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Anti-bond PACs short on information

By Randy Keck
The Community News

The future facilities available for education in the Aledo Independent School District lie in the hands of voters who will decide the fate of a \$128 million bond issue on Saturday, May 6. Early voting ended May 2.

Residents who live in the school district have received conflicting messages from at least two, and maybe three, political action committees (PACs) during the course of the campaign.

Due to the importance of the issue, *The Community News* reached out to the various committees to see if more information could be gleaned from those supporting and those opposing the bond.

Political Action Committee finance reports were due to be filed with the Texas Ethics Commission on April 28.

In terms of tracking the source of funds used by the competing PACs, the pro-bond PAC, Bearcats Supporting Greatness 2023, reported contributions of \$1,530 from 33 donors and a loan of \$2,928.18.

All contributors to the pro-bond PAC showed addresses in Aledo, Weatherford, and Fort Worth. The treasurer was listed as Peter R. Healey of Aledo.

Healy told *The Community News* he provided the loan to the group in order to purchase "Vote Yes!" signage.

"I incurred that cost personally because I purchased the signs prior to any fundraising," Healy said. "Adding more context, those signs were purchased from Aledo Branding Company as we also try to support local business in this effort."

One of the PACs opposing the bond, Concerned Parents of Aledo ISD, had not filed its contributor report as of press time.

The Texas Ethics Commission PAC database shows the address of the treasurer of the Concerned Parents of Aledo to be the same address as Pale Horse Strategies, LLC, a political consulting firm whose registered agent is former Texas State Representative Jonathan Stickland.

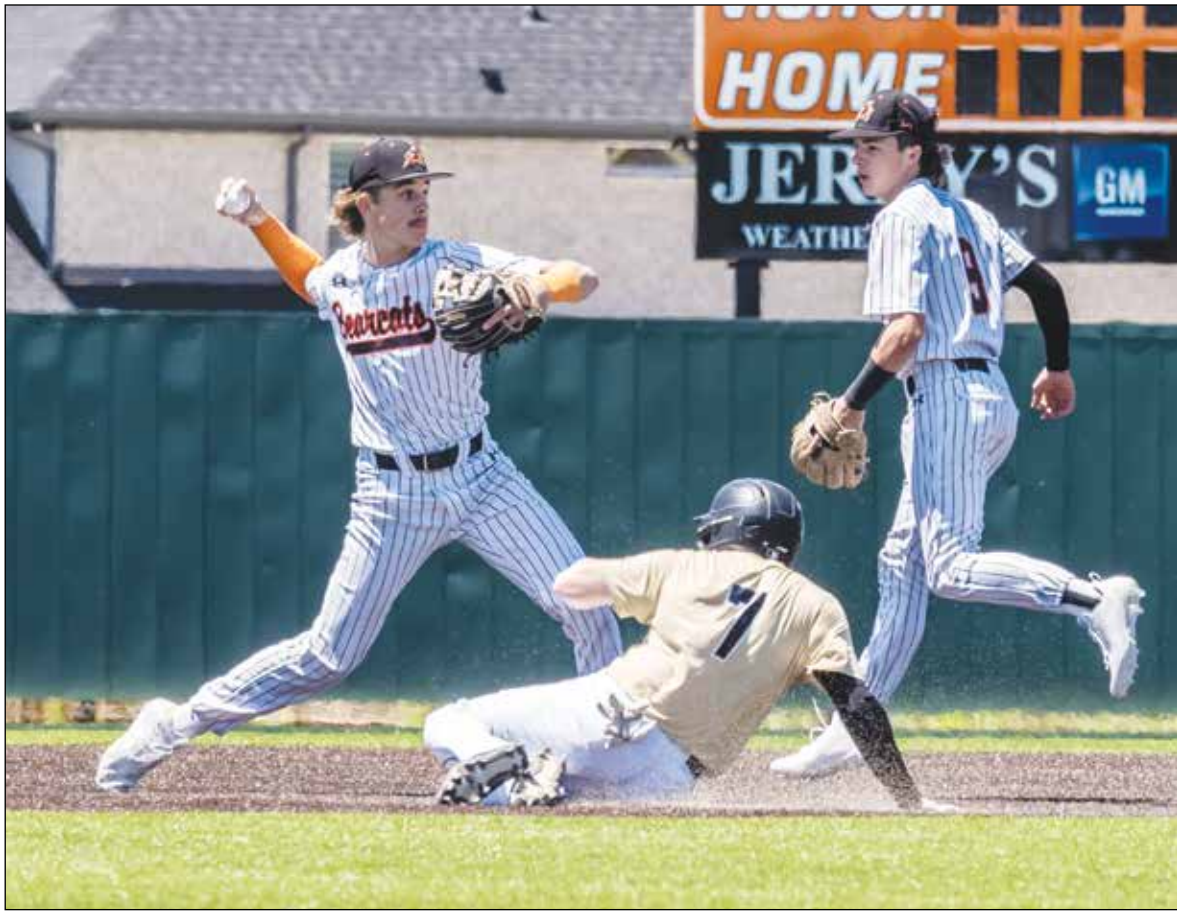
The treasurer of the Concerned Parents PAC is listed as William Taylor, but no contact information is provided. Neither is telephone or email information listed in open records on how to contact Pale Horse Strategies.

The Community News visited the website of the Concerned Parents of Aledo, but that website did not provide any contact information.

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Trace Mazon completes a double play during the Bearcats' final game of the regular season against Wichita Falls Rider on Saturday, April 29.

WILLOW PARK

City's connection with FW water now permanent

Land swap with Weatherford approved

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

The temporary water supply connection between the City of Willow Park and Fort Worth is no more.

"We went on the Fort Worth permanent connection as of 11 a.m. today," Willow Park Public Works Director Michelle Guelker told the city council at its meeting on Tuesday, April 25.

"As of tonight, we will probably start pumping and taking water full-time," she added.

The supply from Fort Worth will work in conjunction with Willow Park's own 25 wells.

Guelker noted that the line which will also connect Hudson Oaks is in the final stages and should be completed in the next few weeks. She said when that is finished Hudson Oaks will be able to start turning on its pumps as well.

As to how much water the cities can draw from Fort Worth, Guelker said, "We have up to 3.5 million gallons (per day) we can take, but I don't think either of us are anywhere close to being big enough to use that."

She added, however, that during peak times, such as in the summer, up to 1.5 million gallons per day has been used in the past.

"People love their green grass," she said.

One council member asked what effect the combination of Fort Worth water and water from the Willow Park wells will have on water hardness. Guelker said, "We'll probably let it run for a while, let it blend with our existing wells and then test it."

Willow Park previously had a couple of temporary agreements with Fort Worth that allowed them to use up to a million gallons per day, Guelker said. The first temporary agreement was in the late summer of 2021 until October of that year, and again in April to October of 2022.

This time, however, the water flow will remain on, something that greatly pleases Willow Park Mayor Doyle Moss, whose campaign in 2017 included this very topic.

"When I knocked on doors, water was a priority," Moss said. "I remember summers in '18 and '19 when our water person would call and we'd be almost out of water. We started working on this in 2017 and here we are turning the switch. I could not be happier."

Council approves land swap

What was a discussion became a reality as Willow Park city leaders followed what Weatherford did a couple weeks earlier and signed an agreement to swap some land and adjust boundaries. The city council approved the land exchange at its Tuesday meeting.

The adjustments will take place between the extraterritorial jurisdiction of both cities. Extraterritorial jurisdiction is the legal ability of a government to exercise authority beyond its normal boundaries.

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Rising Tide couple

Turners honored by Express

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

Described as a "rising tide couple," Lance and Julie Turner of Aledo were recently honored by Express Employment Professionals as Franchisee of the Year at the company's recent International Leadership Conference in Washington D.C.

The Turners own two Express franchise locations in downtown and northern Fort Worth.

"There are so many amazing franchisees in the Express system, so being chosen as the 2023 Express Franchisee of the Year was very special," Julie said. "We will be forever grateful to be part of this company and the opportunity it has provided us professionally and personally."

The Turners first joined Express in 1995 and for nearly 30 years they have sought out volunteer projects and initiatives that help all franchisees, working to develop and mentor the next generation of owners while lending a hand to established offices.

"This thoughtful couple has been seen as regional leaders and connectors, and like a pebble in a pond, their positive influence continues to expand outward to this day," said Bill Stoller, Express Employment International CEO.

Coming to DFW

In fact, it was Express that brought the Turners to Aledo. Lance had a background in human resources and Julie was formerly a teacher.

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Julie Turner and her husband Lance (second from right) accept their award as Franchisees of the Year from Express Employment Professionals at the company's International Conference. Pictured with them are John Culpepper, from Athens, Georgia, the 2022 Franchisee of the Year, and Express CEO and founder Bill Stoller.



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Lance and Julie Turner with their son Will, a 2018 Aledo High graduate who played football and soccer and is graduating from Texas Tech this summer.



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Capital Highlights

House OKs \$4.5 billion for teacher pay raises



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The Texas House on Thursday, April 27, passed two education-related bills, one that allocates \$4.5 billion for teacher pay raises and another to increase the annual per-student base funding from \$6,160 to \$6,300 – a 2.3% increase.

The *Austin American-Statesman* reported the bill would create minimum salaries for teachers ranging from \$35,000 to \$63,000 depending on experience and level of education. It would also increase funding for special education and fine arts.

Some education advocates worry the per-student funding is insufficient to keep up with inflation, which has grown by 17% in the last four years, the *Statesman* reported.

The bill also creates a method to adjust the per-student funding for inflation every other year, starting in 2025.

Voters may decide fate of broadband expansion

Voters could decide whether the state should invest \$5 billion to expand internet availability if a bill passed last week by the Texas House makes it through the Senate. House Bill 9, sponsored by state Rep. Trent Ashby, R-Lufkin, would create the Texas Broadband Infrastructure Fund, the *Texas Tribune* reported.

"This bill will have a measurable impact on each one of your districts," Ashby said last week on the House floor. "No matter whether they be urban, suburban, or rural."

Nearly 7 million Texans do not have reliable broadband service, a fact hammered home during the pandemic, when connectivity often was crucial for schools and people trying to work from home. However, state Comptroller Glenn Hegar said in March that

it would take closer to \$10 billion to get all Texans connected.

The state is also expected to receive federal dollars for broadband expansion out of the infrastructure package passed by Congress in 2021, though it is unknown how much Texas will receive out of the \$42.45 billion allocated for broadband expansion. The state will need to match one-fourth of whatever it receives from the federal government.

\$200 annual fee for EV owners goes to Abbott

A bill requiring electrical vehicle owners to pay a \$200 annual fee to the state has passed both chambers and sent to Gov. Greg Abbott, *The Dallas Morning News* reported. Backers of the bill say the higher vehicle registration fees are needed because EV owners don't pay fuel taxes built into the price of fuel and used to fund the state's highway system. The state fuel tax on both gasoline and diesel is 20 cents per gallon.

Opponents of the bill say it would slow the expansion of EVs in the state, which pollute less than vehicles using carbon-based fuels. They also note the fuel tax funds just 29% of what is spent on Texas highways.

"The primary cause of the road funding shortfall in Texas has nothing to do with EVs, but rather with the fact that Texas has not increased their gas tax since 1991," Dylan Jaff, sustainability policy analyst with Consumer Reports, said in a memo.

Fentanyl test strip bill stalls in Senate

A bipartisan effort to decriminalize the use of fentanyl test strips has stalled in a Texas Senate committee after passing the Texas House with near unanimous report, *The Morning News* reported. The bill also has the backing of Abbott.

State Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, chairs the criminal justice committee. He said some members fear making the test strips legal would lead to more people feeling confident about using dangerous drugs.

Fentanyl is often mixed with more expensive drugs such as heroin, leading to thousands of fatal overdoses, including more than 5,000 in Texas from July 2021 to July 2022.

"It's just illogical, but there's a belief by some members that it might safeguard the use," Whitmire said.

The testing strips are currently treated as drug paraphernalia. The strips are used to test for the presence of fentanyl in other drugs.

Bill calls for armed officers at all schools

A bill that would require school districts to place at least one armed officer on each campus has passed the Texas House, the *Statesman* reported. The measure comes almost a year after a gunman killed 19 children and two teachers in a mass shooting in Uvalde last May.

Any officer or school employee would have to complete handgun safety training. The measure also requires at least one audit for intruder detection each year in all districts. The state would provide at least \$100 per student and \$15,000 per campus to maintain and improve school safety.

State Sen. Roland Gutierrez, D-San Antonio, has filed several gun control measures in that chamber that have yet to receive a hearing. Gutierrez represents Uvalde and says more needs to be done besides the House measure.

"Let me be very clear: I'm for anything that's going to make our schools safer," Gutierrez said in the *Statesman* story. "But the

three things that is going to really make our schools safer is extreme risk protective orders, you take guns out of the hands of the mentally ill, Florida did it, it worked; raising the age limit, take guns, AR-15's out of (the hands of) 18-, 19- and 20-year-olds, Florida did it, it worked; closing the gun show loophole and universal background checks."

Disaster declaration partially approved

President Joe Biden has partially approved the state's request for a major disaster declaration for counties affected by an ice storm in late January.

The original request included 23 counties, but 13 were given access to funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency — Bastrop, Blanco, Burleson, Burnet, Hays, Henderson, Kendall, Lee, Leon, Milam, Robertson, Travis and Williamson.

The ice storm damaged millions of trees, particularly in the Austin area, and caused widespread power outages throughout Central Texas. A total of 350,000 people in Texas were without power at some point, according to Spectrum News 1.

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Look at it This Way

Proof we should live our one life to the fullest



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Proving that you're never too old to experience something new, 99-year-old Jean Buford actually enjoyed two things she'd never done before on Friday, April 21.

"In my little town (Haskell) we didn't have a prom, no country club, we danced in our own living room," she recalled, adding, "And I certainly had never ridden in a limo before."

She did both, however, on this night at the Parker County Sheriff's Posse Event Center as they celebrated the First Annual Senior Prom & Gala, presented by the Parker County Committee on Aging. It was a night to embrace aging, an evening that reminded us the more advanced we are in age the more we have to celebrate.

I must admit the first time I saw the phrase "YOLO" I wondered if it was a misspelling of the world's most under-appreciated color. Seriously, other than

bananas, lemons, and the uniforms for the University of Oregon football team, can you name another regular use for the color yellow. It's not an ugly color, per se — except for those uniforms — but in the world of colors it's the last kid picked for playground hoops.

But YOLO, I learned, means "You only live once." In other words, live this life to the fullest because it won't come around again — with all due respect to those who believe in reincarnation.

And that's exactly what folks were doing on this night. From the youngsters who were helping serve food to the tables to 95-year-old Mary Carlson, who was on the floor teaching those youths — and plenty of us adults — a few dance moves, not having fun was simply not an option.

The evening had plenty of highlights, and among the most notable was the crowning of Jean as prom queen. The World War II Navy WAVES veteran will celebrate her 100th birthday on May 12.

As Miss Texas 1982 Gloria Gilbert Barron was about to place the crown on the head of the queen, Jean said enthusiastically, "You're Miss Texas!"

Without skipping a beat, Gloria quipped back, "You're Miss Prom!"

And what's a prom queen without a prom king? That honor went to 84-year-old Ed Cessna, a 20-year retired Navy veteran.

And while both are seniors, both also spend much of their helping other seniors enjoy a better life. Jean still volunteers her time at nursing facilities every week and enjoys coming to the Parker County Senior Center for fun and fellowship. Ed is always giving back to the Center with any items needed.

Ed's wife, Sue, was in attendance. Jean's husband, Brad, has passed away, but she said he would certainly have enjoyed being there for the event which benefited one of his favorite charities.

"Meals On Wheels is very important. My husband didn't want anybody to go hungry," Jean said.

Neither does the Parker County Committee on Aging, which has provided an activity center as well as Meals on Wheels to the residents of Parker County for more than four decades.

And speaking of wheels, Jean and other senior royalty were delivered to the event and driven home by a limousine.

"I just couldn't figure out how he was going to back out of my driveway," Jean said with a chuckle.

The evening included a live auction and a raffle, along with music from the Joshua Experience. And best of all — well, next to the good time everyone had — it raised around \$42,000 to help the Parker County Committee on Aging.

"It was a huge success!" exclaimed Director of Operations Jennifer Bledsoe. "We were so pleased, and we had such wonderful comments from the community."

Including me, as the lovely Mrs. Junell and I had the time of our lives. While we still have a way to go before we catch up to Jean — and we still don't have the energy at our current that Mary has in her mid-90s — we're looking to attending many more of these.

And there will be more, Jennifer said.

"People are already committing and saying they want to be a part of next year," she said, announcing a date of March 22, 2024 at the Springs Event Center in Weatherford.

Well, I know what we'll be doing that night, and I hope we see you there. Mary, no doubt, is already practicing some new dance moves for next year.



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Willow Park will gain 702 acres along the south side of White Settlement Road and another 20 acres along the south side of Crown Road. Meanwhile, Willow Park will give Weatherford 365 acres on the north side of White Settlement Road in the exchange.

Not much development has taken place on these sites. However, given the continued growth of both cities — Weatherford being the largest in Parker County and Willow Park the second largest — that will not likely remain the case.

“It’s better for development, better for the city,” City Manager Bryan Grimes said. “It gives you a better idea of how you want your city to grow.”

Willow Park city officials stressed that this is not an annexation.

Wastewater treatment facility

The council voted to approve platting a tract of almost nine acres located on J.D. Towles Drive as the Willow Park Water Reclamation Area. It will be the home of the new public wastewater treatment facility.

The new plant is north of Interstate 20 near Crown Point Boulevard, not far from the new site of Willow Park Baptist Church. It’s only a few hundred yards from the current location on the north end of the new Crown Point Development.

The city and WPBC agreed to a land swap, with the church getting property where the current treatment plant sits for development.

Also concerning the new wastewater treatment plant, it was reported in the public works report by Guelker:

- A bid request was published in the previous week’s issue of *The Community News*.
- A pre-bid meeting was scheduled for 10 a.m. on May 4 at City Hall.



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- Bids are due and to be opened on May 18, at 3 p.m. at City Hall.
- Several plan sets have been picked up by prospective bidders.
- The effluent line construction meeting was held on April 10 with notice to proceed issued at the same time.

Once underway, construction is expected to be 365 days with an anticipated completion date in mid-July 2024. The lease of the existing wastewater plant will expire in August 2024.

New home now permanent

After discussing in executive session, the council returned to open forum and approved moving ahead with the purchase of the new city hall at 120 El Chico Tr. At a meeting on April 3 the council voted unanimously to announce the approval of the issuance of certificates of obligation in the amount of \$8.5 million for the purchase, renovating, improving and equipping the building.

Along with housing city officials and council, the building will serve as public safety facilities, judicial facilities, a city hall, and municipal facilities for administrative offices for city departments.

Grimes had previously said that the cost to lease the building annually is about \$200,000, which would be around \$6 million over the span of 30 years. Also, there are two other tenants in the building, Sylvan Learning Center and McKnight Title. Should they decide to stay for the remainder of their respective leases, one ends in July of 2026 and the other in December of 2026. Grimes said those leases bring in around \$100,000 annually.

City officials and staff moved into the building in January, originally signing a 30-month lease for the approximately 8,700 square feet of space, almost triple the 3,189 the amount they had in their previous home of many years.

As for when the building will officially be theirs, Grimes noted that there are still some official procedures and paperwork that has to be done, but that it should all be in place by the summer.

“Official, official, here’s the keys to your new house July 1,” he said.

Nolte Addition

Council approved the platting of approximately 30 acres south of East Bankhead Highway. The owner, Barbara Nolte, noted the subdivision of the five lots in the first block is intended for partial sale.

Council also approved an additional 15 foot right-of-way dedication on East Bankhead Highway for future expansion to 90 foot minor arterial road, based on the city’s thoroughfare plan.

Four of the lots have three frame homes and two mobile homes on them, with the fifth lot having two stock tanks and cattle.

“It was just one parcel, now they’re subdividing it into five,” clarified Planning and Development Director Toni Fisher.

Quarterly police report

Interim Police Chief Daniel Franklin presented the department’s quarterly report, which included:

- Establishing the first school resource officer at Trinity Christian Academy.
- Redesigning and equipping administrative Tahoes, recently receiving two Ford Explorer Interceptors.
- Recently hiring a cadet in Weatherford Police Academy who will graduate in May to begin full-time officer process, leaving one unfilled position that has been posted online.
- Ordering 20 new Glock 47 weapons to replace older weapons that Glock is no longer producing, ordering 20 red dot pistol optics, ordering new holsters to accommodate the new weapons and optics.
- The new Citizens Police Academy had a record high attendance of 13.

- Installing the department’s first license plate reader system.

- Applying for and receiving Texas Department of Transportation STEP (Selective Traffic Enforcement Program) grants, successfully deploying two grant waves with future deployment of Click It or Ticket and Operation Slow Down.

- Being active with Weatherford High School’s internship program, receiving positive feedback from the instructor at Weatherford School District.

- Continued compliance with Texas Police Chief’s Best Practice Standards.

- Continued engagement in the community, including active Facebook engagement, patrol walk-throughs and talks with residents at the Preserve apartment complex, continued participation and hosting of car seat safety checks, hosting three blood drives for American Red Cross, Sergeant Jaclin Ramirez was voted in as a chairperson to represent Parker County in the Cook’s and Safe Kids group related to child passenger seat safety.

- Corporal Quincy Hamilton is currently attending drug recognition expert training. There are only approximately 350 drug recognition experts in the state of Texas.

- Quarterly stats as of mid-April - 999 calls for service, 81 arrests, 125 criminal charges, 554 citations, 770 violations, 1,015 warnings.

Street improvements

Council received an update from City Engineer Gretchen Vasquez on the city’s street improvements. The project is 25% complete and consists of removing and replacing approximately 36,500 square yards of existing asphalt pavement with concrete paving and replacing approximately 18,600 square yards of asphalt pavement with 2-inch hot mix asphalt concrete.

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Obituaries

Larry Dingler

Larry Dingler of North Richland Hills passed away peacefully on April 21, 2023.

He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend.

Larry was born to Doyle and Ruby Dingler on January 5, 1946, in Kirby, Arkansas. His family relocated to Itasca, Texas, where he excelled in sports and mischief. He proudly worked and retired from General Dynamics/Lockheed Martin after 29 years.

In his earlier years Larry served as a vital member of Weatherford Pee Wee football and Little League baseball/softball, acting as a board member, coach, and umpire. He enjoyed being a member of Willow Park Baptist Church and spending time with his dogs, Buster and Zoe, in the front yard while visiting with neighbors.

Larry was an outdoorsman and he loved hunting, fishing, and camping. He spent many summers on Lake Granbury where he also taught numerous teens how to water ski. In his later years he focused on playing Texas Holdem’ Poker and gained much respect from other players in his weekly league games.

He is survived by his daughter, Debbie Dingler Williams and wife, Jennifer; granddaughter, Andrea Williams with great-grandsons, Cason and Bear; and granddaughter Brittany Williams Prebeg and husband Scott, with great-granddaughters, Madelyn and Ellie.

Larry enjoyed his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren and would often give them rides on his scooter.

The family plans to hold a private memorial.

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Larry Dingler

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The list of streets in the project includes:

- Crown Road
- King's Gate Road
- Ranch House Road
- Sam Bass Road
- Sam Bass Court
- Trinity Drive
- Trinity Court
- Old Ford Road
- Crested Butte Court
- Ridge Haven Court
- Pleasant Court

Vasquez also gave an update on the King's Gate Road bridge replacement project with the Texas Department of

Transportation. The design is 30% complete.

The proposed work is a partnership with the City of Willow Park and TxDOT to remove and replace the King's Gate Road bridge over Clear Fork Trinity River and construct the approach roadways. Bridge length and width is approximately 109 feet long and 44 feet wide.

Vasquez reported that TxDOT is working to determine what utilities will need to be relocated and that environmental documentation has started.

The letting for opening bids is July 2024.

Tax decrease on the horizon

As part of his closing remarks Tuesday, Grimes said citizens should expect a decrease in taxes in the next fiscal year.

"As we start putting our budget together we will see a significant tax decrease," he said. "I don't want to commit to a number now."

The decrease will come about as a result of the annexation of the city's fire department by Parker County Emergency Services District 1. That freed up approximately \$1.4 million in the city's annual budget that was previously going to support the fire department.

Willow Bark a big success

The second annual Willow Bark, held April 15 was a big hit, the city's Communication and Marketing Director, Rose Hoffman, told the council in her quarterly report. Hoffman said more than 250 folks showed up for the free event at McCall Elementary School that included a dog costume contest and a weenie dog race. There were plenty of activities for humans as well, including face painting, bounce houses, karaoke DJ and more.

"It was the best attended event I've seen since I've been with the city," Hoffman said.

The animal welfare group Parker Paws was also onsite.

TURNERS

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"Joining Express has been a huge blessing. They have a very good support network for their franchisees," Julie said. "Being Express franchisees has allowed us the best of both worlds — being locally owned, but also having a strong international company behind us."

As for highlights during their time with Express, Lance noted, "Being able to help good companies find good people."

Julie added, "The relationships we have made with other franchisees around the USA, they are some of our dearest friends."

The same enthusiasm they brought to Express, the Turners brought to their new hometown, first Fort Worth in 1995 and Aledo in 2004 before their oldest son, Will, started kindergarten. Lance is originally from Amarillo and Julie is from Temple.

They are active members of Aledo United Methodist Church. Julie has also served on the school board since May of 2017, though when her second term is up in May she will step aside as she is not running again.

"It was difficult to make the decision not to run for another three-year term. This team is very passionate about public education and our opportunity as a board, district, and community to make positive impact on the lives of future generations. I will always be a supporter of Aledo ISD and will find to help the district navigate during this tremendous time of growth."

"My youngest child (Brett) graduates in 2024 and I felt it was time to get someone in with children still in school. Work is another reason. We have become increasingly busy and I also took on a new role as franchise developer (18 offices). Also, becoming empty nesters, we want to travel more."

Bearcat connection

And, of course, both sons played football and won state championships as Bearcats. Will, a 2018 graduate, was a kicker and also played soccer as a defender. He will graduate from Texas Tech this summer. Brett is a junior at AHS was a fullback on last season's state championship squad.

Ironically, the Bearcats' run of success — 26 consecutive seasons with at least one playoff victory — started right around the same time as did the Turners'. Like the Bearcats, Lance said none of it happens without working together.



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Lance and Julie Turner with their son Will, a 2018 Aledo High graduate who played football and soccer and is graduating from Texas Tech this summer.

"The biggest reason of our success is that we work as a team. We each have different strengths and weaknesses and work together to ensure we are meeting the expectations of our clients and internal team," he said.

"I was thrilled when Lance and Julie were recognized by Express International. They have both worked so hard to create an organization that not only supports job seekers in the area by helping thousands of people find jobs but also for their internal employees," said Jan Riggins, General Manager at Express Employment Professionals of Fort Worth. "After over 20 years of working for the Turners, I see how much they truly want their employees to flourish and thrive in their personal and professional lives."

When they aren't working or cheering on their sons and the Bearcats, the Turners love to travel, visit the mountains, spending time at Possum Kingdom and, of course, enjoying family and friends.

As for what lies ahead...

"We are continuing to grow our business year over year and develop employees," Julie said. "Not sure what being an empty nester will look like next year. We have been so busy with kids activities, it will definitely be a change."



RICK MAUCH/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

The new sign above the entrance to Willow Park City Hall at 120 El Chico Tr. City staff moved into their new home in January.

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Finally, we conducted a registrar search of the Concerned Parents website, which showed the registrant contact address to be in Reykjavik (capital of Iceland), but contact information was withheld.

The possible third PAC in the mix is called "Leading

Local," which sent mailers out opposing the bond.

Leading Local is not registered as a political action committee in the Texas Ethics Commission database.

Leading local's website is "coming soon" and has no contact information.

We searched the internet database to see who the non-working website is

registered to, but all contact information in the registry is redacted.

To view the finance reports of the two registered PACs, visit <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/search/cf/SimpleSearch.php>, click "By Filer Name," then type in either "Bearcats Supporting Greatness" or "Concerned Parents of Aledo" then click "Search."

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Taste of Parker County winners announced

By Crystal Woerly
Weatherford College

The Weatherford College Foundation welcomed nearly 700 attendees to the 13th annual Taste of Parker County held at Heritage Park on April 20.

"This fun, community event continues to positively impact Weatherford College students with proceeds being contributed towards scholarships and other support for the college," said Jaci Edwards, senior advancement specialist and Taste of Parker County organizer. "We are so grateful for all our sponsors that have helped make this event possible."

Event attendees had the chance to vote for their favorite eats and drinks and the results are in. Winners of this year's Taste of Parker County are:

Best Appetizer

1st Place: Caitlyn's Catering - Cheese ball spread
2nd Place: Flavor on 51 - Jalapeño popper
3rd Place: Antebellum Ale House - Flatbread pizza
Honorable Mentions: Tailgaters BBQ, Yesterday's Sandwich Shop and Weatherford College Food Services

Best Side Dish

1st Place: Weatherford College Food Services - Brisket mac and cheese
2nd Place: Tailgaters BBQ - Brisket mac and cheese
3rd Place: Flavor on 51 - Elote
Honorable Mentions: For the Love of Food - LYLH, LLC, Great Harvest Weatherford, and Firefly Grilling Co.

Best Entrée

1st Place: Tailgaters BBQ - Brisket
2nd Place: Firefly Grilling Co. - Wagyu beef taco
3rd Place: Antebellum Ale House - Margherita Pizza
Honorable Mentions: Yesterday's Sandwich Shop and For the Love of Food - LYLH, LLC

Best Dessert

1st Place: Back Home Bakery - Tres leches cake
2nd Place: Nothing Bundt Cakes - Red velvet cake
3rd Place: Weatherford College Food Services - Oreo bourbon bread pudding
Honorable Mention: Flavor on 51

Best Beverage

1st Place: Edgewise Eight Brewing - Sancho Mexican Lager
2nd Place: Bourbon n Branch Brewing Co. - Black Pearl
3rd Place: HTeaO - Sweet chai tea
Honorable Mentions: Beckoning Events, Major Perk Coffee, and I Do Events - Bartending & Staffing

Most Unique Dish

1st Place: For the Love of Food - LYLH, LLC - Tuscan spaghetti squash
2nd Place: Weatherford College Food Services - Oreo bourbon bread pudding
3rd Place: Flavor on 51 - Peach cobbler egg roll
Honorable Mentions: Firefly Grilling Co., Tailgaters BBQ, and Danibelle's Lebanese Cuisine LLC

Best Healthy Choice

1st Place: For the Love of Food - LYLH, LLC - Salmon cucumber bites
2nd Place: Caitlyn's Catering - Fruit
3rd Place: Danibelle's Lebanese Cuisine LLC - Artichoke dip

Best Décor

1st Place: Antebellum Ale House
2nd Place: Back Home Bakery
3rd Place: Grove Brewing Co., LLC
Honorable Mentions: For the Love of Food - LYLH, LLC and I Do Events - Bartending & Staffing

Best "Mom & Pop"

1st Place: Flavor on 51
2nd Place: Caitlyn's Catering
3rd Place: Back Home Bakery
Honorable Mentions: Café Yvonne per Salt Horse Culinary, Major Perk Coffee, and I Do Events - Bartending & Staffing

Most Hospitable

1st Place: Caitlyn's Catering
2nd Place: Edgewise Eight Brewing
3rd Place: Flavor on 51
Honorable Mentions: Chicken Express, Ben E. Keith Beverages, and Major Perk Coffee

Best Overall

1st Place: Flavor on 51
2nd Place: Caitlyn's Catering
3rd Place: Back Home Bakery



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Jake Carroll enjoys an Old Fashioned created by Jocelyn Beck of Beckoning Events.



Nick Pugh of Cafe Ybonne, also department chair for social sciences at Weatherford College.



Lauren Girouard of Back Home Bakery.



Hannah Hinshaw (l) and Casady Davalos of Sweet Emilia's.

Judges' Favorite Entrée
1st Place: Firefly Grilling Co. - Tacos
2nd Place: Flavor on 51 - Sliders
3rd Place: Tailgaters BBQ - Beef tips

Judges' Favorite Dessert
1st Place: Back Home Bakery - Churro muffins
2nd Place: Sweet Emilia's - Popcorn
3rd Place: Yesterday's Sandwich Shop - Cinnamon rolls

Judges' Favorite Overall
Flavor on 51



Brett Bradford and Natalie Bradford of Great Harvest.



Lydia Simmons of I Do Events Bartending and Staffing.



Molly Karen O'Neil of Ironworks Coffee.



Shelby Denham (l) of Northside Remedy/The Grove with Weatherford High School students Ethan Arnold and Brenna Tarbay.



Rosie Villazana (front) and Aaron Davidson, manager of the Weatherford College Cafeteria in the cafeteria booth.

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DAR hosts Good Citizen Awards and scholarship reception

The Weatherford Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution presented its Good Citizen Award to graduating seniors from seven Parker County high schools, and awarded scholarships to two others at a reception on April 25 at North Side Baptist Church in Weatherford.

The DAR Good Citizen Award recognizes a graduating senior from each of the schools for their outstanding character, leadership, service, and patriotism demonstrated in their homes, schools and communities. The students were selected by their respective high schools for their honor.

DAR is a women's service organization with chapters in every state of the union and in many foreign countries. For membership, any woman 18 years of age or older, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution, is eligible for membership. If you are interested in learning more about DAR, visit www.dar.org or visit one of the meetings set at Northside Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. They meet on the fourth Tuesday of every month September through May.

The recipients were Payne Wellman, Aledo; Addison Roberts, Brock; Conner Kirchhefer, Millsap; Addisyn Retz, Peaster; Roree Willis, Poolville; Todd Smith, Springtown; and Kaitlyn Pickett, Weatherford.

Weatherford High School seniors Emily Farmer and Lauren Lee were presented scholarships from the organization. The scholarships are provided to students who plan to attend Weatherford College.



WEATHERFORD DAR

LEFT: Weatherford DAR Good Citizen Award winners shown are (from left) Roree Willis, Todd Smith, Addisyn Retz, Addison Roberts, and Kaitlyn Pickett. Not shown are Payne Wellman and Conner Kirchhefer. | RIGHT: Weatherford DAR Emily Farmer and Lauren Lee

Wild on the Water

Drag boat reunion set for Saturday

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

You can take the person out of the speed boat, but you can't take the speed boat out of the competitor.

Though he retired from competitive drag boat racing four decades ago, Marvin Savage still loves to be around them, to reminisce, and generally take in all he can without actually getting behind the wheel and going almost 200 mph.

Five years ago Savage started an annual race boat reunion at his farm in Weatherford. Speed boat enthusiasts from all over the United States come to partake in all things boat racing.

And yes, you are welcome also as the event is open to the public beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

Marvin Savage Farm is located at 2100 Greenwood Rd. Admission is free.

"I was the only one in my family that wanted to go fast," Savage said with a smile. "Someone told me I couldn't drive a race boat. So I built a boat and won the first race I entered."

Savage was clocked at 107 mph in that first race. Before retiring in 1983 he would win the National Drag



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Marvin Savage is shown in his boat racing days. He is hosting a speed boat reunion on Saturday, May 6.

Boat Association high points championship in 1978. In 1983 he was clocked at speeds of 163, 164, 167 and 167, retiring after that season.

In 2021 Savage was inducted into the Drag Boat Racing Hall of Fame.

Ironically, Savage, who grew up in Brock, did not like racing boats at first when his friend Elmer Youngblood asked him to participate following Savage's return from the military. Then came a challenge he couldn't ignore.

Savage not only proved the naysayers wrong, he did so in championship fashion.

Saturday's event will include a barbecue lunch with soft drinks and lots of conversation about boats and racing, Savage said. Featured visitors will include about five folks who have been inducted the Drag Boat Racing Hall of

Fame and two more who will be inducted this October.

Also, there will be another racer from Weatherford, Mike McGraw, who has set some records in a top fuel jet boat.

Kevin Kinsley, who has reached more than 300 mph in a drag race car and 273 in a drag race boat, will also be on hand.

"This is from a standstill start to 1,000 feet," Savage said.

Mary Rife, the only woman ever to reach a speed of more than 200 mph in a drag race boat, will also be on hand.

Marvin Savage Farm should be familiar in equestrian circles. In 2016 he and a partner started an English riding competition that went international. Though he retired from that in 2016, he kept the farm for trainers and students.

This weekend, however, the horses have to understand the focus will be on boats.

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MAY 6

Talking Tombstone Tour
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MAY 7

Sunset on the Square 2023
 Join Downtown Weatherford Inc for the 3rd ANNUAL Sunset on the Square, 6 p.m. on Sunday, May 7. Enjoy an outdoor dining experience from Parker County's favorite restaurants! Sponsorship opportunities are now available. For sponsorship information, please email: info@sunsetonthesquare.com or info@d-winc.org

Parker County Cars & Coffee
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ACROSS

- Gulf waves
- TXism: "put ___ shut up"
- TXism: "Lord willing and the creek don't ___"
- actor Begley in film "Lone Star" (1952)
- actor Vigoda
- TXism: "thing-___ (gadget)"
- film "___ for Texas"
- TXism: "plain ___ on your face"
- birth state of Texas outlaw Sam Bass
- TXism: "cream ___ to the top"
- car dealer objective: "close ___"
- east Texas reptile, for short
- TXism: "as welcome as ___ a picnic"
- what many Texans fought against in early 1940s
- TXism: "goes together like a ___ candy store"
- this Teddy trained "Rough Riders" in San Antonio (init.)
- you can pull these out of Lake Fork (2 wds.)
- TXism: "larrupin' ___" (tasty)
- Texas' flag, 1861-1865 (abbr.)
- TXism: "from womb ___" (lifetime)
- in Van Zandt County on U.S. 80
- Billy Graham for 50 years (3 wds.)
- TXism: "lower ___ snake's belly"
- stat. for Astro or Ranger pitcher set up Naval ___
- TXism: "rug rat"
- waterproof overshoes
- TX actress Prentiss
- Texas store: "Stop '___'"
- beer that is drawn is "on ___"
- 51-across film: "Where the Boys ___" (1960)
- Dallas Morning News founder: ___ Belo
- Peters of "The Jerk" with TX-born Martin TXism: "never laid eyes ___"
- TXism: "ramrod" e.g. (2 wds.)
- TX Joan Crawford, e.g. (2 wds.)
- head gesture of agreement (2 wds.)
- football fans try to get ___ the 50-yard line
- Erik of "Honeyboy" with TX Fairchild
- Greek team of ex-Mav Roy Tarpley
- TXism: "busy ___ -armed fry cook"
- TXism: "if he's ___ he'll bark"
- rheumatic swelling
- Chica Bay
- former parent co. of American Airlines
- winter garment
- TX Helmond show: "___ the Boss?"
- "Dallas" was a prime time ___ opera
- in Cass County on U.S. 59
- ski incline
- laugh word

DOWN

- Ysleta del ___ Pueblo tribe
- news wrangler (abbr.)
- in Falls County on U.S. 77
- seat of Gillespie County
- TXism: "busy as ___-armed paper hanger"
- TXism: "mean ___" (lifetime)
- Vernon, TX

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ALEDO TRACK

Aledo sending 10 to state

St. Peters, Campbell set personal records

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

Aledo will once again be well represented in Austin come mid-May. The Bearcats will have seven competitors and the Ladycats will have three at the Class 5A State Track and Field Meet at the University of Texas May 11-13.

They qualified by finishing in the top two of their respective events at this past weekend's Region 2 Meet in Lubbock.

Lauren St. Peters will make a second consecutive trip to Austin. The junior set a personal record in winning the shot put with a throw of 45 feet, 05.75 inches. She placed fourth at state in the event last year, as well as taking fourth in the discus, though she did not qualify in the latter this year.

Also returning is junior pole vaulter Taylor Hindman, who placed second at regionals with a clearance of 11-09. She tied for seventh at state last season with teammate Maggie Kilburn, who was fourth at regionals this season.

The other Ladycat advancing is freshman Sofia Brandenburg. She was second in the 800-meter run, clocking a 2:15.19.

"We had a really good showing at the Regional Meet. I'm very proud of how these girls train hard and compete," Ladycats coach Mike Pinkerton said. "We have three girls going to the state meet, and I believe that all three have a tremendous shot of making the podium. We will be working hard in preparation, and will be ready for state!"

Qualifying individually for the Bearcats was junior pole vaulter Brad Campbell, who cleared a personal-best 15-03 for second place at regionals.

"Brad had a great meet at regionals, had several great attempts at his PR bar. He should have a great chance to medal at state, too," Bearcats coach Andrew Clark said.

Joining him will be two relays for the Bearcats. The quartet of Hawk Patrick-Daniels, Aven Lawrence, Jaden Allen, and Hauss Hejny took second in the 800 relay with a school-record time of 1:26.30. Lawrence and Hejny joined

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MERCEDES MAYER/ALEDO ISD

Hauss Hejny (second from right) and Hawk Patrick-Daniels (third from right) finished 1-2 in the 100 meter dash at the district track meet. They will run legs of the 800 relay at the state track meet on May 11-13.

FOOTBALL

Former Bearcat signs with Packers



BRAD REMPEL - UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Aledo High School graduate Chuck Filiaga has signed a rookie contract with the Green Bay Packers.

Filiaga a three-year free agent

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

Former Aledo Bearcat Chuck Filiaga has earned a chance to shine at the highest level of football there is.

Filiaga signed a three-year free agent contract with the Green Bay Packers on Monday, May 1. The deal is reported to be worth \$2,695,000. It breaks down into \$750,000 this year, \$915,000 in 2024 and \$1,030,000 in 2025.

Filiaga, 6-foot-6 and 321 pounds, joins a short list of former Bearcats to sign with an NFL team. The most

recent was another offensive lineman, Kyle Hix, who signed with the New England Patriots in 2011 after a standout career at the University of Texas. His career was cut short by injuries and he was released in 2013.

Also, in 1976, offensive lineman Kirk Johnson was drafted in the sixth round by the Philadelphia Eagles out of Howard Payne, but he does not appear to have played in any games.

"Chuck was in town, came up to work out, and he felt real optimistic," said Aledo Athletic Director Steve Wood, who was the Bearcats' head coach the one season Filiaga played

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SOFTBALL

McKean perfect on the mound as Ladycats topple Trimble Tech

KOs 14 of 15 batters

By Ryan Wade
The Community News

There are a lot of ways Aledo head coach Heather Myers envisioned her team winning their first game of the playoffs against Trimble Tech. Her sophomore hurler throwing a perfect game probably wasn't high on the list, although that's exactly what happened as the Ladycats won in dominant fashion, 15-0, in just five innings.

Taylor McKean struck out 14 of the 15 Lady Bulldogs she faced in the opening round of post-season action on Thursday, April 27. McKean threw 62 pitches with a whopping 44 of those pitches landing for strikes.

"[McKean] is pretty dominant," Myers said after the game. "We have three very talented pitchers and Taylor fits right in with that crew. She's continuing to develop. She's only a sophomore and she's that controlled on the mound. We're excited to see things from her the rest of this season and in the future."

The Lady Bulldogs struggled all game to so much as make contact with the young, righthander's fastball. By and large, opposing



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Pitcher Taylor McKean throws a strike against Trimble Tech Thursday night. She struck out 14 of the 15 batters she faced.

batters were way behind the heater in the strike zone or taking defensive cuts at pitches out of the zone.

As if the smoke wasn't giving Trimble Tech enough problems in the box, McKean's changeup was nastier than a sweaty gym sock. Her impeccable delivery of her off-speed pitch made it indistinguishable to hitters, leaving them to react to fastballs only to find out McKean pulled the string with her changeup.

"It was a little too high for what we normally want," Myers commented regarding McKean's off-speed pitch. "But it was working, so we didn't change it."

The lone defensive play of the game for Aledo came in the top of the fifth inning as McKean fell behind 2-0 in the count. Ashlie Aguilar hit a soft liner to second right into the waiting hands of Aledo second baseman Delaney Rosser.

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2023 BOND FAST FACTS: Aledo Independent School District

- Formed by the Aledo Growth Committee (AGC): 49 community members led by community co-chairs representing a diversity of demographics and geography, including teachers from across the district.
- Projections show that 5 of Aledo ISD's 6 elementary schools are expected to exceed maximum capacity by 2024-2025.
- AGC came to 100% consensus on bond proposal that addresses immediate growth due to AISD's fast growth that was presented to Aledo ISD Trustees.
- Includes a 2.5 cent I&S (debt service) tax rate increase which equates to \$25 per ear (or \$2.08/month) per \$100,000 of taxable valuation for an AISD home.
- AISD M&O (maintenance & operations) tax rate has been lowered 22.71 cents over the last four years; state law requires further reduction in future ears - including 2023 related to local property values.

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FOOTBALL

Jones at the helm

Bearcats in spring drills

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The Aledo Bearcats are in their third week of spring football practices for varsity and junior varsity. Here is the schedule for the remaining workouts, full pads and full contact, unless otherwise noted:

- May 4 - 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- May 8 - 6:50-8:50 a.m., half pads/not full contact.
- May 9 - 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- May 10 - 6:50-8:50 a.m.

- May 15 - 6:50-8:50 a.m., half pads/not full contact.
 - May 16 - 6:50-8:50 a.m., half pads/not full contact.
 - May 18 - Spring game, 7:45-8:55 a.m.
- The Bearcats, defending Class 5A Division I state champions, are entering their first season with new head coach Robby Jones. A longtime assistant, Jones took the helm when Tim Buchanan retired in late January. Jones has been with the Bearcats since 2000 and has been a part of 10 of the program's state record 11 state championships. Visit the website version of this story for a full slideshow.



New Head Coach Robby Jones talks with players.

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FOOTBALL

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for Aledo in 2016, helping them go 16-0 and win a state championship.

"I'm happy for him. He's worked hard. He's a good young man, a team guy. He's very deserving of this opportunity.

"I remember he'd come in every day and say 'Hi, coach I love you.' Just a fantastic guy."

Filiaga spent five seasons at the University of Michigan (2017-21) before playing one season at the University of Minnesota (2022). He appeared in 39 games with 11 starts (eight at left guard and three at right guard) for the Wolverines and started all 13 games he played at right guard for the Gophers.

In 2022, Filiaga blocked for an offense that rushed for 2,698 yards and 33 touchdowns. He helped pave the way for Minnesota to gain 679 yards of offense, third most in school history, against Western Illinois in a 62-10 victory.



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Filiaga wrapped up his college career by helping the Gophers defeat Syracuse 28-20 in the Pinstripe Bowl. Minnesota finished with a 9-4 record.

Filiaga was also named third-team All-Big Ten by the league's coaches in 2022.

Filiaga helped Michigan to a 12-2 record and a College Football Playoff semifinals berth in 2021 before falling to national champion Georgia in the semifinals, 34-11.

At Aledo, Filiaga helped the Bearcats to a 16-0 record and the Class 5A Division II state championship in 2016. As a senior, he led an offensive line that helped the offense produce 3,851 yards through the air and 4,656 yards on the ground, blocking for two 1,000-yard rushers, Jase McLellan (now at Alabama) and Michael Jordan. He was a member of the PrepStar Top 150 Dream Team and was named first-team All-USA Texas as a senior.

"I'm really excited for Chuck and wish him the best at Green Bay," said former Aledo head coach Tim Buchanan, who was the athletic director when Filiaga played.

"He has to go out and make it happen now, but I believe he has a good chance," Wood said. "And I sure am rooting for him."

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A non-mandatory Pre-Bid conference will be held at **10:00 AM on Tuesday, May 16, 2023**, located at Willow Park City Hall, 120 El Chico Trail, Suite A, Willow Park, Texas 76087.

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City of Willow Park Doyle Moss, Mayor April 28, 2023

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Separate sealed bids for the construction of **2022 Drainage Improvements - Phase II** will be received by **City of Willow Park, Texas**, until **4:00 PM on Thursday, May 25, 2023**, at the City Hall, 120 El Chico Trail, Suite A, Willow Park, Texas 76087, and then at said location publicly opened and read aloud. This project consists of installing approximately 98 LF of 12" HDPE culvert, 219 LF of 18" RCP culvert, 22 LF of 24" RCP culvert, grade approximately 23,520 SY of drainage ditch, apply erosion protection measures to any disturbed areas and any associated work.

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TRINITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Several from TCA advance to regionals in Track

Baseball ends season

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The Willow Park Trinity Christian Academy Lady Eagles finished second and the Eagles were third in the recent TAPPS 3A/4A District 1 Track Meet.

The top four finishers in each event qualified for the regional meet, taking place at press time in Arlington.

Winning district championships were the girls 1600-meter relay of Libby Tovar, Amberlie Daniels, Gracie Whiteaker, Sophie Scott, while Daniels also won gold in the high jump.

Finishing second in their respective events were:

Girls - Tovar, 100; Scott, 400; McKenna Kelley, 100 hurdles; EmmaGrace Bolz, high jump; Addison Shoppach, shot put; Ella Cockrum, discus.

Boys - Wilson Winchester, 1600; Braxton Smith, 110 hurdles; 1600 relay (Mathew Sykes, Kosta Lueker, Caleb Nelson, Hudson Quinn) and Ben Camp, shot put.

Capturing a bronze medal and placing third were:

Girls - Whiteaker, 800 and 1600; Scott, triple jump.

Boys - Evan Chrane, 100, long jump, triple jump; Landry Crumpler, 300 hurdles; 400 relay (Chrane, Nelson, Smith, Quinn); 800 relay (Chrane, Nelson, Quinn, Toby Thomes); Jackson Sykes, high jump and Camp, discus.

Fourth-place qualifiers include:

Girls - Sadie Gough, 100 hurdles, long jump; 400 relay (Kelly, Tovar, Daniels, Scott); 800 relay (Maverick Gonzales, Daniels, Gough, Kelley) Luecker, 400.

Boys - Winchester, 800; Crumpler, 110 hurdles; Smith, 300 hurdles; Nelson, long jump and Kadin James, shot put.

Baseball

The Eagles ended their baseball season with a pair of losses to Colleyville Covenant Classical. In the games played in Benbrook, Classical won the opener 10-0, followed by a 14-3 win in the nightcap on Friday, April 21.

The Eagles ended the season with a 6-18 overall record and a 4-8 record in TAPPS Division III District 1.

At one point in the season the Eagles put together a three-game win streak to improve to 5-10. However, they followed with eight losses in the next nine games.

The Eagles scored five or more runs in 10 games, including more than 10 four times. Their season high was in a 19-1 victory at Venus on Feb. 24.



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TENNIS

Racquet Cats have another fine season

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

The Aledo Racquet Cats' spring season came to an end recently at the 5A Region 1 Tournament in Lubbock.

The team qualified eight players from District 5-5A and six advanced to the second round in doubles. To qualify for regionals, a player must finish first or second at district.

In mixed doubles, District 5-5A champions Scott Mason and Bryanna Orr defeated a duo from El Paso 6-1, 6-0 and fell to Abilene Wylie 6-0, 6-2.

The boys doubles pair of Craig Mason and Hogan Posey won 6-2, 6-2 against Burleson Centennial before being eliminated by Argyle, 6-1, 3-6, 6-4. The duo won the District 5-5A title.

The girls doubles tandem of Paige Federman and Elli Kate Bussmeier won a close 7-5, 6-4 contest against Midlothian to open regionals. They then dropped a three-set match to Abilene Cooper, 4-6, 6-2, 6-0.

In singles play, Ben Farmer lost in the boys first round to an opponent from Abilene Wylie, 6-0, 6-2. Kenley Germany, likewise, lost to Abilene Wylie, 6-1, 6-1.

"We had a very successful spring tennis season. I was very pleased with our showing at the regional tournament. We were focused. We battled for every point. We rose to the occasion and played some of our best tennis at regionals," coach Joe McCoy said. "I am super proud of our effort and of every player who competed this spring."

"We will miss our outgoing seniors, Hogan Posey (three-time district champ in boys doubles) and Paige Federman, but we return the bulk of our squad next year."

Those returning on the boys side are Farmer, Craig Mason, Scott Mason, Ibrahim Choudhry, Will Beyer, Jacob Heckathorn, and Francois Britz. On the girls side, they return Germany, Orr,

Bussmeier, Eleanor Jack, Gracie Heydman, Patrice Loftin, Natalie Nawrocki, and Sydney Byrd. "All of our players have a great attitude and are hungry to get better for next year. I am so blessed to coach them and look forward to next season," McCoy said.



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TRACK

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Adam Averett and Blake Burdine on the 1600 relay that also was runner-up, posting a 3:19.39.

"Both relays have a good chance to make the medal stand at the state meet. We have two weeks to continue to work and drop both times," Clark said.

All the relay participants are juniors. Lawrence and Hejny are returning to state as they ran on the sixth-place 800 relay last season.

The 800 relay's finals time was almost three seconds faster than their time of 1:29.19 in the preliminaries. The 1600 relay's clocking was more than six seconds faster than their 3:25.62 in the prelims.

Narrowly missing a berth at state in the boys 800 was Vincent Luffey, who was third. Sarah Tillotson was

third in the girls 800 and Molly Garrison was third in the 3200.

Class 5A Region 2 Track Meet

April 28-29 in Lubbock

Aledo results

Top two individuals in each event qualify for state

Boys

Team score: 46, third place (Mansfield Timberview, 77; Denton Ryan, 58)

Individual results

800: 3. Vincent Luffey, 1:57.06; 15. Dominick Barrera, 2:05.13.

1600: 14. Luffey, 4:34.81; 16. Henry Zedler, 4:54.15.

3200: 14. Jack Fink, 10:18.19.

800 relay: 2. Hawk Patrick-Daniels, Aven Lawrence, Jaden Allen, Hauss Hejny, 1:26.30.

1600 relay: 2. Adam Averett, Lawrence, Blake Burdine, Hejny, 3:19.39.

Pole vault: 2. Brad Campbell, 15-03; Andrew Gamez, DNS.

Long jump: 12. Jayton Owens, 20-04.5.



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Girls

Team score: 52, fourth place (Timberview, 60; Burleson Centennial, 58; El Paso Chapin, 56).

Individual results

100: 9. Addison Smith, 12.43, prelims, no finals.

400: 10. Emery Thompson, 1:01.32, prelims, no finals.

800: 2. Sofia Brandenburg, 2:15.19; 3. Sarah Tillotson, 2:15.69; 13. Sidney Tillotson, 2:32.60.

1600: 8. Brandenburg, 5:32.27; 16. Elizabeth Griffin, 5:59.10.

3200: 3. Molly Garrison, 11:59.71; 13. Griffin, 12:48.78.

100 hurdles: 7. Savannah Thompson, 15.89.

300 hurdles: Sa. Tillotson, DNS.

1600 relay: 4. E. Thompson, Smith, Sa. Tillotson, KcKenna Vela, 3:59.25.

Shot put: 1. Lauren St. Peters, 47-05.75.

Discus: 5. St. Peters, 139-07.

Pole vault: 2. Taylor Hindman, 11-09; 4. Maggie Kilburn, 11-0; 8. Austyn Johnson, 10-0.

SOFTBALL

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Offensively, the Ladycats were aggressive early. In the bottom of the first inning Aledo sent 17 hitters to bat en route to plating 11 runs on eight hits. After scoring four more runs in the bottom of the second inning, the Ladycats began working on fundamentals at the plate with the game well in hand.

"We never want to discount anybody," said Myers of her team's strategy coming into the game. "We came in with a lot of intensity and then we started working on some things in the last few innings."

Presley Hull and Texas Ray both hit doubles in those first two innings. McKean and Claire Byars legged out triples of their own to give Aledo four extra-base hits in the contest.

In total, the Ladycats amassed 17 hits strung across four innings with all

nine batters recording at least one hit.

Next up for Aledo will be the winner between Burleson and Richland. Those two teams will square off on Friday and Saturday. Time, date(s) and location for the Ladycats' next game or series is to be determined.

Aledo 15, vs. Trimble Tech 0 Thursday, April 27

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Aledo hitting: Addie Perry 2-for-2, 2 RBI, BB, SB; Claire Byars 2-for-3, 3B, 2 RBI, BB; Presley Hull 3-for-4, 2B, SB, 2 RBI; Texas Ray 2-for-3, 2B, 2 RBI; Ana Flores 2-for-3; Delaney Rosser 1-for-1, 2 BB; Taylor McKean 1-for-2, 3B, 4 RBI, BB; Maddy Jarvis 1-for-2, BB; Reagan Davis 3-for-3, RBI.
Aledo pitching: Taylor McKean 5.0 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 BB, 14 K.



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BASEBALL

Bearcats rough up Rider in regular season finale

Bi-district set against Trimble Tech

By Ryan Wade
The Community News

After struggling to be consistent throughout the first half of districts, Aledo's figured it out at the perfect time. Winners of five straight District 5-5A games, the Bearcats (21-10 overall, 9-3 in districts) put an exclamation point on their 2023 regular season campaign with a 4-1 home victory over Wichita Falls Rider on Saturday, April 29.

"We've been preaching the need to be consistent all year," said Bearcat head coach Chad Barry. "We seem to have found it in the last couple of weeks. This time of year, you need to be playing your best baseball. You need to be building to your potential and have some momentum going into the playoffs. I feel like we've accomplished that over the last two weeks."

Aledo's primary area of concern with a lack of consistency for much of the season has been at the plate. Too often early in district play Bearcat hitters tried to do too much with a single swing of the bat.

"We've been trying to get the kids to buy into what we want to do," Barry said. "Yeah, everybody wants to see you hit a home run, and that's

great. But home runs are not going to be what we hang our hat on. We're going to hit singles up the middle. Our gap-to-gap approach is what is going to carry us offensively. I've felt like over the last couple of weeks we've done a really good job overall up-and-down the lineup of hitting to the right-center alley and the left-center alley. It seems like it's kind of started to come together for us lately. This is the right time for that to happen."

Since Aledo's district win streak started back on March 14, the Bearcats have outscored opponents 38-11. The lone home run for the Bearcats in that span, an inside-the-parker, came when the streak began against Northwest as Trace Mazon motored around the bases after hitting a deep fly to right field that accounted for a pair of runs.

The other 36 runs the Bearcats have scored in the last five district games have been the result of plate discipline, taking what opposing pitchers have given them in terms of walks, and stringing together hits in run-scoring opportunities.

"We've started to realize when we quit trying to yank everything down the line, we're having a lot more success through the lineup," Barry said. "We're a lot tougher outs. And now you're getting more fastballs



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Boyd Thompson slides into third during Aledo's 4-1 win over Wichita Falls Rider in the season finale on Saturday, April 29.

because we've got guys on base. Pitchers are having to challenge us more."

The trio of doubles collected by Andrew Cambre, Ryan Jones, and Mazon during the matchup against Rider are prime examples of what happens when pitchers are forced to challenge quality hitting, as Barry alluded to. Those opportunities start with players like Brooks Burdine drawing a nine-pitch walk in one inning after having bunted for singles on two different occasions earlier in the game.

Doing whatever it takes to manufacture runs is one thing. But dependable pitching and fundamentally-sound defense have turned the Bearcats into a true triple-threat heading into

the playoffs. With the top seed in the district already locked down regardless of whether Aledo won or lost to Rider, Barry threw three different pitchers across seven innings.

"The result of [Saturday's] game had no bearing on our finish in district," he stated. "It was just a pride thing. We felt like we had a couple kids who needed to get back on the mound, and hadn't been on the mound a whole lot in the last week or so. We needed to get them some work. We felt like with the district race already wrapped up, this was an opportunity to do that against a good-hitting ball club."



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Brooks Burdine lays down his first of two bunt singles in Aledo's season finale against Wichita Falls Rider.

Robert Burk got the start for the Bearcats with another exceptional outing. Save one walk, Burk had a clean sheet in his three innings of work.

Bryce McCain came in from the bullpen to start the fourth inning. McCain threw two innings giving up a single run as he picked up the win for the Bearcats on the mound.

Luke Saunders closed the door on Rider as he collected a game-high five strikeouts in two innings of work.

Now the Bearcats turn their focus to the playoffs. The first order of business is a best-of-three, bi-district series against Trimble Tech (11-15)

this week. Thursday's game will be at Arlington Heights. Friday will be a home game for the Bearcats. Both of those games start at 7 pm with Game 3 on Saturday at noon in Aledo, if needed.

Aledo 4, Wichita Falls Rider 1 Saturday, April 29

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Rider	0	0	0
Aledo	4	1	1

Aledo hitting: Boyd Thompson BB, RBI; Trace Mazon 1-for-2, 2B, RBI, BB; Bosten Dwinell BB; Andrew Cambre 1-for-3, 2B, RBI; Ryan Jones 1-for-2, 2B, BB, RBI; Brooks Burdine 2-for-2, BB.

Aledo pitching: Robert Burk 3.0 IP, BB; Bryce McCain 2.0 IP, H, R (earned), 2 BB, 3 K; Luke Saunders 2.0 IP, H, BB, 5 K.



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