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## Witness recalls seeing fatal accident

**Pedestrian struck in early evening hours Sunday attempting to cross I-20 on foot**

By Rick Mauch  
The Community News

Early Sunday evening on Jan. 1, a man was killed in a fatal accident near the FM 1187 exit off of Interstate 20 near Aledo. He was apparently trying to cross the interstate on foot.

While Fort Worth police, who were handling the situation, had yet to release a report to the public at press time, Aledo resident Brian Ray and his brother Justin, witnessed the event and Brian told The Community News details of the tragic accident.

Brian said he and Justin had turned onto I-20 heading east to get something to eat near Camp Bowie. They weren't on the highway long when the accident occurred.

"We merged onto the highway and were going about 75. We were in the right lane at this time. About 25 seconds after merging on the highway, my brother Justin, noticed the man crossing the road from right to left," Brian recalled. "The lady who struck the man with her car, a white Hyundai Elantra, was in the middle lane approximately 150 feet in front of us. She apparently didn't see the man crossing and struck him with the front left side of her car.

"I saw the man fly into the air a good 10 feet then hit the pavement on the far left lane, almost into the median."

Brian said the lady in the Hyundai immediately stopped and they stopped behind her. Justin got out to see if he could help and Brian quickly got on the phone and called 911.

"The lady was in emotional distress and was in disbelief that she, in fact, hit a person," Brian said. "After getting off the phone with 911, I proceeded to the pedestrian who was hit to see if there was any sign of life. There was not. He must have passed away immediately on impact.

"His, I believe, left leg was severed a little above the knee ... We waited for the police and the ambulance to arrive on scene and gave our statements."

Efforts to gather more information from the Fort Worth Police Department were unsuccessful.



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## Animal rescue group plans to build one of state's largest sanctuaries in Aledo

by Izzy Acheson  
Fort Worth Report

To combat the overwhelming population of abandoned animals in Texas, one rescue operation is breaking ground on a facility that will be one of the state's largest animal rescue sanctuaries.

Saving Hope Animal Rescue, founded in 2017, works to rescue, rehabilitate and find homes for animals suffering from abuse, neglect and abandonment in Tarrant County and across the state.

The new sanctuary is expected to open in early 2023 and will be a one-stop-shop in Aledo – just west of Fort Worth. The property will be 14.8 acres and is projected to cost \$2 million, according to a press release.

The blueprints lay out a multitude of amenities, including intake housing, a veterinary clinic, puppy pods for nursing mothers, a senior sanctuary for older dogs to live out the rest of their days, an educational barn, and an adoption center.

"We're looking to do all of that in the long term," said Saving Hope Rescue founder Lauren Anton. "But right now it is just baby steps with the first pieces opening in the spring."

The sanctuary is necessary, in part, because of the high numbers of pets abandoned on the streets when their owners returned to in-person work after pandemic restrictions were lifted.

"When COVID hit, it was a booming time in adoptions for us because everyone was at home alone and wanted that companionship," said Saving Hope Rescue director Laura Grice.



IZZY ACHESON/FORT WORTH REPORTS

Saving Hope rents a property in Benbrook that houses 20-50 dogs including this mother, Sunday, who gave birth to eight puppies on Dec. 3.

Almost three years after the start of the pandemic, many pet owners don't want the responsibility of having a pet at home, she said.

"You add the strain of the economy and inflation, and pets are an additional financial expense," Grice said. "I think a lot of people are struggling to afford what they need for an animal and feel like they should bring their pet to the shelter."

In 2022, the rescue operation took in 1,664 dogs and 1,022 cats from other shelters or surrenders. Saving Hope takes more animals from Fort Worth's

animal control department than any other organization.

Saving Hope works to save as many "Code Red" animals from Fort Worth Animal Care & Control as it can. These animals are at risk of being euthanized if not adopted. The new sanctuary aims to create an immediate temporary holding space so these animals aren't put down.

The rest of the animals come from rural areas, other shelters, owner surrenders, strays and abuse cases. In 2022, the number of animals surrendered by breeders became much more common because of the economy and the

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If you're interested in donating to Saving Hope, visit <https://savinghoperescue.org/checkout/donate>.

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If you would like to donate supplies such as food, blankets, litter and toys, visit <https://savinghoperescue.org/supportsavinghope>.

## 2022 - THE YEAR IN REVIEW

A lot can happen in 12 months. We looked over our weekly issues from 2022 to pick out the events we think shaped the year.

### JANUARY 7

The RALLY Project was featured on page 1. The project celebrates the lives of service members and first responders all-year-long. Founding Chairman Doug Pruitt said one of the most impactful parts of the project is the camaraderie it offers for individuals who share similar experiences from their time in service.

Tim Mendolia filed to run for Parker County Justice of the Peace Pct. 4.

Capital Highlights reported that 29 new laws had taken effect in Texas, including a law



RANDY KECK/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Rally Project Chairman Doug Pruitt leads a prayer at the 9/11 ceremony held in Willow Park in September of 2011.

on competing on sports teams that reflect gender identity and penalties for illegally restraining dogs.

The Aledo Bearcats soccer team started off the season with its annual Alumni scrimmage where all former Bearcat soccer play-

ers are invited to come out and scrimmage the varsity squad. The 'Cats went on to defeat Abilene Wylie to get off to a 1-0 start.

Aledo boys and girls wrestling teams participated in a Quad meet at Azle High School against Azle, Springtown, and Saginaw.

The boys beat Saginaw and Springtown, and made progress against Azle, losing by 12. In their first meeting, Aledo lost to Azle by 46.

The girls came out 1-2 with a squad depleted by illness.



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**Former AISD board member Terry Hyles (right) shows the school district's chief financial officer Earl Husfeld a financial audit from 1982 for the school district. The school district's total expenditures that year were \$2,712,966. That amount would cover about two-and-a half weeks of payroll in the district today.**

JANUARY 14

The Aledo ISD hosted a special program on Dec. 13 when Kevin Brown, the executive director of Texas Association of School Administrators, officially presented a plaque to the Board of Trustees recognizing them as the 2021 Outstanding School Board — the top honor in the TASA School Board Awards program. Also present was Crystal Dockery of the Texas Association of Community Schools, regional education officials, community leaders, and past and present Aledo ISD board members.

The Willow Park City Council during its first meeting of the year voted to consider the appointment of three new members to its park advisory board.

The Well church instituted a program to collect items for children who are aging out of foster care.

Capital Highlights reported that The Texas Health and Human Services Commission was again extending emergency food benefits in January, with more than \$307 million in emergency allocations expected to help more than 1.5 million Texas households.

The Trinity Christian Academy swim team competed against a number of large DFW area public schools at the Western Hills shootout on Saturday, Jan. 8. The boys team placed fifth overall and the girls team placed seventh.



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MERCEDES MAYER/ALEDO ISD

**Jennifer May, Casi Faulk, Amy Howard, and Chelsea Blankenship, kindergarten teachers at McCall Elementary School, were excited to receive a grant entitled "Teach me more about math" when the Aledo Education Foundation distributed \$52k in grants in January.**

Injuries and illness plagued the Aledo Bearcats soccer team, while the Ladycats were on an upswing after a slow start.

JANUARY 21

As with other area school districts, the Aledo ISD was feeling the staff pinch from the latest surge in COVID-19 cases. In Parker County, Weatherford ISD canceled classes for Jan. 19-21 due to a shortage of teachers and substitutes. Several other school districts had closed one or more days due to lack of adequate staff to keep classes going. Aledo ISD managed to keep enough staffing to stay open through the surge.

Workers were installing turf at the Ludwig Family Athletic Complex at Trinity Christian Academy. The stadium was completed later in the year, giving TCA a true home field for the first time in its history.

Capital Highlights reported that the COVID-19-related school closures happened across the state.

Coming off tough stretches, both Aledo varsity basketball teams put together wins against Wichita Falls Rider at Bearcat Gym in two close games.



RANDY KECK/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

**Texas Gov. Greg Abbott poses for photographs before speaking on Jan. 20 in Hudson Oaks. About 500 people attended the speech.**

The Bearcats saw the return of Daniel Sohn, coming back after in injury. Sohn led scorers with 19 points toward the Bearcats' 64-62 win. Addyson Hebel paced the Ladycats with 20 points in their 53-52 win.



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The Moritz Kia Soccer Tournament kicked off in Aledo.

JANUARY 28

About 500 people crowded into the sanctuary at New River Fellowship in Hudson Oaks to hear Texas Governor Greg Abbott speak on Thursday, Jan. 20. Then State Rep. Phil King opened the program to talk about the newly-drawn State Senate District 10 boundaries. He went on to win the district in November. "This was the most productive legislative year of all the years I've been serving in the house," King said. State Rep. Drew Springer spoke after King, preceding the governor's speech. Abbott characterized Texas as an "economic juggernaut."

Fred Hammons announced his intention to seek the office of Parker County Pct. 4 Commissioner.



KRISTIN MORALES

**Aledo Bearcat Camden Yielding goes to the basket against Brewer.**

Capital Highlights reported that as the deadline to register to vote drew near, the state was running short on voter registration forms.

Both Aledo varsity basketball teams split the previous week, winning against Wichita Falls High School on Friday and losing to Brewer on Tuesday.

The TCA boys basketball team battled to two tough losses going up against ranked opponents.

Several Aledo Swimcats advanced to the UIL 5A Region I Swim Meet on Feb. 4-5 at the Pete Ragus

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inability to sell their dogs, Grice said.

In December, Saving Hope had more than 400 cats and 500 dogs in foster homes across Fort Worth.

The new Saving Hope Sanctuary would greatly reduce the organization's costs and smooth out operations by creating a centralized location for adoptions, intake and vet operations, Anton said.

Saving Hope recently expanded its operations to adopt out dogs in the Pacific Northwest and Minnesota. The Aledo location would help staff coordinate long-distance adoptions, including temporary holding and transportation pickup.

TCU students offer branding services to rescue

Saving Hope has partnered with TCU Roxo, the university's student AD and PR Agency. Roxo acts as a real world PR agency and serves many clients across the area



LAURA GRICE/COURTESY PHOTO

This is Renata, she is a black lab mix. She was rescued by Saving Hope volunteers near the Rio Grande Valley area in Texas where she was abandoned. She was flown in a private jet by a volunteer to Saving Hope here in the DFW area at only a few months old. At first, she was scared of other dogs, she was fearful and reactive but her foster was patient and kind. Now, Renata is about one year old and was comfortable enough to go visit Santa with her foster parents. She is still available for adoption. (Courtesy Photos | Laura Grice)

including Saving Hope, Cook Children's and Salsa Limon.

"We have been working on Saving Hope's brand identity," said senior strategic communications major Jessica Badham. "We've given them a brand identity package and created a new logo."

With the anticipated opening of the new sanctuary, Roxo has spent the last semester creating a media kit filled with tools that Saving

Hope can use to promote their organization, Badham added.

Saving Hope's team consists of seven upperclassmen at TCU, each assigned to a specific role within the project. Roxo has between 30 to 40 students involved, divided into different teams each with assigned clients.



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Badham and her team enjoy working with Saving Hope because there are many similarities between the two organizations. Both groups have big ideas for the future, she said.

"You can tell they have a real passion for what they are doing," Badham said. "Every single one of them cares so much."



LAUREN ANTON/COURTESY PHOTO

Saving Hope will open an animal sanctuary in phases starting in 2023.

Saving Hope leaders welcome the new ideas from TCU Roxo and are encouraged by the assistance they are receiving.

"It's been really helpful," Grice added. "And anyone in the community that is willing to help us and bring awareness to this problem is the only way we are going to fix this."

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COURTESY OF STACEE HOWSE

Tanner Howse placed second in 100 Fly at the district swim meet, earning a trip to the regional meet along with several other Aledo swimmers.

Aquatic Center in Lubbock. Swimmers included Hunter Gregory, Sam Ogden, Porter Lane, Tanner Howse, Kamryn Kupper, Haley Roberson, Breanna Olivieri, Corah Satterfield, Victoria Crews, and Matila Moeller.



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FEBRUARY 4

The Aledo Children's AdvoCats, in conjunction with Aledo United Methodist Church, announced the opening of "Promtique," a boutique-style shopping experience featuring prom dresses, shoes, bags, and jewelry.

Trinity Christian Academy announced that Colt McCoy, former University of Texas signal-caller and current NFL quarterback, would be the keynote speaker at its Legacy Dinner and Auction on Feb. 26. The Legacy Dinner is a biennial event that raises funds for special projects at TCA.

Four Aledo FFA students (Phoenix Lanford, Alexa Rohe, Barrett Martin, and Jaxon Richter) won \$500 purchase certificates and chances for up to \$16,000 in scholarships at the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo's Calf Scramble. Each student caught a calf on Jan. 19.

The Weatherford College Foundation announced the formation of a Bob Kingsley Scholarship fund to honor the National Radio Hall of Fame inductee from Weatherford.

The University Interscholastic League announced new district alignments for 2022-2024. As expected, Aledo High School moved from Division 2 to Division 1. Aledo's district football opponents in the new district would be Azle, Burleson Centennial, Denton Ryan, Fort Worth South Hills, Lewisville The Colony, Northwest, Saginaw, and Brewer. Basketball and volleyball opponents are Azle, Granbury, Northwest, Saginaw, and Brewer.

Twelve seniors at Aledo High School signed collegiate letters on Feb. 2: Matt Bell, Southwest Baptist University football; Katherine Cash, McMurry

University soccer; Isaac Hernandez, Texas Tech University preferred walk on for cross country; Ethan Jaques, Western Texas College baseball; David Jones, Vernon College baseball; Taylon Kessler, Hardin-Simmons University football; Terry Lewis, East Central Oklahoma University football; Jurrien Loftin, Texas Tech University preferred walk on for football; Hannah Pack, Doane University softball; Ally Saunders, University of Texas at Tyler golf; Sammy Steffe, Southwest Baptist University football; and Kyle Thompson, University of Arkansas preferred walk on for football.

The Aledo High School wrestling team closed out district with wins.


FEBRUARY 11


Four Aledo High School students were named All-State Musicians: band members Nolan Golden and Jerry Olazaran and choir members Ariana Schmitt and Elizabeth Miller. They were set to perform with the Texas All-State Mixed Choir and Bands in San Antonio on Feb. 12.

The Willow Park City Council approved a resolution to create a Capital Improvements Advisory Committee. The purpose of the committee is to advise and assist in the preparation of the land use assumptions and the capital improvements plan.

The East Parker County Chamber of Commerce hosted a forum at Stillwater Meadow Events Center including candidates for county judge, state senate, state rep-

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## Capital Highlights

### Feds investigating meltdown at Southwest Airlines



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Massive flight cancellations by Southwest Airlines during the Christmas holiday week are prompting the federal government to look into why thousands of travelers were left stranded across the country, along with huge piles of luggage in airports served by the beleaguered airline.

Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg said his agency would examine what caused Southwest's widespread cancellations, which began as a massive polar storm gripped much of the country a few days before Christmas. The airline was able to resume normal operations on Friday as another holiday weekend approached. The airline canceled more than 15,700 flights since Dec. 22, according to The Dallas Morning News. Cancellations by other airlines were a fraction of that amount, according to published reports.

"Because what we're seeing right now, from the system and the flights themselves to the inability to reach anybody on a customer service phone line, it is just completely unacceptable," Buttigieg told CBS early Wednesday. The Senate Commerce Committee also plans to investigate.

Southwest does not use the hub-and-spoke system relied upon by other major carriers, instead relying on a point-to-point system. That means even where planes were available, often crews and pilots were stranded in other cities.

#### RRC launches probe into Atmos service issues

The Texas Railroad Commission has launched an investigation of Atmos Energy's gas distribution system, which left some Texans without heat during freezing weather just before Christmas. The company reported low gas pressure in cities across North and Central Texas, leaving some customers without heat. On Dec. 23, the Texas Tribune reported, Atmos asked its 2 million Texas customers to conserve gas use by lowering thermostats, and not using gas fireplaces and any gas-powered appliances.

Gov. Greg Abbott signed a letter ordering the railroad commission and the Texas attorney general's office to investigate Atmos Energy's "failure to prepare for the winter weather event last week."

"Leading up to and during the winter event, State of Texas agencies worked around the clock to mobilize resources and assist utilities in any way possible. At no time did Atmos Energy request assistance... It is apparent that Atmos Energy acted irresponsibly and was unprepared for the event," the letter said in part.

#### Abbott pushes back on migrant bus criticism

Abbott has drawn criticism after a bus from Texas dropped off more than 100 migrants in freezing weather near Vice President Kamala Harris' official residence in Washington, D.C.

An Austin American-Statesman report noted the state has bused nearly 16,000 migrants to so-called sanctuary cities. Abbott tweeted a breakdown of how many migrants have been bused to cities outside of Texas.

Thus far, 8,900 have been sent to Washington; 4,900 to New York City; more than 1,500 to Chicago; and more than 630 to Philadelphia. The governor has maintained in the past that the migrants have given permission to be bused North. The White House has called the move "a cruel, dangerous, and shameful stunt."

"We're providing relief to local communities overwhelmed by President Biden's open border policies," Abbott said.

The U.S. Supreme Court has so far stopped the Biden administration from eliminating Title 42, a federal rule enacted during by the Trump administration during the COVID-19 pandemic to allow the U.S. to return asylum-seeking migrants to Mexico or their country of origin.

#### TPWD opposes listing prairie chicken as endangered

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has reiterated its opposition to a decision by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to list the lesser prairie chicken as endangered in some areas and threatened in others, citing "tremendous" voluntary collaboration with private landowners and industry to conserve the chicken's habitat.

The federal designation will take place in January. It primarily affects Panhandle counties where the lesser prairie chicken is found.

"This decision jeopardizes decades of voluntary conservation efforts, increases regulatory burden and does not assure recovery of the species," David, Yoskowitz, TPWD executive director, said.

#### \$54 million in career, technical education grants

The Texas Workforce Commission has announced 152 grants totaling more than \$54 million to various public community, state and technical colleges, as well as school district and charter schools across the state. The grants will be used to buy equipment to establish or expand programs that offer Texas students the opportunity to earn licenses, certificates, or post-secondary degrees in fields such as nursing, welding, automotive repair and dentistry.

"It's important to identify high-demand jobs, but it's critical to proactively commit resources to ensure Texans are ready to meet those workforce needs," said TWC Chairman Bryan Daniel.

#### COVID-19 cases remain steady in state

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas during the past week remained steady at 30,033, with 102 new deaths reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. The number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations rose slightly to 2,581, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

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representative, and Parker County Republican Chair.

Spelling Bee champions from each Aledo ISD campus were named. Winners were (Aledo Middle School) AMS Jack Opstad, (McAnally Intermediate School) Adelyn Martin, (Annetta) Channing Green, (Coder) Gigi Halla, (McCall) Shaylin Rice, (Stuard) Luke McGuire, (Vandagriff) Nolan Robertson, and (Walsh) Zaaya Gurung.

The Aledo High School Wind Ensemble performed a sendoff concert at the AHS auditorium in preparation for their trip to San Antonio, where the ensemble was selected to play for the Texas Music Educators Association.

Six Aledo High School wrestlers who attended the district meet in Lubbock qualified for the regional meet in El Paso.

Aledo varsity boys doubles team of Jax Joiner/Hogan Posey came away with the first place trophy for boys A doubles bracket Boswell tennis tournament.

The Aledo Ladycats basketball team celebrated Senior Night with a bang, defeating Wichita Falls High School 60-11.

The Trinity Christian Academy swim team left for San Antonio to compete at the TAPPS State Swim Competition. All 12 members TCA swim team members qualified for the state competition.



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#### FEBRUARY 18

Parker County Sheriff's deputies arrested a man following a stolen vehicle/pursuit investigation. The incident began when a 2014 Jeep Cherokee was reported stolen in 300-Block of Aspen Court West in Aledo.

Robert Anderson of Aledo was named as the Western Heritage Ward Inductee when the Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame announced the 2022 class of inductees.

Five Aledo swimmers qualified for state competition after placing first or second at the regional swim meet Feb. 7-8 in Mansfield.



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#### FEBRUARY 25

Amy Chumbley from Aledo ISD and Candice Gables from TCA were among the honorees when Weatherford College celebrated 40 of the finest teachers from across the region at the annual Jack Harvey Academy of Exemplary Teachers celebration on Friday, Feb. 11, at the Doss Heritage and Culture Center in Weatherford.

Republican candidates for state senator, state representative, county judge, county court at law, and other offices were profiled.

Ten Aledo High School students earned recognition as National Recognition Program Scholars by the College Board. These were in addition to 29 students who had been recognized the previous fall. The students were Owen Denman, Marcus Eaton, Jordan Ikonen, Maxwell Moeller, Amy Olazaran, Sydney Porter, Faith Rudzinski, Grace Rudzinski, Luke Shelton, and Michael Worch.

Bud Green and Trevor Hennington were named National Merit Semifinalists.

For the second consecutive year, the Aledo Bearcats exited the basketball season at the bi-district level. The 'Cats fell to Denton Ryan on Monday, Feb. 21, 54-44 in Keller.

The Aledo Ladycats softball team began their season with three no-hitters.

Frigid temperatures couldn't stop the Aledo Varsity tennis team from coming away with medals in six brackets at the Centennial tournament held at the Arlington Tennis Center on Friday, Feb. 18.



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**Ansel Din-Mbuh of Aledo (foreground) grapples with San Antonio Burbank wrestler Eric Morales in Din-Mbuh's first match of the state meet.**

Aledo wrestler Ansel Din-Mbuh became the first Bearcat wrestler to advance to the state meet.

MARCH 4

The Aledo Children's AdvoCats announced their 16th Annual Run, Walk, or Crawl Glow Run on Saturday, March 26, with proceeds benefiting Aledo ISD children in need and their families.

Republican incumbents carried the state and county in the March primary. County Judge Pat Deen retained his seat, as did Sheriff Russ Authier. Glenn Rogers and Mike Olcott were headed to a runoff in the race for State Representative, and the race for Pct. 4 County Commissioner also went to a runoff between Eric Contreras and Mike Hale.

Willow Park City Council member



RANDY KECK/THE COMMUNITY NEWS  
**An estimated 200 people gathered on the Aledo overpass to show support for truckers in the American Freedom Convoy that passed through Aledo on Tuesday, March 1.**



RANDY KECK/THE COMMUNITY NEWS  
**Junior McKenna Vela pushes the ball in action against Brewer in March. Vela had a hat trick in the 9-0 Aledo win.**

Place 2 Tyler VanSant was recalled to active duty in the U.S. Air Force, and thus resigned from the council.

Trinity Christian Academy hosted its Legacy Dinner at the Barber Gym on Feb. 26. Former University of Texas and current Arizona Cardinals quarterback Colt McCoy was the featured guest.

Aledo Bearcats and Ladycats soccer teams were already poised for the playoffs halfway through district.

The Bearcats baseball team lost their season opener. The Ladycats softball team went to 6-1 with a win over Waxahachie.

Trinity Christian Academy clay shooters performed very well at the Winter Wonderland event in Waxahachie.

MARCH 11

The Willow Park City Council appointed Chawn Gilliland to fill the seat vacated by the resigna-



KRISTIN MORALES  
**Taylor McKenzie won the high jump at the Boswell Relays, setting a school record of 5-0.**

tion of Tyler Van Sant.

The issue included a feature on Yana Begma, a teller at First Bank Texas in Willow Park, who has family in Ukraine.

Walsh Elementary School held Career Day with numerous opportunities to look at possible future careers.

The Aledo band program held its annual auction and performance on Feb. 27 at Aledo High School.

The annual Business Development Group of Aledo Clay Shoot was held Saturday, March 5, at Defender Outdoors Clay Sports Ranch.

The Aledo High School track teams swept the Boswell Pioneer Relays, which began March 3. Aledo athletes set 51 personal records at the meet.

The Aledo Ladycats softball team dominated their final tournament of the season.



MARCH 18

The Aledo Class of 2023 Project Celebration Committee announced its fundraising event: "Rewind: Totally 80s!" The adults-only event would take place on Sunday, April 24.

The City of Willow Park began to look for a resolution to noise complaints about the volume of music emanating from Parker County Ice House.

Aledo ISD named Becky Albertson as the director of the new employee childcare center scheduled to open in late summer of 2022.

Aledo High School's one-act-play "Ruby's Story" by Ron Osborne won first place in district to advance to bi-district.

Trinity Christian Academy teams placed first in both calculus and pre-calculus at the Coyote Area Math Championship.

Aledo Bearcat Ethan Jacques and Ladycat Kayleigh Smith each pitched a no-hitter at their

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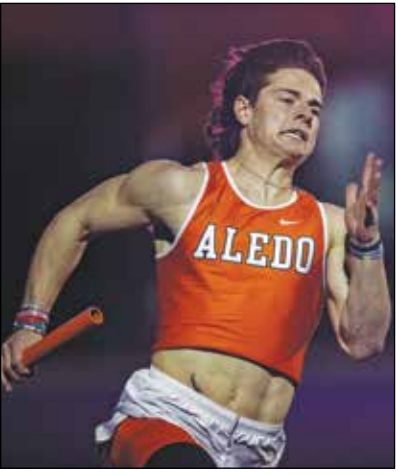
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**Sammy Steffe runs his leg during the Bearcat Relays at Bearcat Stadium. The Bearcats won their home meet, and Steffe ran in both the 4x100 and 4x200 relays, and in both cases the Bearcats came in first place.**

respective games on Saturday, March 12. The Bearcats swept the Drew Medford Memorial Tournament. Ladycat pitchers Kayleigh Smith, Nathalie Touchet, Brenlee Gonzales, and Jenna Austin combined reached seven no-hitters in the young season.

The Aledo varsity tennis team medaled in seven events at Cleburne.



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MARCH 25

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Beto O'Rourke visited Parker County on Friday, March 18, speaking to a crowd of about 200 people at Chandor Gardens in Weatherford.

Congressman Roger Williams spoke to The Community News about his reaction to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky's speech to the United States Congress.

Local youngsters opened a lemonade stand to raise money for the East Parker County Library and donated more than \$200 for use in the library's Summer Reading Program.

The Aledo ISD Board of Trustees recognized the January and February Bearcats of Character during the Feb. 28 regular board meeting. The district recognized 22 students for kindness (January) and perseverance (February), two character traits that were part of the focus of the district's character education program Positivity Project - or P2 - during those months.

Emergency Services District No. 1 provided personnel and the East Parker County Chamber of Commerce collected supplies to assist with the 5,000-acre Eastland fire.



KATHY CHRUSCIELSKI/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

**Dylan Taylor helps distribute glow accessories to race participants at the Aledo Children's AdvoCats annual Glow Run on March 26.**

The Aledo Ladycats basketball team could have fielded a, well, basketball team, landing five players in All-District selections. Claire Byars, Reagan Davis, and Presley Hull were named First Team All-District, and Kandle Boggus and Addyson Hebel were named Second Team All-District. For the Bearcats, Xavier Anderson was one of three players who shared the title of Defensive Player of the Year. Daniel Sohn and Drew Clock were named First Team All-District, while Brandon Fields and Peyton Wiggins were named to the Second Team.

before beginning her 39-year career with the Durant Auto Group, which includes currently being community liaison for Jerry and Vickie Durant.

The Aledo High School yearbook Ledoian was honored with a Gold Crown from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. The award is presented to only 20 yearbooks from across the United States.

The soccer season came to an end for the Bearcats and Ladycats in the first round of the play-offs, with the girls falling 4-0 to Colleyville Heritage and the Bearcats coming up short against Grapevine 5-2. The Ladycats finished with an 11-8-2 record and the Bearcats were 6-13-1.

The Aledo Bearcats Black Team won the District 5-5A golf championship, shooting a 651 to advance to regionals. Braylon Mahaney was the district runner-up individual and Jett Moore was third.

Four athletes from Trinity Christian Academy signed letters of intent to play college sports. Wes Robbie committed to shoot

for the rifle team at Schreiner University in Kerrville, Kennan Dowling signed to run hurdles for the Hardin-Simmons track team in Abilene, while football players Brayden Smalley and Caleb Gabbert chose to play at Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas and Hardin-Simmons, respectively.

APRIL 8

Weatherford College took a major step in providing educational needs of current and future generations of students with the opening of the Emerging Workforce and Technology facility.

The first of its kind facility combines training from WC with career placement opportunities from Workforce Solutions of North Central Texas. The City of Aledo hired Noah Simon as its first permanent city manager. He was previously a city manager in Virginia, but his wife is from this area.

The Marcia Waters Memorial Thanksgiving Trot planning committee celebrates being named the East Parker County Chamber of Commerce NonProfit of the Year. Other awards from the chamber were Shawn Callaway, Aledo Education Foundation, Businessperson of the Year; Debra Gass, Chicago Title, Ambassador of the Year; Willow Park Mayor Doyle Moss, Pappy Thompson Public Service Award; and Reimagined Roofing & Remodeling, Business of the Year.

The Aledo Ladycats win the District 5-5A golf championship by 53 strokes to join the boys in advancing to regionals. Alyssa Saunders was second individually and Mallory Miller was fourth.

Jax Joiner and Hogan Posey successfully defend their District 5-5A boys doubles championship to qualify for regionals, while the girls doubles team of Katie Siddons and Georgia Posey also won gold.

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**Democratic Gubernatorial candidate Beto O'Rourke makes a point during a visit to Parker County on Friday, March 18.**

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APRIL 15

Dallas Cowboys legend, Pro Football Hall of Fame member and Willow Park resident Rayfield Wright is remembered. Wright, a former regular column contributor to The Community News passed away on April 7. His benefit golf tournament continues to be held at Squaw Creek Golf Course.

The Willow Park City Council meeting is highlighted by more citizens with complaints about the noise emitted from concerts at the Ice House, along with a new ordinance that allows for enforcement of burn ban violations with a fine up to \$2,000.

The Texas Department of Transportation proposes three new interchanges between FM 1187 on Markum Ranch Road on Interstate 20 and another new interchange between FM 1187 and on Interstate 30.

The Aledo Education Foundation holds its annual Bearcats & Boots Fundraiser at the Hilton in Fort Worth.

Seven members of the Trinity Christian Academy tennis team compete at the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools State Tournament. They were Lauren and Jordan Nachlinger, Faith Rodgers, Micah Breisch, Bo Blauser, Teegan Thomas and Macy Prestwood.

The Ladycats girls doubles tennis team of Katie Siddons and Georgia Posey bring home a bronze medal from the Class 5A Region I Tournament.

APRIL 22

Velocis, a private equity real estate management firm, announced the purchase of almost 8.5 acres off of I-20 adjacent to the Texas Health Hospital in Willow Park for the purpose of a \$35 million office project.

Aledo ISD announced four new members of its leadership team.

Kimberly Raymond is assistant superintendent of community programs, Jennifer Lawler is assistant principal at Aledo High School and the Daniel Ninth-Grade Campus, Charles Linehan is assistant principal at Aledo Middle School and Stacy Donalson is assistant principal at the new McAnally Middle School.

The Aledo boys and girls track teams swept the District 5-5A Track Meet and qualified 45 athletes for area competition. A trio of athletes qualified in three events, Addison Smith for the Ladycats, along with Bearcats Hauss Hejny and Evan Lawrence.

The Aledo Bearcats Black Team qualified for the Class 5A State Tournament with a third-place finish at the Region I Tournament in Lubbock.

APRIL 29

The Aledo High School varsity cheerleading squad celebrated a fifth-place finish in the Super Varsity Game Day 1 division at the National High School Cheerleading Championship in Orlando, Florida. It was the program's first time to compete at the event.



Nevaeh Sky Whittington was the youngest model when the Aledo Children's AdvoCats held their "Feast & Fashion" celebration on April 21 at Stillwater Meadows.



RANDY KECK/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Local resident Marvin Herring (right) and Amy Fennell conversed with former Texas Governor Rick Perry at a campaign event in Aledo on Tuesday, May 3. Perry was in Aledo campaigning for State Rep. Glenn Rogers.

Aledo Advocats celebrates 20 years of service to Aledo ISD children and families with a Feast & Fashion celebration. The nonprofit has raised over \$1 million and helped thousands since it began.

The Aledo Ladycats golf team won the Class 5A Region I Tournament to qualify for state.

The Aledo boys and girls track teams followed their district championships by also winning area titles. They qualified 26 athletes (13 boys, 13 girls) for regional competition. For the boys, it was their seventh team title in as many meets on the season. Two Ladycats set school records, Kaylee Halfmann with a long jump of 17 feet, 0.50 inches and Natalie Anderson clocked a 16.09 seconds in the 100-meter hurdles. Also, the boys 1600 relay of Nathan Wood, Jalen Pope, Bryceson Boss and Hauss Hejny ran a school record time of 3:22.23.

The Ladycats softball team prepared for the playoffs after winning the District 5-5A championship with a 10-0 record.

Trinity Christian Academy qualified 22 athletes for TAPPS regional track competition. Libby Tovar and Kennan Dowling each won three gold medals.

MAY 6

Aledo City officials announced the conclusion of a study by VantagePoint, a broadband and engineering consulting firm. Soon, residents in some parts of the city will have access to higher speed internet.

Four students from McAnally Middle School received awards for their entries in the Parker County School Art Contest: Luke Nelson, Lila Fickel, Jasmine Seeley and Bo Davis.

The Tarrant Area Food Bank announced the opening of a west branch in Parker County. Located near the entrance of Canyon West Golf Course west of Weatherford, the facility will share in TAFB process of feeding more than a million people each week over 13 counties.

With Sophie Scott leading the way by qualifying in four events, Trinity Christian Academy qualified a dozen athletes for the TAPPS Class 4A State Track and Field Meet.

The Ladycats softball team swept Denton Ryan to open the playoffs and run their winning streak to 16 games.

The Bearcats won the District 5-5A baseball championship in a mini-tournament playoff, defeating Azle 7-0 and Wichita Falls Rider 4-3 after the three finished tied for first place.



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KIRSTEN GALLON

Kay Willoughby and Joshua Clift take a moment to feed one of the giraffes at the Fort Worth Zoo, where the Aledo High School prom was held on May 7.

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17 \_\_\_\_ Fresno, TX  
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22 this drink goes well with warm cookies  
23 TXism: "chief cook and \_\_\_\_ washer"  
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29 TX Clint Black's wife  
30 honky tonks  
31 Davy Crockett's home state (abbr.)  
32 where you rent a mail box (2 wds.)  
34 TX Gene Tierney film "Son of \_\_\_\_"  
35 Texans fly to this at Denver (abbr.)  
36 TXism: "was \_\_\_\_ a silver spoon in his mouth"  
37 TXism: "he couldn't \_\_\_\_ an egg under a sitting hen" (dumb)  
38 explosive device  
39 TXism: "\_\_\_\_ cement" (permanent)  
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**DOWN**

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4 walking stick  
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11 moose-like deer  
12 computer (abbr.)

42 lacking in originality  
43 Johnson of "Laugh In" with TX Larry Hovis  
44 Bell \_\_\_\_ Texas  
45 lively and cheerful  
46 DART is \_\_\_\_ transit in Dallas  
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25 steal from  
26 "those" south of the border  
27 creek

35 former Astro pitcher, Wall (1995-97)  
37 TX Guy Clark wrote song "Desperados Waiting \_\_\_\_" (1973)  
38 ex-TCU QB Sammy in NFL Hall of Fame  
41 TXism: "\_\_\_\_ in the bud"  
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The Contract Documents, consisting of Advertisement for Bids, Information for Bidders, Bid Proposal, Bid Bond, Contract, Performance and Payment Bonds, General Conditions, Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed, Plans, Specifications, Addenda (if any) and Project Contracting and Compliance Provisions may be downloaded from the Town of Annetta's website ([www.annetatx.org](http://www.annetatx.org)) directly. Potential Bidders may examine the Contract Documents at the Engineers office, at the following address and location:

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## Former Bearcats had a feeling this season would be special for Frogs

By Rick Mauch  
The Community News

Three former Aledo Bearcats who know a lot about winning championships could be on the verge of capturing another as members of the TCU Horned Frogs football team.

The Horned Frogs (13-1), ranked No. 3 in the nation, will face No. 1 Georgia (14-0) in the national championship game at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9, at SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles on ESPN.

The Frogs reached the title game with a 51-45 semifinal victory against No. 2 Michigan (13-1) in the Fiesta Bowl Saturday afternoon. That same night, defending national champion Georgia punched its ticket to the finals with 42-41 win over No. 4 Ohio State (11-2).

The trio of seniors from Aledo, Wes Harris and his brother Wyatt, along with Colt Ellison, are hoping to join Alabama running back Jase McClellan, as the only former Bearcats to win both a state championship and a national title. McClellan helped the Crimson Tide win the 2020 national championship when he was a freshman.

Aledo Athletic Director Steve Wood, who coached each of them to state championships during his five years as head coach of the Bearcats, said there was a sense of something special even before the season began. It came up during a round of golf with Wyatt and Colt.

"There was a breath of fresh air, they were excited and ready," Wood recalled. "Of course, nobody saw this coming, but here they are and they are very deserving."

Sonny Dykes' first season as head coach of the Horned Frogs has, without question, been unforgettable. It would also be a most memorable end to each of their college football careers.

Wes Harris has started all 14 games this season on the offensive line, helping anchor an offense that averages around 475 yards and over 41 points per game. He also blocks for the Heisman Trophy runner-up, quarterback Max Duggen.

Wyatt Harris, a middle line-backer, has played in six games this season. Ellison, a defensive end, has seen action in four.

Tim Buchanan coached Wes Harris in 2013 on a team that is the only one in history at any level to score more than 1,000 points in a season, going 16-0. Wood coached him

to championships in 2014, going 15-1, and a perfect 16-0 in 2016.

Wood was Aledo's head coach in both state title seasons for Wyatt Harris and Ellison in 2016 and 2018, going a combined 32-0 in those seasons. They were also state runners-up in 2017.

Buchanan said he sent the trio a text congratulating them on being a part of history as members of the first team from Texas to qualify for the College Football Playoffs. He added that he told them, "Now go and win the darn thing."

"It doesn't surprise me they're in this position. I'm happy for them," Wood said. "They put a lot of work in, they always have."

"You want them on your side. As a coach I was glad they were wearing my colors."

### Moss Making Trips

Among those making the journey to Glendale, Arizona, for the Fiesta Bowl was Willow Park Mayor Doyle Moss. In fact, he and his wife Linda are going to be on the road for some time as the are now on their way to Los Angeles.

"We got back to Texas in 2006 and bought TCU season tickets and have had them now for years," Moss said. "We've been Frog fans, Bearcat fans, Longhorn fans (Linda attended the University of Texas). I'm so glad this is happening for TCU, they deserve it."

Moss reflected on the last time TCU was in a high profile game. It wasn't quite this caliber, but it was at that point perhaps the biggest win in Horned Frogs history as they defeated Wisconsin 21-19 in the 2011 Rose Bowl to finish No. 2 in the nation.

"We regretted not going to the Rose Bowl," he said. "We're not missing this one - or the next if they get there."

### Also from Parker County

The Aledo trio aren't the only Parker County players in quest of a national championship. On the Georgia roster is redshirt freshman Cash Jones from Brock.

Jones has seen action as a reserve running back and on kick return coverage units in 11 of the Bulldogs' 14 games. He had one carry for a 36-yard touchdown in a win over Vanderbilt.

Editor's note: This article was originally written as a web post in advance of the Fiesta Bowl.

We found plenty of posts online showing local-area fans traveling to Arizona for the Fiesta Bowl and supporting the Frogs.



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BASKETBALL

Ladycats suffer road loss as Nocona remains undefeated

By Ryan Wade  
The Community News

Coming off a 2-2 performance in the Battlin’ Billie Classic in Fredericksburg over Christmas break where Reagan Davis took all-tournament honors, Aledo’s Ladycat basketball squad took no time working back into elite competition with the holidays coming to a close.

Aledo fell to 12-13 on the season following Tuesday’s road loss to undefeated Nocona. A stout defensive performance in the second quarter allowed the Lady Indians to coast the rest of the way home en route to a 52-41 win.

“We played pretty well,” Ladycats head coach Nikki Hyles said of her team’s performance. “Nocona’s a tough, physical team. There weren’t a lot of fouls called in the game, and they were more physical than we’ve seen. We had one quarter where we didn’t score much, which hurt us. But we had to play with some intensity, which was nice to see.”

The Ladycats managed to hang with Nocona early in the contest as they looked to put the first blemish of the season on the hosting foe. With the first quarter ending, a single possession was all that stood between Aledo and the hosting Lady Indians as the Ladycats trailed 14-11.

In the second quarter the wheels came off the wagon for Aledo’s offense. Nocona held the visiting squad to just three points through eight minutes of action. During the same stretch the Lady Indians tacked on a dozen points on their end of the floor to take a 26-14 lead into the intermission.

Coming out of the break Aledo regained some offensive momentum. However, it was too little, too late as the Lady Indians held on for an 11-point victory.

Following the tough road loss, the Ladycats look to get back on track as they host Brewer’s Lady Bears on Friday in District 5-5A action.

“Brewer is more athletic than us, but we have the size advantage,” Hyles stated. “They push the ball down the floor, so we’ll have to be prepared for that. Rebounding is going to be important.”



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That game is slated for a 6:15 tipoff at the AHS Gymnasium.

Ladycats vs. Nocona – Jan. 3 Varsity

Aledo	11	3	13	14	41
Nocona	14	12	16	10	52

Ella Isbell 10, Claire Byars 7, Reagan Davis 7, Kinley Elms 6, Presley Hull 5, Kenzie Grau 3, Caroline Browning 2, Kandle Boggus 1.

Junior Varsity

Aledo	13	6	10	8	37
Nocona	2	10	2	2	16

Elizabeth Griffin 12, Brenna Clock 8, Breleigh Mayer 4, Savannah Salas 3, August Carlone 2, Maddox Lucas 2, Zion Kennedy 2, Peyton Flores 2, McKenna Sweat 2.

Ladycats vs. Harvest Christian – Dec. 30 Varsity (Battlin Billie Classic)

Aledo	9	21	21	4	55
H. Christian	14	16	14	3	47

Reagan Davis 21, Presley Hull 16, Ella Isbell 4, Kenzie Grau 3, Claire Byars 3, Kinley Elms 3, Natalie Anderson 2, Kandle Boggus 2.

Ladycats vs. Connally – Dec. 30 Varsity (Battlin Billie Classic)

Aledo	16	26	21	24	87
Connolly	4	3	2	7	16

Ella Isbell 16, Reagan Davis 14, Kandle Boggus 13, Kinley Elms 11, Natalie Anderson 7, Caroline Browning 7, Kenzie Grau 6, Presley Hull 6, Liz Griffin 5, Taylor Paetzold 2.

Ladycats vs. Boswell – Dec. 29 Varsity (Battlin Billie Classic)

Aledo	9	12	9	12	42
Boswell	13	20	17	15	65

Kandle Boggus 12, Reagan Davis 9, Presley Hull 7, Ella Isbell 3, Natalie Anderson 2, Kenzie Grau 2, Caroline Browning 2, Liz Griffin 2, Kinley Elms 2, Taylor Paetzold 1.

Ladycats vs. Fredericksburg – Dec. 29 Varsity (Battlin Billie Classic)

Aledo	2	14	12	7	35
Fredericksburg	27	13	17	14	71

Kandle Boggus 9, Claire Byars 7, Reagan Davis 6, Kinley Elms 4, Natalie Anderson 3, Ella Isbell 2, Presley Hull 2, Elizabeth Griffin 2

WRESTLING

Aledo wrestlers second at Azle

Staff Reports  
The Community News

The Aledo Bearcats wrestling team placed second this past Saturday, Dec. 31, at the Hornet Dual Tournament in Azle. The Bearcats won four of their five matches.

The Bearcats opened with a 36-26 victory against Saginaw, followed by a 48-24 win over Azle Green. In the third round they dropped Arlington Sam Houston 51-24 and bested Lubbock Coronado 39-24 in the semifinals.

Azle White captured the championship with a 54-24 win against Aledo in the finals.

Colonel Douglas finished the tournament a perfect 5-0 in his matches in the 157-pound division. Several others went 4-1, including Brice Bohn, 106; Chad Thomas, 120; Zach Attaway, 150; and Max Toth, 165.

This Friday and Saturday the Aledo boys will head back to Azle for another tournament.

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1. A Special Exception for 239 Duncan Road, a property containing 2.00 acres of land (Lot 2, Block 1, Sudden Valley Subdivision) to allow for a 1,440 square foot accessory structure that exceeds the allowed square footage as set forth in Section 8.10.B.2.c of the Town of Annetta Zoning Ordinance 215.
2. A Special Exception to Section 8.10.B.3(1) of the Town of Annetta Zoning Ordinance 215 for 239 Duncan Road, a property containing 2.00 acres of land (Lot 2, Block 1, Sudden Valley Subdivision), to allow placement of an accessory building in the front yard.

All interested persons are urged to attend.

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(s) Jamee Long, City Secretary  
Town of Annetta, Texas

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RODEO

Area athletes among NTHSRA leaders

By Rick Mauch  
The Community News

As the second half of the North Texas High School Rodeo Association prepares to get underway, several athletes from Aledo and Weatherford find themselves in contention for a berth in the NTHSRA Finals May 19-20 at Cowtown Coliseum in Fort Worth.

The top 15 in each event will advance to the finals.

Looking to be in good position to make a finals appearance from Aledo is Ashtyn Coufal, who is seventh in walkup goat tying with 280 points. Coufal is also just outside the top 15 in barrel racing with 70 points in 17th place, followed closely by Aledo's Annabella McNelly with 63 for 18th. The leader has 511.



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Jeff Hutchins of Aledo is narrowly out of the top 15 in chute dogging. He has 70 points and sits in 18th place.

Also in strong contention for a finals berth from Aledo is Gunner McGraw in chute dogging with 91 points and in 13th place. The leading score is 469 points.

Here's a complete breakdown of area athletes chasing finals berths:

Breakaway roping (392 points leads): 6. Reagan High, Weatherford, 217 points.

Barrel racing (511 leads): 13. Kaidyn Klein, Weatherford, 98; 17. Coufal, 70; 18. Annabella McNelly, Aledo, 63.

Bull riding: 1. Noah Lee, Weatherford, 266; 6. Jesus Villa, Weatherford, 133.

Calf roping (525 leads): 2. Clayton Praytor, Weatherford, 462; 4. Caleb Lewis,

Weatherford, 378; 6. Taygan Bertsch, Weatherford, 301; 7. Haiden Smith, Weatherford, 231.

Chute dogging (469 leads): 3. Smith, 280; 10. Praytor, 140; 13. McGraw, 91..

Walkup goat tying (490 leads): 7. Coufal, 280; 12. Sienna Pendergrass, Weatherford, 105.

Pole bending: 1. Savannah Letson, Weatherford, 476; 14. Kassidy Klein, Weatherford, 105.

Ribbon roping (490 leads): 3. Bertsch, 343; 5. Lewis, 266; 8. Praytor, 238; 9. Smith, 126.

Team roping-header (483 leads): 10. Bertsch, 147.

Team roping-heeler (483 leads): 9. Lewis, 203.

Teams: 1. Azle, 4,326 points; 2. Weatherford, 4,060; 21. Aledo, 609 points.

2022 - THE YEAR IN REVIEW

MAY 13

The Aledo High School yearbook staff won more awards, this time from the National Scholastic Press Association. The Ledoian was honored with a Pacemaker award, making them one of only 10 to receive that honor and the Gold Crown from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. Co-editors-in-chief Ava Bathurst and Faith Emmitte were named to the NSPA Honor Roll and Bathurst received honorable mention for her sports feature photo. The yearbook was also highly decorated at the Fall Festival hosted by the Texas Association of Journalism Educators.

The Aledo track program qualified seven athletes for the Class 5A State Meet following their performance in the Region I Meet. Ladycat Lauren St. Peters advanced by winning gold in two events, the shot put and discus. Maggie Kilburn and Taylor

Hindman were 1-2 in the pole vault. For the Bearcats, the 800-meter relay of Sammy Steffe, Aven Lawrence, Hauss Hejny and Clay Murador qualified.

The Aledo boys golf team wrapped up its season by competing in the Class 5A State Tournament in Georgetown. The team consisted of Braylon Mahaney, Jett Moore, Jake Phillips, Logan Ban, and Dylan Kiser.

Ben Camp (discus) and Kennan Dowling (110-meter hurdles) won gold medals for Trinity Christian Academy at the TAPPS Class 4A State Track Meet. Dowling also captured silver in the 300 hurdles, as did Cade Hayes in the discus.

The Ladycats softball team ran their winning streak to 18 games by sweeping Mansfield Legacy in the second round of the playoffs.

The Bearcats baseball team swept Denton to open the Class 5A playoffs.

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TENNIS

15 Racquetcats named All-District

Staff Reports  
The Community News

Fifteen members of the Aledo fall team tennis program, along with the coach, were honored recently as part of the All-District 5-5A Team Tennis accolades.

Elli Kate Bussmeir was named Co-Newcomer of the Year by the league's coaches, while Joe McCoy was chosen as coach of the year after leading Aledo to the district championship and the second round of the postseason.

In all, eight girls and seven boys were honored. Other awards went to:

Boys doubles - line 1, second team, Ian Leslie/Hogan Posey; line 2, second team, Ben Farmer/Craig Mason; line 3, second team, Jacob Heckathorn/Francois Britz.

Mixed doubles - first team, Scott Mason/Eleanor Jack.

Boys singles - line 1, second team, Leslie; line 2, first team, S. Mason; line 3, first team, Posey; line 4, first team, Farmer; line 5, first team, C. Mason; line 6, first team, Heckathorn.

Girls doubles - line 1, second team, Kenley Germany/Bryanna Orr; line 2, first team, Elli Kate Bussmeir/Paige Federman; line 3, first team, Natalie Nawrocki/Patrice Loftin.

Girls singles - line 1, second team, Orr; line 2, first team, Bussmeir; line 3, second team, Germany; line 4, first team, Federman; line 5, honorable mention, Jack; line 6, first team, Gracie Heydman.

"The 2022 team tennis season for Aledo was a very successful one. As coaches

and players, you always want to do better or get farther in the playoffs than what you might have. We have high expectations and are always striving for more or better results. We have some very good players that have put in many hours and worked very hard to be where they are," coach Joe McCoy said.

"As a team they were district champions and area finalists which is no small feat. They also accomplished some high achievements as individuals. Every line that we competed in received all-district awards (top three in the district) this year, with 11 of the 19 lines receiving first team. Congratulations to all of our players. I am very proud of them. We look forward to a great spring season."




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Sophomore Lauren St. Peters of Aledo High School placed fourth in both shot put and discus at the state track and field meet.

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2022 - THE YEAR IN REVIEW

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New mayors Nick Stanley (Aledo) and Tom Fitzpatrick (Hudson Oaks) discussed their plans as they prepare to lead their respective cities.

Branch to Hope nonprofit closed a deal on 22 acres of Aledo-area property for its community center. The center hosted a Day of Hope this same week. The organization helps youth and family issues.

The Aledo City Council voted to approve the issuance of \$18.5 million in certificates of obligation for the purpose of building a new city hall. City Manager Noah Simon was authorized to sign contracts with Randall Scott Architects for design work on the structure.

Four new members of the Aledo ISD leadership team are announced, Margaret Bloodworth as director of special programs,

Christy Tolbert as associate principal at the new Early Childhood Academy, Tim Huynh as instructional technology coordinator and Deanne Torres as the district math coordinator.

Aledo's Lauren St. Peters narrowly missed medaling at the University Interscholastic League Class 5A State Track and Field Meet, placing fourth in both the discus and shot put. The boys 800-meter relay of Samuel Steffe, Aven Lawrence, Hauss Hejny and Clay Murador placed sixth. Pole vaulters Maggie Kilburn and Taylor Hindman tied for seventh.

The Ladycats golf team finished 10th at the 5A State Tournament in Georgetown. The team consisted of Alyssa Saunders, Mallory Miller, Madison Warner, Kyla Morales and S'Anaa Lemen.

Several competitors from the

area finished at or near the top of their events as the North Texas High School Rodeo Association held its season-ending rodeo.

Weatherford's Savannah Letson won the pole bending competition, Caden Farrell of Weatherford was second in both steer wrestling and chute dogging, and Aledo's Tyson Douglas was third in chute dogging. Also, from Aledo Caylee Atkins was fifth in break-away roping.

Running their win streak to 20, the Ladycats softball team swept Colleyville Heritage in the third round of the playoffs.

Meanwhile, the Bearcats won their second-round baseball match-up, 6-4, in a single-game against Burleson.



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About 50 people welcomed Major Rob Boudreau back to Aledo on May 26.

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Several runoff elections are decided among the Republicans, and with no Democrat challenger in November, they essentially captured their respective offices. Precinct 2 Commissioner; Jacob Holt, 2,309 votes, Joe W. Harris, 1,541. Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace, Tim Mendolia, 2,458, Allison Bedore, 2,011. State Representative District 60: Glenn Rogers, 9,261, Mike Olcott, 8,509. Another race was still too close to call for Precinct 4 Commissioner with Mike Hale collecting 2,358 votes and Eric Contreras getting 2,312.

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A regional semifinals sweep of Abilene Wylie gave the Ladycats softball team 22 consecutive vic-

tories and moves them one step away from a return trip to state.

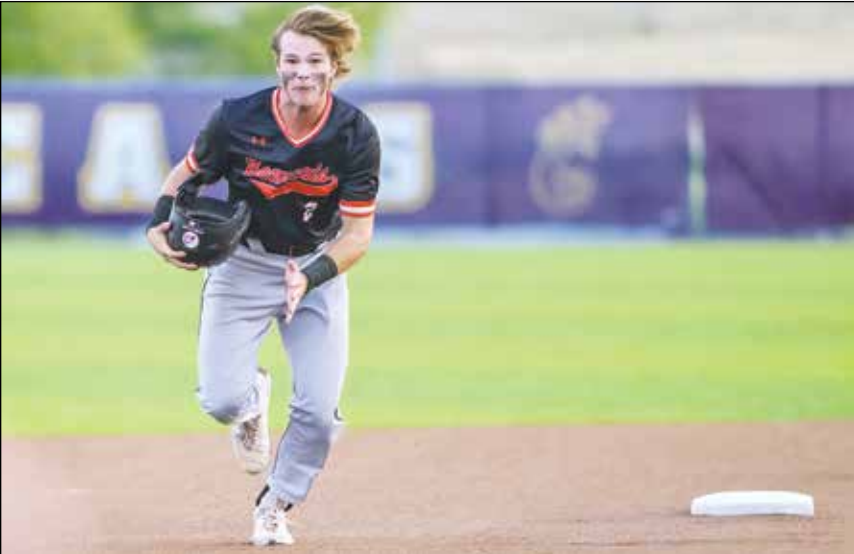
Bryan Marmion was hired as the new athletic director and head football coach at Trinity Christian Academy. His past success includes 14 years of collegiate coaching, 16 years at the high school level and 20 years as a high school administrator - including 16 as an athletic director. His teams have made eight playoff appearances, won three district championships and reached a state semifinals.

With a pair of shutouts of the Burleson Centennial Spartans, the Bearcats baseball team moved on to the regional semifinals.



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To be continued.



KIRSTEN GALLON

Aledo centerfielder Max Belyeu heads to third base carrying his helmet after an errant throw knocked off his helmet as he slid into second. The photo appeared in the May 27 issue.



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