay with the current but more expensive benefits that were described as "very good."

As for being "better-off," Willow Park firefighters will always have the option to work for ESD1. Still, our current Willow Park firefighters have chosen to work for the WPFR, so there must be some intrinsic value in working for Willow Park.

Fourth, our elected officials and ESD1 assure the citizens we will have the same or better service when ESD1 is in control of our fire and emergency needs. If the WPFR is sold to ESD1, Willow Park and ETJ will be 3% of the ESD1 territory and 15% of the ESD1 residents. While Willow Park is the main focus of our current Willow Park Fire-Rescue Department, we are about to become very little fish in a pond over thirty times larger.

But the voters of Willow Park and ETJ have the only voice in this decision to sell the Willow Park Fire-Rescue Department.

For or against this proposition, Willow Park citizens have the right and the responsibility to become educated voters. There is no excuse not to vote. Early voting runs through Nov. 4. Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 8.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower counseled, "Public service ought to be the part-time profession of every citizen who would protect the rights and privileges of free people."

Post Script: The details of events and sources of this issue are posted at WillowParkCivics.org.

NOISE

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6. I-20 traffic and cicada noise was the greatest observed ambient noise at this location. Reflections of sound originating from the facility were observed on Willow Park Drive. We detected voice, snare drum and bass guitar below the ambient noise level.
7. I-20 traffic and cicada noise was the greatest observed ambient noise at this location. We detected voice, snare drum, and bass guitar below the ambient noise level.
8. I-20 traffic and cicada noise was the greatest observed ambient noise at this location. We detected voice and snare drum below the ambient noise level.
9. I-20 traffic and cicada noise was the greatest observed ambient noise at this location. Reflections of sound originating from the facility were observed on Ranch House Road. We detected voice and snare drum below the ambient noise level.
10. I-20 traffic and cicada noise was the greatest observed ambient noise at this location. We detected voice and snare drum below the ambient noise level.
11. Same observations as Item 10 above. Observation locations were within 100 feet of each other.
12. The sound originating from the facility was the greatest observed levels at this location. Measurements were performed at the property line adjacent to Willow Crossing Drive East.

Sowden also offered some recommendations to help even more.

1. Modify program schedules to limit programs using the stage sound system after 9 p.m. to avoid the 70 dBA limit after this time.
2. Provide modifications to the existing sound system to limit system output levels to comply with the Ordinance.
3. Modify the fence construction of the north audience fence facing Willow Crossing Drive East extending approximately 78 feet. Increase the height of this fence to 12 feet. The new fence construction should be made to restrict airflow through the fence. We further recommend similar fence construction directly behind the stage although complaints have not been received south of the facility at this time.

"It wasn't stated how the fence would be constructed. They're staggered boards and the fence is leaky," Sowden said of the existing fence.

4. Install a large sound level display on the north fence facing the stage. This monitor should be of a size sufficient to allow observation of the sound by the operations staff and the performers to manage performance sound levels. Provide management and operation of the facility to comply with the Ordinance outside the facility.

"This is a \$150 piece you can buy at Amazon," Sowden said.

5. Provide and install a pole mounted permanent noise monitor system with AC power provision adjacent to the north fence. Monitor levels should be available through SIMM card exchange on a monthly basis and 4G cellular communications allowing PC observation of the levels by the police and City. The SIMM cards should be harvested monthly allowing permanent documentation of sound levels originating from the facility during each month.

Assistant City Manager Bill Funderburk said a 12-foot fence exceeds the city's ordinance concerning fencing, so in order to make this happen the board of adjustments would have to get involved for allowance.

As for who would pay for any adjustments, Sowden said, "My recommendation is for the city to pursue the Ice House (for reimbursement)."

Funderburk said, "We're going to look at our ordinance, these recommendations and probably meet with the Ice House."

The penalty for each noise ordinance violation is \$500. Multiple citations can also be issued, but Funderburk said that is not what he or the city wants.

"If I pull you over for speeding and you pull off afterwards speeding again I can ticket you again," he said. "But we don't want that. We want to work with them, and it appears they're working with us, so I feel confident this will work out to everyone's benefit."

New engineer approved

The council approved the creation of the position of city engineer. For the past few months city staff has been contemplating the need to hire an in-house engineer to supplement the work currently contracted out to Jacob and Martin. This position will assist in nearly all levels of both the development department and public works.

Duties will include - but are not limited to - plan reviews, input on development projects, consulting with the public works director to improve the water and sewer systems, streets, drainage, and other infrastructure needs as required.

"We feel like it has come to a point where there is a need," Funderburk said. "With the work and the possibility of work, we feel there is enough for several years."

One of the key reasons for the position, Funderburk added, is the need to immediately deal with public questions and comments.

"You have somebody out in the foyer (of city hall), they need to know," he said.

The position will have a salary not to exceed \$97,500 along with full benefits. Funding will come from public works and the general funds; however, Funderburk said expectations are for the cost to be neutral as the development costs (e.g. plan reviews, etc.) being assessed by Jacob and Martin will partially supplement the salary.

City officials stress this position is not intended to, nor will it replace, the work being done by Jacob and Martin. Rather, it will supplement, assist, and expedite projects throughout the city.

There is no deadline to hire, Funderburk said.

Saying no to Oncor

The council voted to deny a rate increase for Oncor. The company had requested an increase from the city of 11.2% in residential rates and a 1.6% increase in street lighting rates, which would have increased the cost for a residential customer using 1,300 kWh per month of about \$6.02.

The city previously suspended the June 17 effective date of the company's rate increase for the maximum period permitted by law to allow the city, working in conjunction with the steering committee of cities served by Oncor, to evaluate the filing, determine whether the filing complies with law, and if lawful, to determine what further strategy, including settlement, to pursue. This time period permitted the city, through its participation with the steering committee, to determine that the proposed rate increase is unreasonable.

City Manager Bryan Grimes said the decision was a formality and that several other cities will likely take the same action. He added the dispute could end up going to the Public Utilities Commission.

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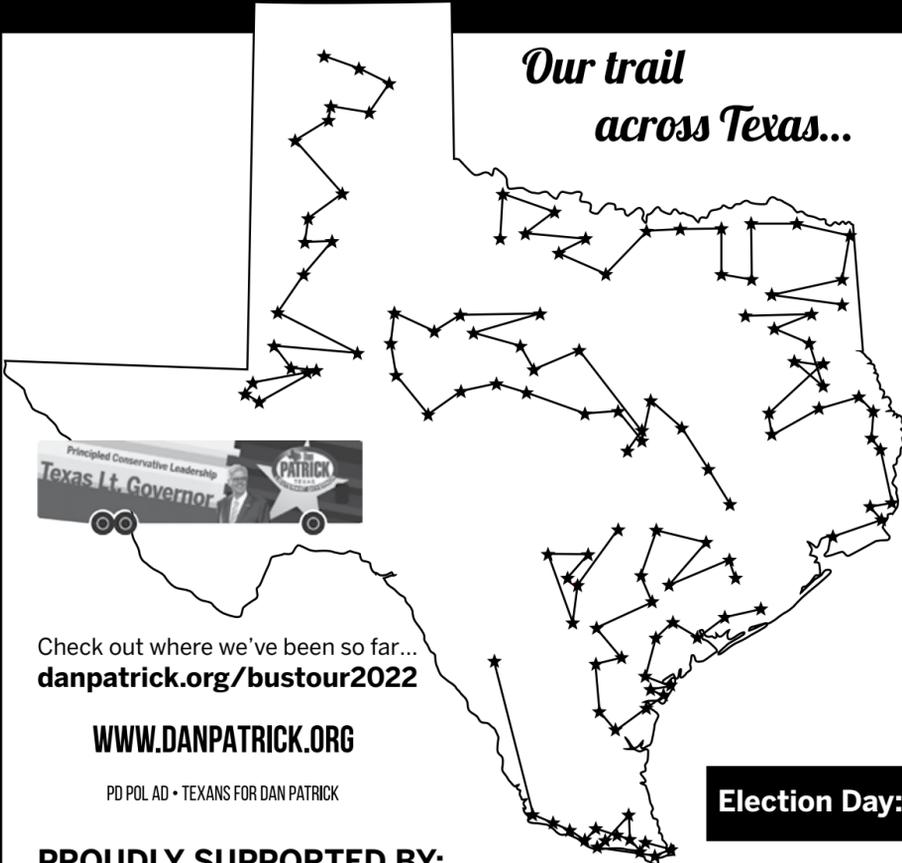
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TOP ROW: September Moon provided musical entertainment. | Aledo School Board member Jennifer Taylor (center) operated the Aledo ISD booth along with assistant superintendents Kim Raymond (left) and Lynn McKinney (right). **MIDDLE ROW:** Caden and Damen Witt pick out bookmarks at the East Parker County Library booth with Megam Witt, their mom. | Anabeth Malone was decked out for the festivities. | Kristen Lawler and daughter Hazel took a wild bull ride. **BOTTOM ROW:** Debbie Ruben and Jan Tonroy presented culinary information at the "It's About Thyme" booth. | Christopher Sanchez picks up a prize at the Myser booth.

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CHURCH

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Acknowledging that sometimes name changes are associated with rifts, Mansur said that was not the case here, saying the congregation has discussed it for a year.

"We're the same church, but God's making us new, and giving us a new beginning. So changing our name was a way to kind of re-open and re-establish us with a new beginning, since the Lord has done a lot of renewal work," Mansur said. "Our style hasn't really changed much at all, but there's just been a spiritual renewal and growing depth in the Word and then our knowledge of God, a greater desire to reach our community."

Mansur added that the church's location had a bearing on the creation of its new name. Across the street, the City of Willow Park built Cross Timbers Park, which sits next to the Cross Timbers Demonstration Garden.

"It makes sense for us to be Cross Timbers church, so that people really know where we are in the community," Mansur said.

The church has added several new families this year, and Mansur said four words keep coming up when people talk about the local congregation.

"Whenever we have new members, I ask them, 'Why did you choose to come here? You know, we're not the biggest church, we don't have all of the things that other churches might be able to offer as far as the number of ministries and facility wise.' And the four words that kept surfacing are truth, growth, love and reach.

"People said that we really valued the truth of God's word that was evident in our worship and the preaching and the singing. That they really found this was a place to grow spiritually, that the love our people have for one another is actually genuine ... and we actually have a desire to reach those within this community and to try to reach the world for Christ."

Church members and Willow Park city officials celebrated the name change



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Pastor Jonathan Mansur and his family.

with a ribbon cutting during the festival on Sunday, and as the congregation gathered to celebrate, Mansur addressed the group.

"It makes sense for us to be Cross Timbers church, so that people really know where we are in the community."

Jonathan Mansur

"We believe that God wants people everywhere to seek Him and feel their way towards Him. And we know he has tasked us - and every Christian - with sharing the good news that He's not far from each one of us because of Jesus. So as his gospel-outpost at this location, we decided to better clarify and identify ourselves with the surrounding community.

"Since God determined our dwelling place next to the Cross Timbers Demonstration Garden, and the newly built Cross Timbers Park, it made sense for us to be called Cross Timbers Baptist Church to show that we are a church in the community, and for the community.

It is our prayer that as Cross Timbers Baptist Church everyone who is seeking God and trying to feel their way toward Him - even if they don't know He's what they're looking for - will find Him here."

Obituaries

Charles McLain

Local icon Charlie McLain died at his home of more than sixty years in Annetta on October 19, 2022.

Charles Fisher McLain was born January 7, 1930, to Robert A. McLain, Sr. and Nellie McLain. He spent his earliest years in rural Wheeling, West Virginia, before moving to Lakeland, Florida at age 14. His family moved to Florida to get away from the West Virginia winters and to flatter ground more suited to farming. Charlie remained in Florida until enlisting in the United States Air Force at Age 18.

During his eight years of service in the United States Air Force, Charlie served as a Crew Chief on the B-36 stationed out of Carswell AFB in Fort Worth, Texas. After completion of his military service, he worked at Consolidated Aircraft (which later became General Dynamics and is now Lockheed Martin) prior to opening his own business.

Charlie was a master electrician and could fix just about anything. As an electrician, he worked on many of the major projects in and around Parker County including the grain elevators in Aledo, Weatherford, Saginaw, and Fort Worth, as well as overseeing many water systems in Parker County.

Charlie also worked for many years building and repairing 200-plus fire trucks in his shop on Old Annetta Road for most of the fire departments in Parker and surrounding counties.

Charlie moved to East Parker County in 1959, and married Elizabeth "Betsy" McLain on Valentine's Day, 1971. The two

had known each other as teens in Florida, but the courtship didn't start until much later over long phone calls and by mail, and Charlie proposed by mailing her an engagement ring in a shotgun-shell box. The two remained in Annetta for the rest of their lives.



Charles McLain

Charlie was instrumental in the incorporation of the Annettas in 1979, and was proud of these successful endeavors to keep the East Parker County area from becoming western Fort Worth. Charlie led these efforts, getting the paperwork filed with the State of Texas just days before Fort Worth applied to annex this Parker County area.

Charlie truly lived as the hands and feet of Christ, and lived a life of service.

He faithfully served as a member of the Aledo Lions Club, helping to raise thousands of dollars in support of their efforts. Charlie also ran the chains at the Aledo High School football games for many years. With smiles on their faces, friends laugh that there's no telling how many first downs that might have been a hair short were given to the Bearcats because Charlie was on the chains!

Charlie enjoyed hosting barn dances at their place for the teens in the area, and he still referred to them as "my kids" even though some of those "kids" are now in their 60s. Charlie never met a stranger and thrived on being around his community friends, telling stories and reminiscing about his life, his travels while in the USAF, his childhood misadventures, and teenage mischief. Charlie always had a twinkle in his eye and a wry grin with tales ready to tell for anyone who would listen.

Charlie was an active member of Aledo United Methodist Church serving and using his gifts in every imaginable way. Charlie taught Sunday school, sang in the choir, and was so essential for the administrative board and trustees of the church that he was made a lifetime member of those committees. He was also a lifetime member of the Lord's Acre committee, providing and overseeing the setting up of the main tent every year. He was always passionately connected to the Missions Committee because of his work with the youth missions every summer, and the Aldersgate mission in Brownwood. Charlie helped with Children's ministries on Wednesday nights throughout his life, and always particularly enjoyed helping children grow in their faith.

Charlie was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Betsy McLain, his brother Packy McLain, and his sister Sallie Laney. He is survived by his sister, Emily Drake, his sister-in-law Carolyn McLain, numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews, and his community of friends whom he claimed as family.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 12, at Aledo United Methodist Church. Following the service, there will be a casual meal with time for fellowship, which was Charlie's wish.

In lieu of flowers, his friends ask that you honor Charlie's life of service by spending some of your time in service to others by volunteering in the community, the church, and/or with children.

An open Shutterfly account has been set up to share photos of Charlie being Charlie over the years. You can share your memories and stories at <https://charliemclain.shutterfly.com/>

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Safe Howl-oween

The Weatherford College Police Department will host its annual Safe Howl-oween from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, at the Weatherford College campus parking lot. The event will open at 5 p.m. for special needs children. The event is free, but attendees are asked to bring canned goods to support the Parker County Senior Living Center. Due to the growth of the event, the Weatherford College Police Dept. is asking for additional support from the community in the way of vendors who would like to set up booths with interactive games that hand out candy and prizes. Monetary donations are

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

TCA Gift Market

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Ladycats Charity Golf Tournament

The Aledo Softball Boosters will host the second annual Aledo Ladycats Charity Golf Tournament on Friday, Nov. 11, at Squaw Creek Golf Club. Proceeds will go to the Aledo softball program to cover expenses the school district may not provide for. The largest portion of the funds will go to the Senior Class Scholarship Fund. Sponsorships are available as well as registrations to play (\$500/foursome or

\$150 per individual player.) For more information, email Matt Byars or Dewayne Cox at 2023Ladycatssoftball@gmail.com.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Bearcat Blast Clay Shoot

The Aledo Education Foundation will hold its annual Bearcat Blast Clay Shoot on Thursday, Nov. 17, at Defenders Outdoors Clay Sports Ranch, 8270 Aledo Road in Fort Worth. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the tournament begins at 9 a.m. For more information, visit <https://www.aledoef.org/copy-of-events-2>.

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 9 ____ western State is in Wichita Falls
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 19 TX Johnny Horton's "North to ____"
 22 Sam Houston was ____ by a Cherokee chief
 23 Texas war cry: "Remember ____"
 24 "Situation ____ all fouled up"
 29 Aggie kisses his/her ____ after a score
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 31 Dallas mayor at time of JFK assassination, Earle
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 9 Elm ____, TX
 10 TX Tanya's "Can ____ in the year of our Lord" (abbr.)
 11 the traffic light was invented by TX Henry ____ Garrett
 12 TXism: "eating out of the same feed ____" (associated)
 13 TXism: "____ to shuck" (big chore)
 14 TXism: "____ boose" (jail)
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 17 TXism: "____ buster"
 18 TXism: "tax wrangler"
 20 TX Claire Chennault was adviser to Chiang ____-shek
 21 "in the year of our Lord" (abbr.)
 24 Mrs. Connally (init.)
 25 ____ Ridge North, TX
 26 Gov. Hubbard (init.)
 27 TXism: "____ muffins" (cow chips)
 28 a base that dissolves in water
 33 Texas ____ weekend
 34 "Bevo's" sch.
 35 TXism: "that'll ____ nicely"
 37 Santa ____, TX
 38 TXism: "spin ____" (lie)
 39 TX Ginger Rogers 1933 film: "Flying Down ____"
 40 TXism: "as hard as finding a horse ____ in heaven"
 41 TXism: "lend a ____ on the job" (abbr.)
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City of Willow Park Doyle Moss, Mayor October 28, 2022

ORDINANCE NO. 215-A

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF ANNETTA, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 215, THE ZONING ORDINANCE, BY 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; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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PASSED AND APPROVED on this 20th day of October, 2022.

(s) Sandy Roberts, Mayor

Attest:

(s) Jamee Long, Town Secretary

Notice of Public Hearings

Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council of the City of Aledo, Parker County, Texas will conduct public hearings in the Aledo Community Center, 104 Robinson Court, Aledo, Texas.

First Public Hearing

Location:
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 Aledo, Texas 76008
 Date:
 Time:

Planning and Zoning Commission

Aledo Community Center 104
 Thursday, November 10, 2022
 6:00 P.M.

Second Public Hearing

Location:
 Robinson Court
 Aledo, Texas 76008
 Date:
 Time:

City Council Meeting

Aledo Community Center 104
 Thursday, December 1, 2022
 6:00 P.M.

The purpose of the hearings is to receive input regarding consideration the following:

1) Consider amending portions of Section 26, "Specific Use Permit (SUP)," of the Aledo Zoning Ordinance to require a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for all properties along FM 1187, FM 5, Champions Drive, and Bailey Ranch Road, and to prohibit restaurant drive-through queue lanes from being located between the building and the primary street frontage.

For further information or questions regarding these public hearings, please contact Nathan Gonzales, at telephone number (817) 717-4255 or cityplanner@aledotx.gov.

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Deana McMullen, City Secretary

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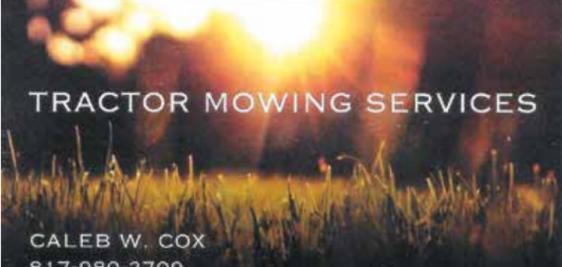
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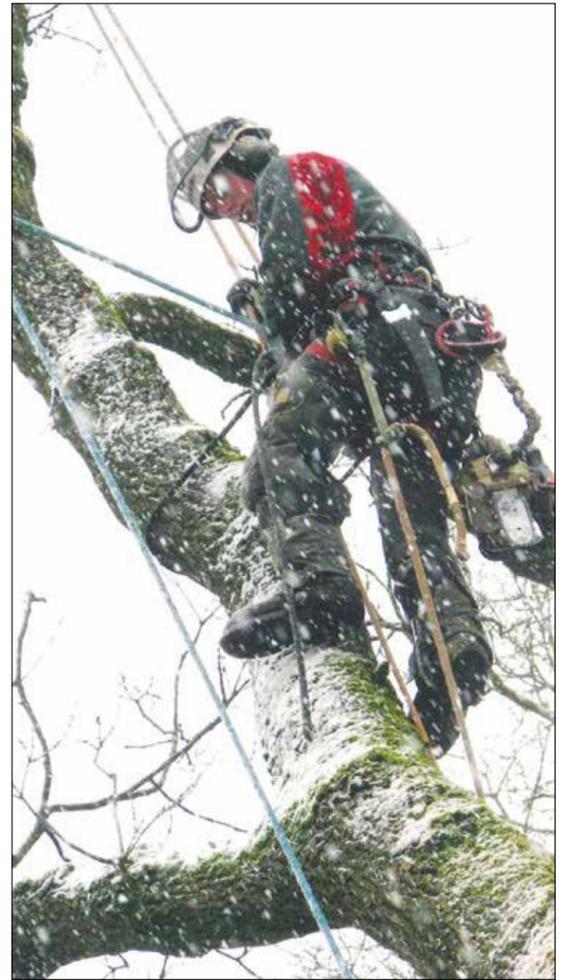
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FOOTBALL

No off week

Bearcats continue work on bye week

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

Don't call it an off week for the Aledo football team this week. They just don't have a game on the schedule.

"We don't tell them (players) it's a week off. We tell them we'll kick 'Open's' butt this week," coach Tim Buchanan said.

Officially, this is a bye week for the Bearcats, who clinched the District 3-5A Division I championship last Friday with a 35-21 victory at Denton Ryan. It's their 15th consecutive district title. It also extended their national-record district winning streak to 110 games, dating to 2007.

"What you don't want to do is not do anything," Buchanan said. "Now, practice is a little bit shorter and there's not as much hitting, but we are definitely working."

"We'll work on things like, with running backs, ball security, seeing inside and letting the offensive line work to block. Quarterbacks will go through progressions, we'll work on defensive fundamentals."

"We use the open week to become better football players."

The Bearcats (7-2 overall, 7-0 in district) have one more game before hosting a bi-district game the weekend of Nov. 10-12, against the fourth-place team from District 4-5A Division I. They will end the regular season at home on Friday, Nov. 4, at 7 p.m. against Brewer (2-6, 2-4).

Added confidence

If there was any doubt about just how good this year's Bearcats are, it was erased the past two weeks. On Nov. 7 they went to Burleson and demolished an undefeated Centennial squad that was state-ranked, 64-21. They followed that with a trip to Denton to take down a Ryan team that had been ranked as high as No. 2 in the state this season, 35-21.

And now, the Bearcats are sitting atop the heap in district,

something they've gotten quite accustomed to over the years.

"Two things came out of those two wins," Buchanan said. "First, a lot of confidence in themselves, individual players and in the football team. Second, it told our coaching our team can put two good games vs. really good opponents back-to-back, and that's what you have to do in the playoffs."

Tradition's role

When you've won as much as Aledo has in football, tradition can play a key role in success. No players want to be on the team that DIDN'T win district, or had the record district winning streak ended.

So, while the schedule makers did the Bearcats no favor this season with back-to-back road games in Burleson and Denton, Aledo had tradition on its side. However, the players still had to go out and win the games, Buchanan noted.

"The tradition helped the kids have the confidence to win the game, but they are the ones who won the game, especially at Ryan, because Ryan wasn't intimidated at all. They have their own tradition," Buchanan said.

"Who you know will get you in the room. What you do once you are in the room, that's up to you."

Possible bi-district foes

The Bearcats will host a bi-district game sometime between Nov. 10 and 12. Who it will be remains to be seen as there is a battle for fourth place in District 4-5A Division I.

Entering this weekend only one game separated second place from fifth place in the standings, with Red Oak (7-1, 5-1), Lake Belton (7-2, 5-2), Killeen Shoemaker (6-2, 4-2) and Killeen Elllison (5-3, 4-2) in the hunt. Killeen (3-5, 2-4) and Granbury (4-4, 2-4) also have an outside shot at fourth place.

State rankings

The Bearcats find themselves third in the three major state ranking polls this week, Padilla,



BREILEIGH MAYER/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

TOP: Dahvon Keys (3) wraps up a Denton Ryan runner. Right: Jalen Pope (11) makes a catch at the endzone. Pope had five catches for 87 yards in the game.

MaxPreps, and Dave Campbell's/Associated Press.

Also ranked from the district are Centennial, No. 10 in Padilla and No. 8 in MaxPreps; Ryan, No. 12 in Padilla; and Justin Northwest, No. 23 in MaxPreps.

District 3-5A Division I standings

	District	Overall
x-Aledo	7-0	7-2
y-Centennial	5-1	7-1
y-Northwest	5-1	6-2
Ryan	4-2	4-3
The Colony	3-4	3-6
Azle	2-4	2-6
Brewer	2-4	2-6
South Hills	0-6	1-7
Saginaw	0-6	0-8

x = clinched district championship
y = clinched playoff berth

Last week's results

Aledo 35, Denton Ryan 21

Justin Northwest 65, South Hills 0

The Colony 58, Azle 34
Burleson Centennial 51, Brewer 6
Saginaw bye

This week's games (all 7 p.m. starts Friday)

Centennial at Northwest
South Hills at Azle
Ryan at Brewer
The Colony at Saginaw
Aledo bye

Nov. 4 games (end of regular season, all at 7 p.m.)

Brewer at Aledo
Azle at Centennial
Northwest at Ryan
Saginaw at South Hills
The Colony bye



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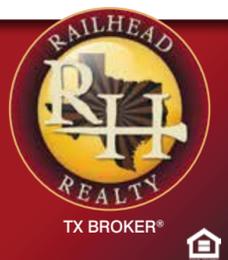
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FOOTBALL

Bearcats wrap up another district title

Win over Denton Ryan extends district streak to 110

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

Faced with the prospect of not winning district for the first time since the iPhone debuted and Luka Dončić was in elementary school, the Aledo Bearcats responded with their biggest victory of the season.

One week after their previous biggest victory of the season.

And now, 110 league victories later — a national record — the Bearcats are celebrating their 15th consecutive district title following Friday's 35-21 victory against Denton Ryan at C.H. Collins Stadium in Denton.

"Our kids answered the bell. We had two bad losses to start the season, but nobody ever thought about quitting. Our kids wanted this district championship," Bearcats coach Tim Buchanan said.

Had Ryan won, the district would likely have ended in a three-way between Aledo, Ryan and Burleson Centennial. The Spartans defeated Ryan 23-16 on Oct. 7 and Aledo routed Centennial 64-21 on Oct. 14.

So, barring a Ryan blowout win, the Bearcats were still in good shape to be the top seed from the district for the playoffs based on the points tie-breaking system. Of course, that's a moot point now and something Aledo wasn't interested in, Buchanan said.

"We never really talked to them about that," he said. "They wanted to go out and win it outright and that's what they did."

The Bearcats are now 7-2 overall and 7-0 in District 3-5A Division I. Ryan fell to 4-3 overall and 4-2 in district and will likely finish third in the league.

After opening the season with back-to-back losses at Dallas Parish Episcopal (24-17), the state's top-ranked private school in the Dave Campbell's/Associated Press rankings, and at home to Denton Guyer (44-14), No. 6 in Class 6A, Aledo got on a roll in league play. The Bearcats

have outscored their district opponents 396-96, an average of 57-14.

And in the past two weeks they have defeated a team in Centennial that was ranked No. 6 in the state at the time and a Ryan team that has been ranked No. 3 in the state the first week of October.

"It's so unbelievable how much they've improved," Buchanan said of his team. "They've turned into real Bearcats the last two weeks."

Aledo entered the weekend ranked fourth, but No. 3 College Station lost 49-38 to Georgetown.

After Ryan rallied from a two-touchdown deficit to tie the game at 21 on touchdown passes of 50 and 5 yards from Khalon Davis to Jordyn Bailey, it looked as though Aledo's streak might be in jeopardy. The Raiders had momentum and had forced back-to-back punts by the Bearcats.

But Aledo quarterback Hauss Hejny and his teammates had other ideas. He led the Bearcats on a seven-play 65-yard drive, finished by a 24-yard touchdown pass to Jalen Pope and a 27-21 lead.

The point-after attempt was blocked, however, leaving the Raiders with 7:16 and a touchdown and PAT of their own away from history. Instead, the Aledo defense clamped down, and on third-and-10, Jayton Owens intercepted a hurried pass.

The celebration was short-lived, though, as two plays later Aledo turned the ball back over on a fumble at the Ryan 23. Again, the defense held and forced Ryan to punt — a booming 60-yarder.

Hejny then used his legs to once again make it a two-score lead as he raced 86 yards on the first play. His ensuing two-point conversion pass to Tyson Timms capped the scoring.

Any last gasp hope for Ryan was erased when Skyler Frank jumped on a fumbled pooch kickoff at the Raiders 30 with 3:48 to play. From there the Bearcats ran out the clock, ending the contest on the Ryan 6-yard line.

"I saw the ball on the ground. I could have scooped it, but I just wanted to make sure I got on it to get



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Lawson Moore (40) pressures the Denton Ryan quarterback.

my offense in a great position," Frank said. "It feels amazing. A lot of people were doubting us after those first two weeks, but we knew what kind of team we had."

The game began with Ryan in control as the Raiders forced the Bearcats to punt on their first possession. Subsequently, Ryan went 53 yards in five plays and took a 7-0 lead on a 24-yard touchdown pass from Davis to Da'Marquis Lewis.

Then Aledo took over, scoring on their next three possessions, each a 10-play drive that consumed 4:42, 4:49 and 5:19 off the clock, respectively. The first drive ended with a 9-yard run by Caleb as the opening period ended in a 7-7 tie.

The second was capped with a 9-yard run from Hejny for a 14-7 lead three minutes into the second quarter, and Davhon Keys made the score 21-7 with a 6-yard run with 1:48 to go before the half.

"This is such a great feeling," Keys said of the district championship. "After those first two games it was rocky, but we stayed on our path. We still worked hard and played hard. We play for each other because we knew what we could do."

Aledo dominated the time of possession, holding onto the ball for more than eight minutes in three of the four quarters.

The Bearcats have a bye week before finishing the regular season at home against Brewer (2-6, 2-4 in district) at home on Nov. 4. After that they will face the fourth-place team from District 4-5A Division I in the first round of the playoffs, probably at Bearcat Stadium the weekend of Nov. 11.

After this past week's games, Killeen Shoemaker and Killeen Ellison are tied for that spot, a half game behind Lake Belton.

Aledo	7	14	0	14	35
Denton Ryan	7	0	7	7	21

Scoring
 R - Da' Marquis Lewis 24 pass from Khalon Davis (Daniel Rodriguez kick)
 A - Caleb Pope 9 run (Cole Crawford kick)
 A - Hauss Hejny 9 run (Crawford kick)
 A - Dahvon Keys 6 run (Crawford kick)
 R - Jordyn Bailey 50 pass from Davis (Rodriguez kick)
 R - Bailey 5 pass from Davis (Rodriguez kick)
 A - Jalen Pope 24 pass from Hejny (kick blocked)
 A - Hejny 86 run (Timms pass from Hejny)

Team statistics
 First downs: Aledo 18, Ryan 13.
 Rushes-yards: Aledo 47-280, Ryan 22-154.
 Passing yards: Aledo 154, Ryan 157.
 Caught-thrown-intercepted: Aledo 10-13-1, Ryan 12-19-1.
 Punts-average: Aledo 3-37.0, Ryan 3-38.7.
 Fumbles-lost: Aledo 3-1, Ryan 2-1.
 Penalties-yards: Aledo 2-25, Ryan 5-30.
 Third-down conversions: Aledo 5-9, Ryan 1-6.
 Fourth-down conversions: Aledo 1-1, Ryan 0-2.
 Time of possession: Aledo 28:45, Ryan 19:15.

Individuals
Rushing
 Aledo: Hejny 13 carries, 132 yards, 2 TD; C. Pope 15-86, TD; Hawk Patrick-Daniels 11-40; Keys 8-22, TD.
 Ryan: Kalib Hicks 17-89, Bailey 4-50.
Passing
 Aledo: Hejny 10-of-13, 151 yards, TD, interception.
 Ryan: Davis 12-of-18, 157 yards, 3 TD, interception; Braeden Mussett 0-1.
Receiving
 Aledo: J. Pope 5-87, TD; Tyson Timms 3-33; C. Pope 1-26; Kaydon Finley 1-5.
 Ryan: Bailey 5-82, 2 TD; Lewis 4-65.
 Aledo interception: Jayton Owens.
 Aledo defensive fumble recovery: Skyler Frank.

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The Contract Documents, including plans, for this project will be available beginning Friday, October 21, 2022. The plans, contract documents and other information may be obtained digitally at no charge from the following website at www.civcastusa.com and search for "Bailey Ranch Road Reconstruction Section 1". It is the downloader's responsibility to determine that a complete set of documents, as defined in the Instructions to Bidders, is received.

A non-mandatory prebid meeting for the project will be held at the City of Aledo, 200 Old Annetta Road, Aledo, Texas, 76008 at 2:00 PM, CDST, Tuesday, November 1, 2022.

Any questions or requests for information regarding this project during the bid process should be directed through the civcast project page. Alternatively, questions may be sent to David Smith, PE at 817-764-7486 or dsmith@halfm.com or Gretchen Vazquez at 817-441-7016 or publicworksdirector@aledotx.gov. Engineer will distribute to prospective bidders of record such Addenda as Engineer considers necessary in response to discussions or inquiries arising during the bid process.

The scope of work consists of the reconstruction of Bailey Ranch Road from FM 1187 to Champions Drive. Drainage improvements are provided along the project. The work includes, but is not limited to, mobilization, preparation of right-of-way, traffic control, approximately 11,032 SY of 8-inch thick reinforced concrete pavement on lime stabilized subgrade, and approximately 4,325 SF of 4-inch thick reinforced concrete sidewalks, and any other work deemed necessary the City of Aledo. All of the above shall be done in accordance with TxDOT and NCTCOG specifications with the City of Aledo's addenda and as per instructions of the City of Aledo Engineer. All construction sequencing and barricading will be done according to the City of Aledo Standards.

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Contractors for this Project must pay no less than the prevailing wage rates for the area established by the Owner and included in the contract documents.

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LADYCAT OF THE WEEK



Lauryn Mack

Volleyball: She posted a dozen kills, served an ace and had 23 defensive digs as the Ladycats had 3-0 sweeps over Brewer and Azle to secure second place in District 5-5A.

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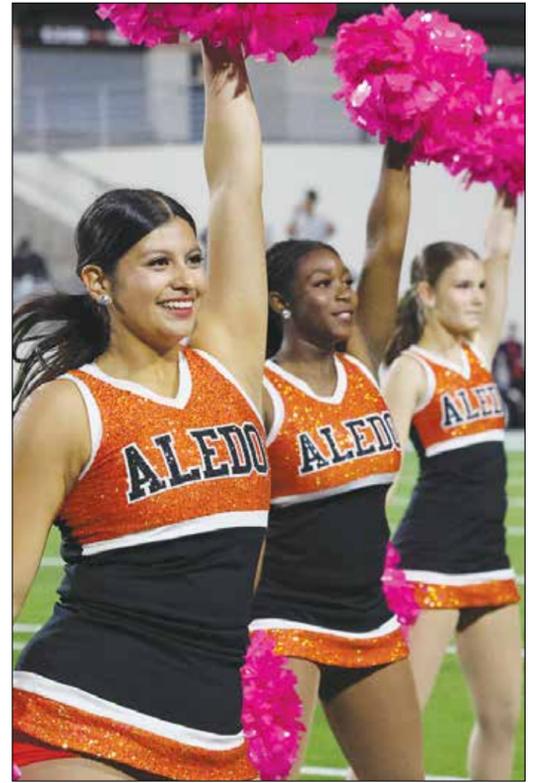
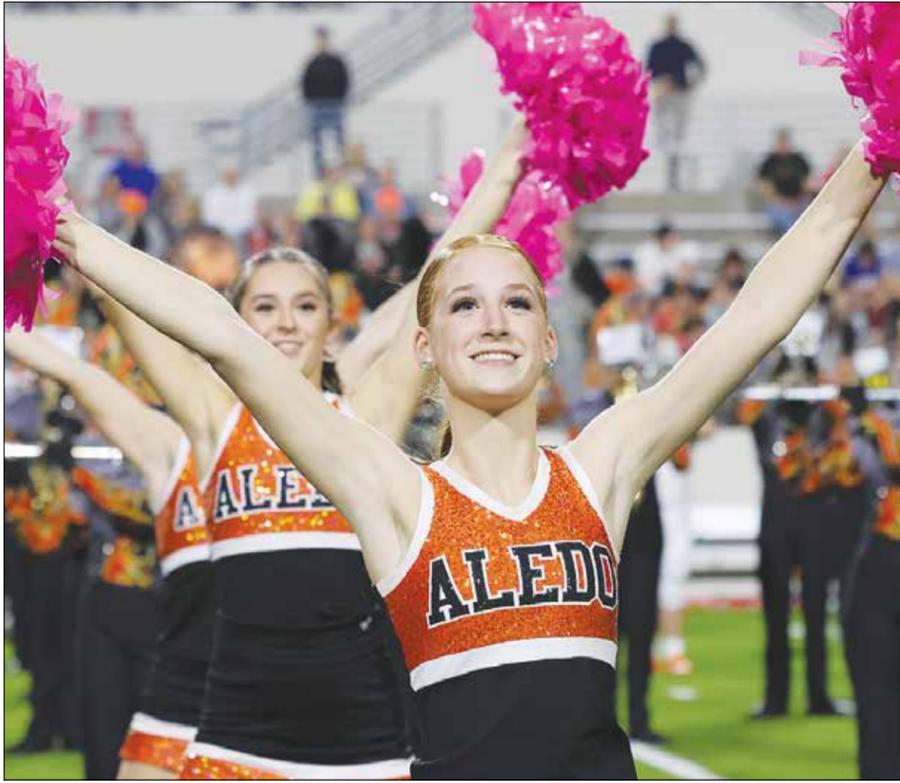
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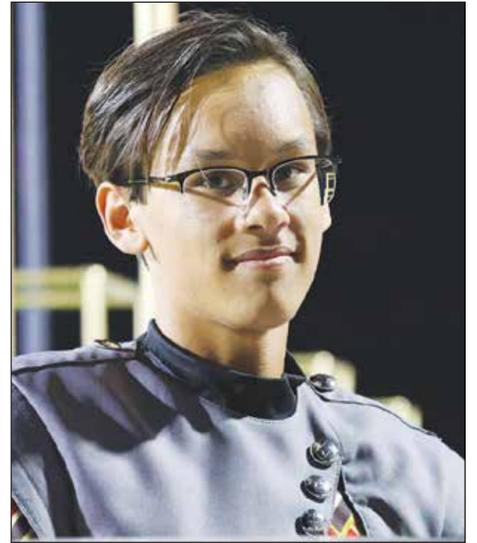
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BEARCAT OF THE WEEK



Caleb Pope

Football: He posted 6.5 tackles, including five solo on the defensive side of the ball. On offense, he rushed eight times for 22 yards and scored a touchdown as the Bearcats defeated Denton Ryan 35-21 in Denton to clinch the District 3-5A Division I championship. It is the 15th consecutive district title for the Bearcats.

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PASSED AND APPROVED on this 20th day of October 2022.

(s) Sandy Roberts, Mayor

Attest:

(s) Jamee Long, Town Secretary

FISHING

Aledo Anglers kick off season near the top

The Aledo Anglers kicked off their 2022-2023 fishing season with a tournament at Possum Kingdom Lake the first weekend of October.



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AAC produced three teams in the top 10, competing in a field of 217 boats.

The Anglers also enjoyed a team recognition with a respectable second place finish overall out of 38 schools/clubs. The Anglers fell short of the first place trophy by .67oz. With the

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- Individual recognition:
- 7. Sam Belyeu and Landon Benton 15.76 lbs. on 5 fish - Big Bass - 9.63 lbs
 - 8. Turner Koonsman - fishing solo 15.22 lbs. on 5 fish
 - 9. Austin Martin and Hunter Stuart 14.99 lbs. on 5 fish

The tournament was hosted by the Texas High School Bass Association.



LEFT: Turner Koonsman placed eighth fishing solo. **RIGHT:** Sam Belyeu caught the big bass of the tournament at 9.63 lbs.

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FOOTBALL

JV teams dominate Denton Ryan

Season finales next week

The Aledo JV Orange football team hosted Denton Ryan on Oct. 20 and came away with a 42-7 victory to remain unbeaten for the season.

The Bearcats took their opening drive 65 yards but couldn't capitalize. Ryan forced a fumble on first down when the Bearcats were inside the Raiders' 10-yard line. The defense stepped up big for the Bearcats after the turnover, forcing a three-and-out with a huge pass break by Kayden Richardson on a deep pass on third down.

On the Bearcats' second drive, they found the end zone when Gavin Beard finished the drive with a 1-yard run on fourth down.

Logan DeFranzo added the extra point to make it 7-0.

The Raiders answered with a long pass completion and a score of their own to tie the game 7-7.

After that, the Bearcats' offense got on a roll and never looked back. Gavin

Beard went to the air to find Cayden Hix on third down for a 27-yard touchdown pass to make the score 14-7.

The Bearcats stopped the Raiders once again. On fourth down, Adrian Fuller made an outstanding return up the sideline for a 35-yard punt return for a touchdown. The Bearcats took a 21-7 lead going into the half.

The second half was a dominating performance by the Bearcats. The Defense was suffocating, shutting out the Raiders for the entire half.

Gavin Beard added two more scores through the air, both to Jayden Griswald. Kade McCown finished the scoring for the Bearcats with a 3-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter.

The offensive players of the game were Jayden Griswald, Cody Cartwright, and Kayden McCown. The defensive players of the game were Kayden Richardson, Jaxon Richter, and Adrian Fuller.

In the season's finale, the JV Orange team will travel to Brewer next week.

JV Black defeats Ryan B team

The Aledo JV Black defeated the Denton Ryan JV B Team 45-22 at home on Oct. 20.

Wide receiver Creasy Elias caught a nice 39-yard reception early in the game. Running back Micah Mason punched it in for a touchdown from the 1-yard line.

On the ensuing drive, the Denton Ryan deep snapper snapped the ball over the punter's head for a safety. He did it again on the following drive.

TED Roman Jeffries added a 28-yard TD reception.

Linebacker Joseph Hancin later intercepted a Denton Ryan pass and returned it 60 yards for a pick six. Running back Micah Mason added three more touchdowns in the game. Adam Averett added five extra points.

JV Black is now 9-0 on the season. They will return to action after the bye week against Midlothian Heritage in Midlothian.

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Public Hearing
Town of Annetta

The Planning & Zoning Commission and the City Council of the Town of Annetta will hold separate public hearings on separate dates to consider a Specific Use Permit application for the following property:

1. Property located at 100 Inglewood Drive on .613 acre platted as Lot 1, Block A, Meadow Park Estates Subdivision, Town of Annetta, Parker County, Texas. Zoning change from R-1 Residential to R-1 Residential with a Special Use Permit to allow an accessory dwelling unit to be constructed on the same lot as the main dwelling unit. The accessory dwelling unit is to be used by a person or persons related to occupants of the main dwelling unit.

Planning & Zoning Commission Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Date: November 10, 2022 - 7:00 p.m.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Aledo runners qualify for state

Staff Reports
The Community News

Led by the runner-up individual finish of freshman Molly Garrison, the Aledo Ladycats continued a strong tradition of success in the AHS cross country program Tuesday, qualifying as a team for the Class 5A State Cross Country Meet.

As a team, the Ladycats placed fourth, advancing them to Round Rock on Nov. 5. The top four teams and top 10 individuals not on qualifying teams will compete at state.

"It was an amazing day today for the Aledo Ladycats!" exclaimed head coach Mike Pinkerton.

The Bearcats narrowly missed returning as a team, placing fifth, but they will be represented by Jack Fink, who qualified individually by placing 13th. Overall, the Bearcats were just four points out of a runner-up finish.

Garrison's time of 18 minutes, 30.3 seconds over the 5K course was less than one second behind the regional champion. Fink clocked a 16:11.9.

The Ladycats had three runners finish in the top 13. Sofia Brandenburg was 11th in a time of 19:22.1 and Elizabeth Griffin was 13th in 19:26.9.

Also running for the Ladycats were Sidney Tillotson, 41st, 20:35.1; Aubrey Connally, 65th, 21:24.6; Sadie Williams, 105th, 22:15.5; and Emily Lewis, 111th, 22:33.8.

Also running for the Bearcats were Henry Zedler, 32nd, 16:50.4; Dominick Barrera, 48th, 17:07.5; Sam Haught, 58th, 17:13.3; Anderson Smith, 66th, 17:19.9; Vincent Luffey, 72nd, 17:26.4; and Luke Schabel, 86th, 17:36.7.

At state, the 5A girls will race at 10 a.m. and the boys will follow at 10:40 a.m.



Jack Fink



Elizabeth Griffin



Aubrey Connally



Sophia Brandenburg



Sidney Tillotson



RANDY KECK/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Molly Garrison placed second individually at region, leading the Ladycats to a team appearance at the state meet on Nov. 5.



RYAN WADE/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Alyssa Gonzales and Skylar Lambert play tough defense against Azle.

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with tremendous velocity before colliding with the face of Azle's hitter on its way to the floor for another Ladycat score.

Parker had another spectacular performance in the match. She ended the night against Azle with 20 digs, 13 kills, and an ace. Gonzales compiled 10 kills, three blocks, and an ace of her own. Mack also finished at the top of the statistical leaders for Aledo as she added 11 digs of her own along with an ace.

The playoff picture

As they prepare to enter the playoffs, the Ladycats will be in action on Friday against Boswell in a warm-up match as they look to fine-tune their game for the tough road ahead.

"We did not make it easy on ourselves taking second, but sometimes that grueling battle in

all rounds of the playoffs can really help us if we can get through it," Gay said. "It will make us more prepared for the region tournament and the state tournament after that."

When asked if there were any concerns with her team being overconfident entering the higher level of competition in the playoffs after such a prevailing run through district play, Gay replied, "We have really good practices. We test them in practice a lot. There's a lot of high-level competition within our practice. I like to think we're going to be prepared for it."

Speaking further about the upcoming postseason action, Gay added, "I'm not nervous for the playoffs. I don't think the girls are nervous. They're ready. They're ready to show people they can compete at a high level; they can compete in some of those tougher matches and come out successful. They're ready, and I'll be excited

to see them accomplish some of those goals."

The Ladycats will head to Lubbock Coronado High School for the first round of playoff action where they will play in match six. Brackets will be finalized in the coming days. To stay up to date on the latest dates and game times go to www.uiltexas.org and watch www.community-news.com for updates.

Middle School Action

The Aledo Middle School and McAnally Middle School Ladycats closed out their volleyball seasons facing each other. AMS came away with the win.

- 7th Grade
- A Team: Win (25-12, 25-9)
- B Team: Win (25-12, 25-9)
- C Team: Win (25-17, 25-7)

- 8th Grade
- A Team: Loss (17-25, 25-20, 19-25)
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VOLLEYBALL

Ladycats post strong close to district

Playoffs ahead

By Ryan Wade
The Community News

As the band Semisonic wrote in their 1998 hit Closing Time, “every new beginning comes from some other beginning’s end.”

Aledo’s Ladycat volleyball team officially closed one chapter of their 2022 campaign by ripping off a couple of district wins over Azle and Granbury, putting a bow on the regular season. The Ladycats won 66 percent of their games, finishing with an overall record of 29-15 en route to securing the second-place finish in 5A Region I District 5 play by going 10-2.

Now the records reset to 0-0 as Aledo’s netters prepare to enter the playoffs.

“Playoffs are going to be fun. This is the exciting part of the season. This is what you work really hard for,” said coach Claire Gay looking ahead to her squad’s trip to Lubbock next week for the first round of bi-district play. “All the time you’ve put in the gym, this is where it comes into play. I think we’re ready.”

“We’re going in second. Second’s not the easier route. Sometimes you get a district playoff run where first is hard and second is the easier route. This year that is not the case. So, second place, we’re going to hopefully get through the first round. Then we’ll see the winner of District 8, which was Midlothian. We’ve played them already this season and lost to them in a tournament. It was a

nice match. I’d like to see them again, because I think we look a bit different than we did then,” Gay said.

Midlothian’s Lady Panthers pulled off the victory against Aledo by scores of 25-14 and 25-23, but that was on Aug. 13. Since then, the Ladycats rallied to win 23 matches, which includes a stellar run through district play.

“I’m super excited with this team,” said senior outside hitter Alyssa Gonzales. “I feel like we have a lot of potential going into playoffs. We’ve been working really hard in practice preparing for playoffs. We went into districts wanting to fight for that first-place spot. Now that we know we have that second-place spot, we really have to fight during playoffs to make it to state, and that’s our ultimate goal.”

Masterful performances

Aledo closed out the season with a pair of masterful performances providing good momentum heading into the tough uphill climb that awaits them in the postseason. Tuesday night on the road, the Ladycats pounced on Granbury, winning in straight sets by scores of 25-19, 25-15, and 25-15. Lauryn Mack led the charge for the Ladycats in the contest as she compiled 15 digs, nine kills, and an ace during the match. Vivian Parker racked up nine digs and six kills. Mia Little had one of her strongest performances in recent memory with 19 digs and a pair of aces to her credit. Rylee Metts also scored an ace during the match to accompany

her 23 assists on the night. Meanwhile, Gonzales led the team in kills with 15 points against the Lady Pirates.

Last Friday, Aledo defended their home court for the final time in 2022 as they made quick work of Azle’s Lady Hornets. The Ladycats swept the match in straight sets by tallies of 25-18, 25-19, and 25-16.

With Parker Dwinell at the service line, Aledo rallied to cap off the match with a 4-0 run to end the night. Needing just one more score to seal Azle’s fate, Dwinell served with her squad up 24-16. The Lady Hornets attempted to return the volley, but a well-timed leap by Gonzales at the net secured a ninth block in the contest for the Ladycats, and the match along with it.

Skylar Lambert dominated at the net for the Ladycats defensively, amassing six blocks by herself. At one point in the second set Lambert secured three blocks in the same volley. Two of those blocks came against the same Lady Hornet hitter.

Azle set up a scoring attempt with the hitter leaping into the air on the visiting side of the court for the spike. Lambert met her at the net with a block that sent the ball right back where it came from.

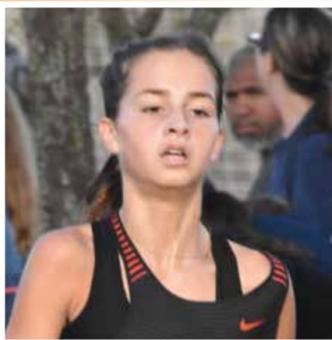
The Lady Hornets managed to keep the ball in motion as they set up a second attempt aimed in Lambert’s direction. Once again, Lambert timed her leap with precision, meeting the ball as it crossed the top of the net. The ball ricocheted off her hands

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Parker Dwinell defends at the net against Azle in the Ladycats’ last home appearance on Oct. 21.

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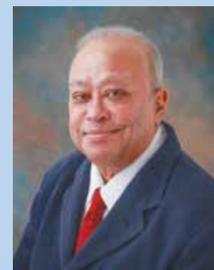


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