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WILLOW PARK

## Council approves sex offender ordinance

### Waste disposal contact amended

By Rick Mauch  
The Community News

The Willow Park City Council voted unanimously to approve an ordinance establishing the regulation of residency for sex offenders at its regular meeting Tuesday, April 11.

The ordinance defines child safety zones within the city. It regulates sex offenders who are required to register for offenses related to a victim less than 16 years of age from establishing a permanent or temporary residence within 1,000 feet of the child safety zones.

Such zones include schools, parks, swimming pools, daycare centers, and playgrounds. Anywhere children younger than 16 could possibly have activities.

In asking the council to approve the ordinance, interim Willow Park Police Chief Daniel Franklin said it will "give a little more protection to children in our community."

Once the ordinance was approved, Franklin said, "I think it's great. There's several areas in North Texas that have these."

Franklin said violation of the ordinance, a Class C misdemeanor, will carry a fine of up to \$500 per day with possible jail time. He added there are some exceptions, such as a minor still living with parents who move into the zone.

Franklin said the city has three registered sex offenders living within its limits, including one who might be in such a zone; that person will be "grandfathered" and not be asked to move. However, if that person moves out of the zone they will not be allowed to move back in.

### STEP Grants

The Willow Park Police Department is taking STEPs to ensure driving through the area on or near Interstate 20 will be safer.

At their meeting the council approved the implementation of two STEP grants from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). The first is for the famous Click It or Ticket program and the second is for Operation Slow Down.

Both are matching grants with a 79.27% to 20.73% split. TxDOT will provide up to \$2,997.60 and the city will match with up to \$783.94 in each grant.

The funds are needed because enforcing both programs will require extra work and overtime for officers.

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U.S. Congressman Roger Williams (right) presents an American flag to Willow Park Mayor Doyle Moss to celebrate the move into the new city hall. The presentation was made at the April 11 city council meeting.

ALEDO

## It's official - Jake's is coming to Aledo



RANDY KECK/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Noe Villa seals air-conditioning ductwork in the location where Jake's Burgers plans an opening. For more on the story, see page A-3.

PARKER COUNTY

## Seizure of abandoned dogs stretches shelter

### Adopters needed to alleviate crowding

By Rick Mauch  
The Community News

The Parker County Sheriff's Department confirmed that it conducted a large seizure of dogs that appeared to be abandoned at a residence in Springtown on Monday, April 10. No arrests had been made in connection with the seizure as of press time.

It was also noted that on the property were several sick and deceased dogs.

Dustin Deel with the Weatherford Parker County Animal Shelter said the shelter took in 20 German Shepherds from the seizure. It has tightened the animal residency at the facility tremendously, he said.

"We have doubled up kennels and done everything we can to make space," Deel said. "But we have to get people to come in and get some animals from us. Anytime we get that big a number at once it hurts."

Deel stressed that no animals have been euthanized due to space because of the influx of the new dogs.

To find out more about adopting an animal from the shelter, call 817-598-4111 or visit <https://weatherfordtx.gov/15/Animal-Shelter>.



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## ESD 1 plans fire training center north of Aledo

### Public invited to groundbreaking on April 21

Staff Reports  
The Community News

Parker County Emergency Services District No. 1 has announced the groundbreaking and construction of a new fire and rescue training center at 1439 Farmer Road.

According to a release from ESD 1, the center will have five state-of-the-art training structures and numerous training props occupying more than 15,000 square feet.

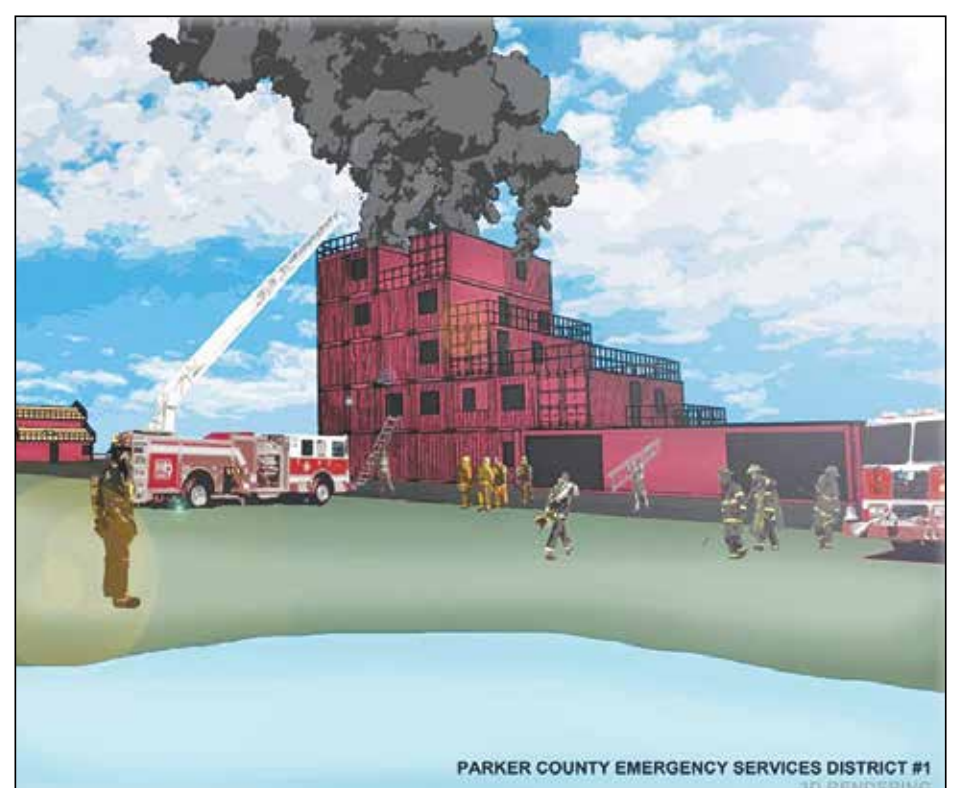
The training space will "facilitate mission centric scenarios for first responders in Parker County and across the North Texas region," the release said.

Located about 2.8 miles north of the FM 1187/I-20 intersection, the center property is about 12 acres, and will include a 5-story tower with simulations for mid-rise mixed use developments, interior hallway apartments, a garden apartment layout, a mercantile occupancy, a 2-story residential prop, vent/enter/search, forcible entry, vertical vent over fire, air track management, laddering, standpipe, hoseline management, high angle rescue props, and a 2-acre reservoir with drafting ability.

The public is invited to a groundbreaking at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 21.



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PARKER COUNTY ESD 1

An artist rendering shows the future Emergency Services District No.1 Fire and Rescue Training Center.

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## Capital Highlights

# House OKs \$302 billion budget



Gary Borders

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The Texas House approved a \$302 billion budget last week that included an amendment prohibiting the use of state money on private school tuition — a major setback to Gov. Greg Abbott's plan to establish a school voucher system. The *Austin American-Statesman* reported that more than 20 Republicans joined nearly all House Democrats to pass the amendment, while 11 lawmakers voted present.

The amendment is seen as a rebuke to Abbott, who has traveled the state pushing what he calls "school choice."

The amendment's sponsor, state Rep. Abel Herrero, D-Robstown, said his proposal to block using public money for private schools boiled down to "public money for public schools."

The House's budget now heads to the Senate, which has passed an education reform bill calling for \$8,000 in state funding a year for a student who attends a private school. Since that funding is not included in the House budget, the issue could lead to tense conference committee negotiations between the two chambers. Some lawmakers have speculated the conflict could lead to a special called legislative session after the regular term ends on Memorial Day.

Among the highlights of the House budget are record funding increases for public schools and highway construction, as well as raises for state employees.

### Controversial electric grid plan passes Senate

The Texas Senate has passed a controversial plan to build more natural gas-powered

plants in the state, despite widespread opposition from critics who say the two bills could lead to billions in added costs to customers. The goal of the bills, according to its sponsors, is to avoid another massive power outage such as the one in the winter of 2021 that killed more than 200 people, the Texas Tribune reported.

*Houston Chronicle* columnist Chris Tomlinson reported that 22 out of 24 people who testified on Senate Bill 6 voiced opposition. The plants would sit idle at least 97% of the time.

"The Association of Electric Companies of Texas found common ground with the Sierra Club. Texas Competitive Power Advocates agreed with the South Texas Electric Cooperative. Energy giant NRG joined the consumer advocacy group Public Citizen in declaring SB 6 a lousy idea," Tomlinson wrote.

State Sen. Charles Schwertner, R-Georgetown, the lead sponsor of both bills, said the measures were "in memory of the hundreds of Texans that died and the millions of Texans that suffered."

### Court rules degrees can be revoked for misconduct

The Texas Supreme Court reversed previous lower-court rulings and ruled last week that Texas universities can revoke previously awarded degrees for academic misconduct, the *Statesman* reported. The University of Texas at Austin and Texas State University, in separate cases that were consolidated, argued they should be able to revoke doctorate degrees from students who committed academic misconduct to "protect their reputations and the value of degrees conferred upon their students."

Both cases involved students accused of fabricating data that was discovered after the degrees had been conferred. Both students sued their respective universities after their degrees were revoked.

"The only difference between expelling a current student for academic misconduct and revoking the degree of a former student for the exact same academic misconduct is one of timing," Justice Debra Lehrmann wrote.

### Temps topped 100 degrees in Texas prisons

The indoor temperature inside at least 15 state-operated jails and prisons exceeded 100 degrees last summer, according to a report by *The Dallas Morning News*. The data indicates that both inmates and staff are exposed to dangerous levels of heat in the state's facilities that do not have air conditioning.

A lack of climate control has contributed to the deaths of nearly two dozen inmates between 1998 and 2012, according to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, as well as the heat-related illnesses of dozens of prison guards.

The *News* reported that state standards say county jails and animal shelters should get no hotter than 85 degrees, but Texas prisons are not required to have air conditioning.

While previous attempts to fund air conditioning for the state's prisons have failed, the House budget passed last week sets aside more than a half-billion dollars for that purpose. In addition, two bills to install cooling systems in the prison system were approved in committee.

### Land office awards \$6 million for coastal counties

The Texas General Land Office has awarded \$6 million for projects across seven coastal counties with a combination of federal and state funding.

The projects are intended in part to improve amenities for greater beach access in a number of locations, as well as developing early warning systems for coastal flooding.

"As a Texan who grew up near the coast and lived in Galveston for more than a decade, preserving our state's precious shorelines and their communities is a top priority of mine," said Land Commissioner Dawn Buckingham.

### Tentative settlement in Texas church shooting

The Justice Department last week announced a tentative \$144 million settlement with the families and victims of a 2017 mass shooting at a church in Sutherland Springs, the *Associated Press* reported. More than two dozen people were killed when a former U.S. airman opened fire during a church service. It was later determined that the gunman had been able to purchase firearms despite a criminal history. Three years earlier, while in the Air Force, he was convicted of assaulting an ex-wife and stepson, cracking the child's skull. He was discharged for bad conduct.

The Air Force had previously acknowledged it was remiss in not putting the felony conviction for domestic violence in into the FBI database, which could have prevented the shooter from buying guns from a licensed firearms dealer.

### The settlement is still subject to court approval.

"No words or amount of money can diminish the immense tragedy of the mass shooting in Sutherland Springs," Vanita Gupta, associate attorney general for the Justice Department, said in a statement. "Today's announcement brings the litigation to a close, ending a painful chapter for the victims of this unthinkable crime."

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## GuestColumn

# Conserve Texas lands for generations to come



State Rep. Justin Holland

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Every year, Texas loses nearly 250,000 acres of land to development. Rural working lands that make up the wide-open spaces definitive of the Texas character are evaporating at an alarming rate.

Not only are these lands meant to be enjoyed by Texans, but they work every day to provide the food we eat and the water we drink. I consider it our responsibility as Texans and custodians of this land to pass on a state where my great-great-grandchildren will be able to enjoy the Texas outdoors, parks, wildlife and nature. That's why I am proud to introduce landmark legislation in the Texas House calling for the creation of the Texas Land and Water Conservation Fund.

The fund is a once-in-a-generation opportunity afforded to

us because of the excess in our state's Rainy Day Fund. As my colleagues and I carefully consider important priorities like infrastructure investment, we must also make a meaningful and lasting investment in Texas lands and waters.

Our state continues to attract new people and new industry. We are blessed to have weathered tough times and continue to be one of the nation's strongest economies and attractive places to do business. Our economic success comes in part because of the unique lands that make up Texas. I truly believe that our land is our greatest asset, and it cannot be replicated once it is lost.

We must take bold steps to preserve the landscape and culture that makes Texas a great place to live. Texas is home to 7 of the top 15 most rapidly growing cities in the country. Research also shows that 78% of Texas counties will not have sufficient parks in the coming decades.

Texas needs additional parks, open spaces, and natural habitats to preserve our quality of life, provide food and fiber and clean water, and to support the

multibillion-dollar agricultural and outdoor recreation economy.

The Texas Land and Water Conservation Fund would provide a significant, long-term state funding source for enhanced conservation efforts across the Lone Star State. The \$2 billion investment can be dedicated as either a trust fund or an endowment.

It would provide grants for projects that support, enhance, and protect state and local parks and recreation areas, working agricultural lands, water resources, wildlife habitat areas, and more. The fund could support the acquisition of land to expand state parks.

The bill provides base eligibility guidelines for funded projects and ensures that 50% of the funds go toward the conservation of agricultural lands, water resources and wildlife habitat, while the other 50% of the funds go toward state and local parks, wildlife management areas, and other public access conservation projects.

The legislation would also establish a governing board for the fund led by a representative

from the General Land Office and including others from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and Texas Water Development Board.

More than 50 of the state's leading land and water conservation, agricultural, wildlife and sportsmen's organizations have formed the Texas Land and Water Conservation Coalition to support this effort. These groups represent thousands of Texans from all walks of life, connected by a desire to protect Texas for the next generation.

I am confident my fellow lawmakers will pass this important and historic measure and give Texas voters the opportunity to codify this investment with a constitutional amendment. We have a unique chance to fund meaningful land and water conservation that will echo for generations to come.

Justin Holland is a state representative from Rockwall. He wrote this for *The Dallas Morning News*.



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# JAKE'S

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## Mid-summer opening expected

By **Randy Keck**  
The Community News

After a number of fits and starts, the long-rumored addition of Jake's Burgers and Beer has made it official that they plan to open in Aledo.

Owned by partners Bob Gregg and Courtney Lindley, Jake's has been in business since 1985, and Aledo will join Jake's other eight locations in Addison, Flower Mound, Frisco, Grand Prairie, Grapevine, Lake Highlands, Mansfield, and Sundance Square.

In addition, the partners have just opened five new sports-bar concept restaurants, Jake's Game Day, in the Dallas area.

Gregg stressed that Jake's is a family business, and family played a role in their decision to locate in Aledo. Gregg's sister and brother-in-law live in the community.

"We we have loved the community in Aledo for a long time,

genuinely," Gregg said. "We just see it as such a developing community that on the restaurant side could deal with some more options to service the community. We've been trying to find the right location and opportunity out there actually for quite some time."

The location will be the old Lasater building on FM 1187 just north of First Financial Bank, and the location offers some amenities that have Gregg and Lindley excited.

"There is a big area out behind the restaurant that we can activate in a lot of different ways," Gregg said.

The restaurant will have a covered patio in the main restaurant area, but there is a large area behind the building the partners have big plans for.

"We're creating an almost campground-type environment with firepits, some synthetic turf that is an area that kids can use to run around and play. We're going to put a stage out there where we can do some live music — even outdoor televisions in our mind," Gregg said. "When we think of football season

in Aledo, if the if the team is playing on the road, we'd love to be able to play the games in this backyard area and have a place where the community can congregate."

Gregg said the restaurant will be able to do some outdoor cooking, and they're having a custom black-and-orange trailer made called "The Bearcat."

"At The Bearcat we're gonna do all sorts of different things — we'll be able to fry outside, have a flattop, have an open-flame grill, we can do some fajitas from time to time, we can do a crawfish boil, we can do burgers and brats and dogs outside on the lawn and in the campground that will complement the restaurant experience and create another experience all together just for family and people in the community that that want a place to hang out," Gregg said.

Jake's has also made recent improvements to the menu at their other locations, and that same menu will be served in Aledo.

"We've done a lot of work in our menu the last couple of years to really improve the quality and freshness

of everything," Gregg said. "The hero of our brand has always been the burger. And the Jake's burger has been amazing for many years. But not every aspect of the menu met the quality of the burger. And so we've worked hard to increase the quality throughout the menu and also add some more options like really good salads and sandwiches to round out the experience."

Of course, the magic question on everyone's mind is when they can order a hamburger at Jake's in Aledo, and Gregg anticipates opening in early August now that all the construction surprises are out of the way.

"When you have an existing, older building that was built originally for different uses, you don't find out certain challenges until you dig in and start doing the work," Gregg said. "So when when we saw cut all the concrete in order to lay in plumbing, and then you have a void underneath the building, you have to go back in and do some dirt work and some compaction and resolve that."

In addition, it turned out that the water line servicing the location was not large enough for commercial restaurant use, so it had to be dug up and replaced, and power lines had to be moved to make way for the patio and deck.

Now that all of those issues are ironed and contracts have been signed, Gregg is looking forward to serving Aledo.

"We're really excited about this opportunity," Gregg said. "It's a way to take what we think is a really good family brand, where we're we're focused on creating fresh, high-quality foods options, friendly, and create a place that is really something for everyone,, whether there's something on the menu that you can find that you love, or a way to use us from an experience standpoint, either inside the restaurant, on the patio, or in the backyard or the campground area. We want to create an experience that that fills everyone's needs."



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# COUNCIL

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## Click It or Ticket

The Click It or Ticket program was made famous years ago through a series of media ads, most notably on TV. The purpose of this grant is to increase the wearing of seat belts in all passenger vehicles.

TxDOT statistics cite that in 2021 there was a 14% increase from 2020 in the number of fatalities involving not wearing a seat belt. They also cite that this program has saved (statewide) more than 6,900 lives, prevented more than 120,000 serious bodily injuries, and saved Texas more than \$26.3 billion in related economic costs, since its inception 20 years ago.

"We do write a lot of no seat belt tickets or warnings. We also see a lot of unrestrained children," Willow Park PD Sergeant Jaclin Ramirez told the council.

The enforcement waves for Click It or Ticket in Willow Park will be May 22-June 4. The enforcement zones will include:

- Zone 1 - I-20 from west boundary at Mikus Road/FM 5 to west boundary at Tricia Trail, including frontage/access roads.
- Zone 2 - Ranch House Road north to south, northern boundary at Vista Drive and southern boundary at Canyon Court.

## Operation Slow Down

The purpose of this grant is to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes by enforcing the speed limit.

TxDOT notes that speed is the most common factor in crashes in Texas with at least one third of all crashes being related to speed.

Enforcement waves for Willow Park will be July 14-30. The enforcement zone will be I-20 from west boundary at Mikus Road/FM 5 to west boundary at Tricia Trail, including frontage/access roads.

## Contract with Republic amended

The council voted to amend the existing joint solid waste contract with Republic Waste Services. The existing agreement expires April 30.

The amended renewal will run through April 30, 2026. It will also bring the city of Aledo onboard to join existing agreement members Willow Park, Hudson Oaks, Annetta North, Annetta South, and the Town of Annetta.

Also, beginning in May, the monthly rate for collection be will \$20.78 (\$17.63 base fee, \$3.15 for cart) for trash and recycling pickup throughout all six cities with a 4% annual increase in the base fee.

Beginning on May 1, 2026, Republic's garbage, trash, and recycling collections will all be by polycarts, and Republic will use an entirely new fleet of automated side loader trucks to service all the cities for such collections, doing away with the current system of workers manually emptying the trash and recycle into the back of the trucks. However, Republic

may continue to utilize its existing fleet for brush and debris collection and disposal.

Republic officials also noted that no employees will lose their job as a result of the change in pickup. They will be given other duties within the company.

Once the amended renewal expires, the new agreement begins May 1, 2026 for a five year initial term with a five year automatic renewal, unless 180 days notice of non-renewal is provided. After the five year initial term, a city may terminate the agreement for convenience for that city on the annual anniversary date by giving at least 120 days notice to Republic.

## ARP funds going for new sewer line

The council voted to use funds from the American Rescue Plan Act to help construct a new sanitary sewer line along Bankhead Highway from Ranch House Road to the east city limits. The project consists of approximately 5,500 linear feet of an 8-inch gravity sewer and will allow service to the currently unserved areas east of Ranch House and south of Interstate 20.

Assistant City Manager Bill Funderburk said \$939,284 are still available from the ARP funds the city received. Total cost of the project is estimated to be \$1,152,768.

Funderburk said he anticipates the work getting underway in six to nine months.

## Freedom House Proclamation



RICK MAUCH/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Willow Park Mayor Doyle Moss presents a proclamation honoring Freedom House in recognition of April being Sexual Assault Awareness Month to Freedom House Executive Director Patti Wilson (left) and Sexual Assault Advocate Donna Chambers during Tuesday's Willow Park City Council meeting.

At the start of the meeting, Willow Park Mayor Doyle Moss made a proclamation honoring Freedom House in recognition of April being Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Freedom House is a domestic violence and sexual assault service provider in Parker County.

National statistics show that:

- One in five women and one in 67 men are sexually assaulted at some point in their lifetimes.
- One in six little boys and one in four little girls will experience sexual assault before turning 18 years of age.
- On college campuses one in five women and one in sixteen men are sexually assaulted during their college years.

- 33% of adults with intellectual disabilities have experienced sexual violence during their lifetimes.

This marks the 22nd anniversary of Sexual Assault Awareness Month and this year's campaign theme is "Drawing Connections: Prevention Demands Equity." The theme draws on all individuals, communities, organizations, and institutions to change the systems surrounding us to build equity and respect within our community.

For more on Freedom House, call 817-596-7543 or visit <https://www.freedomhousepc.org/>.



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## Strays welcome

### Ways you can reach out to help lonely and neglected animals

By Rick Mauch  
The Community News

That fear of being alone and cold with no one to turn to for love isn't just a human concern.

Sadly, it is all too true for too many cats and dogs — who, unlike humans, can't voice their longing for someone to care.

Like humans, they want comfort in life with someone to reassure them that they are loved, that someone cares about their welfare and happiness.

Thankfully, there are numerous resources in Parker County to help make this scenario a reality. From rescuing animals to finding them foster and permanent homes, the opportunities are there to bring together a new pet and a loving family.

Among the many organization who can help are the Weatherford Parker County Animal Shelter, Parker Paws, and Weatherford Whiskers.

### Health and safety for dogs, cats, and local wildlife

#### WILLOW BARK

Saturday, April 15, 2023  
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
McCall Elementary School  
400 Scenic Trail, Willow Park

The Weatherford Parker County Animal Shelter is a municipal animal shelter focused on the health, safety, and well-being of animals and their human counterparts. From puppies, kittens, dogs and cats, to assistance with local wildlife, their mission is to improve the bonds between humans and animals.

There are lots of animals waiting to join a new family or companion. Now, all that's needed is for humans to do their part, said Dustin Deel, Weatherford Director of Municipal and Community Services.

Deel said on any given day the shelter can house upwards of 160 dogs and 50-plus cats. The adoption area can display about 50 dogs and about 30 cats.

"If we have an abundance of puppies or kittens we do have smaller kennels in which we can house more animals who are available for the public to see and adopt," he said.

The challenge is more getting people into the shelter to adopt than finding animals needing someone to adopt them. Unfortunately, there seems to be more of the latter in society today.

"We encounter countless reasons why an animal may come into the shelter for care, ranging from the basic stray cat/dog to an extreme car accident on I-20 means the owner is in the hospital so the pet in the front seat is now needing to be in the shelter," Deel said.

"As the human population of Parker County continues to rise, this only means the number of pets in the area is also increasing. With every pet comes the responsibility of

ownership and sometimes even the basics are a challenge for an owner to provide. A final factor of educating owners on the importance of spay/neuter only helps the problem of pet overpopulation."

#### Simple process

The process of adopting is very simple.

"We first want the public to come into the shelter and spend time with their future family members. If the person owns a dog at home, we'd love for them to bring their dog(s) for a meet-n-greet of the new animal," Deel said. "If everything looks good, the person then comes to the adoption office to complete some quick paperwork. Staff will check through some basic questions and verify the new owner is a good fit for adoption. Once passed and paperwork signed, the new owner can take their adopted pet home."

All adoptions come with a sample bag of food, collar/leash/harness, toys, and other goodies which have been donated to the shelter. All adopted pets have been spayed or neutered, are current on all vaccinations including rabies, and have a microchip which is registered into the new owner's name.

Also, the adoption process is not expensive. The cost to adopt a male dog is \$90 and a female dog is \$100. Cat adoptions are \$50. Also, there are times during the year when the shelter will run a special to assist with adoptions by reducing the cost to adopt for a specific time frame.

The shelter also works closely with Weatherford Whiskers, which specializes in helping cats find new homes.

"Baby kittens and barn cats are a niche that Weatherford Whiskers has really stepped up to help our shelter," Deel said.

The barn cat program is exactly what the name says: feral cats are placed in barns, acclimate to their surroundings, and live there. It is a safe way to control the rodent and snake population in your barn. There are no poisons for children and pets to get into and no need to set nasty traps.

Feral cats who end up at the shelter are not adoptable. Sadly, feral cats are humanely euthanized for that reason. WPCAS' barn program has helped save hundreds of feral cats.

Other organizations that assist the shelter in its mission include Tall Tails Transport and Rescue, Highway Hounds, I Rescue, Paws of Love Animal Rescue, Great Pyrenees Rescue Society, and Relinquished Souls Rescue Society.

"These are rescues who help us by 'pulling' animals from our shelter and finding homes for them through their organization," Deel said.

Parker Paws doesn't have a presence at the shelter in the form of finding animals homes as much lately, but Deel said they do focus their efforts on spaying/neutering pets for citizens who otherwise would not get their pet fixed.

"This assistance to the shelter is hard to measure, but every extra animal that is spayed, neutered, not breeding, is helping the shelter," he said.

#### Top of the list

As for what the general public can do help, spaying and neutering is at the top of the list.

"Seriously, this is the best thing any pet owner can do to help the shelter and all animals looking for a home," Deel said. "The next best thing to do is have your pet microchipped. Microchipping improves the chances of a lost dog reuniting with its owners by 2.4 times, and a microchipped cat improves its chances to find home by 21.4 times."

WPCAS offers microchipping for \$20 per animal and it's quick and easy. Most veterinarians offer this service as well.

Another important thing to remember is if you own a cat or dog, make sure your pet always wears a collar with a current identification and/or rabies tag. Just because an animal has a microchip doesn't mean it will wind up at WPCAS or a vet's office where they can check them. Tags can be purchased at the WPCAS for a small donation of \$5 (for small tags) or \$7 (for large tags).

By law, WPCAS is required to hold a lost or stray animal for 72 hours. Unfortunately, most of these animals have no ID of any kind, making it nearly impossible to find the owner. Also, surprisingly, many people never think to look for their pet at the shelter. Without ID, most pets never make it back home.

And, of course, volunteers are always welcome, Deel said.

"We want to thank all the volunteers, rescue groups, staff and citizens who work so hard to support our animal shelter. There's a lot of good things that are working behind the scenes as well as advertised daily and it takes a village to operate a successful animal shelter," he said. "We couldn't do it without the support of our community and we are



WEATHERFORD PARKER COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER  
Lincoln is a friendly fellow and would like a home. As of press time he was available for adoption from the Weatherford Parker County Animal Shelter.

very grateful for all the assistance we receive."

If you would like to be a party of the shelter's future success and are interested in donating to the shelter's capital campaign, reach out and they can guide you on how to give. Contact them at 817-598-4111.

#### Reducing Overcrowding

Parker Paws is a foster-based, all-volunteer, nonprofit organization with a mission to reduce shelter overcrowding and pet overpopulation through their community outreach programs.

Parker Paws offers services and assistance to residents of Parker County either free or at low cost to help reduce the population of unwanted pets and to keep pets in their homes rather than have them surrendered to a shelter, rescued, or abandoned.

Among the most significant of these is SNIP (Spay Neuter Incentive Program), which offers low/no-cost spay/neuters to pet owners who cannot otherwise afford it for their pets, and the low-cost microchip clinics help lost pets find their way home.

"In 2021 we helped 131 pets with low/no-cost spay and neuters. In 2022, we helped 256. Every pet spayed equals 15 possible offspring per year not being born!" said Parker Paws President Teresa Chisum. "The success of SNIP has Parker Paws evolving into an animal welfare group. Rescue will play a lesser role in our future as we place a greater focus on helping to reduce our community's pet overpopulation problem."

Parker Paws was founded in 2007 by Barbara Pursley as a shelter volunteer group. In 2012, they went out on their own as an independent animal rescue to expand

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WEATHERFORD PARKER COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER  
Beau sports a casual look. As of press time he was available for adoption from the Weatherford Parker County Animal Shelter.



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# STRAY

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their ability to save more lives across North Texas.

As a foster-based rescue, Parker Paws does not have a facility and is not a shelter. All of their foster pets are kept in homes with families, and, in many cases, other pets. They provide all foster homes with all necessary supplies to ensure our foster pets receive appropriate medical care prior to adoption.

## Expanded Services

Realizing that rescue is just a band-aid, Parker Paws expanded their services to include community outreach programs to help reduce shelter overcrowding and companion pet overpopulation. Every pet spayed equals 15 possible offspring per year not being born. In three years, and as early as four months old, one un-spayed female and one un-neutered male can produce 512 dogs and 382 cats.

Parker Paws offers low-cost/no-cost spays/neuters ranging from \$0-\$20 to the community and sponsors the remaining balance ranging from \$80-\$100 to their partnered vet clinics. All applicants are required to have their pets up-to-date with a rabies certificate. Parker Paws does not pay for this vaccine or any additional services at this time.

They also partner with the Millsap Veterinary Clinic and the Weatherford Animal Clinic to offer low-cost microchip clinics to help reunite pets with owners more quickly.

Parker Paws will be at Willow Bark from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 15 at McCall Elementary School, 400 Scenic Trail in Willow Park.

For more information about Parker Paws, contact them at 817-694-5718 or visit <https://www.parkerpaws.org/>.

## High-risk felines

Weatherford Whiskers is an all-volunteer nonprofit animal rescue group. They rescue high-risk cats from local shelters. Once rescued, they place them in experienced foster

homes where they receive love, are socialized for family life, and are given top-notch vet care, including vaccinations and are spayed/neutered, before being placed up for adoption in to a "forever" home.

Carole Malugani, President/Founder of Weatherford Whiskers, said they currently have 24 cats at their adoption center at 807 E. Park Ave. in Weatherford, and others available at Petsmart.

"Our first quarter we have adopted out 59 as of the end of March," she said. "However we currently have 92 cats/kittens in our care at this time and the numbers rise daily as the calls for help flood in."

The 68 that are not available yet for adoption are in foster care and made up of:

- 30 bottle babies, which are kittens that can not eat on their own, do not have moms, and need to be bottle-fed anywhere from every two hours to every four hours depending on age;
- 11 kittens which can now eat on their own which is usually five to six weeks old;
- Six moms with a total of 20 nursing kittens between them; and
- One pregnant mom due any day.

"We take our Adoptions very seriously and our adoption process is rather extensive," Malugani said. "We pour our heart and souls into our babies and we want to make sure they get the best homes possible. We require our homes to be indoor only and do not allow them to be declawed."

If everything checks out and looks good on the application, the next step is for the whole family (or whoever is living in the home where the pet will be living) come in for a meet-and-greet at the adoption center, or Petsmart, depending on the cat's location.

"We watch how the cat interacts with the family and how the family is with the cat. Our cats spend a lot of time in foster care, so we get to know their personalities and what type of home would be best for them," Malugani said.

"At our adoption center our cats are free-roaming and we ask that



people just going in, sit down and let the cats come to them. If it is a good match then they sign a contract and are given instructions on introducing the cat into their new home."

## A tougher adoption

Cats have a harder time getting adopted than dogs. Malugani believes that to be true for several reasons.

"There are a lot fewer rescue groups that work with cats. Most are dog rescues with some doing cats here and there, but their main focus is on the dogs," she said. "When you go into a shelter most of the times the cats are housed in noisy room next to barking dog. The cat is confined to cages where they get no physical activity and little interaction with each other or people. This is a very stressful environment for them, which many times causes them to become ill."

"The dogs are taken out of their cages, walked daily, and most get to spend time in the play yard running and having interaction with people. Dog are also taken to offsite adoption events, which cats are not. In the shelters there are far less volunteers for the cats, partly because there is nowhere to allow the cats time out of

the cages, so very little can be done to interact with them. Little networking is done to find them homes compared to the dogs."

She said this is the main reason Weatherford Whiskers was created.

"I volunteered at the shelter and saw that cats desperately needed help. We just wish we could help them all," she said.

If you have a warm, safe place in your home where cats can stay while they get well, obtain vaccinations, and get spayed/neutered until they are ready to find their "forever" dream home, you could be a foster. All expenses are paid for by Weatherford Whiskers.

## TNVR Program

The TNVR program is another part of Weatherford Whiskers. It stands for trap, neuter, vaccinate and return. Weatherford Whiskers provides humane traps and works with you to trap the kitties, which are then spayed or neutered, ear tipped and given a rabies vaccine.

This service is provided at no cost to most of the residents of Parker County at the Weatherford Parker County animal shelter, or \$5 per cat

to cover a rabies vaccine at Texas Coalition for Animal Protection.

Each cat is ear tipped during surgery. Ear tipping tells rescue groups and animal control that the cat has been part of a TNVR program and no longer needs to be trapped.

After the procedure, the kitties are returned to their territory and released to live a happy healthier life, no longer reproducing, contributing to the overpopulation of homeless cats and kittens.

Except for the \$5 rabies cost per cat, Weatherford Whiskers helps to provide assistance with feral cats at no charge.

Also, Weatherford Whiskers will loan out traps to individuals who are able to do their own trapping.

Malugani said there are many way the public can help. They are always looking for volunteers, foster families, donations of supplies and monetary donations to help with vet bills. Weatherford Whiskers relies 100% on donations.

To find out more, contact them at 817-694-4106 or <https://www.weatherfordwhiskers.org/>.



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

**APRIL 15**

**Willow Bark**

The City of Willow Park is hosting the Willow Bark community event benefiting Parker Paws, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 15 at McCall Elementary School.

A fun-filled day for hoomans and their K9s with lots of activities planned, including- food trucks, live music, kids games, doggie costume contest and wiener dog races.

**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/3ClikX4>. For a Spotify playlist, visit <https://bit.ly/3IP7piy>.



**Circle Theater Goodbye Reception**

The Circle Theater will have a goodbye reception in honor of Donald Jordan's departure on Saturday, April 15 following the final performance of The Mountaintop.

**APRIL 19**

**Parker County Republican Women Forum**

The Parker County Republican Women will hold a candidate forum at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19 at the Workforce Community Room at Weatherford College.

**APRIL 20**

**Taste of Parker County**

The 14th annual Taste of Parker County from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 20 at Weatherford's Heritage Park. This food-tasting fundraiser benefits Weatherford College Foundation.

Vendors include local restaurants, caterers, bakeries, coffee shops and breweries offering sample-sides tastings. Individual tickets are \$40 through April 19 and \$45 on April 20.



**Upper Trinity GCD's Public Hearing and Regular Board**

The Public Hearing and Regular Board meeting are set for 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 20, at the District office or via Zoom video-

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- TXism: "the tail \_\_\_ wagging the dog"
- Astro scores
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- TX Willie hardware
- "going \_\_\_ fast" (making no progress)
- dir. to Trinity from Chantilly \_\_\_
- TXism: "fits like hide \_\_\_ horse"
- 54 patriotic org. (abbr.)
- 55 TX singer, Charley
- TXism: "two \_\_\_ full" (ate too much)
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- 60 TXism: "useless as perfume on a \_\_\_"
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- 40 TXism: "howdy"
- 41 TXism: "hot enough to sunburn a horny \_\_\_"
- 42 food canal
- 49 UT teacher (abbr.)
- 51 songbird
- 52 TXism: "he'll never drown in \_\_\_ own sweat" (lazy)
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- 10 TXism for "relative" (2 wds.)
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- 21 TXism: "cooking \_\_\_ the front burner"
- 22 LBJ took \_\_\_ on Air Force One
- 23 "bidness" abbr.
- 24 roughing it in Dallas' Highland Park? (2 wds.)
- 30 tall beer glasses
- 34 TX summer necessity (abbr.)
- 35 Pancho Villa's birth name: "Jose Doroteo \_\_\_ Arambula"
- 36 TXism: "\_\_\_ as nails"
- 37 Boerne's "Cave Without \_\_\_"
- 39 TXism: "cold \_\_\_ cows give ice cream"
- 43 Hitler followers
- 44 an elderly Texan

conference. In addition to the Regular Board meeting agenda (begins at conclusion of Hearing), other items of interest include the hearing regarding applications for Operating Permits for one public water supply well and one commercial water well in Wise County.

The public is welcome and encouraged to remotely attend via online videoconference/teleconference. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82825623505>

1 (346) 248-7799 – US Meeting ID: 828 2562 3505

**APRIL 24**

**WC Art Demonstration**

The Weatherford Art Association invites you to see artist Lynne Buchanan demonstrate her contemporary painting style during the meeting from 6 p.m. -7:45 p.m. on April 24th at Barlow Hall, 125 South Waco in Weatherford. For more information contact Debra Strandberg, [Dstrandberg1978@gmail.com](mailto:Dstrandberg1978@gmail.com) (817)996-0179.

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SOFTBALL

## Ladycats extend win streak to 14 games

### Remain undefeated in district play

By **Ryan Wade**  
 The Community News

Spring has barely begun, but the Ladycats are burning up the diamond like the dog days of summer. Aledo (21-4-1 overall, 9-0 in District 5-5A) pushed its win streak to 14 after a pair of wins over Saginaw and Forney in the past week.

The Ladycats earned a 13-3 run-rule victory over the visiting Lady Rough Riders on Thursday, April 6. That performance was followed by an extra-innings affair that lasted 10 frames before Aledo put Forney away on the road, 2-0, on Tuesday, April 11.

On Tuesday the duo of Taylor McKean and Brenlee Gonzales combined to throw 10 shutout innings, giving up just two hits while striking out 14 along the way. Ladycat hurlers have now kept opponents off the scoreboard a dozen times this season.

Defensively, the Ladycats stood tall behind their hurlers. Aledo kept the error column clean on the scoreboard making all the routine plays, and even some not-so-routine ones, as well.

With the game still tied heading into the home half of the seventh inning, Delaney Rosser caught a hot shot hit right back the box at second base for the first Forney out of the frame.

Aledo's pitchers helped themselves out in the defensive effort, as well. In the bottom of the eighth, Gonzales earned the first out of her outing on the bump fielding a comebacker to the mound before getting the putout with a clean throw to Texas Ray at first base.

Both teams put forth a tremendous performance in the classic pitchers' duel. It wasn't until the top of the 10th inning that Aledo finally put the winning rally together.

Ray earned her way on the base path the hard way as she ate the 3-1 offering from Forney's hurler. With runners coming at a premium all night for both teams, head coach Heather Myers made the decision to bring in pinch runner Maddy Flora.

In an 0-2 hole early in her at bat with a runner on first, Presley Hull smoked a line drive to deep right field. Both Ladycats cranked up the afterburners as they sprinted around the bases. Flora scored easily while Hull pulled into third with an RBI triple to put Aledo on the board with the late advantage.

Hull wouldn't be stuck at third base for long. Ana Flores, the next Ladycat to the plate, hit the ball to the right side of the infield, easily scoring Hull. Flores got on her horse coming out of the batter's box to beat out the throw from Forney's second baseman for an infield single.

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JACKIE HAYSLIP

Reagan Davis (left) catches a fly ball during the game April 6 against Saginaw High School. Maddy Jarvis backs up Davis in the outfield.

FOOTBALL

## Hejny switches commitment to TCU

### Previously committed to Duke

By **Rick Mauch**  
 The Community News

Those who were looking forward to watching Aledo Bearcats quarterback Hauss Hejny play in college will have a lot more access now. This past week Hejny, a junior, announced he is switching his college commitment from Duke to TCU.

"After much consideration, I'm proud to announce my commitment to Texas Christian University. As someone who has grown up with purple in my blood, becoming a Horned Frog is a lifelong dream come true," Hejny tweeted.

Hejny said the decision to change schools came because "Everything just seemed to line up."

One thing that factored into his decision was a previous relationship with new TCU quarterbacks analyst Mark Cala and offensive coordinator Kendall Briles from when they were at Arkansas.

"I just felt good that I am the quarterback they want to build my class around and they saw me as their top guy," Hejny said.

Hejny said there were several other college programs with whom he had

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GOLF

## Ladycats, Bearcats seek dual return to state

### West Texas weather could be one of the opponents

By **Rick Mauch**  
 The Community News

The Aledo Ladycats and Bearcats have plenty of state tournament appearances between the two teams. However, getting both to state in the same season has not been all that common.

Before last season, one has to go back to 2017 for the previous duo appearance. They both also appeared together at state in 2015, with the Ladycats finishing third and Cheyenne Knight, now on the LPGA Tour, winning the individual championship.

The teams are seeking a second consecutive state tournament berth together next week as they compete in their respective Class 5A Region 1

Tournaments at Texas Tech's Rawls Golf Course in Lubbock. The girls will play Monday and Tuesday, April 17-18, and the boys will hit the links Wednesday and Thursday, April 19-20.

The top three teams, along with the three lowest-scoring medalists, will advance to state at the Whitewing Golf Club in Georgetown. The girls state tournament is May 15-16 and the boys state tourney is May 22-23.

Since 2012, the Ladycats have reached nine times, missing only in 2019 and again in 2020, when there was no state tournament because of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the 2020 team won the Region 1 Preview Tournament and was a projected third seed at state.

Since 2015 the Bearcats have advanced to state four times, also missing in 2020 because of the pandemic. Along with 2015 and last

season they also qualified as a team in 2017 and 2019.

Since 2011 Aledo has had at least one team compete at state every season, except for the pandemic season.

But, as first-year coach Brian Mourning noted, nothing can be taken for granted.

"Both groups are going to have to play well in order to get to state," Mourning said, noting that in the

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PHOTO BY JAMI WARNER

The Aledo Ladycats Black team will compete in the 5A Region 1 Tournament in Lubbock April 17-18 after winning the District 5-5A championship. Pictured are Athletic Director Steve Wood, head coach Brian Mourning, Sana'a Lemen, Mallory Miller, Emily Crick, Madi Warner, Kyla Morales, and assistant coaches Tom Croft and Alex Groff.

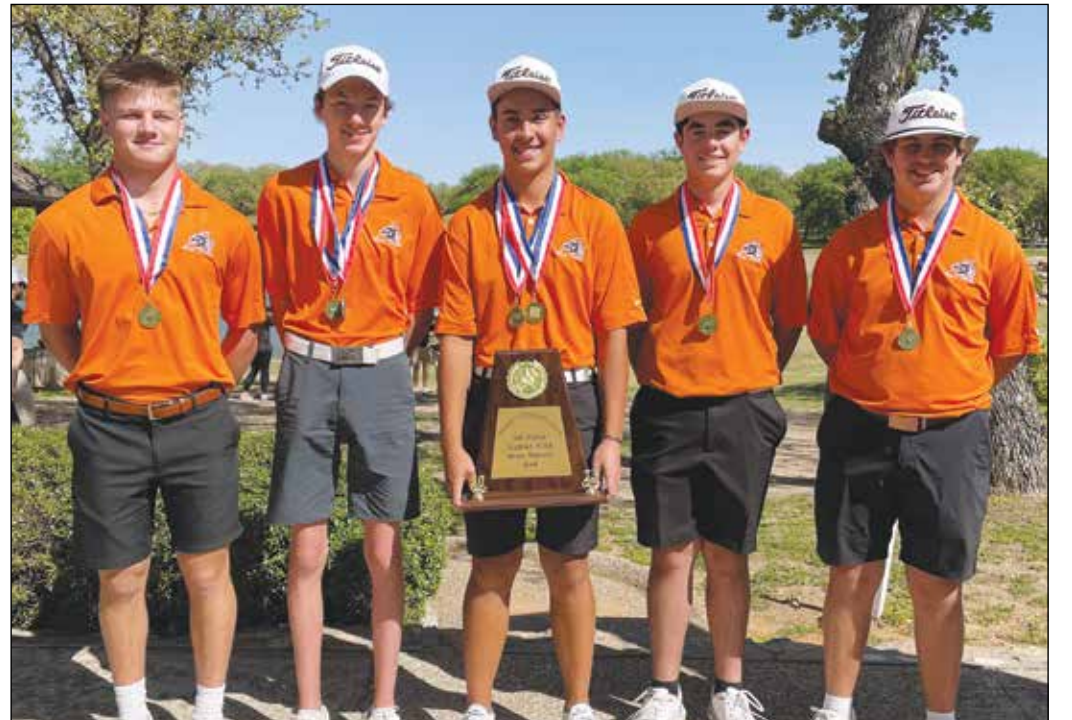


PHOTO BY CANDICE MAHANAY

The Aledo Bearcats Black team won District 5-5A and will compete in the 5A Region 1 Tournament in Lubbock April 19-20. Pictured are Jake Phillips, Dylan Kiser, Braylon Mahanay, Braden Stokes and Jett Moore.

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# HEJNY

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built a great relationship, but that in the end this was a business decision that was best for him and his family.

"I felt like I wanted to lead my class by being the first commitment and help start building my class out," he said, adding, "not to mention it's where I've always dreamed of going."

"That aside, I was looking for the best path to get on the field as a quarterback, good players and coaches around me. TCU, I felt, at the end had the best situation. They are coming off a national championship game appearance and I feel like we can build a special class off of that."

Hejny led the Bearcats back from an 0-2 start to the season to a 14-2 record and



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the 2022 Class 5A Division I state championship. He was named the MVP of the state title game after rushing 10 times for 142 yards and two touchdowns and completing 11 of 14 passes for 176 yards and two more TD in a 52-14 win over College Station. In all, he rushed for 1,276 yards and 15 TD while throwing for 2,092 yards and 20 scores with just seven interceptions.

Hejny was the MVP of District 3-5A Division I after leading the Bearcats to a 15th consecutive district championship and extending their league winning streak to a national record 111 straight dating to 2007.

"I'm blessed and fortunate to be in this position," Hejny said. "I'm just thankful for my parents, teammates and coaches that have stuck with me. Aledo is special and I'm just really excited to lock in on my senior year."



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 TCU, after previously committing to Duke.

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## TRACK AND FIELD

# Aledo schools top Power Five District Meet

### Staff Reports

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The Aledo Middle School boys and girls won the seventh-grade divisions of the Power Five District Track Meet, while the McAnally eighth-grade girls won their division and the AMS eighth-grade boys placed second. The meet was held April 3 at Brewer Stadium in Fort Worth.

### Power Five District Track Meet

#### AMS/McAnally results

#### Team scores

Seventh-grade girls: AMS, 189.5, first; McAnally, 109.5, second.

Seventh-grade boys: AMS, 147, first; McAnally, 107, third.

Eighth-grade girls: McAnally, 145, first; AMS, 107.5, third.

Eighth-grade boys: AMS, 116.5, second (behind Stephenville Henderson, 121.5); McAnally, 74, fifth.

#### Top individual results

(Running events in meters, field events in feet)

#### Seventh grade girls

2400: 2. Hadley Walton, McAnally, 10:07.78.

400 relay: 1. AMS, 55.00.

100 hurdles: 1. Hailey Wuenstel, AMS, 17.80; 2. Peyton Davis, AMS, 18.77.

800 relay: 3. AMS, 1:55.51.

400: 2. Elizabeth Brethauer, AMS, 1:08.18; 3. Keelyn Miller, McAnally, 1:08.70.

300 hurdles: 1. Sawyer Voight, McAnally, 53.05; 2. Wuenstel, 53.24.

200: 1. Avery Sands, AMS, 28.28.

1600: 2. Walton, 6:09.31; Ashlynn Durnil, AMS, 6:22.18.

1600 relay: 1. McAnally, 4:36.63.

Discus: 1. Bailey Martin, AMS, 63-8; 3. Katelyn Lowe, AMS, 63-0.

High jump: 1. Voight, 4-6.

Long jump: 1. Voight, 15-6.25.

Pole vault: 1. Addison Fields, AMS, 7-6; 2. Emma Ralph, AMS, 7-0.

Shot put: 1. Lowe, 34-2; 2. Harper Fink, AMS, 28-10.75.

Triple jump: 1. Olivia Evans, McAnally, 30-8; 3. Davis, 29-11.25.

#### Seventh-grade boys

2400: 1. Mick Sandefur, AMS, 8:54.75; 2. Kaiden Jones, AMS, 8:56.27.

800: 2. Braxton Hamric, AMS, 2:24.21.

110 hurdles: 1. Jordan Hall, McAnally, 18.77.

100: 3. Jordan Hall, McAnally, 12.88.

800 relay: 2. AMS, 1:46.31.

400: 3. Cade Nussbaum, AMS, 59.03.

300 hurdles: 1. Skylar Bradford, McAnally, 46.89.

1600: 1. Sandefur, 5:28.07; 3. Jones, 5:29.51.

1600 relay: 1. McAnally, 3:58.93; 2. AMS, 4:02.02.

Discus: 3. Blake Long, McAnally, 94-11.

High jump: 2. Zane Walker, McAnally, 5-0.

Long jump: 3. Hall, 16-3.50.

Pole vault: 1. Sandefur, 9-6.

Shot put: 2. Long, 39-9.50.

Triple jump: 1. Maddox Nurse, AMS, 34-10; 2. Kouper Wedgeworth, AMS, 34-3.75; 3. Hall, 33-3.

#### Eighth-grade girls

2400: 1. Mayden Mitchell, McAnally, 9:58.54; 2. Ella Dority, AMS, 9:58.88; 3. Eleanor Davenport, McAnally, 10:30.30.

400 relay: 1. McAnally, 51.58.

800: 1. Micah Neal, McAnally, 2:21.39.

100 hurdles: 1. Ainsley Elmore, AMS, 17.40; 2. Eden Anderson, AMS, 17.46; 3. Braylin Wiggins, McAnally, 17.90.

100: 1. Leighton Bratcher, McAnally, 13.32.

800 relay: 2. McAnally, 1:53.16.

400: 2. Anderson, 1:03.60; 3. Emmaline Davis, McAnally, 1:03.73.

300 hurdles: 1. McKenzie Spain, AMS, 52.04; 2. Addison Chase, McAnally, 52.64.

1600: 1. Neal, 5:19.95; 3. Dority, 6:07.67.

1600 relay: 1. McAnally, 4:23.37; 3. AMS, 4:29.58.

High jump: 1. Chase, 4-6 (tie-breaker); 2. Macie Laidley, AMS, 4-6.

#### Eighth-grade boys

2400: 2. Tyler Connolly, McAnally, 8:27.71; 3. Reed

Murray, McAnally, 8:32.10.

110 hurdles: 2. Gavin Richardson, AMS, 18.56.

400: 3. True Voskamp, AMS, 56.44.

300 hurdles: 1. Evan Randriamahefa, McAnally, 45.83; 3. Richardson, 46.80.

1600: 2. Murray, 5:12.31; 3. Connolly, 5:17.86.

1600 relay: 1. AMS, 3:47.93.

High jump: 1. Holt Frazier, AMS, 5-8; 2. Cade Cunningham, 5-4.

Long jump: 3. Cash Martin, McAnally, 17-10.

Pole vault: 1. Kantyn Kasich, AMS, 11-0; 2. Lukas Green, McAnally, 10-0; 3. Landon Kusich, McAnally, 9-0.

Triple jump: 1. Garhett Love, AMS, 37-3.



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NOTE: Last week we mis-identified Holt Frazier as Colt Frazier. We regret the error.



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**EVENTS**

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**Texas Ladies State Chili Championship Cook-off.** Sat., April 15th 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Max Starcke Park East. Chili, Craft and Food Vendors, Music, Silent Auction, Raffles, Family Fun! Judging begins at 12:30 p.m. Sign up to be a chili cook, https://www.tlscoco.com/registration.html, VisitSeguin.com, 830-401-5000.

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**Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Winery Permit, by VinoCo LLC, dba VinoCo to be located at 405 N FM 1187, Aledo, Parker County, TX 76008.**  
**The Officers Christopher Watson-managing member, Kathryn Watson-managing member, Robert Hale-managing member and Jennifer Hale-managing member.**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CITY OF WILLOW PARK, TEXAS CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION**

TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Willow Park, Texas, shall convene at 6:00 p.m. on May 23, 2023, at the City Municipal Complex located at City Hall, 120 El Chico Trail, Suite A, Willow Park, Texas 76087, and, during such meeting, the City Council will consider the passage of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of certificates of obligation, in one or more series, in an amount not to exceed EIGHT MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$8,500,000.00) for the purpose of paying contractual obligations to be incurred for (i) acquiring, renovating, improving and equipping an existing building for public safety facilities, judicial facilities, a city hall and municipal facilities for administrative offices for city departments responsible for designated infrastructure, including streets, roads, parks, water and wastewater utilities, information technology systems and cybersecurity and various other city departments, and (ii) professional services rendered in connection with such projects and the financing thereof; such certificates to be payable from ad valorem taxes and net revenues of the City's Waterworks and Sewer System. In accordance with Texas Local Government Code Section 271.049, (i) the current principal amount of all of the City's outstanding public securities secured by and payable from ad valorem taxes is \$13,952,127.05 (ii) the current combined principal and interest required to pay all of the City's outstanding public securities secured by and payable from ad valorem taxes on time and in full is \$18,804,986.37; (iii) the estimated combined principal and interest required to pay the certificates of obligation to be authorized on time and in full is \$21,503,689.46; (iv) the maximum interest rate for the certificates may not exceed the maximum legal interest rate; and (v) the maximum maturity date of the certificates to be authorized is February 15, 2063. The above information excludes \$39,742,872.95 in principal amount of outstanding debt obligations the City has designated as self-supporting in Resolution No. 2023-02 which the City reasonably expects to pay from revenue sources other than ad valorem taxes; provided, however, that in the event such self-supporting revenue sources are insufficient to pay debt service, the City is obligated to levy ad valorem taxes to pay such debt obligations. The certificates are to be issued, and this notice is given, under and pursuant to the provisions of Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 271, Subchapter C, as amended.  
 Crystal Dozier City Secretary City of Willow Park, Texas

**Notice of Public Hearings**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Aledo, Parker County, Texas will conduct a public hearing in the Aledo Community Center, 104 Robinson Court, Aledo, Texas.

**First Public Hearing City Council Meeting**  
 Location: Aledo Community Center 104 Robinson Court Aledo, Texas 76008

Date: Thursday, April 27, 2023  
 Time: 6:00 P.M.

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

- 1) Public Hearing regarding the voluntary annexation of property described as a 106.52 acre tract situated in the T. Rolston Survey, Abstract Number 923, and the J. Wray Survey, Abstract Number 1639, Parker County, Texas, to enlarge and extend the boundary limits of the City of Aledo.

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

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**NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION**

To the Registered Voters of Aledo, Texas:  
 Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday May 6, 2023, for voting in a general election to elect the positions of City Council Place 1 and City Council Place 3.

**LOCATION OF POLLING PLACE**  
 Aledo AISD Admin Building  
 Louden Room  
 1008 Bailey Ranch Rd  
 Aledo, Texas 76008

Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted beginning on Monday April 24, 2023 and continuing through Tuesday May 2, 2023 at the Aledo ISD Administration Building, 1008 Bailey Ranch Road, Aledo, Texas 76008 on each day that does not include Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday at the following times:

- Monday April 24, 2023: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 25, 2023: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 26, 2023: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, April 27, 2023: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Friday, April 28, 2023: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 29, 2023 Closed
- Sunday, April 30, 2023: Closed
- Monday, May 1, 2023: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 2, 2023: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Applications for ballot by mail may be obtained by calling 817-598-6185. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Tuesday, April 25, 2023

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Early Voting Clerk, "City of Aledo"  
 Parker County Elections Administrator  
 Fax: 817-598-6183 Email: elections@parkercountytx.com  
 1112 Santa Fe Drive  
 Weatherford, TX 76086

Issued this 5th day of April, 2023

(s) Nick Stanley, Mayor  
 City of Aledo, Texas

**AVISO DE ELECCION MUNICIPAL**

A los votantes registrados del Aledo, Texas:  
 Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitado abajo se abirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hast alas 7:00 p.m. el 6 de mayo de 2023 para votar en la eleccion par Alcalde - lugar 1 y Concilio - lugar 3 y Concilio.

**DIRECCIONES DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES:**  
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Temprano la votaci6n par aspecto personal sera principio conducido el Lunes 24 de abril de 2023 y continuando hasta el Martes,2 de Mayo de 2023, Del Distrito Escolar Independiente Aledo, 1008 Bailey Ranch Road, Aledo, Tejas 76008 en cada dfa, un sabado, un domingo, o un dfa de fiesta del estado en las tiempos siguientes:

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- Domingo 30 de abril de 2023: CERRADA
- Lunes 1 de mayo de 2023: 7:00 manana al 7:00 P.M.
- Martes 2 de mayo de 2023: 7:00 mafiana al 7:00 P.M.

Las aplicaciones para voter por correo pueden llamando al 817-598-6185. Las solicitudes de boletos por correo deberan ser recibidas por las secretarias de elecciones primarias a mas tardar al cierre de operaciones el Martes 25, abril, el ano 2023 Las aplicaciones para votar por correo deberan enviarse a Public6 este mo dia del enero de 2023.

Los usos para la balota por correo seran enviados:  
 Vendedor de votaci6n temprano, "ciudad de Aledo"  
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**Notice of Draft Federal Operating Permit**

Draft Permit No.: 03480

**Application and Draft Permit.** Magellan Pipeline Terminals, L.P., PO Box 22186 Otc-8, Tulsa, OK 74121-2186, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal and revision of Federal Operating Permit (herein referred to as Permit) No. 03480, Application No. 33977, to authorize operation of the West Fort Worth Terminal, a Pipeline Transportation of Refined Petroleum Products facility. The area addressed by the application is located at 6000 E Interstate 20 in Aledo, Parker County, Texas 76008-2623. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to the application. You can find an electronic map of the facility at: http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=32.728888&lng=-97.621666&zoom=13&type=r. This application was received by the TCEQ on July 11, 2022.

The purpose of a federal operating permit is to improve overall compliance with the rules governing air pollution control by clearly listing all applicable requirements, as defined in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code § 122.10 (30 TAC § 122.10). The draft permit, if approved, will codify the conditions under which the area must operate. The permit will not authorize new construction. The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and has made a preliminary decision to prepare a draft permit for public comment and review. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, statement of basis, and draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Central Office, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building E, First Floor, Austin, Texas 78753; the TCEQ Dallas/Fort Worth Regional Office, 2309 Gravel Dr, Fort Worth, Texas 76118-6951; and the East Parker County Library, 201 N Fm 1187, Aledo, Texas 76008-4301, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The draft permit and statement of basis are available at the TCEQ Website:

[www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/tvnotice](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/tvnotice)

At the TCEQ central and regional offices, relevant supporting materials for the draft permit, as well as the New Source Review permits which have been incorporated by reference, may be reviewed and copied. Any person with difficulties obtaining these materials due to travel constraints may contact the TCEQ central office file room at (512) 239-2900.

**Public Comment/Notice and Comment Hearing.** Any person may submit written comments on the draft permit. Comments relating to the accuracy, completeness, and appropriateness of the permit conditions may result in changes to the draft permit.

**A person who may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the permitted area may request a notice and comment hearing.** The purpose of the notice and comment hearing is to provide an additional opportunity to submit comments on the draft permit. The permit may be changed based on comments pertaining to whether the permit provides for compliance with 30 TAC Chapter 122 (examples may include that the permit does not contain all applicable requirements or the public notice procedures were not satisfied). The TCEQ may grant a notice and comment hearing on the application if a written hearing request is received within 30 days after publication of the newspaper notice. The hearing request must include the basis for the request, including a description of how the person may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the application area. The request should also specify the conditions of the draft permit that are inappropriate or specify how the preliminary decision to issue or deny the permit is inappropriate. All reasonably ascertainable issues must be raised and all reasonably available arguments must be submitted by the end of the public comment period. If a notice and comment hearing is granted, all individuals that submitted written comments or a hearing request will receive written notice of the hearing. This notice will identify the date, time, and location for the hearing.

**Written public comments and/or requests for a notice and comment hearing should be submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or electronically at www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/ and be received within 30 days after the date of newspaper publication of this notice.** Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record.

**A notice of proposed final action that includes a response to comments and identification of any changes to the draft permit will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments, a hearing request, or requested to be on the mailing list for this application.** This mailing will also provide instructions for public petitions to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to request that the EPA object to the issuance of the proposed permit. After receiving a petition, the EPA may only object to the issuance of a permit which is not in compliance with the applicable requirements or the requirements of 30 TAC Chapter 122.

**Mailing List.** In addition to submitting public comments, a person may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Chief Clerk for this application.

**Information.** For additional information about this permit application or the permitting process, please contact the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Public Education Program, MC-108, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea informaci6n en Espa6ol, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained for Magellan Pipeline Terminals, L.P. by calling Mr. Eddie Heck at (918) 574-7324.

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**ORDER CALLING A BOND ELECTION AND NOTICE OF ELECTION**

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTIES OF PARKER AND TARRANT  
ALEDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Aledo Independent School District (the "District") deems it advisable to call the bond election hereinafter ordered (the "Election"); and

**WHEREAS**, the bond referendum is subject to the provisions of Section 45.003, Texas Education Code (the "Code"), and the District is contracting with each of Parker County, Texas and Tarrant County, Texas (individually, a "County" and jointly, the "Counties") for the administration of the Election pursuant to separate interlocal agreements with each County (individually, an "Election Contract" and jointly, the "Election Contracts"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Counties, acting through each of the Parker County Elections Administrator and the Tarrant County Elections Administrator (individually, an "Elections Administrator" and jointly, the "Elections Administrators") in accordance with each respective Election Contract, will provide for the administration of the Election; and

**WHEREAS**, it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Order was adopted was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ALEDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

**Section 1.** The statements contained in the preamble of this Order are true and correct and adopted as findings of fact and operative provisions hereof.

**Section 2. Election Ordered; Polling Places.** The Election shall be held in the District between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on May 6, 2023 ("Election Day"). The Election is to be conducted by the Counties, as provided by Chapter 271, Texas Election Code (the "Code"), and the Election Contract. On Election Day, voting for the Election shall occur during the hours stated above at the designated polling places as set forth in **Exhibit A** attached hereto, which exhibit is hereby made a part hereof for all intents and purposes. **Exhibit A** shall be modified to include additional or different Election Day polling places required to conform to the Election Contracts and the Code.

**Section 3. Early Voting.** Early voting shall be administered by the Counties. Early voting by personal appearance shall begin on April 24, 2023 and conclude on May 2, 2023, and will be conducted at the Early Voting locations on the dates and at the times specified in **Exhibit B** attached hereto. The early voting polling places shall remain open during such hours for early voting by personal appearance for any registered voter of the District at such voting place. **Exhibit B** shall be modified to include additional or different early voting polling places required to conform to the Election Contracts and the Code.

**Section 4. Election Officials.** The appointment of the Presiding Election Judges, Alternate Judges, Early Voting Clerks, the Presiding Judge of the early ballot board and other election officials for the Election shall be made by the Elections Administrators in accordance with the Election Contracts and the Code. The Elections Administrators may employ other personnel necessary for the proper administration of the Election, including such part-time help as is necessary to prepare for the Election, to ensure the timely delivery of supplies during early voting and on Election Day, and for the efficient tabulation of ballots at the central counting station. The Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent, the Chief Financial Officer, and the President, Vice President and Secretary of the Board to execute or attest on behalf of the District the Election Contracts with the Counties.

**Section 5. Voting by Mail.** Applications for voting by mail for all residents of the District shall be submitted as follows:

(a) Applications for voting by mail for all residents of the District residing in Parker County shall be submitted, prior to the applicable deadline prescribed by law, by (i) mail to Parker County Elections Office, PO Box 639, Weatherford, Texas 76086; (ii) facsimile to (817) 598-6183; or (iii) email to j.hasenjaeger@parker-countytx.com. If submitted by facsimile or email, a hard copy of the application must be mailed to the address shown in clause (i) within four days of sending the facsimile or email.

(b) Applications for voting by mail for all residents of the District residing in Tarrant County shall be submitted, prior to the applicable deadline prescribed by law, by (i) mail to Tarrant County Elections, PO Box 961011, Fort Worth, Texas 76161-0011 or (ii) email to votebymail@tarrantcounty.com. If submitted by email, a hard copy of the application must be mailed to the foregoing address within four days of sending the email. Applications for voting by mail for all Tarrant County residents of the District may also be submitted by Express Courier Delivery to Tarrant County Elections, 2700 Premier St., Fort Worth, Texas 76111-3011.

**Section 6. Early Voting Ballots.** An Early Voting Ballot Board shall be created to process early voting results of the Election and the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board shall be designated by the Elections Administrators. The Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board shall appoint two or more additional members to constitute the Early Voting Ballot Board members and, if needed, the Signature Verification Committee members required to efficiently process the early voting ballots.

**Section 7. Qualified Voters.** All qualified electors of and residing in the District shall be entitled to vote at the Election.

**Section 8. Proposition.** At the Election, the following PROPOSITION shall be submitted in accordance with law:

ALEDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION  
ALEDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A

Shall the Board of Trustees of the Aledo Independent School District be authorized to issue the bonds of the District, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of \$123,800,000 for the construction, renovation, acquisition and equipment of school facilities in the District (including, but not limited to, improvements to enhance safety and security), including the acquisition of land therefor and the acquisition of new school buses, with said bonds to mature within not to exceed 40 years from their date, bear interest, and be issued and sold, within the discretion of the Board of Trustees, in accordance with law at the time of issuance; and shall the Board of Trustees be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes, on all taxable property in the District, sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds, and the costs of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds?

**Section 9. Ballots.** The official ballots for the Election shall be prepared in accordance with the Code so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid PROPOSITION, with the ballots to contain such provisions, markings and language as required by law, and with such PROPOSITION to be expressed substantially as follows:

ALEDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION  
ALEDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A

FOR \_\_\_\_\_ ) THE ISSUANCE OF \$123,800,000 OF BONDS BY  
) THE ALEDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION,  
) ACQUISITION AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL  
AGAINST \_\_\_\_\_ ) FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT (INCLUDING,  
) BUT NOT LIMITED TO, IMPROVEMENTS TO  
) ENHANCE SAFETY AND SECURITY), INCLUD-  
) ING THE ACQUISITION OF LAND THEREFOR  
) AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW SCHOOL  
) BUSES, AND LEVYING THE TAX IN PAYMENT  
) THEREOF. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

**Section 10. Compliance with Federal Law.** In all respects, the Election shall be conducted in accordance with the Code. Pursuant to the federal Help America Vote Act ("HAVA") and the Code, at each polling place there shall be at least one voting system that is equipped for disabled individuals, and each such voting system shall be a system that has been certified by the Texas Secretary of State as compliant with HAVA and the Code. The District hereby finds that the voting system to be used by the Elections Administrators in administering the Election is such a system, and orders that such voting equipment or other equipment certified by the Texas Secretary of State shall be used by the District in the Election.

**Section 11.** The following information is provided in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.009(b), Texas Election Code.

(a) The proposition language that will appear on the ballot is set forth in Section 9 hereof.

(b) The purpose for which the bonds are to be authorized is set forth in Section 8 hereof.

(c) The principal amount of the debt obligations to be authorized is set forth in Section 8 hereof.

(d) If the bonds are approved by the voters, the Board will be authorized to levy annual ad valorem taxes, on all taxable property in the District, sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds and the cost of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds.

(e) Based upon the bond market conditions at the date of adoption of this Order, the maximum interest rate for any series of the bonds is estimated to be 5.50%. Such estimate takes into account a number of factors, including the issuance schedule, maturity schedule and the expected bond ratings of the proposed bonds. Such estimated maximum interest rate is provided as a matter of information, but is not a limitation on the interest rate at which the bonds, or any series thereof, may be sold.

(f) The bonds that are the subject of this Election shall mature serially or otherwise over a specified number of years (but not more than 40 years from their date), as prescribed by applicable Texas law, though the District estimates that, based on current bond market conditions, such bonds will amortize over a 30-year period from their respective date of issue.

(g) The aggregate amount of the outstanding principal of the District's debt obligations secured by debt service taxes as of the date of this Order is \$270,192,277.85.

(h) The aggregate amount of the outstanding interest of the District's debt obligations secured by debt service taxes as of the date of this Order is \$164,630,604.83.

(i) The ad valorem debt service tax rate for the District as of the date of this Order is \$0.425 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation.

(j) The website for the District (as the authority conducting the Election) is <https://www.aledoisd.org> and the websites for the Counties (as the entities administering the Election) are <https://www.parkercountytx.com/118/Elections> (Parker County) and <https://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/elections.html> (Tarrant County).

**ORDEN QUE CONVOCA UNA ELECCIÓN DE BONOS Y AVISO DE ELECCIÓN**

EL ESTADO DE TEXAS  
CONDADOS DE PARKER Y TARRANT  
DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE ALEDO

**VISTO** que la Junta de Regentes (la "Junta") del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Aledo (el "Distrito") considera aconsejable convocar la elección de bonos que se ordena a continuación (la "Elección"); y

**VISTO** que el referendo de bonos está sujeto a las disposiciones de la Sección 45.003 del Código de Educación de Texas (el "Código"), y que el Distrito contratará tanto con el Condado de Parker, Texas como con el Condado de Tarrant, Texas (individualmente, un "Condado"; conjuntamente, los "Condados") para la administración de la Elección conforme a acuerdos interlocales independientes con cada Condado (individualmente, un "Contrato Electoral"; conjuntamente, los "Contratos Electorales"); y

**VISTO** que los Condados, por medio del Administrador de Elecciones del Condado de Parker y el Administrador de Elecciones del Condado de Tarrant (individualmente, un "Administrador de Elecciones"; conjuntamente, los "Administradores de Elecciones"), de acuerdo con su respectivo Contrato Electoral, proveerán para la administración de la Elección; y

**VISTO** que por este medio se determina y declara oficialmente que la sesión en la cual esta Orden fue aprobada estaba abierta al público, y que se dio aviso público acerca del horario, el lugar y el propósito de dicha sesión, todo como se requiere en el Capítulo 551 del Código de Gobierno de Texas;

ENTONCES, POR LO TANTO, LA JUNTA DE REGENTES DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE ALEDO ORDENA:

**Sección 1.** Las declaraciones contenidas en el preámbulo de esta Orden son fidedignas y correctas y se adoptaron como determinaciones de hechos y disposiciones operativas en este caso.

**Sección 2. Elección ordenada;** sitios de votación. La Elección se celebrará en el Distrito entre las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m. del 6 de mayo de 2023 ("Día de las Elecciones"). Los Condados realizarán la Elección, como se dispone en el Capítulo 271 del Código Electoral de Texas (el "Código") y el Contrato Electoral. La votación para la Elección el Día de las Elecciones se llevará a cabo durante los horarios anteriormente mencionados en los sitios de votación designados como se establece en el **Anexo A** adjunto, el cual forma parte del presente para todos los propósitos y fines. El **Anexo A** deberá modificarse para incluir sitios de votación adicionales o diferentes para el Día de las Elecciones requeridos para cumplir los Contratos Electorales y el Código.

**Sección 3. Votación adelantada.** La votación adelantada será administrada por los Condados. La votación adelantada en persona comenzará el 24 de abril de 2023 y concluirá el 2 de mayo de 2023, y se llevará a cabo en los sitios de Votación Adelantada en las fechas y los horarios especificados en el **Anexo B** adjunto. Los sitios de votación para la votación adelantada deberán permanecer abiertos durante dichos horarios para la votación adelantada en persona de todo votante del Distrito registrado en dicho sitio de votación. El Anexo B deberá modificarse para incluir sitios de votación adicionales o diferentes para la votación adelantada requeridos para cumplir los Contratos Electorales y el Código.

**Sección 4. Funcionarios electorales.** La designación de los Jueces Presidentes de la Elección, los Jueces Suplentes, los Secretarios de Votación Adelantada, el Juez Presidente de la junta de votación adelantada y otros funcionarios electorales para la Elección deberá realizarla cada Administrador de Elecciones de acuerdo con los Contratos Electorales y el Código. Los Administradores de Elecciones podrán emplear todo otro personal necesario para la administración apropiada de la Elección, incluyendo toda ayuda a tiempo parcial como sea necesaria para preparar la Elección, asegurar la entrega oportuna de suministros durante la votación adelantada y el Día de las Elecciones, y para la tabulación eficiente de las boletas en la estación central de recuento de votos. Por el presente, la Junta autoriza al Superintendente, al Director Financiero General y al Presidente, al Vicepresidente y al Secretario de la Junta a celebrar o certifi-

car en nombre del Distrito los Contratos Electorales con los Condados.

**Sección 5. Votación por correo.** Las solicitudes para votar por correo para todos los residentes del Distrito deberán enviarse así:

(a) Las solicitudes para votar por correo para todos los residentes del Distrito que residen en el Condado de Parker deberán enviarse, antes de la fecha límite correspondiente dispuesta por la ley, (i) por correo postal a: Parker County Elections Office, PO Box 639, Weatherford, Texas 76086; (ii) por fax al (817) 598-6183; o (iii) por correo electrónico a j.hasenjaeger@parkercountytx.com. Si envía una solicitud por fax o correo electrónico, también debe enviar una copia impresa de la solicitud por correo postal a la dirección indicada en la cláusula (i) dentro de los cuatro días posteriores al envío del fax o correo electrónico.

(b) Las solicitudes para votar por correo para todos los residentes del Distrito que residen en el Condado de Tarrant deberán enviarse, antes de la fecha límite correspondiente dispuesta por la ley, (i) por correo postal a: Tarrant County Elections, PO Box 961011, Fort Worth, Texas 76161-0011; o (ii) por correo electrónico a votebymail@tarrantcounty.com. Si envía una solicitud por correo electrónico, también debe enviar una copia impresa de la solicitud por correo postal a la dirección anterior, dentro de los cuatro días posteriores al envío del correo electrónico. Las solicitudes para votar por correo para todos los residentes del Condado de Tarrant en el Distrito también pueden enviarse mediante entrega rápida por mensajería a: Tarrant County Elections, 2700 Premier St., Fort Worth, Texas 76111-3011.

**Sección 6. Boletas de votación adelantada.** Se creará una Junta de Boletas de Votación Adelantada para procesar los resultados de la votación adelantada de la Elección, y el Juez Presidente de la Junta de Boletas de Votación Adelantada deberá ser designado por los Administradores de Elecciones. El Juez Presidente de la Junta de Boletas de Votación Adelantada deberá designar dos o más miembros adicionales para constituir la membresía de la Junta de Boletas de Votación Adelantada y, de ser necesario, los miembros del Comité de Verificación de Firmas requeridos para procesar de manera eficiente las boletas de la votación adelantada.

**Sección 7. Votantes habilitados.** Todos los electores habilitados que residen en el Distrito tendrán derecho a votar en la Elección.

**Sección 8. Proposición.** En la Elección se someterá la siguiente PROPOSICIÓN de acuerdo con la ley:

ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE ALEDO  
PROPOSICIÓN A DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE ALEDO

¿Se autorizará a la Junta de Regentes del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Aledo a emitir bonos del Distrito, en una o más series, por un importe total de capital de \$123,800,000 para la construcción, la renovación, la adquisición y el equipamiento de instalaciones escolares en el Distrito (como, entre otras cosas, mejoras para incrementar la seguridad y la protección), lo que incluye la adquisición de terrenos para las mismas y de buses escolares nuevos, y dichos bonos vencerán a más tardar dentro de los 40 años de su fecha de emisión, devengarán interés y se emitirán y venderán, a criterio de la Junta de Regentes, de acuerdo con la ley vigente al momento de la emisión; y se autorizará a la Junta de Regentes a imponer y preñar, y a hacer que se evalúen y recauden, impuestos ad valorem anuales sobre todas las propiedades gravables en el Distrito, sin límites en cuanto a la tasa o el importe, suficientes para pagar el capital y el interés sobre los bonos y el costo de todo arreglo crediticio ejecutado en relación con los bonos?

**Sección 9. Boletas.** Las boletas oficiales para la Elección se prepararán de acuerdo con el Código a fin de permitir que los electores voten "A FAVOR" o "EN CONTRA" de la PROPOSICIÓN anteriormente mencionada, y las boletas contendrán dichas disposiciones, marcas y lenguaje exigidos por la ley, y dicha PROPOSICIÓN deberá expresarse sustancialmente como sigue:

ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE ALEDO  
PROPOSICIÓN A DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE ALEDO

A FAVOR \_\_\_\_\_ ) LA EMISIÓN DE BONOS POR EL IMPORTE DE  
) \$123,800,000 POR EL DISTRITO ESCOLAR  
) INDEPENDIENTE DE ALEDO PARA LA CON-  
EN CONTRA \_\_\_\_\_ ) STRUCCIÓN, LA RENOVACIÓN, LA ADQUISICIÓN  
) Y EL EQUIPAMIENTO DE INSTALACIONES  
) ESCOLARES EN EL DISTRITO (COMO, ENTRE  
) OTRAS COSAS, MEJORAS PARA INCREMENTAR  
) LA SEGURIDAD Y LA PROTECCIÓN), LO QUE  
) INCLUYE LA ADQUISICIÓN DE TERRENOS PARA  
) LAS MISMAS Y DE BUSES ESCOLARES NUE-  
) VOS, Y LA IMPOSICIÓN DE IMPUESTOS PARA EL  
) PAGO DE DICHOS BONOS. ESTO REPRESENTA  
) UN INCREMENTO EN EL IMPUESTO PREDIAL.

**Sección 10. Cumplimiento con la ley federal.** En todos los aspectos, la Elección se administrará de acuerdo con el Código. De acuerdo con la Ley Ayuda a América a Votar ("HAVA", por sus siglas en inglés) federal y el Código, en cada sitio de votación deberá haber por lo menos un sistema de votación dotado para personas discapacitadas, y cada uno de dichos sistemas de votación deberá haber sido certificado por el Secretario de Estado de Texas como un sistema que cumple con la ley HAVA y el Código. El Distrito por el presente determina que el sistema de votación a ser usado por los Administradores de Elecciones para administrar la Elección es tal sistema, y ordena que el Distrito deberá usar en la Elección dicho equipo de votación u otro equipo certificado por el Secretario de Estado de Texas.

**Sección 11.** La siguiente información se provee de acuerdo con las disposiciones de la Sección 3.009(b) del Código Electoral de Texas.

(a) El lenguaje de la proposición que aparecerá en la boleta se establece en la Sección 9 del presente.

(b) El propósito para el cual se autorizarán los bonos se establece en la Sección 8 del presente.

(c) El importe de capital de las obligaciones de deuda a autorizarse se establece en la Sección 8 del presente.

(d) De ser aprobados los bonos por los votantes, se autorizará a la Junta a imponer impuestos ad valorem anuales sobre todas las propiedades gravables en el Distrito, sin límites en cuanto a la tasa o el importe, suficientes para pagar el capital y el interés sobre los bonos y el costo de todo arreglo crediticio ejecutado en relación con los bonos.

(e) Dada la condición del mercado de bonos prevalente a la fecha de adopción de esta Orden, la tasa de interés máxima para cualquier serie de los bonos se estima que será del 5.50%. Dicho estimado considera varios factores, incluyendo el calendario de emisión, el calendario de vencimientos y la calificación prevista de los bonos propuestos. Dicha tasa de interés máxima estimada se provee con fines informativos, y no representa un límite en cuanto a la tasa de interés a la que se venderán los bonos, o cualquier serie de los mismos.

(f) Los bonos que son objeto de esta Elección vencerán en serie o de otro modo durante un número específico de años (pero no más de 40 años a partir de su fecha), según lo dispuesto por la ley de Texas correspondiente, aunque el Distrito estima que, dada la condición actual del mercado de bonos, dichos bonos se amortizarán durante un periodo de 30 años a partir de su respectiva fecha de emisión.

(g) El importe total del capital a pagar con respecto a las obligaciones de deuda del Distrito aseguradas por impuestos para servicio de deuda a la fecha de esta Orden es de \$270,192,277.85.

(h) El importe total del interés a pagar con respecto a las obligaciones de deuda del Distrito aseguradas por impuestos para servicio de deuda a la fecha de esta Orden es de \$164,630,604.83.

(i) La tasa de impuesto ad valorem para servicio de deuda del Distrito a la fecha de esta Orden es de \$0.425 por \$100 de valoración catastral gravable.

(j) El sitio web del Distrito (como la autoridad que lleva a cabo la Elección) es <https://www.aledoisd.org> y los sitios web de los Condados (como las entidades que administran la Elección) son <https://www.parkercountytx.com/118/Elections> (Condado de Parker) y <https://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/elections.html> (Condado de Tarrant).

## **B8** April 14, 2023 LỆNH KÊU GỌI MỘT CUỘC BẦU CỬ TRÁI PHIEU VÀ THÔNG BÁO VỀ BẦU CỬ

TIỂU BANG TEXAS  
CÁC QUẬN PARKER VÀ TARRANT  
HỌC KHU ĐỘC LẬP ALEDO

**XÉT RẰNG**, Ủy Ban Quản Trị (gọi tắt là “Ủy Ban”) Học Khu Độc Lập Aledo (gọi tắt là “Học Khu”) thấy rằng nên kêu gọi cuộc bầu cử trái phiếu theo lệnh dưới đây (gọi tắt là “Bầu cử”); và

**XÉT RẰNG**, cuộc trưng cầu dân ý về trái phiếu phải chiếu theo các điều khoản thuộc Phần 45.003, Bộ Luật Giáo Dục Texas, và Học khu hiện đang có hợp đồng với mỗi Quận Parker, Texas, và Quận Tarrant, Texas (gọi riêng là, một “Quận” và gọi chung, là “Các Quận”) để điều hành cuộc Bầu cử chiếu theo các thỏa thuận riêng giữa các địa phương với mỗi Quận (gọi riêng, là một “Hợp Đồng Bầu Cử” và gọi chung, là “Các Hợp Đồng Bầu Cử”); và

**XÉT RẰNG**, các Quận, hành động qua mỗi Quận Trị Viên Bầu Cử Quận Parker và Quận Trị Viên Bầu Cử Quận Tarrant (gọi riêng là, một “Quản Trị Viên Bầu Cử” và gọi chung, là “Các Quản Trị Viên Bầu Cử”) chiếu theo mỗi Hợp Đồng Bầu Cử tương ứng, sẽ cung cấp cho ban quản trị Bầu Cử; và

**XÉT RẰNG**, đã có sự phát hiện chính thức ở đây và xác định rằng buổi họp để áp dụng Sắc Lệnh này đã được mở ra cho công chúng, và đã có công bố về giờ giấc, địa điểm, và mục đích của cuộc họp, tất cả đều bắt buộc phải chiếu theo Bộ Luật Chính Phủ Texas, Chương 551.

**BẦY GIỜ, DO ĐÓ, CÓ LỆNH CỦA ỦY BAN QUẢN TRỊ THUỘC HỌC KHU ĐỘC LẬP ALEDO RẰNG:**

**Phần 1.** Các phát biểu trong lời mở đầu của Lệnh này là đúng sự thực và chính xác và được áp dụng theo các phát hiện về sự kiện và các điều khoản hoạt động của nó.

**Phần 2.** Ra Lệnh Bầu Cử; Những Nơi Bỏ Phiếu. Cuộc Bầu Cử sẽ được tổ chức ở Học khu trong khoảng giờ từ 7:00 sáng tới 7:00 tối vào ngày 6 Tháng Năm, 2023 (“Ngày Bầu Cử”). Cuộc Bầu cử sẽ được tiến hành bởi các Quận, như đã nêu trong Chương 271 thuộc Bộ Luật Bầu Cử Texas (gọi tắt là “Bộ Luật”), và các Hợp Đồng Bầu Cử. Việc Bỏ Phiếu, trong Ngày Bầu Cử, sẽ diễn ra vào các giờ giấc nêu trên tại các nơi bỏ phiếu đã được quy định như được nêu trong **Phụ Lục A** được đính kèm nơi đây, phụ lục này được thực hiện làm thành một phần cho mọi dụng ý và mục đích. **Phụ Lục A** sẽ được bổ sung để bao gồm thêm các nơi bỏ phiếu hoặc nơi khác vào Ngày Bầu Cử theo đòi hỏi cho phù hợp với Hợp Đồng Bầu Cử và Bộ Luật.

**Phần 3.** Bỏ Phiếu Sớm. Việc bỏ phiếu sớm sẽ được điều hành bởi các Quận. Bỏ phiếu sớm qua việc đến tận nơi sẽ bắt đầu vào ngày 24 Tháng Tư, 2023 và kết thúc vào ngày 2 Tháng Năm, 2023, và sẽ được tiến hành tại các địa điểm bỏ phiếu sớm vào các ngày và giờ được nêu trong **Phụ Lục B** đính kèm ở đây. Nơi bỏ phiếu sớm sẽ vẫn mở cửa vào các giờ giấc này cho bất cứ cử tri nào đã đăng ký đến tận nơi để bỏ phiếu sớm của Học khu tại địa điểm bỏ phiếu nói trên. **Phụ Lục B** sẽ được bổ sung để bao gồm thêm các nơi bỏ phiếu sớm hoặc nơi khác theo đòi hỏi cho phù hợp với các Hợp Đồng Bầu Cử và Bộ Luật.

**Phần 4.** Các Viên Chức Bầu Cử. Việc chỉ định các Thẩm Phán Chủ Trì Bầu Cử, các Thẩm Phán Khác, Thư Ký Bỏ Phiếu Sớm, Thẩm Phán Chủ Trì của ủy ban bỏ phiếu sớm và các viên chức bầu cử khác cho cuộc Bầu Cử sẽ được Quản trị Viên Bầu Cử thực hiện chiếu theo Hợp Đồng Bầu Cử và Bộ Luật. Quản Trị Viên Bầu Cử có thể dùng nhân viên khác cần cho việc điều hành thích hợp cuộc Bầu Cử, bao gồm phụ giúp bán thời gian nếu cần để chuẩn bị cho cuộc Bầu Cử, để đảm bảo chuyển giao đúng thời hạn các đồ tiếp liệu trong thời gian bỏ phiếu sớm và vào Ngày Bầu Cử, và cho việc lập bảng các lá phiếu hữu hiệu cho các cuộc bỏ phiếu tại trạm đếm phiếu trung tâm. Theo đây, Hội đồng ủy quyền cho Giám Đốc Học Khu, Giám Đốc Điều Hành Tài chính, và Chủ tịch, Phó Chủ Tịch và Thư Ký của Hội đồng thi hành hoặc chứng thực thay mặt Khu vực ký kết các Hợp Đồng Bầu Cử với các Quận.

**Phần 5.** Bỏ Phiếu qua Thư. Đơn xin bỏ phiếu qua thư cho tất cả cư dân của Học Khu sẽ được nộp như sau:

(a) Đơn xin bỏ phiếu qua thư cho tất cả cư dân của Quận cư trú tại Quận Parker phải được gửi, trước thời hạn áp dụng theo quy định của pháp luật, bằng cách (i) gửi thư đến Parker County Elections Office (Văn Phòng Bầu Cử Quận Parker), PO Box 639, Weatherford, Texas 76086; (ii) fax tới (817) 598-6183; hoặc (iii) gửi email tới j.hasenjaeger@parkercountytx.com. Nếu được gửi bằng fax hoặc email, bản sao trên giấy của đơn đăng ký phải được gửi đến địa chỉ nêu trong khoản (i) trong vòng bốn ngày kể từ ngày gửi fax hoặc email.

(b) Đơn xin bỏ phiếu qua đường bưu điện cho tất cả cư dân của Quận cư trú tại Quận Tarrant phải được gửi, trước thời hạn chót áp dụng theo quy định của pháp luật, bằng cách (i) gửi thư tới Tarrant County Elections (Cơ Quan Bầu Cử Quận Tarrant), PO Box 961011, Fort Worth, Texas 76161-0011; hoặc (ii) gửi email đến [votebymail@tarrantcounty.com](mailto:votebymail@tarrantcounty.com). Nếu được gửi qua email, một bản sao trên giấy của đơn xin phải được gửi đến địa chỉ nêu trên trong vòng bốn ngày kể từ ngày gửi email. Đơn xin bỏ phiếu qua thư cho tất cả cư dân Quận Tarrant của Học khu cũng có thể được gửi bằng Chuyển Phát Nhanh đến Tarrant County Elections (Bầu Cử Quận Tarrant), 2700 Premier St., Fort Worth, Texas 76111-3011.

**Phần 6.** Các Lá Phiếu của Cuộc Bỏ Phiếu Sớm. Ủy Ban Lá Phiếu của Cuộc Bỏ Phiếu Sớm sẽ được thành lập để xử lý các kết quả bỏ phiếu sớm của cuộc Bầu Cử, và Thẩm Phán Chủ Tọa của Ủy Ban Lá Phiếu của Cuộc Bỏ Phiếu Sớm sẽ được các Quận Trị Viên Bầu Cử chỉ định. Thẩm Phán Chủ Tọa của Ủy Ban Lá Phiếu của Cuộc Bỏ Phiếu Sớm sẽ chỉ định từ hai thành viên trở lên để thành lập các thành viên của Ủy Ban Lá Phiếu Bỏ Phiếu Sớm và, nếu cần, cần phải có chữ ký các thành viên của Ủy Ban Xác Nhận Chữ Ký để xử lý hữu hiệu các lá phiếu bỏ phiếu sớm.

**Phần 7.** Các cử tri hội đủ điều kiện. Tất cả những người bỏ phiếu hội đủ điều kiện và cư ngụ tại Học khu, sẽ được quyền bỏ phiếu tại cuộc bầu cử.

**Phần 8.** Để xuất. Tại cuộc bầu cử, **ĐỂ XUẤT** sau đây sẽ được nộp lên chiếu theo luật pháp:

**BẦU CỬ ĐẶC BIỆT HỌC KHU ĐỘC LẬP ALEDO**

**ĐỂ XUẤT A HỌC KHU ĐỘC LẬP ALEDO**

Liệu Ủy Ban Quản Trị của Học Khu Độc Lập Aledo có được phép phát hành trái phiếu của Học Khu, theo một hoặc nhiều đợt, với số tiền vốn gộp là \$123,800,000 nhằm mục đích xây dựng, trùng tu, tiếp thu và trang bị cho các cơ sở của trường học trong Học khu, (bao gồm, nhưng không chỉ giới hạn ở, việc cải tiến để gia tăng sự an toàn và an ninh), bao gồm việc tiếp thu đất đai cho việc đó, và tiếp thu các xe buýt trường học mới, bằng các trái phiếu nói trên cho tới khi đáo hạn trong vòng không quá 40 năm kể từ ngày cấp của nó, có lãi, và được cấp và bán theo sự tùy tiện của Ủy Ban Quản Trị, chiếu theo luật vào lúc phát hành; và liệu Ủy Ban Quản Trị có được phép đánh thuế và cầm cố, và khiến cho phải bị đánh giá và thu thập, các loại thuế địa ốc và tài sản hàng năm, đối với tất cả các tài sản có thể đánh thuế được trong Học khu, đầy đủ, mà không giới hạn tới mức giá hoặc số tiền, để trả tiền vốn và tiền lãi cho các trái phiếu nói trên, và các chi phí của bất cứ các thỏa thuận nào về tín dụng đã được thi hành có liên quan tới trái phiếu?

**Phần 9.** Các lá phiếu. Các lá phiếu chính thức cho cuộc bầu cử sẽ được chuẩn bị cho phù hợp với Bộ Luật để cho phép các cử tri được bỏ phiếu “THUẬN” hoặc “CHỐNG” đối với các **ĐỂ XUẤT**, nêu trên lá phiếu có các điều khoản này, các đánh dấu và ngôn ngữ theo đòi hỏi của luật pháp, và với **ĐỂ XUẤT** như thế này sẽ được mô tả thực chất như sau:

**BẦU CỬ ĐẶC BIỆT HỌC KHU ĐỘC LẬP ALEDO**

**ĐỂ XUẤT A HỌC KHU ĐỘC LẬP ALEDO**

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) VIỆC PHÁT HÀNH TRÁI PHIEU TRỊ  
) GIÁ \$123.800.000 ĐÒ LA CỦA KHU HỌC  
) CHÁNH ĐỘC LẬP ALEDO ĐỂ XÂY DỰNG,  
) TRÙNG TU, TIẾP THU VÀ TRANG BỊ CHO  
THUẬN \_\_\_\_\_) CÁC CƠ SỞ CỦA TRƯỜNG HỌC TRONG  
) HỌC KHU, (BAO GỒM, NHƯNG KHÔNG  
) CHỈ GIỚI HẠN Ở, VIỆC CẢI TIẾN ĐỂ  
CHỐNG \_\_\_\_\_) GIA TĂNG SỰ AN TOÀN VÀ AN NINH),  
) BAO GỒM VIỆC TIẾP THU ĐẤT ĐAI CHO  
) VIỆC ĐÓ, VÀ TIẾP THU CÁC XE BUÝT  
) TRƯỜNG HỌC MỚI, VÀ ĐÁNH THUẾ  
) KHI THANH TOÁN. ĐÂY LÀ MỘT SỰ GIA  
) TĂNG THUẾ BẤT ĐỘNG SẢN.

**Phần 10.** Tuân thủ theo Luật Liên Bang. Về mọi phương diện, cuộc Bầu Cử sẽ được tiến hành chiếu theo Bộ Luật. Chiếu theo Đạo Luật Giúp Cho Người Mỹ Bỏ Phiếu (“HAVA”) của liên bang và Bộ Luật, tại mỗi nơi bỏ phiếu sẽ có ít nhất một hệ thống bỏ phiếu được trang bị cho những người bị khuyết tật, và mỗi hệ thống bỏ phiếu như vậy sẽ là một hệ thống đã được xác nhận bởi Bộ Trưởng Tiểu Bang Texas tuân thủ theo HAVA và Bộ Luật. Học Khu ở đây thấy rằng hệ thống bỏ phiếu sẽ được Điều Phối Viên Bầu Cử sử dụng trong việc điều hành cuộc Bầu Cử là một hệ thống, và có lệnh là dụng cụ bỏ phiếu đó hoặc dụng cụ khác đã được chứng nhận bởi Bộ Trưởng Tiểu Bang Texas sẽ được Học Khu dùng trong các cuộc Bầu Cử.

**Phần 11.** Thông tin sau đây được cung cấp chiếu theo các điều khoản của Phần 3.009(b), Bộ Luật Bầu Cử Texas.

- (a) Ngôn ngữ trong đề xuất sẽ xuất hiện trên lá phiếu được đặt ra trong Phần 9 ở đây.
- (b) Mục đích mà các trái phiếu sẽ được cho phép được nêu ra trong Phần 8 ở đây.
- (c) Số tiền vốn của các nghĩa vụ nợ để được cho phép có nêu trong Phần 8 ở đây.
- (d) Nếu các trái phiếu được cử tri chấp thuận, Ủy Ban Quản Trị sẽ được phép đánh thuế hàng năm đối với nhà đất, trên tất cả các tài sản có thể đánh thuế được trong Học Khu, đầy đủ, mà không giới hạn tới mức giá hoặc số tiền, để trả cho tiền vốn và tiền lãi trên các trái phiếu và chi phí của bất cứ các thỏa thuận nào về tín dụng được thi hành có liên quan tới trái phiếu.
- (e) Dựa trên các tình trạng về trái phiếu trên thị trường vào ngày áp dụng Lệnh này, mức lãi tối đa cho bất cứ đợt trái phiếu nào được ước lượng là 5.50%. Con số ước lượng này có kế vào một số yếu tố, bao gồm lịch biểu phát hành, lịch biểu đáo hạn và các mức giá trái phiếu dự kiến của các trái phiếu theo đề nghị. Mức lãi tối đa đã được ước lượng như vậy được đưa ra chỉ nhằm thông tin mà thôi, mà không phải là một giới hạn về mức lãi mà các Trái phiếu, hoặc bất cứ đợt nào bởi đó, có thể được đem bán.
- (f) Các trái phiếu là đối tượng của Cuộc bầu cử này sẽ đáo hạn theo trình tự hoặc theo cách khác trong một số năm cụ thể (nhưng không quá 40 năm kể từ ngày), theo quy định của luật Texas hiện hành, mặc dù Học Khu ước tính rằng, dựa trên điều kiện thị trường trái phiếu hiện tại, trái phiếu như vậy sẽ khấu hao trong khoảng thời gian 30 năm kể từ ngày phát hành tương ứng.
- (g) Tổng số tiền gốc chưa thanh toán của các nghĩa vụ nợ của Học khu được bảo đảm bằng thuế dịch vụ nợ tính đến ngày của Lệnh này là \$270,192,277.85.
- (h) Tổng số tiền lãi chưa thanh toán thuộc các nghĩa vụ nợ của Học khu được bảo đảm bằng thuế dịch vụ nợ tính đến ngày của Lệnh này là \$164,630,604.83.
- (i) Mức thuế dịch vụ đánh vào khoản nợ thuế nhà đất cho Học Khu kể từ ngày ra Lệnh này là \$0.425 mỗi \$100 giá trị đã được định giá tính thuế.
- (j) Trang web của Học Khu (với tư cách là cơ quan tiến hành Cuộc bầu cử) là <https://www.aledoisd.org> và trang web của các Quận (với tư cách là cơ quan quản lý Cuộc bầu cử) là <https://www.parkercountytx.com/118/Elections> (Quận Parker) và <https://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/elections.html> (Quận Tarrant).

### **Exhibit A (Anexo A) (Phụ lục A)**

#### **Polling Places and Hours (Sitios y horarios de votación) (Các Nơi Và Giờ Giấc Bỏ Phiếu)**

#### **Election Day Polling Places and Hours (Sitios y horarios el Día de las Elecciones) (Các Nơi Và Giờ Giấc Bỏ Phiếu Vào Ngày Bầu Cử)**

May 6, 2023  
7:00 am - 7:00 pm  
06 de mayo de 2023  
De 07:00 a.m. a 07:00 p.m.  
Ngày 6 tháng 5 năm 2023  
7:00 sáng - 7:00 tối

#### **Parker County**

Parker County Courthouse Annex (Annex Kitchen)	1112 Santa Fe Dr	Weatherford, 76086
Springtown Senior Center (Community Room)	1070 N Main St	Springtown, 76082
Peaster ISD Rock Gym (Back Room of Gym)	8512 FM RD 920	Peaster, 76088
Aledo ISD Admin Building (Louden Room)	1008 Bailey Ranch Rd	Aledo, 76008
Hudson Oaks Public Safety Building (Training Room)	150 N Oakridge Dr	Hudson Oaks, 76087
Azle City Hall (Community Room)	505 W Main St	Azle, 76020
PCT 3 County Barn (Break Room)	1111 FM RD 1189	Brock, 76087
Millsap Community Center	104 Fannin St.	Millsap, 76066
Walsh Athletic Club (Movement Studio)	13757 Assembly Park Dr	Fort Worth, 76008
Garner ISD (Ryan Gymnasium)	2222 Garner School Rd	Weatherford, 76088

### **Exhibit B (Anexo B) (Phụ lục B)**

#### **Early Voting Polling Locations, Dates and Hours (Lugares, fechas y horarios de votación adelantada) (Địa điểm bỏ phiếu sớm, ngày và giờ)**

#### **Parker County**

Main Early Voting Site  
Parker County Courthouse Annex (Annex Kitchen)  
1112 Santa Fe Dr.  
Weatherford, 76086

Springtown Senior Center (Community Room)	1070 N Main St	Springtown, 76082
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Monday, April 24, 2023 (Lunes 24 de abril de 2023)	8:00AM-5:00PM
Tuesday, April 25, 2023 (Martes 25 de abril de 2023)	8:00AM-5:00PM
Wednesday, April 26, 2023 (Miercols 26 de abril de 2023)	8:00AM-5:00PM
Thursday, April 27, 2023 (Jueves 27 de abril de 2023)	8:00AM-5:00PM
Friday, April 28, 2023 (Viernes 28 de abril de 2023)	8:00AM-5:00PM
Saturday, April 29, 2023 (Sabado 29 de abril de 2023)	CLOSED (CERRADA)
Sunday, April 30, 2023 (Domingo 30 de abril de 2023)	CLOSED (CERRADA)
Monday, May 1, 2023 (Lunes 1 de mayo de 2023)	7:00AM-7:00PM
Tuesday, May 2, 2023 (Martes 2 de mayo de 2023)	7:00AM-7:00PM

### **Tarrant County**

**There are no Election Day Voting Locations within the Aledo Independent School District  
(No hay lugares de votación el día de las elecciones dentro del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Aledo)  
(Không có Địa điểm Bỏ phiếu Ngày Bầu cử trong Khu học chánh Độc lập Aledo)**

#### **Election Day Voting Locations in Tarrant County**

Qualified voters of the Aledo Independent School District may vote on election day at any voting center designated by Tarrant County. Polling locations are subject to change. A complete list of such voting centers can be viewed at [https://www.tarrantcountytx.gov/content/dam/main/elections/2023/0523/locations/0523\\_Vote\\_Center\\_Locations.pdf](https://www.tarrantcountytx.gov/content/dam/main/elections/2023/0523/locations/0523_Vote_Center_Locations.pdf). In addition, voters may call Tarrant County Elections Administration at the following number to locate polling locations: 817-831-8683.

#### **Sitios de votación el día de las elecciones en el Condado de Tarrant**

Los votantes habilitados del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Aledo pueden votar el día de las elecciones en cualquier centro de votación designado por el Condado de Tarrant. Los sitios de votación están sujetos a cambio. Para ver el listado completo de dichos centros de votación, visite [https://www.tarrantcountytx.gov/content/dam/main/elections/2023/0523/locations/0523\\_Vote\\_Center\\_Locations.pdf](https://www.tarrantcountytx.gov/content/dam/main/elections/2023/0523/locations/0523_Vote_Center_Locations.pdf). Además, los votantes pueden llamar a la Administración de Elecciones del Condado de Tarrant al siguiente número para ubicar los sitios de votación: 817-831-8683.

#### **Địa điểm Bỏ phiếu Ngày Bầu cử tại Quận Tarrant**

Các cử tri đủ điều kiện của Khu học chánh độc lập Aledo có thể bỏ phiếu vào ngày bầu cử tại bất kỳ trung tâm bỏ phiếu nào do Quận Tarrant chỉ định. Địa điểm bỏ phiếu có thể thay đổi. Bạn có thể xem danh sách đầy đủ các trung tâm bỏ phiếu như vậy tại [https://www.tarrantcountytx.gov/content/dam/main/elections/2023/0523/locations/0523\\_Vote\\_Center\\_Locations.pdf](https://www.tarrantcountytx.gov/content/dam/main/elections/2023/0523/locations/0523_Vote_Center_Locations.pdf). Ngoài ra, cử tri có thể gọi cho Cơ quan Bầu cử Quận Tarrant theo số điện thoại sau để xác định địa điểm bỏ phiếu: 817-831-8683.

### **Tarrant County**

**There are no Early Voting Locations within the Aledo Independent School District  
(No hay lugares de votación anticipada dentro del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Aledo)  
(Không có địa điểm bỏ phiếu sớm trong Khu học chánh độc lập Aledo)**

#### **Early Voting Locations in Tarrant County**

Qualified voters of the Aledo Independent School District may vote during early voting at any early voting polling location designated by Tarrant County. Polling locations are subject to change. A complete list of such early voting polling locations can be viewed at [https://www.tarrantcountytx.gov/content/dam/main/elections/2023/0523/locations/0523\\_EV\\_Sched.pdf](https://www.tarrantcountytx.gov/content/dam/main/elections/2023/0523/locations/0523_EV_Sched.pdf). In addition, voters may call Tarrant County Elections Administration at the following number to locate polling locations: 817-831-8683.

#### **Lugares de votación anticipada en el condado de Tarrant**

Los votantes calificados del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Aledo pueden votar durante la votación anticipada en cualquier lugar de votación anticipada designado por el condado de Tarrant. Los lugares de votación están sujetos a cambios. Se puede ver una lista completa de dichos lugares de votación anticipada en [https://www.tarrantcountytx.gov/content/dam/main/elections/2023/0523/locations/0523\\_EV\\_Sched.pdf](https://www.tarrantcountytx.gov/content/dam/main/elections/2023/0523/locations/0523_EV_Sched.pdf). Además, los votantes pueden llamar a la Administración de Elecciones del Condado de Tarrant al siguiente número para ubicar los lugares de votación: 817-831-8683.

#### **Các Địa Điểm Bỏ Phiếu Sớm ở Quận Tarrant**

Các cử tri đủ điều kiện của Khu học chánh độc lập Aledo có thể bỏ phiếu trong quá trình bỏ phiếu sớm tại bất kỳ địa điểm bỏ phiếu sớm nào do Quận Tarrant chỉ định. Địa điểm bỏ phiếu có thể thay đổi. Bạn có thể xem danh sách đầy đủ các địa điểm bỏ phiếu sớm như vậy tại [https://www.tarrantcountytx.gov/content/dam/main/elections/2023/0523/locations/0523\\_EV\\_Sched.pdf](https://www.tarrantcountytx.gov/content/dam/main/elections/2023/0523/locations/0523_EV_Sched.pdf). Ngoài ra, cử tri có thể gọi cho Cơ quan Bầu cử Quận Tarrant theo số điện thoại sau để xác định địa điểm bỏ phiếu: 817-831-8683.

April (Abril) (Tháng Tư) 24-28	Monday-Friday (Lunes - Viernes) (Thứ Hai - Thứ Sáu)	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
April (Abril) (Tháng Tư) 29	Saturday (Sábado) (Thứ Bảy)	7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
April (Abril) (Tháng Tư) 30	Sunday (Domingo) (Chủ Nhật)	10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
May (Mayo) (Tháng Năm) 1-2	Monday - Tuesday (Lunes-Martes) (Thứ Hai - Thứ Ba)	7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

**Voter Information Document – Aledo Independent School District Special Election Proposition A**

The following information is prepared to comply with Tex. H.B. 477 86th Leg., R.S. (2019). The information is not a part of the proposition to be voted on and does not create a contract with the voters.

**Ballot Information:** At the Election, the following language will appear on the ballot:

ALEDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION  
ALEDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A

FOR \_\_\_\_\_ ) THE ISSUANCE OF \$123,800,000 OF BONDS BY THE ALEDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, ACQUISITION AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, IMPROVEMENTS TO ENHANCE SAFETY AND SECURITY), INCLUDING THE ACQUISITION OF LAND THEREFOR AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW SCHOOL BUSES, AND LEVYING THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

AGAINST \_\_\_\_\_ )

The following table sets forth the estimated principal amount of, and interest due to maturity on, the bonds to be issued if Proposition A passes, and all outstanding obligations of the District secured by and payable from ad valorem taxes.

Principal Amount of Bonds to be authorized	Estimated interest for Bonds to be authorized <sup>(1)</sup>	Estimated Combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full the Bonds to be authorized <sup>(1)</sup>	Principal of District's Existing Outstanding Debt (as of 2/13/23)	Remaining interest on District's Existing Outstanding Debt (as of 2/13/23)	Combined Principal and Interest to timely pay District's Outstanding Debt (as of 2/13/23)
\$123,800,000.00	\$148,853,642.50	\$272,653,642.50	\$270,192,277.85	\$164,630,604.83	\$434,822,882.68

(1) The interest on the proposed bonds was estimated at a rate of 5.50% based on market conditions as of February 13, 2023, and therefore, the interest payable on the proposed bonds may be less than, or more than, the amounts set forth above based on market conditions at the time of sale of the proposed bonds.

Based on the information and assumptions provided in the table above, the estimated maximum annual increase in the amount of taxes that would be imposed on a residence homestead in the District with an appraised value of \$100,000 to repay the proposed bonds, if approved, is \$15.00. This estimate assumes growth of the District's taxable assessed valuation at a rate of 12.50% in tax year 2023 and 0.00% thereafter. The District assumes that the proposed bonds will be issued in an amortization that will produce relatively over-all consistent levels of debt service in each year, while taking into account the District's existing debt amortization schedule.

**Documento Informativo para Votantes – Elección Especial del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Aledo Proposición A**

La siguiente información tiene la finalidad de cumplir con Tex. H.B. 477 86th Leg., R.S. (2019). La información no forma parte de la proposición que se somete a votación y no representa un contrato con los votantes.

**Información de la boleta:** En la Elección, el siguiente lenguaje aparecerá en la boleta:

ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE ALEDO

A FAVOR \_\_\_\_\_ ) PROPOSICIÓN A DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE ALEDO

EN CONTRA \_\_\_\_\_ ) LA EMISIÓN DE BONOS POR EL IMPORTE DE \$123,800,000 POR EL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE ALEDO PARA LA CONSTRUCCIÓN, LA RENOVACIÓN, LA ADQUISICIÓN Y EL EQUIPAMIENTO DE INSTALACIONES ESCOLARES EN EL DISTRITO (COMO, ENTRE OTRAS COSAS, MEJORAS PARA INCREMENTAR LA SEGURIDAD Y LA PROTECCIÓN), LO QUE INCLUYE LA ADQUISICIÓN DE TERRENOS PARA LAS MISMAS Y DE BUSES ESCOLARES NUEVOS, Y LA IMPOSICIÓN DE IMPUESTOS PARA EL PAGO DE DICHO BONOS. ESTO REPRESENTA UN INCREMENTO EN EL IMPUESTO PREDIAL.

LA SIGUIENTE TABLA ESTABLECE UNA ESTIMACIÓN DEL IMPORTE DE CAPITAL Y DEL INTERÉS ADEUDADO AL MOMENTO DEL VENCIMIENTO SOBRE LOS BONOS A EMITIRSE DE APROBARSE LA PROPOSICIÓN A, Y TODAS LAS OBLIGACIONES PENDIENTES DEL DISTRITO GARANTIZADAS Y PAGADERAS CON FONDOS PROVENIENTES DE IMPUESTOS AD VALOREM.

Importe de capital de los Bonos a autorizarse	Interés estimado de los Bonos a autorizarse <sup>(1)</sup>	Capital e interés combinados estimados requeridos para pagar a tiempo y en su totalidad los Bonos a autorizarse <sup>(1)</sup>	Capital con respecto a las deudas pendientes existentes del Distrito (al 13 de febrero de 2023)	Interés restante con respecto a las deudas pendientes existentes del Distrito (al 13 de febrero de 2023)	Capital e interés combinados para pagar a tiempo las deudas pendientes del Distrito (al 13 de febrero de 2023)
\$123,800,000.00	\$148,853,642.50	\$272,653,642.50	\$270,192,277.85	\$164,630,604.83	\$434,822,882.68

(1) El interés sobre los bonos propuestos se calculó a una tasa del 5.50% según la condición del mercado al 13 de febrero de 2023 y, por lo tanto, el interés a pagar sobre los bonos propuestos puede ser menor o mayor que los montos establecidos anteriormente en función de la condición del mercado al momento de la venta de los bonos propuestos.

Con base en la información y las suposiciones proporcionadas en la tabla anterior, el aumento anual máximo estimado en el monto de impuestos que se impondría a una residencia familiar en el Distrito avaluada en \$100,000 para pagar los bonos propuestos, de ser aprobados, será de \$15.00. Este estimado supone un crecimiento de la valoración catastral gravable del Distrito a una tasa del 12.50% en el año fiscal 2023 y del 0.00% posteriormente. El Distrito supone que los bonos propuestos se emitirán en una amortización que, en general, producirá niveles relativamente estables para servicio de deuda cada año, considerando el calendario de amortización de la deuda existente del Distrito.

**Tài Liệu Thông Tin Cử Tri – Cuộc Bầu Cử Đặc Biệt Của Học Khu Độc Lập Aledo Đề Xuất A**

Thông tin sau đây được chuẩn bị để tuân thủ Tex. H.B. 477 86th Leg., R.S. (2019). Thông tin không phải là một phần của đề xuất sẽ được bỏ phiếu và không tạo ra hợp đồng với cử tri.

**Thông Tin Lá Phiếu:** Tại Cuộc Bầu cử, ngôn ngữ sau sẽ xuất hiện trên lá phiếu:

BẦU CỬ ĐẶC BIỆT HỌC KHU ĐỘC LẬP ALEDO  
ĐỀ XUẤT A HỌC KHU ĐỘC LẬP ALEDO

THUẬN \_\_\_\_\_ ) VIỆC PHÁT HÀNH TRÁI PHIẾU TRỊ GIÁ \$123.800.000 ĐÓ LA CỦA KHU HỌC CHÁNH ĐỘC LẬP ALEDO ĐỂ XÂY DỰNG, TRỪNG TU, TIẾP THU VÀ TRANG BỊ CHO CÁC CƠ SỞ CỦA TRƯỜNG HỌC TRONG HỌC KHU, (BAO GỒM, NHƯNG KHÔNG CHỈ GIỚI HẠN Ở, VIỆC CẢI TIẾN ĐỂ GIA TĂNG SỰ AN TOÀN VÀ AN NINH), BAO GỒM VIỆC TIẾP THU ĐẤT ĐAI CHO VIỆC ĐÓ, VÀ TIẾP THU CÁC XE BUÝT TRƯỜNG HỌC MỚI, VÀ ĐÁNH THUẾ KHI THANH TOÁN. ĐÂY LÀ MỘT SỰ GIA TĂNG THUẾ BẤT ĐỘNG SẢN.

CHỐNG \_\_\_\_\_ )

Bảng sau đây trình bày số tiền gốc ước tính và tiền lãi đến hạn, trái phiếu sẽ được phát hành nếu Đề xuất A được thông qua, và tất cả các nghĩa vụ chưa thanh toán của Học Khu được bảo đảm và phải trả từ thuế theo giá trị được đánh giá.

Số tiền gốc của các Trái phiếu được ủy quyền	Lãi suất ước tính cho các Trái phiếu được ủy quyền <sup>(1)</sup>	Ước tính tiền gốc và lãi kết hợp cần phải trả đúng hạn và đầy đủ của Trái phiếu sẽ được ủy quyền <sup>(1)</sup>	Tiền Gốc của Khoản Nợ Hiện Tại của Học Khu (kể từ 13/2/2023)	Lãi Suất Còn Lại Đối Với Khoản Nợ Hiện Tại Học Khu (kể từ 13/2/2023)	Tiền Gốc và Lãi Kết Hợp Để Thanh Toán Kịp Thời Khoản Nợ Chưa Thanh Toán của Học Khu (kể từ 13/2/2023)
\$123,800,000.00	\$148,853,642.50	\$272,653,642.50	\$270,192,277.85	\$164,630,604.83	\$434,822,882.68

(1) Lãi suất trên trái phiếu được đề xuất được ước tính ở mức 5.50% dựa trên điều kiện thị trường vào ngày 13 Tháng Hai, 2023, và do đó, tiền lãi phải trả cho trái phiếu được đề xuất có thể thấp hơn hoặc nhiều hơn số tiền quy định ở trên dựa trên điều kiện thị trường tại thời điểm bán trái phiếu được đề xuất.

Dựa trên thông tin và các giả định được cung cấp trong bảng trên, mức tăng tối đa ước tính hàng năm về số thuế sẽ được áp dụng đối với nhà ở tại Học Khu với giá trị thẩm định là \$100.000 đó là để hoàn trả trái phiếu được đề xuất, nếu được chấp thuận, là \$15.00. Ước tính này giả định mức tăng của giá trị thẩm định chịu thuế của Học Khu với tỷ lệ 12.50% trong năm tính thuế 2023 và 0.00% sau đó. Học khu giả định rằng các trái phiếu được đề xuất sẽ được phát hành theo hình thức trả dần sẽ tạo ra mức trả nợ tổng thể tương đối nhất quán trong mỗi năm, đồng thời có tính đến lịch trình trả dần nợ hiện tại của Học khu.

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BASEBALL

# Consistency continues to be struggle for the Bearcats

By **Ryan Wade**  
The Community News

After a hot start to the 2023 season, the Aledo Bearcats (15-9 overall) have been up and down since starting district play back in March and have a 4-3 league mark in 5-5A.

This week was much the same. After being shut out 8-0 by Saginaw at home on April 4, the Bearcats returned the favor with a 7-0 shutout of the Rough Riders on the road on Thursday, April 6. Following the 4-2 road loss to Northwest on Tuesday, April 11, the Bearcats have yet to string a pair of wins together in the month of April.

## Late rally leads Texans to victory

Ryan Jones got the Bearcats on the board early when he scored from second on a single to left by Brennon Evans. With head coach Chad Barry waiving him home, Jones motored around third to beat the throw home for the score as Aledo went up 1-0 in the top of the second.

Luke Saunders spun a gem on the hill for Aledo to keep the Bearcats on top with a one-run cushion through the first four frames of the game.

In the bottom of the fifth, Northwest managed to tie the game up at 1-1. Saunders walked the leadoff batter before quickly collecting a pair of outs. Just when it appeared Aledo would make it out of the inning unscathed, a throwing error allowed the runner to score all the way from first.

Saunders finished out the frame with no other damage done. He left the game at the end of the fifth not having surrendered an earned run in the

game on just two hits while striking out five.

The Texans made the most of the home half of the sixth to go up by three runs with the Bearcats having just three outs remaining to make something happen.

In the top of the seventh, patience made the difference at the plate for Aledo. With two outs already recorded, Garrett Rester singled to center to give the Bearcats their first runner of the inning. From there Boyd Thompson, Bosten Dwinell, and Trace Mazon all worked the count to earn free passes that pushed Rester across the plate to make it a 4-2 affair with the bases loaded and two outs in the inning.

Unfortunately for the Bearcats, that's where the rally ended.

## Aledo claims redemption over Rough Riders

With the short turnaround on Thursday following the loss to Saginaw at home, Matthew Clark led the charge for the Bearcats to claim redemption on the road against the Rough Riders.

Clark tossed a complete-game shutout, striking out six to earn the win for Aledo.

Offensively, the Bearcats got to work early. Aledo scored a run in the top of the first and second innings before putting together a three-run third inning to bury the Rough Riders on the scoreboard.

Aledo added a run in the fourth and another in the fifth for extra insurance they never had to cash in.

Brooks Dwinell's bat has been red hot as of late. Aledo's left fielder had a 3-for-3 performance at the dish against Saginaw,

including a double and a pair of RBIs.

Thompson and Mazon hit doubles of their own as they both collected a pair of hits in the game.

The Bearcats take to the diamond once again as they host the Texans on Friday, April 14. First pitch for that game is slated for 7 p.m.

## Northwest 4, Aledo 2 April 11

	A	R	H	E
Aledo	0	1	0	0
Northwest	0	0	0	1

Aledo hitting: Boyd Thompson 1-for-3, BB, SB; Bosten Dwinell 1-for-3, BB, SB; Trace Mazon 1-for-2, RBI, 2 BB, 2B; Brooks Dwinell 1-for-2, BB, SB; Garrett Rester 1-for-3; Brennon Evans 1-for-3, RBI.  
Aledo pitching: Luke Saunders 5.0 IP, 2 H, 1R (0 ER), 6 BB, 5 K; Garrett

Addington 0.2 IP, 3 H, 3 R (2 ER), BB; Jake Bumgardner 0.1 IP.

## Aledo 7, Saginaw 0 April 6

	A	R	H	E
Aledo	1	1	3	0
Saginaw	0	0	0	0

Aledo hitting: Thompson 2-for-3, 2B, SB, HPB, 2 RBI; Bo. Dwinell 1-for-4, SB; Mazon 2-for-4, 2B; Br. Dwinell 3-for-3, 2B, 2 RBI, 2 SB; Ryan Jones RBI; Rester 1-for-2, SB.  
Aledo pitching: Matthew Clark 7.0 IP, 3 H, 0 R, BB, 6 K.



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## GOLF

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girls regional bracket, "Argyle, Lubbock Cooper, Amarillo, Grapevine are all teams that are going to field strong teams."

As for the boys' field, he added, "Argyle, Lubbock Cooper, Amarillo, Burleson Centennial are few of the other teams that are really strong."

To get to state, teams are going to have to best the notorious West Texas weather that can include cold weather, sudden drops in temperature, and extreme winds — which can include any combination of the three. Then, too, Rawls is simply a very tough golf course.

"The Rawls course is different from any course we play around here. It's a pretty long course and with wind always playing a role, it could definitely make it even tougher," Mourning said. "Hopefully, we can catch a day or two out there when the winds are going to be low."

Then, as most folks do following such hopeful statements, he added with a laugh, "That's doubtful. The good thing is that other teams are going to have to play in the same conditions as us."

The Ladycats played in a regional preview on Rawls March 10-11, finishing second.

The Ladycats and Bearcats qualified for regionals by each winning District 5-5A convincingly on the Sugar Tree Golf Course last month. The Ladycats won by 105 strokes over runner-up Granbury, shooting a 675, while the Bearcats' 637 score was 40 strokes better than second-place Wichita Falls Rider.

Both Aledo teams had the low medalist at district also. Braylon Mahanay shot a two-over-par 146 (72-74) for the boys and Kyla Morales posted a 163 (82-81) for the girls.

In fact, the Ladycats had five of the six lowest scores individually at district with Sana'a Lemen shooting 166 (83-83) for second, Emily Crick was fourth with a 173 (88-85), Mallory Miller was fifth at 176 (83-93) and Maddi Warner was sixth with a 181 (91-90).

The Bearcats' Dylan Kiser was second to Mahanay, shooting 155 (75-80) and Jett Moore was seventh individually with a 165 (80-85). Also at district, Jake Phillips shot 174 (88-86) and Bradon Stokes came in with a 178 (85-93).

The four lowest individual rounds each comprise the team score for that day.



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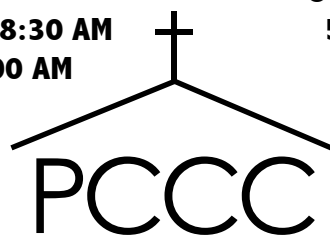
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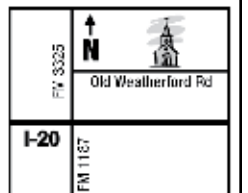
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# SOFTBALL

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Aledo's scoring ended there, but the damage was already done. Gonzales sat the Lady Jackrabbits down in order to earn the win in a hard-fought battle for the Ladycats.

## Ladycats light up scoreboard in win over Saginaw

Since the start of the season, Aledo has been an offensive juggernaut. In virtually every game this season, they've lit up the scoreboard like Times Square at Christmas.

Thursday's matchup with the visiting Lady Rough Riders was no exception. Aledo accounted for eight extra-base hits in the game en route to a blowout win over Saginaw.

Nathalie Touchet had herself a ballgame. She threw a complete game giving up a pair of earned runs on six hits while striking out eight batters.

Her winning effort on the mound was only surpassed by her performance at the plate. Touchet went 2-for-3 at the dish with both of her hits landing in another zip code.

Not to be outdone, Claire Byars hit her second long ball of the season to get the scoring onslaught underway for the Ladycats in the bottom of the first inning.

Flores, Hull, Ray, Addie Perry, and Reagan Davis each hit a double in the game, as well.



JACKIE HAYSLIP

Second at bat in the first inning, Claire Byars hits the ball over the fence for a home run against Saginaw HS. The Ladycats won 13-3.

With the season winding to a close, the Ladycats take their undefeated district record on the road to face Brewer's Lady Bears on Friday, April 14. Aledo bested Brewer, 6-0, last month when the Lady Bears came to visit.

First pitch in Brewer is slated for 7 p.m.

### Aledo 2, Forney 0 April 11

		R	H	E	
Aledo	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2	-	2	8	0
Forney	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	-	0	2	3

Aledo hitting: Addie Perry BB; Texas Ray 1-for-3, 2 HBP; Presley Hull 3-for-5, 2B, 3B; Ana Flores 1-for-4, RBI, BB; Taylor McKean BB; Brenlee Gonzales

1-for-2, 2B, BB; Maddy Jarvis 1-for-4; Reagan Davis 1-for-4, SB. Aledo pitching: Taylor McKean 7.0 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 2 BB, 9 K; Brenlee Gonzales 3.0 IP, 0 H, 0 R, BB, 5 K.

### Aledo 13, Saginaw 3 April 6

		R	H	E	
Saginaw	0 0 1 1 1	-	3	6	2
Aledo	2 7 1 3 x	-	13	13	2

Aledo hitting: Perry 2-for-3, 2B, HPB; Claire Byars 1-for-1, HR, RBI, 2 BB; Chloe Cox RBI; Delaney Rosser 1-for-3, RBI; Hull 3-for-3, 2B, 3 RBI; Ray 1-for-2, 2B, HBP, RBI; Flores 1-for-3, 2B, 2 RBI; Nathalie Touchet 2-for-3, 2 HR, 2 RBI; Jarvis 1-for-3, 2 SB; Davis 1-for-3, 2B. Aledo pitching: Touchet 5.0 IP, 6 H, 3 R (2 ER), 3 BB, 8 K.



JACKIE HAYSLIP

Liliana Flores catches the ball thrown by catcher Allison Mallard Thursday night against Saginaw High School as the other team tries to steal second base.



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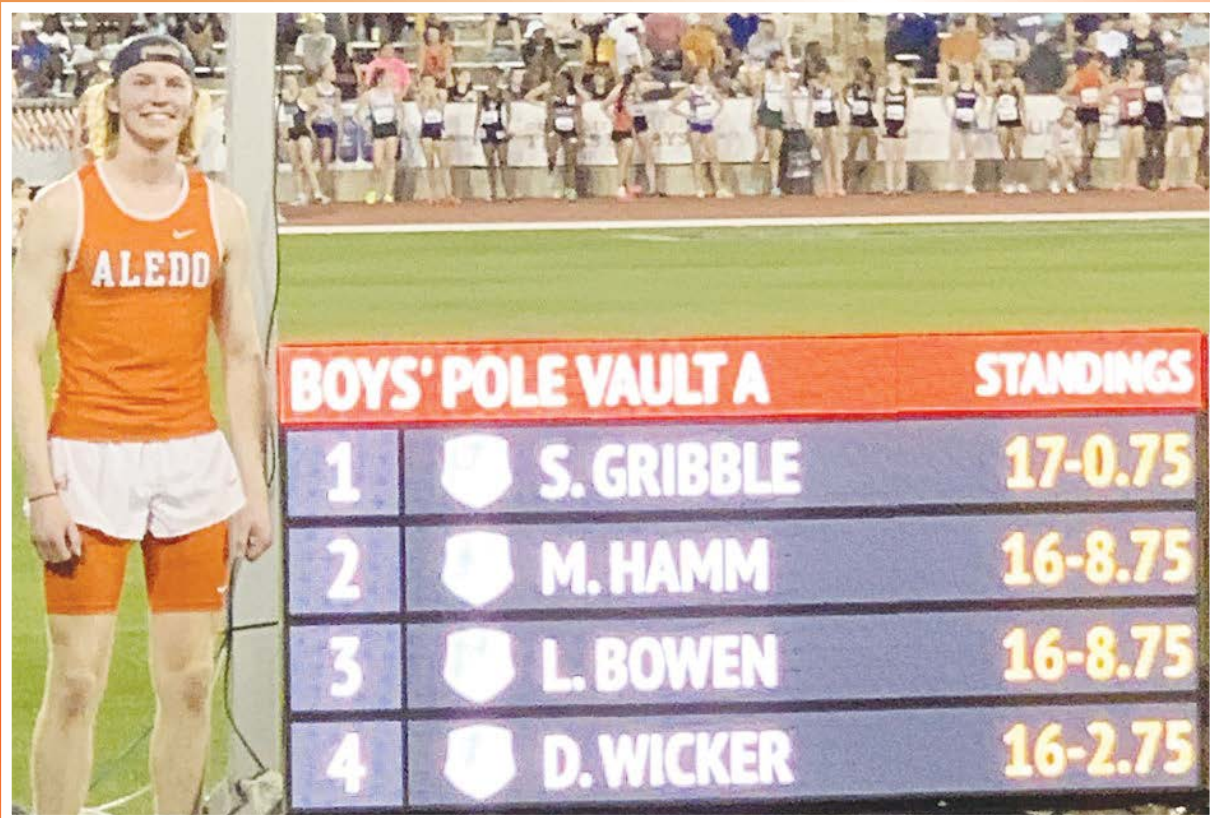
Texas Ray runs to grab the ball after the Saginaw High School player hits a bunt. Ray successfully throws it to first base for the out.



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