



Christmas

2022

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The Christmas season is a very special time of year. It is a season at times of contrasts: from bright lights, candy canes, and carols to quiet, candle-lit observances of the holiday.

It is also a season of service. Numerous community organizations, who lend their hands all year, make an even greater effort during this season to make sure all are provided for and remembered.

In this guide, you can read all about the bright lights and celebrations, and you will also find plenty of infor-

mation about where you can “Plug in” with opportunities to give in the spirit of the season..

We hope your holiday season is filled with love, laughter, joy, fulfillment, and meaning.

- Randy Keck
Publisher

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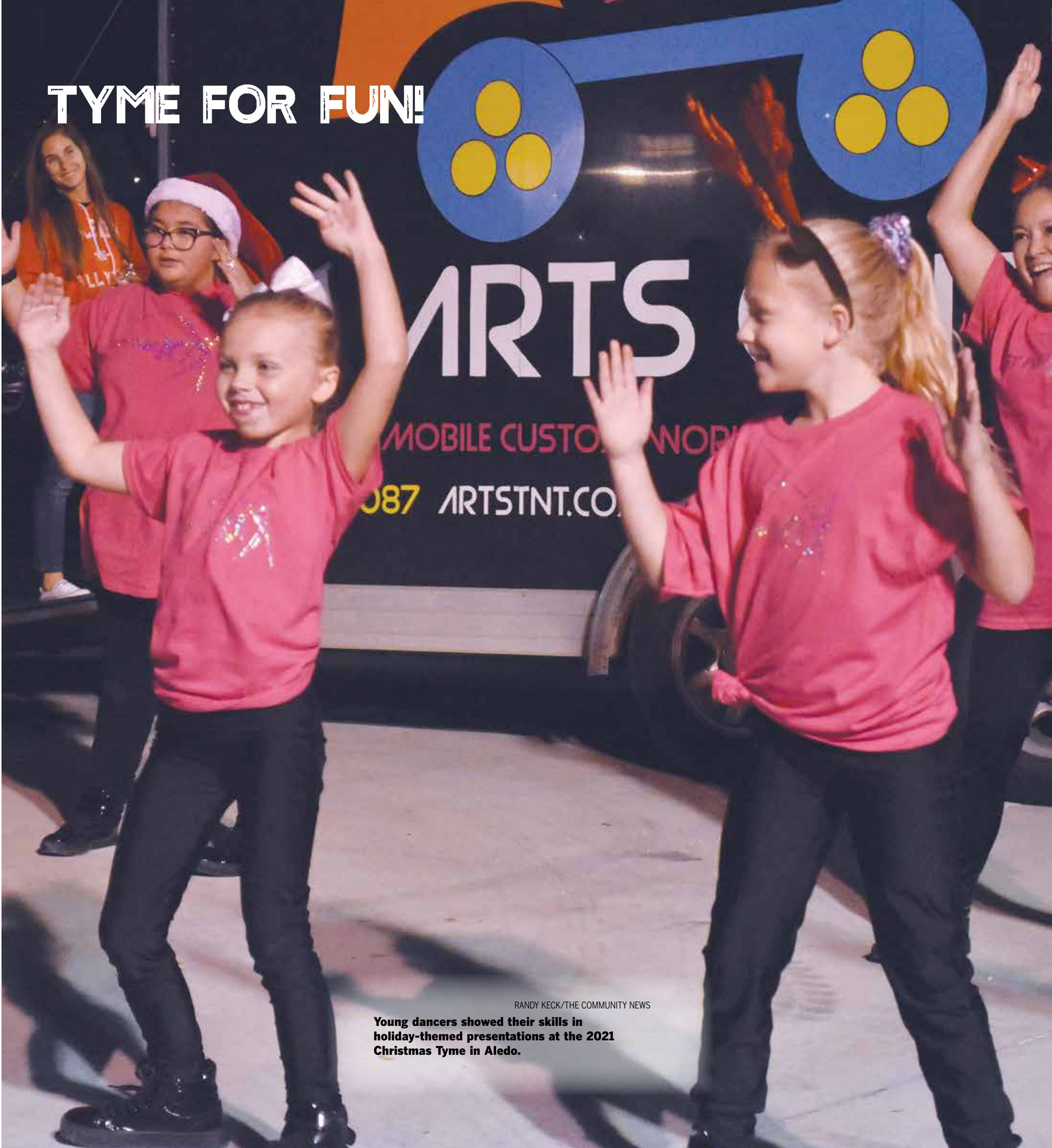
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Young dancers showed their skills in holiday-themed presentations at the 2021 Christmas Tyme in Aledo.



CITY OF ALEDO PROMISES BEST CHRISTMAS TYME EVER

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

"**T**his year's Christmas Tyme in Aledo is going to be the best one yet!" promises Erica Haney, City of Aledo Director of Parks and Events. "We will be utilizing the entire downtown area."

Fireman Santa made an appearance the the 2021 event to help light the Community Christmas Tree.

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It all happens Dec. 3.

The Church at the Crossing will host the 45th annual Craft Fair from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., where there will be about 40 vendors. Be sure to stop in and find the perfect gift for that special person on your shopping list or maybe pick up something unique for yourself.

The church's youth group will sell concessions all day long,

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Santa could be bringing snow...

The Christmas Time in Aledo outdoor festivities will be from 5-9 p.m. and will stretch from the Church at the Crossing parking lot, down to Veteran's Plaza, and will continue to the Aledo Community Center.

Outdoor vendors will be set up in the church parking lot, along with a variety of food vendors. Activities include a treasure maze, caroling, treats, "ice" skating, laser tag, bounce houses, an outdoor movie, more food vendors, live entertainment, and the traditional tree lighting with a "special guest" from the North Pole (wonder who that could be?).

"And, I hear he is bringing 'snow' with him," Haney said with a smile.

Santa (that's who) will journey to his Aledo workshop at the Aledo Community Center for kids to come visit. The East Parker County Library will be onsite for crafts, and there will be even more treats to enjoy.

"Join us as we bring in the holiday season with our community. We have lots of fun for the whole family," Haney said. "Don't forget to stop in our downtown storefronts that will be open."

"Christmas Tyme in Aledo is a great opportunity to gather with family and friends in the heart of our community by providing a family tradition that creates memories to last a lifetime. Christmas is about spending 'tyme' with family and friends and we love that we get to do just that with our Aledo family."

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Jack Hart learned to lasso in one of the children's events at last year's Christmas Tyme in Aledo.



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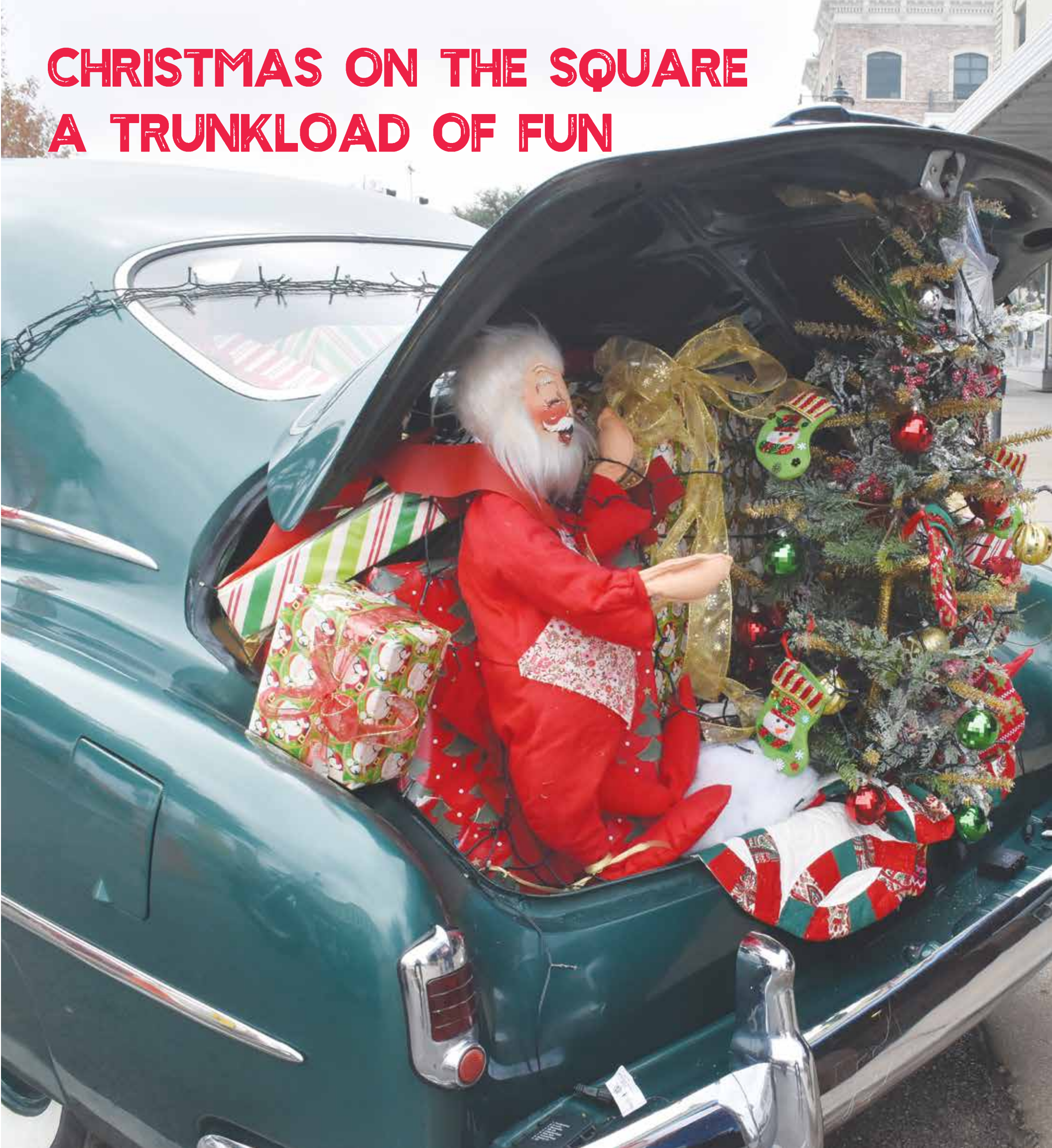
- **45th Annual Arts & Crafts Fair** - 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the gymnasium at Church at the Crossing. Admission is free. Food for sale by CATC Youth Ministries.
- **Letters to Santa** - 5-9 p.m. Write your letters to Santa at East Parker County Library. Craft Activity and Christmas Treats, too. All free
- **Downtown Fun** - 5-9 p.m. - Lots of fun things for kids of all ages; Vendors; Live performances. Free activities; Items for sale and free
- **Outside Vendors & Food** - 5-9 p.m. - Local businesses selling services and products along Elm Street and in Aledo Commons area; Items for sale and free
- **Aledo Businesses** - 5-9 pm: Many storefronts are open to stop in and visit, offering free refreshments, special offers, sales, and door prizes.
- **Visit Santa** - 6-9 p.m. Visit Santa and take a photo at the community center.
- **Annual Tree Lighting** - 6 p.m. at Aledo Commons.
- **Visit Aledo Veterans Plaza to pause and honor our service men & women.**

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TOP: Steph Poston and Karen Miller displayed goods from The Clay Bauble at the 2021 craft fair.
BOTTOM: Janelle Lyne and Ann Massengale sold products from Ellen M Bakery at the 2021 craft fair.



CHRISTMAS ON THE SQUARE A TRUNKLOAD OF FUN



WEATHERFORD WARMING UP FOR

2022



By Rick Mauch
The Community News

From the downtown square to a brightly lit castle, Weatherford is offering plenty of holiday fun once again this season.

“Weatherford makes the holidays special!” exclaimed Weatherford Chamber of Commerce President Tammy Gazzola. “Our downtown has events every weekend following Thanksgiving to help spread the holiday cheer. The downtown is

Benjamin Hale from Move Mountains Together modeled his reindeer costume at the 2021 Christmas on the Square.
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magical, all lit up. It has to be one of the prettiest downtown squares in Texas; a beautiful backdrop to the Weatherford Lights the Night Parade.

“And you can find festive events throughout Weatherford all season. The Pythian Home, Chandor Gardens, farmers market, Bbreakfast with Santa, and many local churches have special programs all season.”

Weatherford’s activities begin with the **Eighth Annual Celebration of Lights** on Nov. 26 from 5-9 p.m., which includes the annual Parker County Tree Lighting at 6 p.m. It all

Kenzie Ross, Claire Hodge, and Heaven Peschel served goodies at Sweet Emilia’s.

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happens in downtown and includes photos with Santa, carriage rides, hayrides, train rides, and even ice skating.

A few days later on Nov. 30 is the **City of Weatherford Christmas Tree Lighting**, which will take place from 6-9:30 p.m. at Heritage Park, complete with a 50-foot live tree, holiday drone show, and a month-long light walk-through show, the Pathway of Lights.

Then it's back downtown Dec. 3 for the **36th Annual Christmas on the Square** celebration from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The event will feature more than 75 vendors from the community providing an opportunity to shop as well as activities and treats for

people of all ages. This year's celebration will include live carolers, an entertainment stage, Santa Claus at GS Realty, and lots of free family activities.

Kids, be on the look out for the red mailbox and have your letters mailed to Santa!

Following Christmas on the Square the **Third Annual Weatherford Lights the Night Parade** will kick off at 6:30 p.m. Festive, lighted floats will start at the Weatherford Ninth-Grade Center and travel down South Main around the Courthouse Square.

During the day and while waiting for the parade, be sure and do some shopping with downtown merchants, many of whom will be offering holiday discounts. And they will be decorated in the holiday spirit, doing

their own part to share the cheer.

What's Christmas like without a visit with Santa? CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is enhancing it with **Breakfast with Santa** Dec. 10 from 9 a.m.-noon at Central Christian Church, 1602 South Main St. The event is free for the foster children and the families that they serve. It is open to the public and the cost is \$5 per person otherwise. Each child will receive a breakfast bag and gift. Activities include letters to Santa, pictures with Santa and a craft table to make crafts.

Contact CASA Hope for Children at (817) 599-6224.

Also on Dec. 10 from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. is the **Candlelight Tour of Homes**, presented by the Parker County Heritage Society. See some of the

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For more information about Weatherford area holiday activities, call the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce at 817-598-3801 or visit www.weatherford-chamber.com.



Julie Moyer, a volunteer at the Weatherford/Parker County Animal Shelter, has some fun with Sundance, a pet available for adoption, at the 2021 Christmas on the Square.

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Weatherford Marching Band sophomore Johnathan Beldoski lights up for the parade in 2021. | OPPOSITE PAGE: A horse of a different color was one of the features of the 2021 Weatherford Lights the Night parade.



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Weatherford police, including Tiffany Vanzant, Keegan Dement, and Jessica Richard assisted with the 2021 Christmas on the Square.



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The Grinch is a mainstay at the Weatherford Lights the Night parade.



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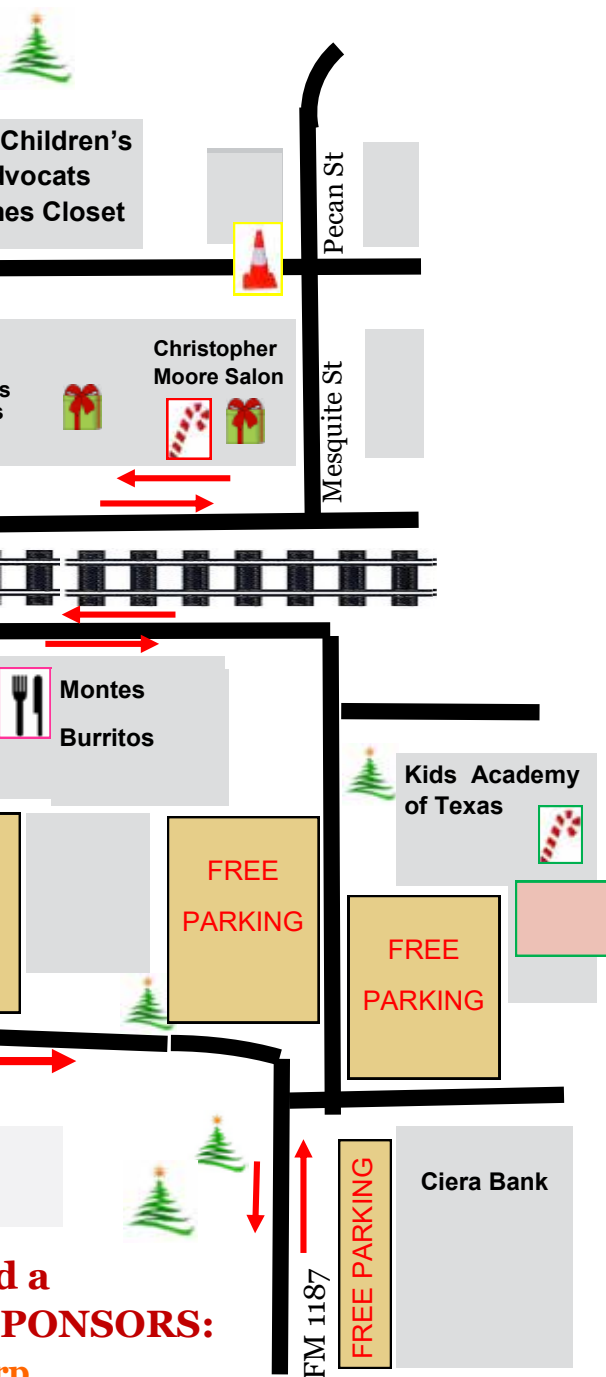
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Very Merry Things To Do:

45th Annual Arts & Crafts Fair - 11:00 am to 8:00 pm @ Gymnasium in Church at the Crossing. Admission is **FREE**. Food for **SALE** by CATC Youth Ministries.

The Community Center -

6-9 pm Visit **Santa** and take a photo.

5-9 pm: write your letters tonight at **East Parker County Library**. Craft Activity and Christmas Treats, too. **ALL FREE**

Downtown Fun - **5-9 pm:** Lots of fun things for kids of all ages; Vendors; Live performances. **FREE** activities; Items for **SALE & FREE**

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Aledo Commons - 6 pm Annual Tree Lighting

Visit **Aledo Veterans Plaza** to pause and honor our service men & women. **FREE** activities.

"MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL, AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT!"

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CINNAMON ORNAMENTS

Two Ways

By Emily Fox

What could be better than handmade ornaments that make your home smell like Christmas? Kids will love getting to cut out festive shapes for Cinnamon Applesauce ornaments and choosing ribbon patterns and colors for Cinnamon Stick Christmas Trees. Perfect Christmas scent, perfect Christmas charm.

CINNAMON APPLESAUCE ORNAMENTS



Supplies needed:

- ½ cup applesauce
- ½ cup ground cinnamon, plus some for dusting
- 1 tsp school glue
- Rolling pin
- Festive cookie cutters
- Spatula
- Baking sheet
- Twine or ribbon

Mix the applesauce, ground cinnamon and glue.

The dough will be very sticky! Sprinkle some cinnamon on the surface where you want to roll out your dough. Shake some cinnamon on the rolling pin, as well. Roll out dough until it's about ½ inch thick.

Use festive cookie cutters to cut out ornaments. Make a hole near the top of the ornament. A pen or a straw works great for this. Make the hole a little bigger than you think it needs to be. It will shrink in the oven.

Using the spatula, carefully transfer ornaments to the baking sheet (great time for grown-ups to help!). Bake at 200 degrees Fahrenheit for 90 minutes, or let air dry for several days...if you can wait!

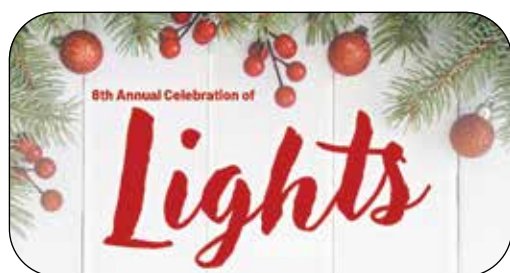
Once completely set and cool, string twine or ribbon through the hole and hang on your tree!

EVENTS



Gabriel Galvez performed in last year's Aledo Band Christmas Concert.

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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26****Celebration of Lights**

The eighth annual Celebration of Lights in Weatherford will run from 5-9 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 26, at the corner of York and Dallas Streets in downtown Weatherford. In addition to the tree lighting at 6 p.m., activities include photos with Santa, carriage rides, hay rides, ice skating, train rides, and face painting.

For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/celebrationweatherford/>.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30**Weatherford Christmas Tree Lighting**

The City of Weatherford will host its tree lighting from 6-9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 30, at Heritage Park,



RANDY KECK/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Scene from the 2021 Aledo High School Band Concert.

317 Santa Fe Drive.

There will be a 50-foot live tree, a holiday drone show, and additional activities.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2**Hudson Oaks Christmas Tree Lighting**

Hudson Oaks will host its Christmas Tree Lighting from 5:30-8:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 2 at Gene Voyles Park (210 Hudson Oaks Drive). The evening will include activities in Santa's Workshop, where you can snap a picture with Santa himself.

Take a ride on the COHO Express and watch Disney's The Santa Clause on the big screen.

For more information, visit <https://events.hudsonoaks.com/cohoho>.

Aledo High School Jazz Band Concert

The Aledo High School Jazz I band will play at Gene Voyles Park. Concert may be moved to Dec. 3 depending on Aledo High School football playoff schedule. Time TBA.





SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

Christmas on the Square

The Weatherford Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Christmas on the Square from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3, on the Weatherford downtown square. The annual event features food, entertainment, vendors, and holiday-related activities for children and adults.

In addition, all boutiques and stores will be open for gift shopping.

For more information, visit <https://www.weatherford-chamber.com/chamber-events/christmas-on-the-square.html>.

Aledo 45th annual Craft Fair

The 45th annual Aledo Craft Fair will run from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3 in the gymnasium of The Church at the Crossing, 128 Elm St. in Aledo.

About 40 vendors will be there with unique gift ideas. Concessions will also be available.

Christmas Time in Aledo

The City of Aledo's annual Christmas Time in Aledo activities will run from 5-9 p.m. throughout the central portion of the city.

The event includes vendors, a treasure maze, an outdoor movie, and of course a visit from Santa.

Local businesses will remain open downtown, and many will offer free refreshments and activities.

For more information, see The Community News' Christmas Guide at www.community-news.com/stories/christmas-2022,11801.



Weatherford Lights the Night Parade

The Weatherford Chamber of Commerce will present the third annual Weatherford Lights the Night Parade from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3. The parade will begin at the Weatherford ISD Ninth Grade Center (1007 South Main) and proceed around the courthouse and then west on Palo Pinto to Waco Street.

The parade features lighted floats, horses, the Weatherford High School marching band, and plenty of fun.

For more information, visit <https://www.weatherford-chamber.com/chamber-events/christmas-on-the-square.html>.

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Also, there will be a scavenger hunt available as you stroll the Corridor. QR codes are available to scan in the park. Just three easy steps: 1. Take a picture, 2. Tag them on social media #HEBCOHOHO. 3. Pick up your prize at City Hall.



Other special Hudson Oaks events include carriage rides and food trucks from 5:30-8:30 p.m. on Dec. 9-10 and Dec. 16-17.

For more information, visit <https://events.hudsonoaks.com/cohoho>.

Pathway of Lights

The City of Weatherford will host a walkthrough show called Pathway of Lights through-

out December at Heritage Park, 317 Santa Fe Drive.

EVENTS

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Band Concert

Aledo Middle School and McAnally Middle School will provide a holiday-themed concert. Time and location TBA.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

Band Concert

The Aledo High School Band will provide its holiday concert on Thursday, Dec. 8, in the AHS Auditorium. Time TBA.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

Breakfast with Santa

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) will host Breakfast with Santa from 9 a.m. to noon at Central Christian Church, 1602 South Main Street in Weatherford.

Each child who attends will receive a breakfast bag and gift. Activities include letters to Santa, Pictures with Santa, and a craft table to make crafts.

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Candlelight Tour of Homes

The Parker County Heritage Society will host its annual Candlelight Tour of Homes from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 10.

Five historic homes will be on this year's tour. Tickets for adults are \$20 and tickets for children 12 and younger are \$12.

Purchase tickets online at www.parkercountyheritagesociety.com or purchase at the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce on the day of the tour.

Christmas at the Castle

The Pythian Home will host Christmas at the Castle from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 10 at 1825 E. Bankhead in Weatherford.

Be sure to take a camera to explore the historic structure, which will be deco-



rated for Christmas.

The event is free, but donations are welcome.

For more information and to obtain tickets, visit <https://pythianhome.ticketleap.com/christmas-at-the-castle/>

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- Roy T. Bennett, The Light in the Heart

The Christmas season is a season of giving. Parker County has numerous social service and charity organizations that are worthy of support.

Aledo AdvoCats Clothes Closet

The Clothes Closet is a clothing resource operated by the Aledo Children’s AdvoCats. The services is offered to families recommended by the AISD counselors. When families are referred to the Clothes Closet, each family member in the household is allowed to shop for clothes. Qualified families are able to shop and receive clothing free of charge. The Clothes Closet is also open to the public as a resale shop.

How you can help: Clothing donations and monetary donations. For

LINKS TO ORGANIZATIONS

Find live links to all of these organizations in the e-version of this publication: www.community-news.com/stories/christmas-2022,11801.

more information, visit aledoadvocats.com/index.php/clothes-closet/

Aledo Education Foundation

The Aledo ISD Education Foundation partners with the community to provide private resources to enrich teaching, inspire learning, and maximize innovative opportunities for all students in the Aledo Independent School District.

How you can help: Monetary donations. For more information, visit aledoef.org.

Aledo Young Life

Young Life is an evangelical Christian organization which focuses on young people in middle school, high school, and college.

How you can help: Monetary donations. For more information, visit aledo.younglife.org.

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How you can help: Monetary donations. For more information, visit careity.org.

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When children enter the child welfare system due to allegations of abuse or neglect, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) are appointed by a judge to advocate for the child. CASA volunteers are community members working collaboratively to support children and families involved in the foster care system.

How you can help: Monetary donations and volunteers. For more information, visit <https://casahopeforchildren.org/>.

Children's Advocacy Center

The Mission of the Children's Advocacy Center of Parker County is to end the cycle of abuse by giving the children of Parker County a voice.

The CAC will coordinate the collaborative efforts between Child Protective Services, law enforcement, and prosecution, in the investigation of child abuse cases by providing specialized forensic interviews, therapeutic recovery services for the victim and their families, medical evaluations, and victim support and advocacy. They will also provide education for schools and communities on child abuse.

How you can help: Monetary donations, DVDs (Disney movies for all ages), \$10-\$25 gift cards from Wal-Mart, paper towels, basic school

supplies, coffee, bottled water. For more information, visit <https://www.cacparkercounty.org/>.

East Parker County Library

The mission of the East Parker County Library is to encourage a love of reading, promote lifelong learning, and broaden informational, educational, recreational, and cultural enrichment opportunities for its patrons.

The library is donor-supported and operates on a tight budget.

How you can help: Monetary donations and volunteers. For more information, visit epclibrary.com.

Freedom House

Freedom House is a domestic violence and sexual assault service provider in Parker County. They provide a wide



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How you can help: Monetary donations and volunteers. For more information, visit www.freedomhousepc.org.

Gathering Hope

Gathering Hope is an organization that exists to passionately advocate for survivors of miscarriage and infant loss; allow for a safe place to grieve, share, and celebrate babies; use their pain as a delivery system to reach others who may not know Christ; and build safe and meaningful relationships.

How you can help: Monetary donations. For more information, visit gatheringhope.net.

Grace House

Grace House Ministries is a faith-based pregnancy resource center located in Weatherford. Founded in 1993, Grace House Ministries strives to promote hope, life, and knowledge in the community through Options Clinic, Grace House Pregnancy Center, and Pure Truth in-school training program.

How you can help: Monetary donations, diapers (size 5), baby wipes, pacifiers, teethingers or small baby toys, convertible car seats. For more information, visit <https://ghmtx.com/>.

HALO for Freedom

The HALO for Freedom Warrior Foundation® is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in Willow Park that is dedicated to our wounded

warriors. Its mission is to provide support for wounded warriors as they face the many challenges encountered during their rehabilitation, reintegration and healing process.

How you can help: Monetary donations and sponsorships. For more information, visit haloforfreedom.org.

Hemispherectomy Foundation

The Hemispherectomy Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, was founded to provide emotional, financial, and educational support to individuals and their families who have undergone, or will undergo, a hemispherectomy or similar brain surgery. They provide help which includes, but is not limited to: college scholarships, trade school scholarships, camp fees, life-aid equip-

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How you can help: Monetary donations, donations of coloring books, crayons, stuffed animals, board games, new toys, gas cards, gift cards, airline miles. For more information, visit <http://hemifoundation.homestead.com/>.

Manna Storehouse

Manna Storehouse is a non-profit organization operated completely by volunteers and supported by 11 churches and multiple businesses within Weatherford and Parker County. Its mission is to assist those in need to sustain a dignified life which hopefully leads to an improved life style, thereby improving confidence and independence.

How you can help: Donations of food, money, clothing, furniture, baby items, kitchen supplies, and other items. For more information, visit www.mannastorehouse.org

Miracle League of Parker County

The mission at the Miracle League of Parker County is to provide a safe and fun environment where those with special needs can play baseball in a stadium of their own; where the rules are limited, the love unconditional, and the joy infectious.

How you can help: Monetary donations, sponsorships, and volunteers. For more information, visit www.miracleleagueparkercounty.com.

Parker County Center of Hope

Through more than 23 years of service, Center of Hope has learned that while addressing the material aspects of poverty is important, true rehabilitation and restoration are only achieved through long-term solutions. It focuses its work on an integrated service model that addresses the holistic needs of individuals and leads them to a path of economic independence and improved quality of life.

How you can help: Monetary donations, food donations, donate items for the Hope Chest resale store, or set as your donation on Amazon Smile.



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**Parker County
Committee on Aging**

The mission of Parker County Committee on Aging, Inc., is to identify and assess the needs of homebound older adults in Parker County and to provide life-sustaining services which allow them to live in the comfort of their homes. A further mission of the 501(c)(3) nonprofit is the operation of Parker County's Senior Center that serves persons aged 60 and older with nutritional, educational, recreational, and social programs.

PCCOA provides the Meals on Wheels program in the county.

How you can help: Monetary donations, food donations, volunteers. For more information, visit www.pccoa.org.

**Parker County
Health Foundation**

The Parker County Health Foundation enhances health and well-being by providing services through partnerships for Parker County residents who otherwise could not seek treatments.

How you can help: Monetary donations. For more information, visit www.parkercountyhealthfoundation.org.

Parker County Pets Alive

Parker County Pets Alive partners with the Weatherford Parker County Animal Shelter and Riverstone Companion Animal Clinic in Brock to provide life-saving treatment for heartworm-positive dogs adopted from the Weatherford Parker

County Animal Shelter.

How you can help: Monetary donations (heartworm treatment is very expensive and without treatment, heartworm positive dogs will die a slow, painful death) and volunteers. For more information, visit <http://parkercountypetsalive.org/>.

Pure Adventure

The mission of Pure Adventure is to help dads and sons connect, with Christ at the center of their relationship. It provides one-day events that are designed to bring dad and son together through activities, messages, and one-on-one time to create a bond that lasts a lifetime.

How you can help: Monetary donations, host an event. For more information, visit pureadventure.com.



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Pythian Home

Texas Pythian Home, Inc., is a Christian-based residential child care program with a rich history of more than 100 years of serving children from families in need.

How you can help: Monetary donations and volunteers. For more information, visit <https://pythianhome.org/>.

Sanctified Hope

Sanctified Hope empowers and guides formerly incarcerated women through a Christ-based ministry to inspire lifelong changes and become successful citizens of the community.

How you can help: Monetary donations and volunteers, septic-friendly toilet paper, kleenex, paper towels, feminine hygiene products. Visit the

wish list at <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1FIUQ02UG-B28C>. For more information, visit sanctifiedhope.org.

Seeds of Life

Seeds of Life is a non-medical 501 (c)3 non-profit organization located in Parker County. Flourishing Tree of Life is a faith-based, life-affirming pregnancy and family center that provides resources, mentoring, and education for life skills.

How you can help: Monetary donations and volunteers. For more information, visit friendsofseedsoflife.org.

Tarrant Area Food Bank

The Tarrant Area Food Bank, including its new Parker County facility, distributes food and provides education for people in need of food assistance.

TAFB serves 13 counties in north Texas: Tarrant, Bosque, Cooke, Denton, Erath, Hamilton, Hill, Hood, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell, and Wise.

How you can help: Monetary donations and volunteers; start a food drive; become a sponsor. For more information, visit tab.org.

Thanksgiving Trot

The Thanksgiving Trot is an annual 5k and 1 mile run designed to assist a local family each year that has had to deal with catastrophic medical expenses. The 2022 recipient is Carter LeBaron.

How you can help: Monetary donations: visit Paypal and donate to @aledotrot or aledothanksgivingtrot@gmail.com.

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Theatre Off the Square

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How you can help: Monetary donations and volunteers. For more information, visit www.theatreoffthesquare.org.

United Way of Parker County

United Way brings residents, business leaders, and representatives from our local community together to identify and address shared community concerns. Its goal is to engage people to understand the issues most important to

them and their families - including the ability to access a quality education, obtain good jobs, and to live healthy lives.

How you can help: Monetary donations and volunteers. For more information visit <https://www.unitedway-ofparkercounty.org/>.

Weatherford Parker County Animal Shelter

The Weatherford Parker County Animal Shelter provides animal adoption services, spay and neuter for stray dogs and cats, and shelter for lost or stray animals.

How you can help: Adopt an animal from the shelter, provide foster care for a dog, or donate crates to house animals at the shelter.





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