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## POLITICS

### Municipal, school board ballots finalized

By Ryan Wade  
The Community News

Ballots for upcoming community elections are taking shape as registration windows across Parker County closed over the past week. While most communities and candidates have a great deal of work ahead of them between now and the May 6 election day, for a trio of area towns business will continue as usual.

For Willow Park, Annetta, and Annetta South, residing incumbents will retain their current seats without having to do the hard work of campaigning this cycle, as they all run unopposed.

In Willow Park, Mayor Doyle Moss will serve another term as the community continues to move forward with its economic development initiatives. Place 1 seat holder Eric Contreras and Place 3 seat holder Chawn Gilliland will serve another term on the Willow Park City Council as well.

Annetta Mayor Sandy Roberts, along with Places 3 and 5 representatives Bruce Pinckard and Kent Stasey, were all unopposed once registration for the upcoming election closed.

Mayor Charles Marsh will serve another term in Annetta South. Chad Liberty and Bill Gordon will remain on the city council in Places 3 and 5, respectively.

Also running unopposed are candidates for the board of trustees in Aledo ISD. Hoyt Harris will retain his seat in Place 7. Meanwhile, Zach Tarrant will assume Place 6 as he is the only candidate registered to run for the spot being vacated by Julie Turner.

Voters in Aledo will have a say in filling one of the two seats on the city council this cycle as Places 1 and 3 are both on the ballot. Shane Davis, who is unopposed, will retain his seat as Place 1 representative. Shawna Ford, however, is being challenged at the ballot box by Duane Beck for the opportunity to represent Place 3 going forward.

In Hudson Oaks, Places 2 and 4 representatives Brian Lixey and Sean Cannon will retain their respective seats as they are both unopposed heading into the election. Incumbent for Place 5, Daniel Cross, will face a challenge by Chris Ramsey on the ballot.

Weatherford has two seats on the ballot this election cycle. Place 1 incumbent, Heidi Wilder is running unopposed. Place 2, however, will have a new face on the city council with the resignation of Jeff Robinson. Eyeing an opportunity to take over Robinson's seat is a triple threat of candidates with Robert Gallegos, Zack Smith, and Kale Rokus all set to appear on the ballot.

Annetta North could not be reached by *The Community News* prior to deadline for this week's edition.



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It was a full house in the 1,500-seat sanctuary when Willow Park Baptist Church officially opened its doors on Feb. 19.

## A Lifetime in Education



SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Aledo Class of 1995 alum Candace Lear with Deputy Superintendent Lynn McKinney at Bearcat Nation 101 in 2019. McKinney was high school principal during Lear's years at AHS.

### Lynn McKinney announces retirement

By Randy Keck  
The Community News

Not long before the British Conservative Party selected Margaret Thatcher to be its first woman leader a young woman in Texas was about to make a decision that would lead to a remarkable career in education.

Lynn Boger's dad, a career military man, encouraged her to sign up for physics and calculus in her senior year at Western Hills High School in Fort Worth.

Lynn didn't want to do that. "I was not interested in that and I was looking for an easy way out," Lynn said. "There was a class taught at the high

school that focused on elementary education, and you got to leave the high school and go to an elementary school and work in an elementary school for a couple of hours. And I was all about that."

Lynn was fortunate to have two great teachers — one at the high school level and one who supervised her at the elementary school level.

One of the episodes that cemented her life-long love of education was in a fifth-grade class.

"There was a child in the class I was volunteering in who had been burned terribly in a house fire and, because of it, her fingers re-fused. She had missed a lot of school — had missed about a year and a half, two years of school," Lynn said. Because of

the amount of instruction the fifth-grader had lost, Lynn was assigned to tutor the girl.

"I spent a lot of time with her. We really had a good time together, and she was smart as a whip. And we started getting her caught up," And so it was really exciting to watch her learn how to write again to figure out how we were going to do that," Lynn said. "That was when I figured out this is what I want to do. So really, by Christmas of my senior year, I knew that I wanted to go into education."

When she was in high school, a car load of Lynn and her girlfriends met a carload of boys from Brewer High School in the Jack in the Box drive-thru on old Hwy. 80 in Fort Worth.

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## POLITICS

### Rogers receives committee assignments

State Representative Glenn Rogers was recently appointed by House Speaker Dade Phelan to serve on the Natural Resources Committee, Local & Consent Calendars Committee, and as Vice-Chairman on the Land & Resource Management Committee.

"I'm excited to be able to work on all three committees to benefit the citizens of District 60 and the State of Texas," Rogers said.

The Local and Consent Calendars Committee lends a platform to local government so they can be heard on the House floor. Typically, the bills that go through this committee are uncontested and can expedite the needs of local communities.

As Texas continues to grow, appropriate allocation of land and natural resources are essential to maintaining Texas' development and stability. This is especially important in District 60, as Parker, Palo Pinto, and Stephens counties are experiencing unprecedented growth.

As economic development continues to boom throughout the state, thorough water policy is necessary to meet the growth and demand. Both the Natural Resources Committee and Land & Resource Management Committee will provide Representative Rogers and District 60 a major voice for the future of water and natural resource policy in Texas.

"I look forward to helping pass conservative legislation that moves Texas and our district forward," Rogers said.



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# LIFETIME

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One of those boys was Randal McKinney, and they became good friends.

It was a teacher who guided Lynn into education and it was a teacher from the University of Texas at Austin, where she received her degree in 1979, who guided the next step of her journey.

## Teacher Corps

In March of her senior year at UT Lynn had been hired to teach in the Austin ISD, but one of her professors, Dr. Bethel, had a different idea.

“Dr. Bethel came to me and said, ‘There’s a program called Teacher Corps.’ He said it’s like the Peace Corps. And he said, ‘I really think you need to go into Teacher Corps if you really want to make a difference.’”

Teacher Corps offered a scholarship — so by joining and teaching in inner-city Houston schools, Teacher Corps paid for her masters degree at the University of Houston.

So in April of 1979 Lynn went to Houston and found out in May that she had been accepted into Teacher Corps.

Her graduation week at the University of Texas was a whirlwind, as she graduated on a Friday, married Randal on a Saturday, moved to Houston on Sunday, and started at Teacher Corps the following week.

While in Houston Lynn, now Lynn McKinney, taught elementary

through high school students in the inner city.

“We taught in those schools, we tutored kids again, I was getting to do what I really love to do, all while I was getting a master’s in curriculum and instruction,” Lynn said.

She had been working at Sam Houston High School, and they eventually offered her a permanent teaching position, which was her first official teaching job.

Later Lynn and Randal moved back to Austin so Randal, who had a history degree, could get his teacher certification.

Lynn taught at Campbell Elementary School in Austin and recently discovered that it’s a small world. Going through old photos, Lynn and Aledo ISD Superintendent Dr. Susan Bohn discovered that Lynn taught Bohn’s younger brother in fifth grade.

Lynn was a reading specialist at Campbell and also taught fifth and sixth grade, and said she loved it there.

While in Austin their oldest son, Jarrett, was born. Randal was teaching at Martin Junior High at the time, and the couple decided that Randal would take a year of parenting leave from Austin ISD.

“He stayed home with Jarrett during the day. I taught during the day, and then I would come home and Randal would work. He was working with a publisher (Harcourt Brace) and also doing history materials for a Texas history book. And so I would come home and Randal would leave.”

After a year they realized that arrangement was not sustainable. Lynn’s mother and father, Anna and Allen, told the couple that if they moved back to Fort Worth, they would take care of Jarrett.

## Back to the area

During spring break of the 1985-1986 school year the McKinneys returned to Fort Worth and started looking for teaching jobs. Noting that there were no electronic applications in those days, so Lynn’s mother had gone around to several school districts to pick up applications.

During that spring break week Lynn and Randal interviewed with about 20 school districts. Lynn received job offers from some, and Randal was offered jobs at others.

But the sweet spot was the Aledo ISD, where they both received offers.



Lynn McKinney, assistant school superintendent for special programs and a liaison to the Texas Homeless Education Department, addresses a group of about 30 who, on Friday, attended the grand opening of the Center of Hope-East Parker County in 2005.

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“We decided okay, let’s do that,” Lynn said. “And when we came out here the very first time we were both very impressed because of course Nell McAnally was one of the first people we met — you can’t get any nicer than Mrs. McAnally.”

They met in the superintendent’s office which was, at the time, a little white house in front of what is now Aledo Middle School. Randal went to interview with William Turner, the middle school principal, and Lynn interviewed with Aledo Elementary School Principal Willard Stuard.

They started their Aledo careers in the fall of 1986. Since that time Lynn has served with 11 superintendents, including Stuard, who retired in 1995.

Lynn taught first grade for a couple of years and then was approached by Stuard, who asked if she would be interested in working with older students. Along the way she taught fifth- and sixth-grade students, and then became half-time assistant principal when the new Aledo Elementary School (now Coder) opened up, and half time assistant principal at Aledo High School.



Camp Fire Board member Russ Morris, Lynn McKinney, and Cathy Halliday, Vice President of Youth Development for Camp Fire when McKinney received the McFadden Award.

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McKinney became full-time principal at Aledo High School in 1990, and served in that capacity until 1999.

One of her favorite sayings during graduations was to tell students, when life doesn’t seek fair, to “get over it and get on with it.”

When asked about that saying, Lynn recalled that her dad grew up in poverty. He dropped out of

high school and joined the military, and in a 20-year career became a Lieutenant Colonel.

“In our house you worked hard,” Lynn said. “It didn’t matter what you were doing. You did it to the best of your ability and you worked hard. And one of my dad’s favorite sayings was ‘It’s a very unfair world.’”

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Band director Joey Paul and Deputy Superintendent Lynn McKinney in 2018.

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Pat Johnson and Lynn McKinney are shown at the inaugural formation meeting of Aledo AdvoCats in 2002.



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Assistant Superintendent Lynn McKinney pins corsages on nominees during the 2016 Marva Colluns Awards.



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Assistant Superintendent Lynn McKinney presented service pins in 2019.

## LIFETIME

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Get over it. Get on with it. He would give you a very short time. Don't feel sorry for yourself. And then it was time to get refocused and to go do what needed to be done. And so at our house there you couldn't give an excuse for not getting something done. With my dad there was no rationalizing. What's your plan? What's next?"

### Administration

Lynn's career took another turn at the prompting of another educator. In 1999 Superintendent Allen Norman gave his resignation, and while the district began a search for a new superintendent, long-time Weatherford educator Joe Tison was brought in as interim superintendent.

"I had I had known Mr. Tison, just from being in the community, and had met him on numerous occasions," Lynn said. "I had had heard so many people speak so highly of Mr. Tison, and with such great respect, and I had had the opportunity to meet him at several different things."

Lynn was the high school principal when Tison came in as interim superintendent.

"As he was named interim superintendent, he asked if I would be willing to come and help at the central office level if I was interested in that," Lynn said. "And of course, I had my master's in curriculum and instruction and I had been working to I had been working on another master's at TCU in administration."

And so McKinney took the next step in her career at the little white house that served as an administration building.

"I loved being high school principal. I loved being in with the high school kids during the day. I mean, I just, it was a dream. It was a dream job. I couldn't wait to get to school every day. And so it was a hard decision for me," Lynn said.

But family matters helped her make the decision.

"I will tell you, my oldest son Jarrett had a big part of that vote. Randal was teaching at the middle school, Jarrett was in middle school about to come to high school. And so when we sat down to talk about what should we do as a family, Jarrett was like, 'Mom, please. I love you, but I don't want you to be

principal where I'm going to high school."

It turned out to be a good thing all around as it also gave Randal the opportunity to move from teaching at the middle school level to teaching at the high school level.

"Randal was super close to the kids in middle school. And so he thought how fun to go to high school and be able to have those kids again and watch them go all the way through and graduate."

When Don Daniel came in to be superintendent he tasked McKinney with bringing all special services in-house. Up to that time Aledo ISD had been part of a special services co-op. So Lynn became Assistant Superintendent of Special Programs. Daniel also brought in a Aledo ISD's third administrator, Marsha Miholovich.

"What he wanted us to do was to begin our own special programs in Aledo ISD; hire all of our own teachers, all of our own diagnosticians, all of our own speech therapists So Marsha joined us, and she took over curriculum and HR."

Both McKinney and Miholovich had additional duties as well in the growing district.

"Everything that has to be done in a big district has to be done in our district," McKinney said. "You just have fewer people over which to divide all of those responsibilities. So you know, those those duties were just divided and and we just we took off and had a blast doing it."

After Daniel retired, the new superintendent, Dan Manning, asked McKinney to take on the role of Deputy Superintendent.

### Community Role

One of the hallmarks of Lynn McKinney's career at Aledo ISD was that it was not just at Aledo ISD.

She was there when the Aledo AdvoCats started. She was there when the Center of Hope moved into east Parker County.

She has represented herself and the school district in numerous activities, and when her mother, Anna Boger, moved in after the death of Lynn's father, Anna did the same at Aledo United Methodist Church.

In 2019 Lynn received the McFadden Award, presented by Camp Fire First Texas to "recognize the accomplishments of organizations and individuals that serve youth, heighten public awareness

of the needs of young people, and encourage others in the community to invest time and money to help improve the lives of young people."

Russ Morris, a board member of Camp Fire and Aledo ISD graduate, described McKinney this way:

"Over the years she's held many roles from classroom teacher, to principal, and now, Deputy Superintendent of the Aledo ISD," Morris said. "Guiding her each step of the way was her mantra of, 'Give it your all every day and base all decisions on what you truly believe is right by the students.'"

"I know that Aledo ISD, the larger community, and Camp Fire have all benefited from Lynn's commitment to doing what is right for the students. She works diligently each day to offer the best possible educational experience, not just through academics, but serving the whole child - which also means advocating for quality and robust programs for students when they are out of school at Camp Fire After School, art clubs, drama classes or a Bible club."

McKinney announced that she will retire at the end of this school year after 37 years of service to Aledo ISD. Those who know her realize that doesn't mean the end of her service to the community.



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## Capital Highlights

# Abbott lays out seven top priorities



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Gov. Greg Abbott, in a State of the State address last Thursday (Feb. 16), outlined his seven top priorities for the ongoing legislative session before an invitation-only audience at a manufacturing facility in San Marcos, the Austin American-Statesman reported. Those priorities include \$4 billion for border security, property tax relief, and more school choice for parents, which he called "education freedom." He avoided use of the word "vouchers."

The governor, beginning his third term, announced that school safety would also be a legislative priority, while avoiding any mention on curtailing the availability of guns, something Democrats hammered on in their 10-minute rebuttal.

Abbott is proposing that \$15 billion of the state's hefty surplus go toward cutting property taxes.

### Patrick also announces priorities

Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick a few days earlier released 30 legislative priorities, which also includes property tax relief. Patrick, who presides over the state Senate, also wants to increase the punishment for illegal voting, protect children "from obscene books in libraries" and eliminate tenure at public colleges and universities.

The Houston Chronicle reported other items on Patrick's list include banning critical race

theory in higher education and prohibiting COVID-19 mandates.

"Just because a bill does not mean it is not a priority for me or the Senate," Patrick said in a statement. "We will pass over 600 bills this session. As I like to say, every bill is a priority to someone, otherwise, we would not pass it."

Patrick is also pushing for teacher pay raises, expanding mental health services in rural areas, and strengthening the state's power grid.

### Black lawmakers blast Abbott's hiring directive

A directive from Abbott to state agencies ordering them to end the use of diversity, equity, and inclusion practices in hiring employees has drawn the ire of the Texas Legislative Black Caucus and the Texas NAACP. Both groups met last week to urge major national sports groups to refuse to hold championship games in Texas if the governor does not reverse his ruling.

The Statesman reported that the groups called on the NBA and MLB to not host All-Star games in the state, the NFL not to hold Super Bowl games, and the NCAA to decline to host championship games in Texas, unless the ruling is reversed.

"I am proud to say that the NAACP urges all citizens of goodwill to join us and our partners in fighting to stop our state from continuing to move back to Jim Crow," NAACP President Gary Bledsoe said. Some employment law experts have said the governor's interpretation of DEI practices is misguided.

The governor's office has said that hiring on factors other than merit violates state and federal law.

### State park to become gated community

A popular Texas state park located 90 miles southeast of Dallas will close at the end of the month, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department announced. After more than 50 years of public use, Fairfield State Park was notified by Vistra, the power company that leased the property to the state, that it is terminating the lease and selling the property to a private developer.

Vistra closed the coal power plant located on the lake in 2018. Despite months of negotiation, the company would not consider selling just the parkland to the state. The new owner, Todd Interests, plans to develop a high-end gated community with a private golf course, according to The Dallas Morning News.

"This loss is especially unfathomable at a time when we are celebrating 100 years of state parks, yet absent any cooperation or interest in working with us from the developer, we have no other options," said Arch "Beaver" Aplin, TPWD chairman, said.

A number of state legislators have expressed outrage over the park's closing. State Rep. Angelia Orr, R-Hillsboro, whose district includes Freestone County where Fairfield State Park is located, has filed a bill that would allow the state to acquire the parkland through eminent domain. TPWD, however, will remove equipment and relocate staff members after Feb. 28.

### Sabine Pass Battleground site reopens

A Civil War battleground and memorial site closed after damage

from Hurricane Harvey in 2017 has reopened after repairs were made to the seawall. The Sabine Pass Battleground State Historic Site in Port Arthur is now open to the public seven days a week, according to the Texas Historical Commission.

In the battle, Confederate Lt. Richard "Dick" Dowling and 46 men fought back against a Union assault on Sabine Pass, which was the main port for Confederate shipments during the war. The battle lasted less than an hour. Two Union gunboats were destroyed, along with significant casualties and the capture of about 350 prisoners. It kept Union forces from entering the Texas interior in the Civil War, according to THC.

### Final COVID-19 report released

With this edition of Capital Highlights, we are ending our weekly report on the number of new COVID-19 cases and hospitalization, since reporting agencies, such as the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University, are doing the same. The center reported 18,407 new cases in the past week in Texas, along with 133 deaths. The Texas Department of State Health Services reported 1,782 lab-confirmed hospitalizations in the state.

Since reporting began, 8.417 million confirmed cases were reported in Texas, along with 93,041 deaths.

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## Thistles&Roses

# Wishing a peaceful passing for Jimmy Carter



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Jimmy Carter, our 39th President, has entered hospice care. Hospice care allows people to die with dignity and have time to say goodbye to friends and family. At age 98, the oldest current surviving president and the oldest president ever, he deserves to pass with respect and dignity.

He may pass away before this is published.

I think he was the best person ever to serve as president in terms of values, compassion, and genuine humanity.

His shortcoming as a leader was micro-managing. Another characteristic which hindered him was always doing to right thing, no matter the political consequences.

When Iran did the unthinkable in a civilized world and stormed the United States Embassy in 1979, there were no precedents as to what to do.

A Public Broadcasting System documentary called "Taken Hostage" in American Experience

chronicles the 444 days of captivity of Americans. The Iranians did many dishonorable acts to Americans including desecrating the bodies of U.S. soldiers that attempted a failed rescue. It is worth watching to learn the facts.

Carter was no match in his 1980 campaign for re-election against a trained actor like Ronald Reagan who knew how to smoothly deliver lines to make Carter look bad. Reagan is hailed as a great conservative but during the eight years of his presidency the deficit nearly tripled.

Reagan did not have to make decisions about

the hostage situation because the hostages were brought home as he was being inaugurated.

Carter was a true-born again Christian, teaching Sunday school at his home church in Plains, Georgia.

Carter's devotion to Habitat for Humanity is widely known. In 2014, the year of his 90th birthday, he came to Fort Worth to work on many Habitat Houses

in the area. He used hand tools and took part in the work himself. How many past presidents can you envision ever doing that?

May he pass peacefully, and then may he forever rest in peace.



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— Jimmy Carter





# In & Around Parker County

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Operating this business means the whole family can work together! Tim's sons Laken and Gaige have grown up, and they're now the third generation with Atex helping to take care of the community.

"I'm happiest when I am doing for others," said Tim, "and to be able to build something positive with my family, well, I simply couldn't ask for anything more."

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# STATE

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Roberson also placed 14th overall (sixth in consolation) in the girls 500 free, clocking a finals time of 5:14.86, matching her regional winning time. She posted a time of 5:14.12 to stand 13th after Friday's prelims.

Senior Sam Ogden came into the boys 100 backstroke with a runner-up regional qualifying time of 54.25 seconds, which he matched in the prelims to stand 12th. He finished 12th overall (fourth in consolation) Saturday by improving to a 54.08.

The top 16 swimmers in Friday's prelims advanced to Saturday's A (championship) and B (consolation) finals.

The boys 200 medley relay featured Ogden, along with senior Tanner Howse and juniors Porter Lane and Kyle Scharlow. They placed 20th in prelims with a time of 1:43.73. The quartet set a school record at the regional meet with a runner-up time of 1:42.37.

Their state time was the second best in program history in the event.

Freshman Natalie Hutson improved upon her runner-up regional time of 1:02.22 in the girls 100 backstroke by swimming a 1:01.41 for 18th place in the prelims. Sophomore Victoria Crews was 24th in the girls 100 butterfly with a 1:03.07, a drop from her regional runner-up time of 1:00.94.

Roberson, Crews and Hutson were joined by sophomore Corah Satterfield on the girls 200 medley and 200 free relays. The 200 free relay placed 22nd in prelims with a 1:47.18 after finishing second at regionals with a 1:46.13.

The 200 medley, which won regionals with a time of 1:54.40, was disqualified at state because of an early start.

"State was a great experience for all those who attended. We had some great performances and the community, as always, was well represented. I have been so fortunate to coach this group of kids," Swimcats coach Scott Abel said. "Their hard work really goes under-appreciated. A lot of them swim multiple practices, early mornings/late evenings, swim meets on weekends. Couple this with their workload in school and many of them have jobs. Their ability to show up every day in and out is an inspiration. There is not much this group does not do.

"I want to use this opportunity to personally thank each one of our seniors, Madeline Gordy, Mia Flowers, Sam Ogden and Tanner Howse. I can't wait to see what you all achieve in your next chapter. I'm behind you all the way. You're only limited by the heights of your imagination, so dream big big!"

## TENNIS

### Aledo pair wins Timber Creek tourney

By Cathy Mason  
Special to The Community News

Hogan Posey and Craig Mason battled five teams to claim first place in Boys A Doubles when Aledo varsity tennis competed in a tournament hosted by Keller Timber Creek High School on Thursday, Feb. 16. Sixteen schools were represented, with 32 teams/individuals competing in each division.

The first round of competition determined if teams competed in the A Bracket or the B Bracket. Despite temperatures in the 40s and brutal winds,

many Raquet Cats adapted and persevered to claim victories.

Two of the teams Posey and Mason battled were the top duos from Southlake Carroll. Kenley Germany took second place in Girls A Singles. Francois Britz and Ibrahim Choudhry placed third in Boys B Doubles.

Other top-10 finishes included Bryanna Orr and Scott Mason, fourth place in Mixed A Doubles; Paige Federman and Elli Kate Bussmeir, fifth in Girls A Doubles; and Benjamin Farmer, seventh in Boys A Singles.

The team is competing in the Cowtown Classic on Feb. 24-25.

## TRACK

### Bearcats first, Ladycats second at Weatherford

By Rick Mauch  
The Community News

The 2023 high school track is officially underway and the Aledo boys and girls wasted no time in establishing themselves as teams to beat.

In fact, no one did defeat the Bearcats, who won the Kangaroo Relays at Weatherford's Kangaroo Stadium on Feb. 16. Meanwhile, the Ladycats placed second in the girls varsity division.

The Bearcats scored 141 points to edge South Grand Prairie with 124, while host Weatherford was seventh with 43. SGP won the girls varsity with 183 points, followed by Aledo with 104, Eules Trinity with 95, and Weatherford with 64.

The Bearcats also won the boys JV division, scoring 125 points to 97 for runner-up Haltom and Weatherford tied Eules Trinity for third with 88 each. The Ladycats were fourth in JV competition with 87 points, with Cleburne winning with 147, followed by SGP with 129 and Weatherford with 102.

"Kids ran great! I was worried about the first meet because of the whole week off due to ice the week before, but the kids showed up and competed and that is all we can ask of them," said first-year Bearcats head coach Andrew Clark. "The relays recorded some really low times for this time of year compared to the previous

years, and we aren't at full strength yet due to runners still in other sports, battling injury, or just not in shape yet.

"I am hoping to see the times drop as we continue to work and get in shape. We also had a great showing from the pole vaulters as well as the distance guys. We run at Haltom Thursday, and we will have all events competing looking to bring home another first-place trophy in both divisions."

Ladycats coach Mike Pinkerton said of his team, "Not bad, all things considered. Girls competed very well. We did not participate in the field events or 3200 meters last week, but will make up for that this week."

Vincent Luffey won a pair of gold medals for the varsity Bearcats in the 800 and 1600 races, as did Evan Thompson in the 110 and 300 hurdles. Sean Gribble captured the top spot in the pole vault and Aledo won all three relays (400, 800 and 1600).

Weatherford's Kellen Jones won a gold medal in the 3200, the Kangaroos' lone top finish.

For the Ladycats varsity, Sofia Brandenburg won the 800, Molly Garrison captured the 1600 and Sarah Tillotson was first in the 300 hurdles. The Ladycats also won the 1600 relay.

Victoria Kouroma won Weatherford's lone gold medal, winning the 100 hurdles.

## POWERLIFTING

### Bearcat lifters seeking regional berths

By Rick Mauch  
The Community News

While official qualifiers won't be announced until Saturday at midnight, Aledo boys powerlifting coach Brad McCone is hoping to get as many as 10 qualifiers to the regional meet March 11 at Abilene Wylie High School.

The Bearcats placed fourth as a team in the district meet that was held in Aledo on Tuesday, Feb. 21. They had eight lifters finish in the top five of their respective weight classes.

"I thought we lifted very well. We hit some big lifts and competed very well," McCone said.

The highest finishers for Aledo were three who placed second. Caleb Loth was runner-up in the

198-pound division, lifting 1,445 total pounds. Also, Davhon Keys lifted 1,460 for second in the 220 class and Bryon Wheeler's 1,365 was second in the 308 division.

In the 242 category, Alex Arano lifted 1,360 for third. Nevin Walker and Carson Bobbit were each fourth in the 114 and 148 classes, lifting 485 and 935 pounds, respectively.

Two Bearcats placed fifth, Andrew Chasteen at 165 and Raymond Howard at 275. Chasteen lifted 1,230 pounds and Howard topped at 1,345.

The state meet is March 25 at Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene as well. To qualify for state, a lifter must finish in the top two in their weight class or hit the automatic qualifying total for their weight class.



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Notice is hereby given that the Town of Annetta is now calling for bids for construction of the LAKES OF ALEDO GST FOUNDATION & GRADING IMPROVEMENTS project. All bids must be sealed and clearly marked "SEALED BID - LAKES OF ALEDO GST FOUNDATION & GRADING IMPROVEMENTS" and returned to the Town of Annetta, 450 Thunder Head Lane, P.O. Box 1150, Annetta, TX 76008, prior to **10:00 AM, CST, Monday, March 6, 2023** at which time they will be publicly opened and read. The Town of Annetta reserves the right to reject any or all bids received.

The project includes the clearing and grubbing, excavation, and construction of a 60,000-gallon ground storage tank foundation (tank to be provided by others, foundation grade ring to be provided within this contract. See drawings for additional information) at an existing pump station facility within the Town of Annetta. Contractor shall also provide general site services, which including the construction of a graded swale nearby the proposed tank foundation, including re-grassing. The proposed tank foundation shall include all site grubbing, staking, excavation, off-site hauling and disposal, select fill and compaction, and the placement of a foundation tank band, per manufacturers recommendations. Contractor shall provide all labor, materials, and equipment to provide a complete and in place installation of the work described above, and as indicated within the Contract Documents.

The Contract Documents, consisting of Advertisement for Bids, Information for Bidders, Bid Proposal, Bid Bond, Contract, Performance Bond, Maintenance Bond, Payment Bond, 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.annettatx.org](http://www.annettatx.org)) directly. Potential Bidders may examine the Contract Documents at the Engineers office, at the following address and location:

Half Associates, Inc.  
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The cost for Contract Documents is \$50.00 per half size set. The cost of Contract Documents is not refunded. Submit check, cashier check or money order for payment. Cash will not be accepted.

Direct questions regarding distribution of Contract Documents, and the design of the Lakes of Aledo GST Foundation & Grading Improvements Project to Jourdan Johnson, P.E., Half Associates, Inc., at (817) 764-7442.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities and to reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid they consider most advantageous to the Owner. Bids may be held by the Owner for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders prior to awarding of the contract. Award of the contract will be made as a whole to one Bidder. The contract shall be awarded to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder. The City reserves the right to throw out any and all bids which are not complete.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of **TOWN OF ANNETTA**, negotiable U.S. Government bonds (at par value) or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid shall be submitted with the bid.

The party to whom the contract is awarded shall be required to furnish performance and payment bonds for 100% of the contract price, from a surety company holding a permit from the State of Texas to act as surety.

TOWN OF ANNETTA

Dates: February 17, 2023  
February 24, 2023

By: Sandy Roberts



More events can be found at [www.community-news.com/calendar](http://www.community-news.com/calendar)

**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.annettatx.org](http://www.annettatx.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](http://aledopc2024.com).

**FEBRUARY 27**

**Mixed Media Demonstration**  
Weatherford artist Sarah Fino will demonstrate creative collage techniques and applications on "junk journals" at the Weatherford Art Association meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 27, at 125 S Waco St. in Weatherford. Sarah will show you how creative collage techniques and everyday papers, fab-



rics, drawings and photos can combine with your ideas to make journals that are personal works of art. The program is free and open to WAA members and the general public. For more information, visit [weatherfordart.com](http://weatherfordart.com).

**MARCH 2**

**Parker County Republican Party**  
Weatherford ISD School Board member Adam Feriend will be the program at the monthly meeting of the Parker County Republican Party at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 2, in the Strain Community Room at the Doss Student Center at Weatherford College. For more information about the meeting visit <https://files.constantcontact.com/f1f25497601/c7d41363-5720-4dc4-8677-ce36cdb-3f27b.pdf> or email [parker-countygop@gmail.com](mailto:parker-countygop@gmail.com).

**MARCH 25**

**AdvoCats Run, Walk, or Crawl**  
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. Participants in the Glow



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**ACROSS**

- 1 Guadalupe River floater
- 5 TXism: "busy as \_\_\_ tender on pay day"
- 6 Laredo smelter turns stib \_\_\_ into antimony
- 7 large TX family
- 8 TXism: "\_\_\_ mouth" (discouraged man)
- 17 TXism: "sticks like tar \_\_\_ road"
- 18 TX Willie Nelson & George Strait, e.g.
- 21 TXism: "let it \_\_\_"
- 22 TX "\_\_\_-Million" Gates risked everything on barbed wire
- 23 famous TX heart surgeon, Denton
- 24 "Texas Water \_\_\_" boat race
- 29 flowerless plant
- 30 soldier beds
- 31 Cowboy or Texan score (abbr.)
- 32 near Newton: "Canyons" trails
- 34 charged atoms
- 35 Stetson can be used to \_\_\_ a fire
- 36 TXism: "\_\_\_ old range cow"
- 37 Houston beat Santa \_\_\_ at San Jacinto
- 38 TX Willie film: "Honeysuckle \_\_\_"
- 39 an account to pay taxes and insurance for property
- 40 TXism: "hook, \_\_\_ and sinker" (all)
- 41 TX Patrick Swayze film "\_\_\_ Dancing"
- 42 sax's sound? (2 wds.)
- 44 "Get along, little \_\_\_"
- 45 TX singer Orbison (init.)
- 46 TXism: "plows row" (dependable)
- 48 news/weather program
- 49 Garth Brooks album: "\_\_\_ the Wind"
- 50 TXism: "\_\_\_ like red ants out of a burning stump"
- 51 played for 2022 nat'l title but lost badly to Georgia
- 52 TXism: "if \_\_\_ a rooster, he'll crow"
- 14 horse gaits
- 15 health care groups
- 16 TXism: "slippery as an \_\_\_"
- 19 sample again?
- 20 TX William \_\_\_ Porter was O. Henry
- 22 TXism: "feel like I've \_\_\_ rode hard and put up wet"
- 24 dir. to Pittsburgh from New Boston
- 25 TXism: "I \_\_\_ to"
- 26 TXism: "high tail it" track sprint (2 wds.)
- 27 bitter resentment
- 28 defects
- 29 holder of TX Blue Bell scoops
- 33 TX George W. is \_\_\_ of George H.W.
- 34 TX Dennis Quaid 1987 sci-fi film
- 35 TXism: "would trade all the mineral rights in Texas \_\_\_" (highly desired)
- 37 TXism: "what he don't know \_\_\_ learning" (smart)
- 38 TXism: "it's a smart piece" (far)
- 40 TXism: "he couldn't beat a drum"
- 41 TXism: "runnin' with the big \_\_\_" (going well)
- 43 bronze body color
- 44 this Malout wrote "Cattle Kings of Texas"
- 47 small saclike cavity in a gland

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/>.



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>.

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## WRESTLING

## Thomas wraps up career at state

### First ever AISD points at state

By Rick Mauch  
The Community News

Chad Thomas ended his Aledo High School wrestling career making history at the University Interscholastic League State Tournament this past weekend, Feb. 17-18 at the Berry Center in Cypress.

Thomas placed 10th in the 120-pound division, scoring two points. He's the first Bearcat to win a match at state and those are the first points Aledo has ever scored at state.

Thomas went 1-2 in his matches at state. He finished the season with a record of 30-10.

"Chad had a great tournament. It was tough bracket and he was able to get a win against a kid that beat us earlier in the year,"

Aledo coach Austin Stockton said. "Both of the kids Chad lost to placed fourth and fifth.

"Overall, I was pleased with his performance and could not have asked for more from him in the last two years. He has fully committed himself to the sport and it has shown this year."

In the opening round, Thomas was bested in a fall by Zayn Navarrete (46-6) of Comal Canyon at 3:27. Thomas then won a 14-3 major decision against Hunter Morris (34-11) of Princeton before being eliminated by Malachi McClenton (34-5) of Amarillo Caprock in a 10-4 decision.

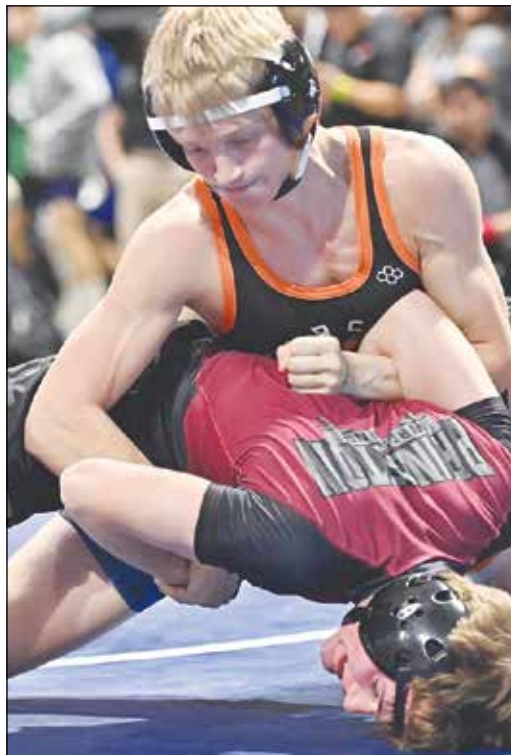
Thomas' performance at state wrapped up the second season of competition for the Aledo wrestling program. He joined Ansel Din-Mbuh, who reached state

in 2022, in qualifying for the highest stage.

Also, Bryce Bohn was an alternate for state this season after finishing fifth in the 106 weight class at regionals.

"Both our teams (boys and girls) had an outstanding year. We have grown as a team and are making strides in the right direction," Stockton said. "Last year we had eight qualify for regionals, this year we had 11. Also last year we had one state qualifier and this year we're up to two. It is small steps but exciting progress.

"We are losing some great senior boys, but have some that will be wrestling in their third year, so I am excited to see what they can do next year. As for our girls, we have all underclassmen so I look for them to come back stronger and better prepared for next year."



JOSE LOYA

Chad Thomas of Aledo wrestles with Princeton's Hunter Morris in the state wrestling meet. Thomas won the match on a 14-3 decision. Thomas played 10th at the meet.

## SWIMMING

## Roberson's ninth place leads Aledo state contingent

By Rick Mauch  
The Community News

Sophomore Haley Roberson highlighted a strong finish to the season for the Aledo Swimcats, placing ninth in the girls 200-yard individual medley at the Class 5A State Meet at the University of Texas in Austin Saturday, Feb. 18.

Roberson was one of eight Swimcats competing in the meet, twice as many as they sent the previous season. Four girls and four boys represented Aledo.

Roberson clocked a time of 2:09.67 Saturday, giving her ninth place overall and the top spot in the B (consolation) finals. It was an improvement of more than a full second over her Friday preliminary time of 2:10.76 and narrowly behind her state qualifying time of 2:09.16 that won the 5A Region II Meet.

She also moved up a spot, standing 10th after prelims.

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## SOFTBALL

## Ladycats have strong tourney showing

By Rick Mauch  
The Community News

The Aledo Ladycats are off to what they hope will be another long season after going 5-1 in the first week of the 2023 campaign.

This includes winning four of five games in the Forney Tournament over the Feb. 16-18 weekend. Among their victories was a no-hitter by pitcher Nathalie Touchet.

In each of the past two seasons the Ladycats have reached the state tournament, including the state final two years ago. They are ranked No. 5 in the state by the Texas Girls Coaches Association.

"We have been facing a lot of really good 6A teams and looks like that will continue through this next tournament at Mansfield. With teams like Lake Ridge, Keller, and



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Power hitter senior Texas Ray had 21 extra-base hits last season.

Mansfield, we are going to need to play solid defense and stay disciplined in the box," Ladycats coach Heather Myers said.

Five of their six opponents this season have been Class 6A, with the lone exception being Richland.

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## BASKETBALL

## Lady Eagles end season as Area Champs



SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS

The Trinity Christian Academy Lady Eagles finished their season as area champions (Elite 8) with a record of 26-5. They fell to Dallas Christian in the regional quarterfinal round, 49-28. Shown are team members and coaches (from row, from left) Faith Garnett, Hope Garnett, Caroline Thompson, Meghan Young, Sadie Gough, Maverick Gonzales, Berlynn Kaznowski, Anna Nelson, and Grace Garnett and (back row) Assistant Coach Jaden Isler, Program Coordinator Kayci Garbo, Macy Prestwood, Christina Kuschel, Adalyn Endsley, Emily Ickert, Avery Tiwater, Ava Luecker, Ella Cockrum, Margaret Cowley, Giuliana Marcantonio, and Coach Matt Garnett.

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SOFTBALL

# Laughing all the way to state

## Fun along the way may be ticket to return trip for Ladycats

By Mercedes Mayer  
Special to The Community News

If you hear laughter coming from the Aledo Ladycats softball dugout during a game, don't be surprised. But also don't assume they're not serious about winning.

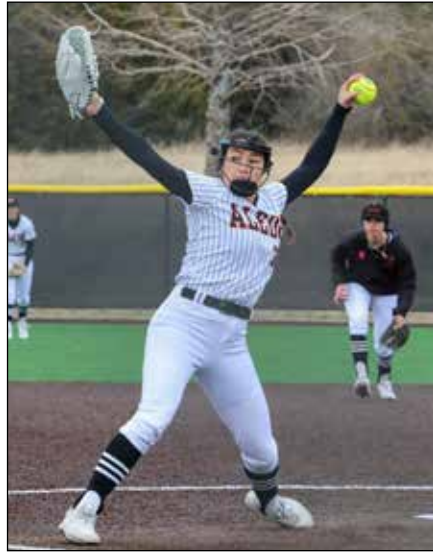
After two-straight trips to the Class 5A state tournament, state or bust is no doubt the goal this season.

For the Ladycats, the talent is there; but having an all-in-for-the-team culture and, well, a little fun along the way may be just as instrumental to another successful run.

"Our team is definitely the perfect definition of locked in when it's time," senior pitcher Nathalie Touchet said. "Softball is supposed to be fun, so laughing here and there is what keeps the energy up and the excitement present. It makes the game easier to stay involved in when everyone around you is serious, yet having a good time."

The Ladycats, 33-3 and state bronze medalists last season, return strong senior players and leaders. Aledo is 5-2 on the season thus far and starts District 3-5A play by hosting Wichita Falls Rider on Tuesday, Feb. 28 (5 p.m. JV/7 p.m. varsity) at Ladycat Softball Stadium after competing in the Mansfield ISD Varsity Invitational Tournament this weekend.

That core of seniors — Touchet, returning starters outfielders Claire Byars and Maddy Jarvis, utility player Reagan Davis, third baseman Presley Hull and first baseman Texas Ray as well as



LEFT: Oregon State-commit junior Brenlee Gonzales will add to the Ladycats' strength from the circle. | RIGHT: Senior Maddy Jarvis brings experience and a strong record at the plate.

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outfielder Chloe Cox and catcher Allison Mallard, who is currently sidelined due to shoulder surgery — have helped create an incredible team dynamic that is about team unity and holding each other accountable, head coach Heather Myers said.

"The maturity they bring to the team is calming," Myers said. "There's not a lot of holding your breath or second guessing when it comes to any part of their game. Not to mention, the way they are choosing to lead is more than impressive. I'm so proud and thankful to have had a small part in guiding them these past four years."

Touchet, who already has a no-hitter on her record this season and has signed to play at Missouri next year, and Oregon State-commit junior Brenlee Gonzales may be one of the best pitching duos in the state after going a combined 21-2 last season

with a 1.28 ERA. Sophomore Taylor McKean adds great depth to the pitching staff as well.

The Ladycats have a solid combination of power and speed in their lineup hitting, led by power hitters Ray (21 extra-base hits in 2022) and Hull (second in 2022 with six HR) and lefty slappers Davis and Jarvis, who combined for 50 hits and 66 runs last season.

"Everyone has a role to play on the team," Byars said. "Strong hitting will be a huge key to our success. If we all do our part, we can't lose. We have a very strong pitching staff, and if we play strong defense behind them, we will be hard to beat."

Newcomers freshman Delaney Rosser and sophomore Addie Perry also contribute to that power (Rosser) and speed (Perry) in the lineup. Perry, who moved to Aledo from Eaton High School, already has four triples this season. And

junior Kennis Marx has stepped in to provide leadership at catcher with Mallard out.

"The past two seasons have shown the other girls and I that working as a team is what wins games," Touchet said. "You could have the top nine players in the country on the field, but if they do not work together, you won't win."

"Every single game we won over the past two years is when every single person, playing or not, executed their job on the team to work as a whole," she said.

Byars added that the support and encouragement for each other is what makes this year's team so special. You'll hear it on the field and especially in the dugout.

"They are truly hilarious," Myers said. "So, the likelihood of hearing me laughing really loud during a game is probable. The atmosphere is equally competitive and fun!"



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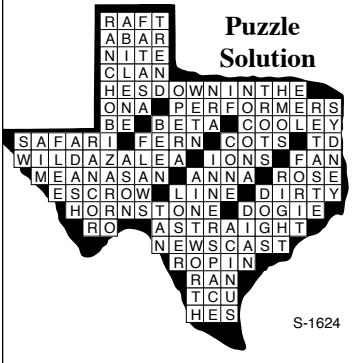
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"The Forney Tournament was great, and the caliber of play was pretty high as far as competition goes. Keller, Marcus, and Waxahachie are all very talented teams and are coached well. We struggled to find our groove hitting-wise Day 2 of the tournament but were able to settle in on Saturday and get some quality at-bats.

"Pitching wise, they took care of business. We always have a goal of holding our opponents to less than five hits a game and they pretty much did that with ease."

The Ladycats defeated Keller 4-3, Joshua 1-0, lost 3-1 to Waxahachie, topped Flower Mound Marcus 2-0 and Richland 8-1. The Ladycats had defeated Waxahachie earlier in the week on Feb. 13, also by a 3-1 score in Waxahachie.

Touchet's no-hitter came against Marcus as she struck out 12 and walked one in six innings. She also tossed a one-hitter in the win over Joshua, again striking out a dozen and walking just one in five innings.

"Nathalie Touchet definitely had a great tournament on the mound," Myers said. "We are blessed to have the depth of pitching that we have, and more than ready to see each of them handle business on the mound this season.

"Overall, we still have work to do, but they're hungry and ready to do what they need to do to be in that last game of the season."

The Ladycats' Claire Byars had five hits, including a double, triple, home run, and two runs batted in. Texas Ray had five hits in the tournament that included three doubles, a home run and three RBI.

The Ladycats were playing at Waco Midway at press time and are in the Mansfield Tournament Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 23-25.

### Forney Tournament

Thursday, Feb. 16

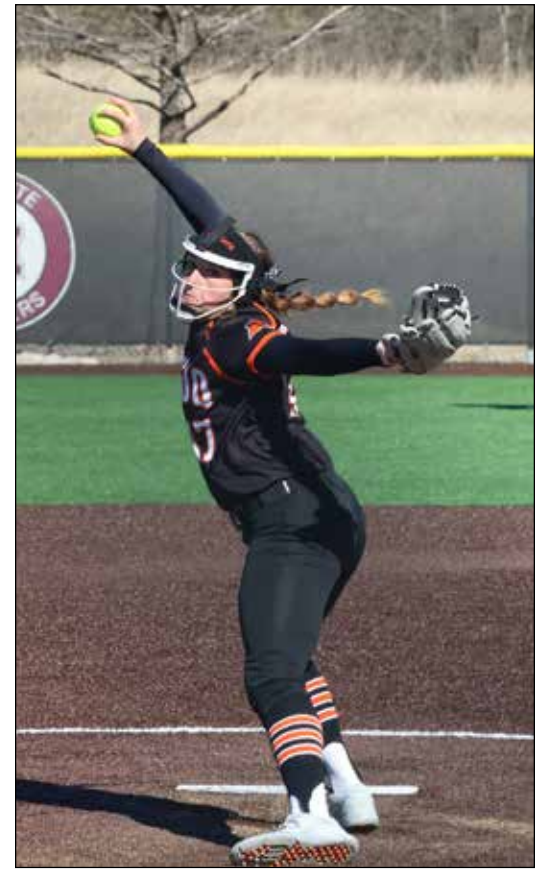
Aledo 4, Keller 3

Aledo hitting: Texas Ray 2-for-3, 2B; Brenlee Gonzales 2-3, 3B, RBI; Maddy Flora, 2-3, 2B; Kennis Marx 2-3; Addie Perry 1-3, 3B, RBI; Ana Flores 1-3, 2B; Maddy Jarvis SB; Chloe Cox SB; Taylor McKenzie SB.

Aledo pitching: Gonzales 6 IP, 4 H, 3 R (2 earned), 6 K, 2 BB, 1 HP.



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**LEFT:** Senior Nathalie Touchet already has a no-hitter on her record this season and has signed to play at Missouri next year.

Friday, Feb. 17

Aledo 1, Joshua 0

Aledo hitting: Ray 1-1, 2B, HP; Flores 2 HP, RBI; Perry BB; Gonzales BB; Jarvis BB.

Aledo pitching: Nathalie Touchet 5 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 12 K, 1 BB.

Waxahachie 3, Aledo 1

Aledo hitting: Delaney Rosser 1-2, 2B; Claire Byars 1-3, HR, RBI; Reagan Davis 1-2; Presley Hull BB.

Aledo pitching: Taylor McKean 5.1 IP, 5 H, 3 R (2 earned), 4 K, 2 BB.

Saturday, Feb. 18

Aledo 2, Flower Mound Marcus 0

Aledo hitting: Byars 2-3, 3B; Ray 1-1, BB, RBI; Flores 1-3, 2B; Jarvis 1-2; Davis BB, SB.

Aledo pitching: Touchet 6 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 12 K, 1 BB.

Aledo 8, Richland 1

Aledo hitting: Hull 3-3; Perry 2-4, 3B, RBI; Byars 2-3, 2B, RBI; Rosser 2-3, 2B; Gonzales 2-3; Ray 1-3, HR, 2 RBI; Flores 1-3, HR, 2 RBI; Jarvis 1-2.

Aledo pitching: Gonzales 6 IP, 3 H, 1 R (0 earned), 10 K, 0 BB.

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BASKETBALL

# Ladycats' playoff run ends with loss to Colleyville Heritage

By Ryan Wade  
The Community News

The Aledo Ladycats' hoops season came to an unfortunate end on Thursday, Feb. 16, at Chisholm Trail High School when they were defeated by Colleyville Heritage, 68-49, in the second round of the Class 5A playoffs.

The Ladycats got out to a healthy 12-point lead in the first quarter, putting up 20 points in the first eight minutes of action. Two key factors heading into the second quarter, though, allowed the Lady Panthers to capture the momentum.

Aledo center Clair Byars ended the first quarter on the bench in foul trouble where she stayed the entire second period. Byars' absence in the post allowed Lady Panthers center Sulaine Davis to dominate the paint on both ends of the floor. In the second quarter alone she scored seven points while cleaning the glass on offense and defense as Aledo struggled to deal with her 6-foot-2 frame.

Colleyville Heritage also switched to a full-court press in the second quarter. The defensive pressure overwhelmed the Ladycats, leading to turnovers and fast break scoring opportunities for the Lady Panthers. They capitalized with efficiency, going on a 22-2 run to end the half. Entering the break at halftime Aledo trailed 30-22.

When play resumed in the second half Heritage continued

to bring pressure with the press. Scoring opportunities came fast and often for the Lady Panthers as they started off the third quarter on a 16-3 run before they called the first timeout of the half with 3:35 remaining in the third stanza to allow winded players to take a breather.

In the final two minutes of the third quarter the Ladycats were able to find their legs. Freshman guard Liz Griffin kicked off the Ladycat late rally with a steal, leading to a fast break opportunity of her own as she played the layup off the glass with 2:09 left in the third. Kenzi Grau dropped in a bucket from three-point range moments later. Kinley Elms knocked down an eight-foot jumper from the near side of the floor. Ella Isbell brought the third frame to a close by draining a jumper from just inside the three-point line to cap off Aledo's 9-4 run.

With a quarter left in the game and the season hanging in the balance, the Ladycats picked up to start the fourth where they left off in the third. Byars and Griffin combined for 14 of Aledo's 15 fourth-quarter points.

Unfortunately, it wasn't enough, as the Lady Panthers held on to win by 19.



RYAN WADE/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Claire Byars and Kandle Boggus compete for a loose ball during the area championship match against Colleyville Heritage on Thursday, Feb. 16.

Much like they did in their loss to Colleyville Heritage, the Ladycats continued to battle all season long regardless of the odds or obstacles stacked against them. From a team that started the season 1-5, Aledo went to work every time they took the floor. Their persistence paid dividends as the year went on. They eventually secured a playoff berth in the final game of the regular season, defeating Granbury 48-45 to end the year at .500 (17-17 overall, 6-6 in District 5-5A).

The Community News was unable to reach Coach Nikki Hyles for comments.



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Liz Griffin goes up for a layup during Aledo's area matchup on Thursday, Feb. 16.



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POWERLIFTING

# Ladycats second in district

By Rick Mauch  
The Community News

It doesn't take long for sports programs to get good in Aledo. Following that tradition, the Ladycats finished second in district powerlifting on Feb. 18 in Granbury a year after finishing sixth in their inaugural season.

"Tremendous effort by everyone to compete and push themselves. We talked a lot in the last couple of weeks about what everyone would have to do to be successful at this meet and set themselves up to qualify for regionals, and they performed when it mattered," coach Josh Morgan said.

Azle won the district team championship.

Individually, the Ladycats were led by Taylor Sehnem taking the top spot in the 114-pound division and Avery Gray winning the 259-plus division. Sehnem had a total of 605 pounds in her three qualifying lifts and Gray lifted 790 pounds.

In all, 10 girls scored points for Aledo. Thirteen qualified for the upcoming regional meet.

Taking second in their weight classes were Ari Mathias (148) and Adrianna Lambert (220).

Four Ladycats placed fourth, Lilly Carruthers (97), Hannah Clark (148), Jackie Melendez (165) and Haley Farmer (198). Finishing fifth were Taylor Paetzold (181) and Morgan Sehnem (114).

Also qualifying for regionals were Taylor Hart (123), Charlee Soward (123) and Hannah Good (132).

The regional meet will be March 2 in Sherman. Regionals are independent of districts. To qualify for regionals a lifter has to be in the top 12 in their weight class after all district and other meet results are posted. They can also qualify by getting the "automatic" qualifying total.

The state meet will be in Frisco on March 18. To qualify for state, a lifter has to be in the top two at the regional meet or hit the state automatic total.

# Area Champs



(from row, from left) Faith Garnett, Hope Garnett, Caroline Thompson, Meghan Young, Sadie Gough, Maverick Gonzales, Berlynn Kaznowski, Anna Nelson, and Grace Garnett and (back row) Assistant Coach Jaden Isler, Program Coordinator Kayci Garbo, Macy Prestwood, Christina Kuschel, Adalyn Endsley, Emily Ickert, Avery Tiwatar, Ava Luecker, Ella Cockrum, Margaret Cowley, Giuliana Marcantonio, and Coach Matt Garnett.

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Pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Government Code Chapter 2269, Subchapter F, it is the intention of the Aledo ISD to select a Construction Manager At-Risk (CMAR), via a one-step Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process, for Elementary School #7.

Information concerning the RFQ may be found on the Business Office Purchasing page of the Aledo ISD website:

<https://www.aledoisd.org/Page/4288>. Questions regarding the RFQ must be directed in writing via email to Mr. Chris Campbell, Aledo ISD Chief Facilities and Construction Officer, at [ccampbell@aledoisd.org](mailto:ccampbell@aledoisd.org).

Sealed responses marked "CMAR Request for Qualifications 23-022423" will be received until 2:00 PM CST on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at the Aledo ISD Administration Building, 1008 Bailey Ranch Road, Aledo, Texas 76008.

All responses must be received prior to the above stated time and date. Late responses will be returned unopened.

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