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Several of our subscribers received their Jan. 13 papers late, and we wanted to provide an explanation.

When our papers are picked up from the printer in Dallas, those that go outside the immediate 76008 zip code are packed in plastic sacks. The papers for 76008 and the un-labeled single-copy papers are in bundles.

On the way from Dallas to Aledo, many of the bundled papers got gasoline spilled on them. The delivery person left them at the post office anyway, and because of illness in our office, no one was available to receive a call from the post office on Friday informing us that the papers were undeliverable.

In response to this incident, we dismissed the person who was responsible for placing a gasoline container in the same cargo area as our newspapers. In addition, the Aledo Post Office now has the cell number of the publisher so he can be reached immediately in the future.

In addition, we ordered a re-print of the Jan. 13 issue to accommodate the subscribers who did not receive their copies, and mailed those along with the Jan. 20 issues on Jan. 19. This affected about 500 subscribers in the 76008 zip code.

We appreciate the assistance of the Aledo Post office in getting the duplicate copies delivered and we appreciate your patience in this matter.

'Welcome to Our School!'



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Seventh-graders Landry Kasper and Katlyn Lowe and eighth-grader Kale Roberson greeted guests Sunday at the ribbon cutting ceremony and open house of the newly-renovated Aledo Middle School.

Aledo holds ribbon cuttings and open houses for middle schools

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The Aledo ISD hosted ribbon cuttings and open houses for the newly-renovated Aledo Middle School and the newly-constructed McAnally Middle School on Sunday, Jan. 21.

The renovation of the aging structure that is now Aledo Middle School was a particular challenge for the district.



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"This project was one of our most complicated projects," AISD Superintendent Dr. Susan Bohn



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Nell McAnally, wife of the school's namesake Charles McAnally, is shown with AISD school board members at the ribbon cutting for McAnally Middle School. Also shown are Marvin and Peggie Herring.

said as she described accommodating a crowded campus while closing hallways and temporarily relocating classes during the construction. "In the beginning we had to consider gutting and remodeling it or even tearing it down and starting over."

Former students will appreciate that the beloved Bearcat Den was left intact but modernized and the kitchen repurposed into drama classrooms and a stage.

"This is something for our entire community to be proud of," said AISD Board President Hoyt Harris.

PARKER COUNTY

Legislators receive committee assignments

Granger chairs Appropriations, Williams chairs Small Business

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As the 88th Legislative Session in Texas and the 118th Congressional Session in Washington, D.C. get under way, most of the people who serve Parker County in their districts have received committee assignments.

U.S. Rep. Roger Williams was selected to chair the House Committee on Small Business. The committee was originally formed in 1941 to advocate for more protections and better government policies for America's small businesses.

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WILLOW PARK

Debut of new city hall set for Feb. 14

Valentine's day ribbon cutting and tours planned

The move-in to the new Willow Park City Hall has been underway, and the city is now preparing an open house and ribbon cutting to introduce it to the community.

The public is invited to a ribbon cutting at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, at its new location: 120 El Chico Suite A in Willow Park.

The city will also host an open house with tours beginning at 4:30 p.m. that day prior to the city council meeting at 6 p.m.

"We are absolutely thrilled to



CITY OF WILLOW PARK

The new location of Willow Park's city hall is now open at 120 El Chico, Suite A.

be in this building. Previously we were stacked two and three deep in offices, didn't have a meeting space, and it was very difficult to conduct business," said Communications and

Marketing Director Rosealee Hoffman. "This new facility gives us all the space to do our jobs well and better serve the residents and businesses of Willow Park."



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ALEDO ISD

AGC meets for final time before Board presentation

By Ryan Wade
The Community News

Editor's Note: The Aledo ISD Board Trustees had a special meeting scheduled Thursday, Jan. 26, to hear the recommendations of the Aledo Growth Committee. That meeting is after the press deadline for this print issue.

Monday, Jan. 23, marked the last meeting for the Aledo Growth Committee before presenting the final draft of their bond proposal to the board of trustees later in the week. According to AGC Co-Chairman Dan Reilley, the result of Monday's meeting will be a thorough plan the group, which has met more than a dozen times since August of 2022, has collaborated on to ensure the short-term issues the district will encounter are addressed completely and responsibly.

"The plan [for Monday's meeting] was to take all the information that we had and to come together with a packaged bond for May of 2023," Reilley said. "Our hope was also to tackle our long-range plan over the next 10 to 12 years. With the discussion we had, which was extremely productive but also thorough; we didn't even get to the long-range plan part of our planned meeting. We focused all our attention on making sure we had all our ducks in a row, every voice had been heard, every concern had been voiced and addressed to the satisfaction amongst the group."

The short-term plan took particular emphasis during the meeting. If the short-range plan, which encompasses only the next couple of years, does not pass during the May bond election, the timeline gets pushed to or beyond the time frame the demographer reports state the district will already require the next phase of facilities to be open to students.

"You've got to keep the ball moving forward," Reilley emphasized. "Every time you have a checkpoint where the community says no, it just puts you further behind your plan. You can have a perfectly orchestrated timeline that looks good on paper, and then when you don't get the seal of approval from the community, it just puts that timeline back a few years."

And extra years are not kind in regard to the needs the district has in terms of adequate infrastructure being in place to handle the expected continuation in growth, but also in terms of the costs associated with meeting those needs.

"With the data points we have, one of the challenges that we're looking at, even since we

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Obituaries

Rozalea Wade

Rozalea Smith Wade passed away on Tuesday, January 24, 2023.

Rozalea was born December 8, 1932 to Jack and Clida Smith in Perrin, Texas.

She graduated from Birdville High School on May 31, 1951. Rozalea was the captain of her basketball team in high school and was on the softball team. After high school she went to comptometer school where she graduated. She worked in downtown Fort Worth as a comptometer operator.

She married Jimmy Grant Wade on November 30, 1962. Together, they built their home in Willow Park, where they lived their entire life together, and raised two wonderful daughters. She was a faithful Christian and member of South Main Church of Christ in Weatherford.

She was a rural route carrier for the United States Postal Service retiring from there after many years of service. After retirement, she continued to stay busy helping with her daughter, Jackie, with her business and staying active in her grandchildren's lives.

Rozalea was a great friend and neighbor to many. She was genuine, a servant, and always put others' needs before her own. She was loved by all who knew her. Most important to her was her family. Rozalea was the best mom, mother-in-law, grandmother, great grandmother, and aunt anyone could ask for. She enjoyed attending as many of her grandchildren's and great grandchildren's events as she was physically able to attend.

Rozalea was preceded in death by her husband Jimmy Wade. She was also preceded in death by her parents Jack and Clida Smith and brother and sister-in-law Don and LaJuan Smith. She is survived by her daughters Rozmary Byars and her husband Matt of Aledo; and Jackie Hayslip of Weatherford; her grandchildren Terrajaine Kendrick and her husband Chris of Weatherford, Tye Byars and his wife Allie of Abilene, Payton Byars of Stephenville and Claire Byars of Aledo, and three great-grandchildren Talin, Colton, and Dawson.

A visitation for Rozalea was scheduled from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, January 26, at Galbreath Pickard Hilltop Chapel, 4941 Interstate 20 Frontage Road in Willow Park. The funeral service will occur at 10 a.m. Saturday, January 28, 2023 at the same location, followed by a graveside service at Perrin Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Pythian Home in Weatherford.

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Rozalea Wade

COMMITTEE

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"As a life-long small business owner, I am both humbled and honored to serve as Chairman of the House Committee on Small Business," Williams said. "From out-of-control inflation to broken supply chains, I have first-hand experience dealing with the current problems facing America's job creators. As the Republican majority works on solutions to these pressing issues, it is essential we have a small business owner at the helm of this committee to be the voice for Main Street America. Under my leadership, the Committee on Small Business will be a fierce advocate for free market principles and pro-growth policies."

Within the Small Business Committee, Williams also serves on the Subcommittee on Underserved, Agricultural, and Rural Business Development and the Subcommittee on Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Workforce Development.

Williams also serves on the Financial Services Committee, which has jurisdiction over issues pertaining to the economy, the banking system, housing, insurance, and securities and

exchanges. Additionally, the committee also has jurisdiction over monetary policy, international finance, international monetary organizations, and efforts to combat terrorist financing.

Williams' 25th Congressional District includes southern Parker County.

U.S. Rep. Kay Granger, whose district includes northern Parker County, became chair of the Appropriations Committee, which plays a major role in the budgeting process. Granger is also chair of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, and serves on the State and Foreign Operations Subcommittee and the Energy and Water Subcommittee.

In Austin

State Senator Drew Springer, whose district covers northeastern Parker County, has been assigned by Lt. Governor Dan Patrick to be vice chair of the Administration and Local Government committees. In addition, Springer will serve on the Education; Higher Education; Nominations; Water, Ag, and Rural Affairs; Sunset; and Redistricting committees.

"I am honored that Lt. Governor Patrick has appointed me to serve on six additional



Roger Williams



Kay Grainger



Drew Springer



Phil King

committees and as vice-chair on two of them. It has been a privilege to serve on both Sunset and Redistricting, and I look forward to continuing to serve on those committees and the additional six that I was appointed to today," Springer said. "I will work with my fellow committee members to advance legislation that will drive the Texas Miracle, support our schools while empowering parents, protect resources, limit overreaching regulations, and preserve our Texas values."

State Senator Phil King, whose district includes southwestern Parker County, has been named as vice chair of the Business & Commerce Committee. He will also serve on the Border Security, Criminal Justice, Transportation and Education committees, and on the Higher Education

Subcommittee of the Education Committee.

"I want to thank Lt. Gov. Patrick for his trust and confidence in naming me to these vitally important committees," King said. "I'm especially excited about the opportunity to serve as Vice Chair of the Business and Commerce Committee. For Texas to continue leading as an economic powerhouse, we must ensure an environment of limited, streamlined regulations and low taxes that promotes commerce, innovation, and opportunity. This committee is also charged with correcting critical problems facing Texas' electric power grid, a topic I spent a great deal of time on in the Texas House."

At press time, Texas House committees had not been named.



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PROJECT CELEBRATION 2024

Bearcat Mardi Gras Ball will feature dinner, celebrity bartending, auction

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The Aledo High School Class of 2024 Project Celebration Committee has planned a festive February evening to benefit Aledo High School Class of 2024 Project Celebration.

The Bearcat Mardi Gras Ball will run from 6-10 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 25, at The Social Space, 205 S. Calhoun St. in Fort Worth.

"It's for the kids," said Kari Neeley, Aledo Project Celebration 2024 board president. "We want Bearcat Mardi Gras Ball to be an entertaining evening for the community that also raises funds to support the Aledo class of 2024 students."

Tickets for Bearcat Mardi Gras Ball will

include entrance into the event for those 21 and older, a buffet dinner, open bar for beer and wine, non-alcoholic beverages, entertainment, and additional activities. A cash bar will also be available.

A live auction will feature four single-day VIP passes to the Palmer Suites Sky Box with access to Crenshaw Village and the Burns Michelob ULTRA Athletic Club Village with food and beverage included at the Charles Schwab Challenge at Colonial Country Club in May 2023.

A silent auction will feature a variety of items including one-hour training sessions with varsity football players and cheerleaders, golf-related items, and canine training.

The Celebrity Bartending event featuring TCU football players and Aledo alumni, Colt Ellison and Wyatt Harris will add to the

Mardi Gras fun. Guests can also purchase \$25 rings for the Heads or Tails game for a chance to split the pot with PC2024.

"With community support, we can supply the seniors of 2024 with a drug- and alcohol-free after-prom party where every senior is invited," Neeley said. The after-prom Project Celebration event will be held in the spring of 2024 for Aledo High School seniors and will feature fun and entertainment, food, and prizes for seniors. Aledo Project Celebration 2024 also funds other senior activities to celebrate high school accomplishments, including Senior Promenade and Senior Breakfast.

Individual Bearcat Mardi Gras Ball tickets are \$125. Tables of 10 are also available for \$1,250 each.

To purchase tickets, or for more information, visit aledo-pc2024.com. Space is limited.



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Tickets must be purchased by Sunday, Feb. 19.

Aledo High School Project Celebration, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) corporation organized under the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act for the sole purpose of providing safe, alcohol-free and drug-free celebrations to students. The AHS Class of 2024 Project Celebration Committee is fully supported by sponsorships and fundraising by parents and is in no way associated with or funded by Aledo ISD or any of its student-led organizations.

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ALEDO EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Lonestar to headline Bearcats 'n Boots

Annual fundraiser set March 31

The Aledo Education Foundation will present its annual Bearcats 'n Boots gala fundraiser from 6-10 p.m. on Friday, March 31, at the Hilton Downtown in Fort Worth.

Live entertainment will be provided by Lonestar. The event will feature live and silent auctions, a three-course meal, an open bar, and complimentary valet parking.

Tickets range from \$3,000 for a table of 10 \$15,500 for platinum investor.

To purchase tickets, make a donation, or browse auction items, visit <https://one.bidpal.net/bnb2023/welcome>.

The Aledo ISD Education Foundation was established by business, civic and community leaders to support the mission of the Aledo Independent School District by supporting innovative educational projects and activities that are beyond traditional funding and/or for which tax dollars cannot be expanded. Foundation funds will be used for educational enrichment programs such as innovative grants and programs to enhance student achievement, to recognize exemplary staff involvement and to foster community support and involvement.



FROM LONESTAR FACEBOOK PAGE

Lonestar will be the featured entertainment at the annual Bearcats & Boots on March 31.



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started this work in August, they have changed in January," Reilley pointed out. "Not only is the cost changing, but interest rates are changing. [Housing] developments and potential developments have slowed. Chatter that you hear about this community coming, or that community coming, well that's not what we heard in August. If there was a takeaway from Monday's meeting, it's let's focus on the immediate needs with the data that we're certain about."

In light of the new information coming before the group in January, the financial planners for the district took time during the meeting to update everyone in attendance of how these pricing changes will impact the overall plan and timeline the group has worked so diligently on over these last many months.

"When you look at the projections going out, it became obvious that what we wanted to do for the next phase was not going to be feasible this time," Reilley mentioned. "The big focus of what's coming out of this presentation is addressing the immediate capacity concerns at the elementary school level and setting the district up for the most flexibility to get to the next phase."

So according to Reilley, the main short-term focus will be to build another elementary school and to secure land for another middle school and land for a second high school.

"We know we're going to need a middle school at some point," Reilley said. "But, you have to have the land."

As the time comes for the AGC to make its appeal to the board and prepare to receive feedback on its recommendations, Reilley

feels good about the work accomplished by the group since August.

"What we're going to present on Thursday, I'm extremely happy with and proud that we're going to be able to present something that certainly addresses the immediate needs of the district," he added.

While much of the recent discussion has shifted away from long-range strategy planning, it's not a topic that is being scrapped entirely. Once the board meeting concludes the community will have a week to go online to provide any feedback or recommendations they wish to make. Then, on Feb. 6 the AGC will meet for a final time to put the finishing touches on the short-term proposal that will be on the bond election in May. The rest of the meeting time will be devoted to developing a long-range plan the group feels confident will address the district's issues well over the following decade.

For those who are/were unable to attend Thursday's special school board meeting, the video of the meeting will be added to the Aledo ISD website on Friday. To access that video, visit aledoisd.org. In the drop-down menu click on school board, then click on board meeting videos to locate the video dated Jan. 26.

The AGC wants to hear from as many voices in the community as possible as they near the finish line for the work they've focused on for so many hours. Anyone who would like to offer suggestions via the community feedback form, or just become more informed about the data the group has had at their disposal throughout this process, go to aledoisd.org/AGC. Also follow along with The Community News as we continue to follow this story as it develops.

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Capital Highlights

Border security, tax relief, and raises top list



Gary Borders
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For the Texas House and Senate, there is not much daylight between each chamber's priorities in this year's legislative session.

Leaders say the focus will be on property tax relief, border security, and employee raises. Preliminary budgets from both chambers were released last week, the Austin American-Statesman reported, with a record \$288.7 billion budget for the next two years. The money in the budget is made up of \$93.7 billion in federal funds, \$130.1 billion in state general revenue funds, and \$64.9 billion in other funds.

The tussle likely comes when lawmakers start spending a whopping \$32.7 billion budget surplus sitting in the state's coffers from the previous biennium.

Gov. Greg Abbott and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick want to provide property tax relief to homeowners, with Patrick proposing raising the homestead exemption to \$70,000 from \$40,000. Both draft budget bills set aside \$15 billion - almost half the surplus - for property tax relief.

Increased funding for border security, public education, and for raises for state employees are also in the draft budgets, which are likely to change several times before session's end.

The Texas Tribune reported the preliminary budgets still leave more than \$50 billion in state funds up for grabs. One of the biggest challenges is that state law and the Texas Constitution set limits on how much tax spending can increase between sessions.



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Possible end to Confederate Heroes Day?

A 50-year-old state holiday honoring soldiers who fought for the Confederacy in the Civil War is again the target of a lawmaker who wants to end the holiday. State Rep. Jarvis Johnson filed the bill, telling the American-Statesman, "This is not the look we want for our state anymore."

Johnson has filed this measure before without success. Confederate monuments on public grounds have drawn complaints across the state, including the Texas Capitol.

The day is observed on Jan. 19, the birthday of Gen. Robert E. Lee. On occasion, the holiday celebrating slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King, which is held on the third Monday in January, and Confederate Heroes Day fall on the same day.

"While (the King holiday) is a reminder that we are all created equal, how do we simultaneously celebrate an ideology that has been linked with oppression and supremacy?" Johnson asked.

Natural gas supplies held up during winter storm

The bout of sub-freezing temperatures blanketing much of the state a few days before Christmas sparked concern for the state's electric grid, which reached its highest peak for the entire year. But the grid held, and natural gas supplies to power plants were ample, state officials said.

The Texas Railroad Commission issued a press release saying, "There was ample natural gas supply to help the state's electricity supply chain and keep Texans safe."

The agency said it would continue to inspect natural gas facilities throughout the winter to ensure "infrastructure is hardened against extreme weather conditions."

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in

October said the grid is still at risk of failure during extreme winter conditions, such as what happened in February 2021 with Winter Storm Uri.

Overhaul plan for power market gets initial approval

The Public Utility Commission last week approved a potential overhaul of the Texas electricity market in hopes of attracting private investment in new power plants, the Statesman reported. However, the Texas Legislature has ultimate approval. Critics say the plan is untested and could increase electric bills for consumers.

Abbott has already backed the plan, which is an effort to make the power grid, managed by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, more reliable. It is intended to encourage more private investment in "plants that can turn on and off quickly depending on need."

If approved by legislators, the plan could take up to four years to implement.

Lawmakers highlight state's fragile water infrastructure

A bipartisan group of 38 state legislators have banded together to educate fellow lawmakers about water security issues, the Texas Tribune reported. Aging infrastructure and lack of funding have created water-supply problems across the state, particularly in rural areas.

Last year there were more than 3,000 boil-water notices issued across the state because water quality was in doubt. Seven of the 10 water systems that issued the most notices were in rural parts of East Texas, the Tribune reported after analyzing data from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. There have already been 79 boil-water notices in January.

The group is not advocating for any specific bills.

"Water security is critically important to all Texans and our economy," state Rep. Tracy King, who heads the caucus, said in a statement. "We must continue to innovate, invest and strategize long-term to manage our water resources efficiently."

State's newest historic site

The Texas Historical Commission's latest historic site is 274 years old. Presidio la Bahia was the site of the Goliad Massacre in March 1836. More than 300 Texians were held inside the church before being executed by Mexican forces.

The presidio was established on that site in 1749 during the Spanish colonial period. The fort became the nucleus of the modern-day city of Goliad.

The Presidio underwent restoration in the 1960s under the oversight of renowned restoration architect Raiford Stripling of San Augustine. More than 33,000 people visit the Presidio each year, according to its website.

COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations drop

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas during the past week reported to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University was 26,996, down about a third from the previous week, with 270 new deaths, up from 148. The number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations in the state, according to the Texas Department of State Health Service, totaled 2,837, which was down 17% from the previous week. Readers should keep in mind that only reported cases are tallied. People who test positive with a home test kit likely are never reported.

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Guest Column

Texans are Well-Served by State Government



George P. Bush

For all the challenges facing Texans, our state government serves the people pretty darned well, especially when compared to the frequent dysfunction in Washington.

Having just finished eight years in statewide elected office as Texas Land Commissioner, I can share the "secret sauce" that makes Texas work: relationships. State government is a lot like a small town in rural Texas where folks know one another, which creates incentives to work through problems and reach solutions that serve the public.

As a result, the future of Texas is bright, a shining example for the rest of the country of what can be accomplished when elected officials and staff seek to make government "do more with less." As we say in Texas, "it ain't braggin' if it's true" applies to our approach to governing—we are the gold standard as to how government, from your local school board to Congress, can serve the people.

This is a big reason people - nearly 500,000 just last year - are moving from everywhere to live in Texas. When our oil and gas industry hit rock bottom during the pandemic, Texas leaders in the industry and government joined together to creatively stabilize prices by incentivizing temporary reductions in production and help businesses keep workers on their payroll. Working with the Railroad Commission, the

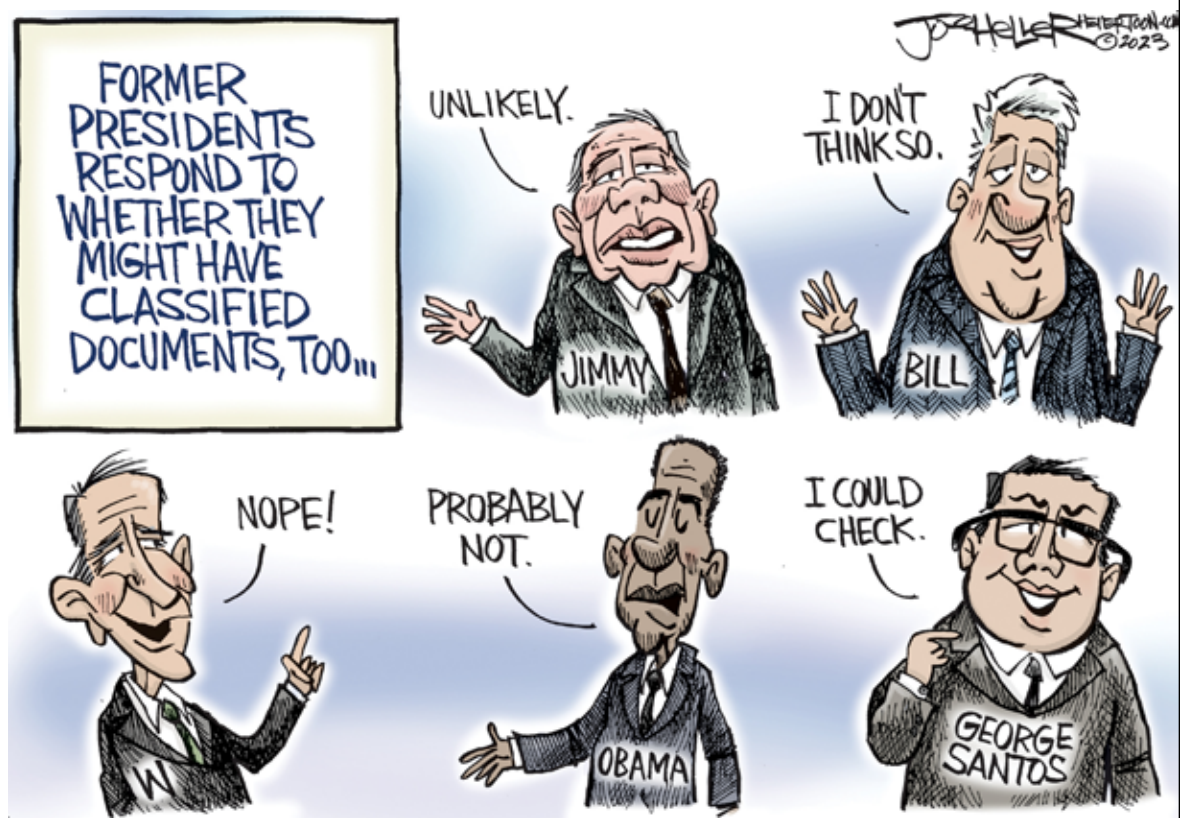
General Land Office eliminated impediments to increase land leases and took on the weaponization of the Endangered Species Act to boost oil and gas production and increase revenues that fund our children's education.

In 2017, in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, I worked with Governor Greg Abbott to lead the largest housing mission in American history, effectively managing a \$10 billion federal grant to build or rebuild

thousands of homes for displaced Texans. We worked with our local and state elected officials along the coast to ensure Texans recovered as quickly as possible. Our success in building back Texas is now the model for disaster recovery and prudent management of federal taxpayer dollars.

I worked with Texas House Speaker Dade Phelan, the Texas Delegation in Congress, and coastal leaders from Port Arthur

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Just like his columns, Galloway's 80th birthday memorable

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

Randy Galloway may be retired, but he still has plenty to say — as do many who know him best.

In a career that spanned a half a century, Galloway became a legend at his craft as a sportswriter and columnist for both the Dallas Morning News and the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, along with his sports talk show on WBAP and ESPN.

On Jan. 19, Gallo as his friends call him, turned 80. Many of those friends and admirers were in attendance at the Isis Theater in The Stockyards that night to reminisce with the man of honor himself in a surprise birthday organized by Jamie Adams.

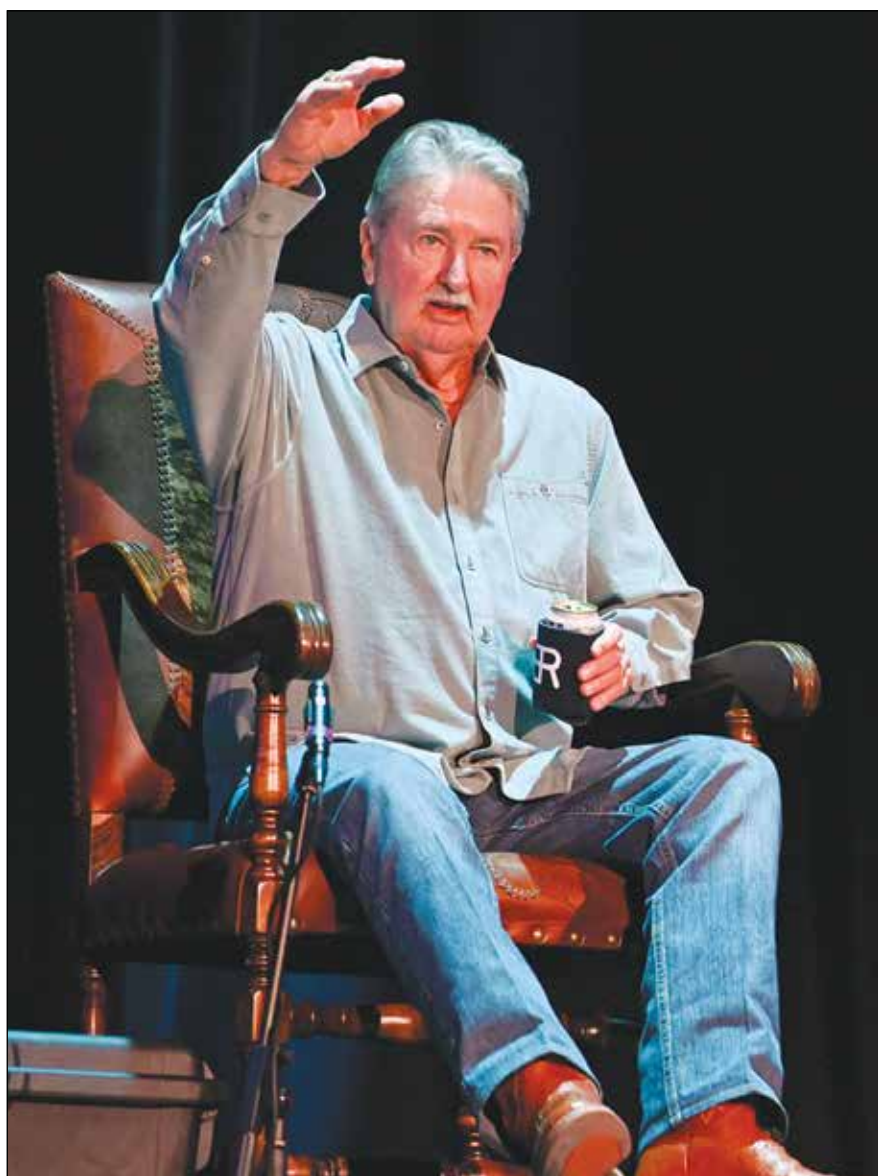
For those in attendance listening to the memories, jokes, and barbs from the likes of one of the great TV sportscasters Dale Hansen, radio legend Brad Sham, Hall of Fame pitcher Nolan Ryan and many more — including Galloway, who was sitting on a “throne” slightly above the others, it was a night of side splitting humor with barely enough time in between laughs to catch a breath.

Known for always having an unlit cigar in his mouth, often only removed to take a sip from his favorite beverage, Galloway was an old school sportswriter in many ways. In fact, he had a cooler next to him onstage, dipping into it several times to crack open a cold one.

Yet, Galloway is a legend because of his ability to adapt with whatever the times called for — always saying what was on his mind, of course.

One of his trademark qualities was, if he ripped someone in his article the day before, showing up early at the game or practice the next day so that person could have their say back to him in person. Often it was not pleasant what they had to say, but he was always there so they could say it.

As he was complimenting Galloway for this noble trait, Hansen cracked his infectious smile and said



BRUCE E. MAXWELL

Randy Galloway was roasted at his surprise 80th birthday party at the ISIS Theatre in Fort Worth on Jan. 19.

with a chuckle, “Yeah, I don’t do that. I go the opposite direction.”

Aledo football coach Tim Buchanan had one of the night’s funniest moments when he recalled Galloway and former Dallas Cowboy Walt Garrison being asked to perform the coin toss at the first football game in Bearcat Stadium between Aledo and Weatherford.

“Honestly, I didn’t like him very much. He was always criticizing coaches. Hell, I was a coach!”

Buchanan said upon first meeting Galloway.

Of course, the two are friends now. Galloway moved to Aledo several years ago.

“But he never criticized a high school player,” Buchanan continued.

Then, Buchanan told the story of the coin toss. He apparently forgot to tell Galloway and Garrison that coaches meet about a half



BRUCE E. MAXWELL

Present at Randy Galloway's 80th birthday were (from left) Nolan Ryan and his wife Ruth Holdorff, TCU Head Football Coach Sonny Dykes, Mike and Rosie Moncrief, Congressman Roger Williams, Brian Estridge, and Jamie Adams.



BRUCE E. MAXWELL

Randy Galloway is shown with his family at his surprise 80th birthday party.

hour before the game and do the real coin flip and that the one right before the game on the field is ceremonial.

Weatherford called tails. The coin landed with tails facing up.

However, the official picks it up and said it was heads and Aledo won the toss.

“Randy looks at Walt and says, ‘Damn, Buchanan’s got the officials in his pocket!’” Buchanan said, drawing a roar from the crowd.

At that point, Galloway chimed in, “I wanted to call a bookie!”

For starters

Prior to Galloway taking the stage to be roasted by other sports celebrities, including master of ceremonies and Texas Rangers public address announcing great Chuck Morgan, many videos were shown to the waiting crowd.

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HIGHER EDUCATION

Henderson graduates from UT

Area students honored

One area student graduated and others received academic honors at the end of the fall semester and colleges and universities around the country.

Alistair Grant Prescott Henderson graduated from the University of Texas at Austin on Dec. 17, 2022, with dual majors in archeology and philosophy. He is a 2016 graduate of Aledo High School. He made the dean's list multiple times. Because UT offered no commencement exercises for the Fall 2022 semester, he plans to attend commencement exercises in May of 2023.

Alistair is the son of Victoria Fay Prescott and Richard A. Henderson of Aledo.

Henderson plans to pursue a masters degree in archeology.

Academic Honors

Sophomore **Audie Isbell**, studying exploratory studies, is among more than 1,200 Harding University students included on the dean's list for grades achieved during the fall 2022 semester. The dean's list honors those who carried 12 or more hours with a 3.65 or higher grade-point average and no incompletes

Madison Guinzy of Aledo, Psychology; and **Evan Roberts** of Weatherford, Exercise Science were named to the Dean's List at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas.

To be eligible for the ASU Dean's List, full-time undergraduate students must maintain a



Hudson Blake



Alistair Henderson

3.25 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Hudson Blake and **Anna Markham** of Aledo were named to the Dean's List at Belmont University in Nashville for the Fall 2022 semester. Eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

Samuel Treat of Weatherford was named to the South Plains College Fall 2022 Deans' List.

Patrick Pool of Weatherford was named to Southern New Hampshire University's Fall 2022 President's List.

Ava Elizabeth Tanner earned a 4.0 GPA in the fall 2022 semester, securing a reputable position on Southern Arkansas University's President's list. Tanner is a senior Financial Planning major from Brock.

Riley Hammett of Weatherford was named to the Muhlenberg College Dean's List for the Fall 2022 semester. Muhlenberg College is located in Allentown, Pennsylvania.



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Date announced for Aledo AdvoCats Glow Run

The Aledo Children's AdvoCats have announced that the annual Run, Walk, or Crawl Glow Run will be held Saturday, March 25, at Bearcat Stadium.

The Glow Run is a nighttime fun run in the heart of Aledo that raises money for the programs of the AdvoCats, which include:

- Children's Fund, which works with the Aledo ISD to provide assistance, on an individual basis, for things like medical or dental assistance, food, professional counseling, living expenses, scholarships, school supplies; and school-related expenses or other crisis interventions;
- Clothes Closet, a resale boutique, which also offers clothing free of charge to qualified students and their families;
- Angel Project, a collaborative effort between AdvoCats, AISD, and the community that organizes and provides Christmas gifts for qualified Aledo ISD students and siblings who reside in the same home.

Participants in the Glow Run can choose to participate in a 1K or a 5K race that begins and ends at the Aledo High School track.

Additional event information will be provided as available. For more information, visit <https://aledoadvocats.com/index.php/advocats-rwc/>.



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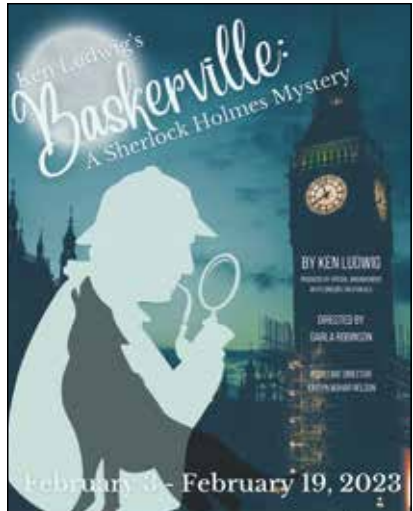
THEATRE

'Baskerville' opens Feb 3

Staff Reports

The Community News

Theatre Off The Square (TOTS) will present the first show of their 24th season, "Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes



Mystery," by Ken Ludwig, produced by special arrangement with Concord Theatricals. This production is directed by Darla Robinson, with Jordyn Mahar Nelson as the assistant director, and Dana Powers as the stage manager.

The show begins Friday, Feb. 3 and runs week-ends through Feb. 19. Show times are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays.

"Baskerville" is a fast-paced comedy that transforms Arthur Conan Doyle's classic "The Hound of the Baskervilles" into a murderously funny adventure. Audiences will recognize well-loved characters Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson as they're joined by a small band

of actors who expertly play more than 40 characters as the mystery unfolds.

The cast is:
Sherlock Holmes - Jonathan Cook.

Dr. Watson - Mark Gillies.
Actor 1 - Lucas Steele.
Actor 2 - Darin Cote.
Actor 3 - Jennifer Brown.

All seats are reserved. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$18 for seniors (60+)/students/children under school age. Matinee tickets are \$15 for all ages and no other discounts apply. Purchase tickets in the box office prior to each show or visit <https://www.theatreoffthesquare.org/>.

Additionally, 2023 Flex packages are on sale for \$100. The Flex Package comes with 7

"flex credits" (tickets) that can be redeemed for admission to any mainstage show in the 2023 season.

Call 817-341-8687 or visit www.theatreoffthesquare.org with any questions.

TOTS is located at 114 North Denton St., Weatherford. Interpreter services will be provided at the performance on Saturday, Feb. 18, at 8 pm.

Services are provided through a partnership with the American Sign Language Interpreting Program of Tarrant County College Trinity River Campus.



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FEBRUARY 2

Parker County Republican Party

Weatherford ISD school board member Adam Feriend will be the program when the Parker County republican Party holds its regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 2, in the Strain Community Room at the Doss Student Center at Weatherford College.

For more information, email Scott Utlej at parkercountygop@gmail.com.

FEBRUARY 3

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FEBRUARY 14

Willow Park City Hall opening

The public is invited to a ribbon cutting at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, at Willow Park's new City Hall: 120 El Chico Suite A in Willow Park. The city will also host an open house with tours beginning at 4:30 p.m. that day prior to the city council meeting at 6 p.m.



FEBRUARY 25

Annetta Clean-up Day

The Town of Annetta will hold its annual Clean-Up Day from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Feb. 25. Lunch will be provided to volunteers.

For more information, call the city at 817-441-5770 or visit www.annetatx.org.

Bearcat Mardi Gras Ball

The Aledo High School Class of 2024 Project Celebration Committee has planned a festive February evening to benefit Aledo High School Class of 2024 Project Celebration. The Bearcat Mardi Gras Ball



will run from 6-10 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 25, at The Social Space, 205 S. Calhoun St. in Fort Worth. The Ball will feature the Celebrity Bartending event featuring TCU football players and Aledo alumni, Colt Ellison and Wyatt Harris, a buffet dinner, drinks, and additional activities.

For more information, visit aledopc2024.com.

MARCH 25

AdvoCats Run, Walk, or Crawl

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The Glow Run is a nighttime fun run in the heart of Aledo that raises money for the programs of the AdvoCats.

Participants in the Glow



ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "he's got the morals ___ alley cat"
- 5 Andrews of 1944 "Laura" with TX Gene Tierney
- 6 Texas legume: black-___ pea
- 7 TX Dan Jenkins novel: "___-Tough"
- 8 TXism: "poke the bear" (3 wds.)
- 18 TX Tanya's "One Love ___ Time"
- 19 oil rig workers
- 21 it promotes physical fitness in school (abbr.)
- 22 double reed instrument in the Dallas Symphony
- 23 member of "the Corps" at A&M (2 wds.)
- 24 a Texas "snipe hunt," e.g. (2 wds.)
- 29 country FM licensed to Port Lavaca
- 30 marching band percussion: ___line
- 31 elected county prosecutor (abbr.)
- 32 soldier on a horse
- 34 winter garment
- 35 TX O. Henry story: "A ___ in Santone"
- 36 first Texas cattle brand was "AR" for "Alamo ___"
- 37 "it'll make your ___ curl"
- 38 statement in a crossword puzzle
- 39 subject of TX Roy Orbison song was yearning about what he could ___
- 41 badly behaved kids
- 42 identification evidence
- 43 Mildred ___ "Babe" Didrikson Zaharias
- 44 TXism: "couldn't ___ drum" (loser)
- 45 Davy's home state (abbr.)
- 46 snakelike fish
- 47 TX Nick Foles is now backup QB for this Indianapolis team
- 48 sodium ___ used in fertilizers
- 50 TXism: "cold as ___house seat in January mai ___ (rum drink)"
- 51 TXism: "feeling ___ oats" (rowdy)
- 53 poetic "before"

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DOWN

- 1 Texas school in book "Friday Night Lights" (2 wds.)
- 2 La Grange is the seat of this county
- 3 deficiency in red blood cells
- 4 lowest point
- 9 Texas-based film "___ Cowboy"
- 10 "cement pond"
- 11 "tween Mon. & Wed. one of the Texas Gattin Brothers (init.)"
- 13 TX Keyes book: "Scarlett ___ Younger Sister"
- 14 raw diamond, e.g.
- 15 TX Simone Biles won bronze on the balance ___ in 2016 and 2020
- 16 electronic crystal display (abbr.)
- 17 "___ ___ living" (struggled to get by)
- 20 theatrical platforms
- 22 TXism: "tighter than bark ___ ___"
- 24 July cooler (abbr.)
- 25 ___well, Texas
- 26 bird class
- 27 was furious
- 28 TX Tommy Lee Jones 1994 legal film: "The ___"
- 29 sports AM serving Midland-Odessa
- 30 TXism: "___ a bull give milk? (no)"
- 33 hankering
- 34 late TX Rip Torn 1978 mystery film
- 35 deflated tires
- 37 TXism: "he sits ___ saddle" (good man)
- 38 wooden box
- 40 TX Buddy's widow: Maria ___ Holly
- 41 "hit below the ___"
- 44 TXism: "that ___ won't float"
- 47 you can sail on one out of Galveston
- 49 surface-___ missile

Run can choose to participate in a 1K or a 5K race that begins and ends at the Aledo High School track.

Additional event information will be provided as available. For more information, visit <https://aledo-advocats.com/index.php/advocats-rwc/>.

MARCH 31

Bearcats 'n Boots

The Aledo Education Foundation will present its annual Bearcats 'n Boots gala fundraiser from 6-10

p.m. on Friday, March 31, at the Hilton Downtown in Fort Worth.

Live entertainment will be provided by Lonestar. The event will feature live and silent auctions, a three-course meal, an open bar, and complimentary valet parking.

Tickets range from \$3,000 for a table of 10 \$15,500 for platinum investor.

To purchase tickets, make a donation, or browse auction items, visit <https://one.bidpal.net/bnb2023/welcome>.

APRIL 15

Weatherford College Flute Festival

Weatherford College will host its second annual Flute Festival from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 15 in the Alike Fine Arts Center at Weatherford College.

Guest artists are Stephen Clark and Greg Patillo.

Registration is free. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/3CiiKx4>. For a Spotify playlist, visit <https://bit.ly/3IP7piy>.

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SWIMMING

Aledo swimmers qualify for regionals

By **Derek Gregory**
Special to The Community News

The Aledo Ladycats and Bearcats will send a host of swimmers to regional competition following their performance at the District 5-5A Meet at Northwest ISD Natatorium on Jan. 20.

The Ladycats finished second as a team and the Bearcats were third. Numerous girls and boys compete in the 5A Region II Meet at Debbie Weems Natatorium in Mansfield Feb. 3-4, with qualifiers from there advancing to state in Austin Feb. 17-18.

The Bearcats set two school records en route to their runner-up finish. The 200 medley relay clocked a district-winning time of one minute, 43.79 seconds, breaking a record that had stood since 2009, while the 200 freestyle relay's time of 1:36.06 broke a record from 2012.

Both relays were comprised of the same swimmers, seniors Tanner Howse and Sam Ogden, along with juniors Porter Lane and Kyle Scharlow.

Winning district in their respective events were:

- Girls 200 medley and 200 freestyle relays with sophomores Victoria Crews, Haley Roberson and Corah Satterfield, with freshman Natalie Hutson.

- Roberson, 200 individual medley and 500 freestyle.
- Howse, 200 freestyle and 100 butterfly.
- Ogden, 100 backstroke and 100 freestyle.

Also qualifying for regionals were senior Madeline Gordy, 200 IM; juniors Hunter Gregory 100 back, 400 free relay; Porter Lane, 50 free, 100 breast, 200 medley relay, 200 free relay; Breanna Olivieri, 50 free, 100 back; sophomores Bradyn Baughman, 400 free relay; Crews, 100 fly; Avery Faulkner, 100 back, 400 free relay; Tila Moeller, 500 free, 400 free relay; Alex Pomales, 400 free relay; Satterfield 100 fly, 100 back; freshmen Alli Faulkner, 400 free relay; Julia Gordy, 100 free, 400 free relay; Hutson, 500 free, 100 back; Brady Ludlow, 400 free relay; and Addison Speed, 100 breast.

Several swimmers are seeking a return to state, including Roberson (200 IM, 200 free relay, 400 free relay in 2022), Ogden (100 free, 100 back), Olivieri (200 free relay, 400 free relay) and Crews (200 free relay, 400 free relay).



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DEREK GREGORY

Regional swimming qualifiers from Aledo High School are (from left) Hunter Gregory, Tila Moeller, Brady Ludlow, Haley Roberson, Porter Lane, Sam Ogden, Tanner Howse, Breanna Olivieri, Madeline Gordy, Avery Faulkner, Alli Faulkner, Corah Satterfield, Julia Gordy, Victoria Crews, and Natalie Hutson. Not shown are Addison Speed, Bradyn Baughman, Alex Pomales, and Kyle Scharlow.



DEREK GREGORY

Tanner Howse was district champ in the 200 Free and 100 Fly.



DEREK GREGORY

Haley Roberson was district champ in the 200 IM and 500 free.



LEFT: District champs in the girls 200 Medley relay and 200 free relay are (front) Haley Roberson and Corah Satterfield and (back) Victoria Crews and Natalie Hutson. | **MIDDLE:** Sam Ogden (100 Back 100 Free) was named District Athlete of the meet. | **RIGHT:** District champs in the 200 Medley relay are (front) Porter Lane and Kyle Scharlow and (back) Sam Ogden and Tanner Howse.

DEREK GREGORY

FOOTBALL

From Bearcat to Blue Devil

Hejny commits to play for Duke

By **Rick Mauch and Ryan Wade**
The Community News

When the 2022 football season began there were questions surrounding what kind of quarterback Hauss Hejny would be for the Aledo Bearcats. After all, he'd never started a game behind center in coach Tim Buchanan's system.

Now we know. Hejny is the kind of quarterback that can lead to a state championship and be named MVP of the state championship game.

And Duke University wants him to be their signal caller in the future. In fact, they made a scholarship offer to the junior this past weekend.

"Their offensive coordinator, Kevin Johns, he started recruiting me a few months ago. He was a real genuine dude.

From the get-go, he said you're our No. 1 quarterback," Hejny said.

"I just got back from their Junior Day over the weekend. Getting on campus I just felt at home. Having a coaching staff that's all in on me, it's just a real special moment."

After a bit of a rough start to the season, Hejny began to settle into his role. By the time the Bearcats' two biggest games of the season rolled around — at Burleson Centennial and at Denton Ryan in Games 8 and 9 — he demonstrated just how good he could be.

In those two wins, 64-21 over Centennial and 35-21 over Ryan, Hejny was unstoppable. He accounted for 735 yards and nine touchdowns in those wins, rushing for 308 yards and four TD while passing for 427 yards and five scores.

It was the kind of performance that reinforced the Bearcats' faithful that perhaps another state title could arrive this year,

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BRELEIGH MAYER/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Aledo junior quarterback Hauss Hejny is shown with Aledo ISD Superintendent Dr. Susan Bohn and Head Football Coach Tim Buchanan at the community state championship celebration held on Jan. 17. Hejny has announced he will play football at Duke University.

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POWER LIFTING

Bearcats lifters win Boswell Meet

Ladycat lifters second at Granbury

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

Led by five powerlifters winning their respective weight classes, the Aledo Bearcats took first place in their first meet of the season at Saginaw Boswell on Jan. 12. They bested a field that also included Boswell, Chisholm Trail, and Saginaw. "The kids lifted great!" coach Brad McCone said enthusiastically. "We have only had a couple of weeks of workouts."

The Bearcats scored 57 points to edge runner-up Boswell with 48.

Lifting the most weight on the day for Aledo was Alexa Arana in winning the 220-pound division. He lifted a total of 1,255 pounds.

Also winning their classifications were Andrew Chastain (165), 1,135 pounds; Caleb Loath (198), 1,225; Josh McCarley (242), 1,125; and D.J. Williams (308), 1,200.

Runners-up were Walker Nevin (114), 435; Carson Bobbitt (148), 810; and Raymond Howard (275), 1,235.

Taking fourth were Josh Johnson (165), 915; Nathan Hall (242), 985; and Campbell Carter (275), 1,175. Fifth-place performances were recorded by Matthew Long (148, 730; Cory Tilly (181), 945; and Kruger Summers (220), 940.

Aledo was lifting at Brock at press time in a meet that included Brock, Glen Rose and Azle. On Feb. 8 they compete at Azle

along with Azle, Brock and Granbury.

Ladycats

The Aledo Ladycats began the 2023 powerlifting season with a runner-up finish at Granbury on Jan. 11. Nine Ladycats received medals.

Senior Avery Gray won the 259-pound-plus division, lifting a total of 695 pounds. Fellow senior Taylor Senhem took first in the 114-pound class with a total weight lifted of 510 pounds.

Finishing second in their respective divisions were senior Taylor Paetzold, 181 class, 630 pounds; sophomore Ari Mathias, 148 class, 680 pounds; senior Hannah Good, 132 class, 520 pounds; and junior Morgan Senhem, 114 class, 505 pounds.

Third-place finishers were junior Stella Kendall, 132 class, 475 pounds; freshman Adrianna Lambert, 220 class, 630 pounds; and sophomore Charlee Soward, 122 class, 505 pounds.

"It was a great first meet of the year. Our goal was to focus on technique. We did a great job hitting that goal," coach Josh Morgan said. "To place as a team and have that many girls place individually is a real positive for the rest of the season."

"As a team our numbers have more than doubled from last year. The returning girls have come in focused and ready to go. The newcomers are eager to learn and have been very coachable. It is a fun group and I think we are gearing up for a great season."

The Ladycats were competing at Brock at press time in a meet that also included Brock, Granbury and Glen Rose. They compete against Glen Rose and Brock in Glen Rose Feb. 9 at 5:30 p.m.



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WESTLING

Aledo wrestlers shine at Bowie



By Rick Mauch
The Community News

With the most important meet of the season coming up, the Aledo Bearcats had their best showing of the season.

The Bearcats varsity placed second out of 23 teams in the Bowie Invitational in Arlington this past weekend, Jan. 20-21.

"This was also our first team trophy for our program, so my hope is that it is a sign of good things to come for our upcoming district tournament," said Aledo coach Austin Stockon.

The Bearcats, in only their second season of competition, will wrestle at the District 4-5A Tournament in Azle Feb. 2-3. Along with Aledo and Azle, the district also includes Lubbock, Lubbock Cooper, Lubbock Coronado,

Lubbock Monterey, Saginaw, White Settlement Brewer, Lubbock Estacado, Springtown, Henrietta, Vernon and Trent (boys only).

The Bearcats were wrestling at home for the last time at press time against Brewer.

Chad Thomas paced the Bearcats with a runner-up individual finish in the 120-pound division. Taking third in their respective weight classes were Brice Bohn, 106; Jacob Ellerbusch, 132; and Colonel Douglass, 150. Fourth-place finishers were Ty Hand, 157; and Britton Collins, 190.

The junior varsity Bearcats also had a strong showing with the following individual highlights:

- 120: 1. Briley Perkins.
- 126: 4. Jayden Escalera.
- 144: 3. Brennen Allen.

- 157: 1. Brady Powell.
- 165: 2. Luke Turner.
- 175: 2. Sam Belyeu, 3. Randy Dixon.
- 190: 1. Bryce Vonasek, 3. Tyler Navarro.
- 285: 1. Collin Chaney.

Boys and girls sweep Springtown

The week before competing in Arlington, the Bearcats were joined by the Ladycats in sweeping a dual match at Springtown Jan. 12. The boys won 42-35 and the girls won 36-18.

The Bearcats were led by pins from Bohn, Ellerbusch, Douglas, Collins, Kyle Scharlow (138) and Zach Attaway (144).

Posting pins for the Ladycats were Kyra Wright (114), Arianne Mathias (145) and Baillie Sessom (235).

BEARCAT

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which it did. In the title game, a 52-14 victory against College Station, Hejny again was at his best as he rushed 10 times for 142 yards and a pair of TD while completing 11 of 14 passes for 176 yards and two more.

In all, Hejny rushed 122 times for 1,276 yards (10.5 per carry) and 15 touchdowns during the season. He

completed 63% of his passes for 2,092 yards with 20 TD and seven interceptions.

Hejny was also named the MVP of District 3-5A Division I after leading Aledo to its 15th consecutive championship dating to 2008.

"I'm really happy for Hauss. Duke is a great university and the Duke offense is a really good fit for Hauss' skill set," Bearcats coach Tim Buchanan said.

Duke's starting quarterback in 2023 is once again expected to be junior-to-be Leonard Riley. He led the Blue Devils to an 8-5 record in 2022.

Hejny is also going to be pursuing a degree from one of the nation's most prestigious universities.

"It's the best of both worlds," Hejny said. "Life after football will be so much better coming out of Duke."



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First Public Hearing
 Location:
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Planning and Zoning Commission
 Aledo Community Center
 104 Robinson Court
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 Thursday, February 9, 2023
 6:00 P.M.

Second Public Hearing
 Location:
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 Time:

City Council Meeting
 Aledo Community Center
 104 Robinson Court
 Aledo, Texas 76008
 Thursday, February 23, 2023
 6:00 P.M.

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

- 1) Public Hearing to consider and recommend amendment to parking standards in the City of Aledo, Texas Zoning Ordinance.
- 2) Public Hearing to consider a request for a Zoning Change from (R-2) Single Family Residential District to (PD) Planned Development with a base zoning of Single Family Residential District (R-2) – Lots 1 and 2, Block 8, Lasater Addition - .4821 acres, and addition to the City of Aledo, Parker County Texas. (127 John Street)
- 3) Consider and action to recommend approval of an Ordinance to create standards for tree preservation.

For further information or questions regarding these public hearings, please contact the City of Aledo at (817)441-7016.

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GALLOWAY

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Sham: "I guarantee you that Randy Galloway had no intention of living to 80, but here we are."

Dallas Mavericks radio broadcaster Chuck Cooperstein, who is from Queens, on riding in a car with Galloway: "You should have been in a different life as a New York City cab driver."

Former Texas Rangers manager Ron Washington: "There's a lot of people that's in love with you, and I'm one of them."

Channel 4 sportscaster Mike Doocy relaying Galloway's answer to starting each day with a run after having numerous beers the night before: "He said, 'Dooce,' I wake up, I throw up and I get on with my day. Words to live by."

Star-Telegram sports columnist Mac Engel: "I have a vivid recollection we celebrated your 80th birthday 20 years ago," adding, "He's always treated everybody like we're on his level, even though we know inside we're not."

The main event

When the curtain came up, Morgan got the live festivities started, telling Galloway, "You're going to be so fired up you'll be able to kick extra points for the Cowboys on Sunday."

The first group of roasters to take the stage were Hansen, Sham, Cooperstein, and Channel 5 sportscaster Newie Scruggs.

Hansen told the story of when he and Galloway took then NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue's limousine to the horse track in Mexico. After Tagliabue got out and went in the hotel, at Galloway's encouraging it seems, they got in the back of the limo and told the driver to take them to track.

When the driver showed some pause, they reminded him that the commissioner likely didn't want to be disturbed, so he continued on.

"I'm thinking I'm going to get arrested in Mexico City," Hansen said, adding that he was also thinking, "This is going to be embarrassing when I bet \$2. But Galloway lost enough for both of us."

Galloway then added to the story the commissioner's reaction the next day, saying he was told by Tagliabue, "You stole my limo. I should be pissed off, but I kinda like you."

That's another reason Galloway became a historical figure in his profession. Ian Fitzsimmons, who worked with Galloway on the radio, recalled a time when Mark Cuban called Galloway on the air after Galloway accused the Mavericks' owner of running up the price when the Rangers were for sale.

Fitzsimmons said at the end of the argument Cuban told Galloway when they saw each other in person — nope, he didn't threaten to punch him, he offered to buy him a beer. Fitzsimmons noted that only Galloway could get that response.

Ryan followed up on Doocy's earlier reference to Galloway's ability to bounce up and start the day with a run.

"I always marveled that it didn't matter if he drank three six-packs or what, he'd get up every morning and run," Ryan said. "I believe that's why he's still here today."

Then, the topic of Washington's hire to guide the Rangers came up. Galloway said his initial thinking was, "That's gonna last about two weeks." Then, he said, "Nolan and Ron were the best team in Rangers history."

Galloway "list"

Over his long career, Galloway was brutally honest in his feelings about folks. If he liked you, well, as Cooperstein said, "There is no more loyal person than Randy Galloway. You want Randy Galloway on your side."

However, if he didn't like you, or if he thought you were "an idiot," that stayed around as well.

One of those is former Dallas Cowboys Hall of Fame defensive back and current University of Colorado football coach Deion Sanders. Galloway remembered the time he and Sanders got into an argument in the locker room after a practice.

Later, he was told that someone from CNN filmed the shouting match and it aired. The person who told him complimented him with, "Great argument, Galloway."

Galloway told the crowd, "I still watch CNN to this day. I keep hoping they'll replay it."

Another former Cowboy, wide receiver Terrell Owens, whom Galloway referred to as "Eldorado Owens" is on that list. Owens, renowned for alienating teammates throughout his career, loved the limelight, and his middle name is, in fact, Eldorado.

"I hope I never see that idiot again," Galloway said, noting that Owens had a middle name that would separate him from the crowd. "I was trying to help the idiot out."

Continuing the trend with Cowboys players - though there were plenty he did like and praise, such as Troy Aikman and Nate Newton - Galloway recalled the time he bailed former Cowboys quarterback Quincy Carter out of jail after he was busted for possession of marijuana. He said the opportunity was too good to pass up when he was told there was a Cowboy Bail Bonds company.

"I said, 'Let's bail his ass out,'" Galloway said. "But I also thought, where's his old teammates? Where's Jerry (Jones, Cowboys owner)? There's people in the organization who damn sure had \$200 to bail him out."

Galloway added that the next day he was chided by Star-Telegram management for his decision, not that it would stop Galloway if he thought something was the right thing to do - for humanity or for a good laugh.

Sometimes, however, confrontations would not go the direction one might think. For example, Galloway referred to former Oklahoma Sooners and Dallas Cowboys coach Barry Switzer as "Gunsmoke" after Switzer forgot he had a pistol in his suitcase at the airport.

When they met at an event, Switzer told him, "I like that name, Gunsmoke."

After spending years at WBAP, known to some as the "50,000 watt blowtorch" at 820 a.m. Galloway made the switch to KESN, 103.3 FM, ESPN's local FM affiliate. At night WBAP can be heard from Canada to Costa Rica.

About KESN, Galloway said, "You couldn't pick that station up at Joe Pool Lake!"

Someone who is on Galloway's positive list these days is TCU football coach Sonny Dykes, who led the Horned Frogs to the national championship game in his first season. Scruggs recalled how he and Galloway discussed the hiring of Dykes compared to the potential hiring of Sanders.

"How'd that work out?" Galloway said to Scruggs, also issuing a reminder, "In early September Colorado comes to Fort Worth, Texas."

And he loves the Rangers, the team that helped make him a legend after he started as a baseball beat writer many years ago.

"Nothing would mean more to me than the Rangers winning the world series," then he looked out in the audience at Dykes and said with a grin, "Well, maybe TCU winning a national championship."

Let's do it again

Cooperstein told the crowd to make sure and clear their schedule in a decade.

"I expect him to be here 10 years from now at 90 and we're doing it all over again," he said.

Reeves said, "Randy was the king, but he was a good king."

Which prompted Galloway, in typical fashion, to respond, "Hell, I shouldn't have retired."

TEXAN

from page 4

to Brownsville to complete the Texas Coastal plan, which will reduce coastal damage from storm surges, save lives and property and restore the ecosystem. This is the first-ever plan to protect the entire Texas coast which in turn was authorized by Congress in December.

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George P. Bush is the former Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office and currently serves as a Partner at Michael Best & Friedrich LLP and as a Principal at Michael Best Strategies LLC.



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SOCCKER

Bearcats end non-district play with big win in Benbrook

By **Ryan Wade**
The Community News

The Aledo Bearcats soccer team took to the pitch in Benbrook Friday, Jan. 20, for their final non-district match of the season against the hosting Bobcats. Aledo dominated the match, shutting out the home team en route to a 3-0 win.

The Bearcats boast a 6-1-4 record on the season as they prepare to enter District 5-5A action.

With several Bearcats sidelined with injuries in the recent weeks, it has been up to the younger members of the club to step up to carry the team forward.

They've done so with excellence, as the team record reflects. With the

entire team finally healthy enough for action in the final match before district, the Bearcats looked to catch their stride heading into district play.

Jackson Tucker, Bruno Nogueira, and Adrian Solis each recorded their first goals of the season in the contest while Ethan Shelton picked up his first assist of the 2023 campaign.

"It was good. It was a good performance," head coach Derek Vierling said after the match. "It was a good way to wrap up non-district."

On the offensive end of the pitch the Bearcats' pressure was relentless all night. Little more than 10 minutes into the match Aledo got on the board when Tucker put a header

into the net off a corner kick as the visiting team jumped out to an early 1-0 lead with 29:12 left in the first half.

Solis tacked on another score for the Bearcats at the 15:03 mark in the first half after receiving the extra pass from Shelton before sneaking one past the Benbrook goalkeeper for the goal.

Coming out of the first half, Aledo continued to pressure the Bobcats in half number two. While Benbrook's defense gave little resistance to the Bearcats, Benbrook's goalkeeper, Joseph Borjas, played tremendously well in the face of an unrelenting onslaught on his goal.

With as many shots on goal as the Bearcats made in the second half, one more was bound to get through. That shot came with 21:17 remaining in the contest as Nogueira sent the ball across the far-left corner of the net out of reach of Borjas as he made an attempt to save the goal.

At the other end of the field Aledo's defense set up an impenetrable wall the Bobcats could not exploit. A majority of the time the ball spent on the Bearcats' side of mid field was just when Aledo took it there strategically to set up their next offensive barrage. Benbrook managed two breakaways in the entirety of the match, and did end up mustering a pair of shots on

the Bearcats goal. However, keepers Zach Taylor and Deagan Dietz were able to secure both shots with relative ease and snuff out any potential rally the home team attempted.

"I thought we really possessed the ball well," Vierling said after his team's performance. "We had two saves - one from each keeper. They didn't challenge us much. I felt very comfortable. We played every player we had tonight. We stayed healthy right before district, so that's a positive."



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Aledo's Bruno Nogueira battles a Benbrook defender for the ball during the Bearcats' 3-0 win on the road on Friday, Jan. 20.



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Adrian Solis celebrates with teammates Cole Crawford and Ethan Shelton following Solis' opening goal during the match.



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Tyler Pearce gets tripped up by a Benbrook defender while racing for the ball along the sideline during the match.

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