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WEATHERFORD ISD

## Tustees receive transportation, construction updates

Meeting started with special 9/11 commemoration

By **Melissa Winn**  
The Community News

On a day when America pauses and remembers the lives lost on 9/11, the Weatherford ISD Board of Trustees did the same prior to its meeting Monday, Sept. 11.

The Weatherford Kanga Singers, led by choir director Abigail Weaver, gathered to sing the National Anthem for those in attendance, and the board then honored its School Resource and Community Service Officers, the Weatherford Fire and Police Departments and first responders.

"Because of these [departments and officers] right here, we are the safest school district in the state," Board president Mike Guest said. "When you take your kids to school, the biggest fear is that they are away from you and you can't protect them anymore. We never have that [fear] here."

Guest went on to say that many agencies contact Weatherford ISD to follow its safety plan because of its success.

Shortly after, Cynthia Ortiz, the Parker County Relations Officer, introduced Chris Bosco, Group Manager with Freese and Nichols, who gave trustees a look at the details of the Parker County Transportation Bond and future plans.

The county is seeking \$130 million to improve safety and traffic congestion and commissioners recently called for an election to be placed on the November ballot.

"We are always looking for opportunities to partner with entities and advance projects to get more state and federal funds coming to Parker County," Bosco said.

Many of what is being considered and planned for is the expansion of I-20, reconstruction and addition of off-ramps, and dedicated turn lanes on farm-to-market roads throughout the county.

"There has been an uptick in accidents on [those roads]," Bosco said. "Parker County grew over 34 percent from 2010-2022 and is ranked sixth in the U.S."

Of interest to the district is the extension of FM 730 by Mary Martin Elementary School to make it more of an urban road. Also of interest is additional ramp access near Weatherford High School and Bethel Road.

Bosco said there are 32 total projects and when asked if there was a timeline on when some of these could be completed, the timeline varied from as little as five years to as long as 10.

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## All Shrek-ed Out



MEMORABLE MOMENTS PHOTOGRAPHY

Students from Aledo High School went all out on costumes and decorations for the 2023 homecoming parade. The homecoming game against Saginaw kicks off at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22, at Tim Buchanan Stadium. Shown are ag students on a Shrek-themed float.

ENTERTAINMENT

## Aledo filmmaker takes overall look

Both sides important to Bill McAdams' stories

By **John English**  
Community News

For Bill McAdams, Jr., it's important to tell both sides of a story.

The local actor/writer/director decided to write and direct his most recent film based on an incident that reminded him that division and tribalism are still alive and well.

*Bully High*, in a nutshell, is the story of a Muslim exchange student who gets bullied at her new high school because she wears a hijab, a head covering worn in public by some Muslim women.

McAdams, 53, said a painful episode from his personal life was the inspiration for the film.

"About four years ago I started dating an Egyptian girl," McAdams said. "We hit it off. She was Muslim and had her ways. She didn't drink, and she lived off the land. And I started adapting to the way she was and didn't drink for a whole year.

"We just kind of hit it off. We started liking each other more and more and I told my family. They said 'you can't marry a non-Christian.' It kind of took me aback, because I was like, 'But she's good for me. We're having fun and it's all healthy.' But there was a stigma against that."

McAdams said the experience shook him to the core and also led to an understanding of the types of attitudes and preconceptions that can lay the groundwork for bullying.

"After that happened, I told her about it, just to be honest with



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*Bully High* is the newest film release by Aledo resident Bill McAdams Jr. and is streaming online now.

her, and it kind of put a dent in our relationship," McAdams said. "Things just kind of fell off the table, and it was hard. She's an executive producer on the movie, and we still talk, but it was tough.

"It just kind of took me down the road of bullying. She said she had been bullied because of the color of her skin. I was like 'Wow, people still bully each other for the color of their skin?'"

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# FILM

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McAdams said in California, three out of four Muslim women are bullied for wearing the hijab, which is intended to promote modesty.

He said it was an eye-opening experience and one he felt that needed to be addressed.

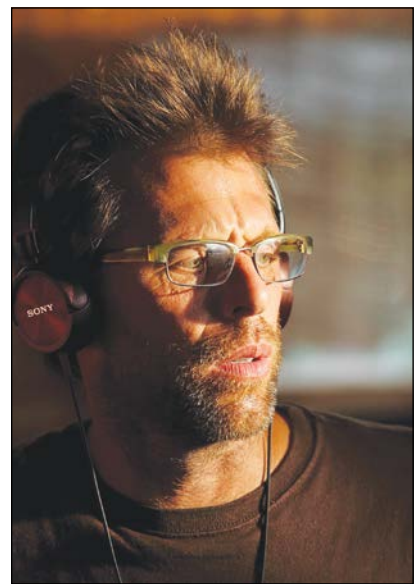
"It was a big subject to tackle because I didn't think it was that big of a deal," McAdams said. "But then I started seeing that, like, one out of four bullies were teachers, so adults were bullying children, that kind of pissed me off. But I have to say that this is not just a movie about a Muslim girl, or a racist or a Christian.

"It's a movie about love and acceptance and forgiveness, and I'm just trying to open the eyes of the people that live in the box. Just take a step outside and meet someone who is not just like you. You don't have to agree on everything, but you can learn from other cultures."

## Penchant for Learning

A review of his directorial history reveals that McAdams, Jr. has a penchant for such movies.

"All my films are clash cultures," McAdams said. "Gallows Road, I clash the blacks and the whites. Jose Canseco: The Truth Hurts is about a Cuban baseball player who gets blackballed for telling the truth... I



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ALEDO FILM GROUP  
Bill McAdams Jr. (center) with fellow stars of the movie *Bully High* Aneesha Madhok (left) and Caroline Stella. McAdams also wrote and directed the film.

just think we can learn from each other, and I guess my advice is to step outside your comfort zone and say hello to someone that doesn't look like you. You never know what is going on with them and how you can help each other."

McAdams sat in on the premier of *Bully High* at the Film Alley Weatherford, an experience the Aledo man described as "surreal," and then stood at the door on the way out to gauge reactions.

"They walked past me and said, 'Oh, you're the racist guy — I hope you're not like that in real life,'" McAdams said. "But I got the chance to talk to them and everyone that I talked to enjoyed the film. Not only does it have a strong message, but it is also entertaining, which I have to do. It has to be entertaining. That's my job as a writer/director."

McAdams used several local actors and crew members in *Bully High* as well and said it was a decision he did not regret.

"They are strong people," McAdams said. "Caroline Stella (producer) went to Aledo High School. Taylor Jabara is an unbelievable actor from Plano, and my producer is from Fort Worth, and her name is Therese Moncrief. And then Brent Anderson, who is the cow milk (Lactaid) guy, plays the principal. He was in *My All-American* and he's an incredible actor. So the talent here is great."

McAdams moved to Texas in 2012 and formed the Aledo Film Group, saying he has been welcomed warmly in his Parker County community.

## Deeply Personal

With *Bully High*, McAdams opens up on a deeply personal level about several issues and hopes that viewers leave with a couple of things in mind.

"I don't want to tell people how to think or feel," McAdams said. "I think that's anti-film. You just throw it out there and people grab onto what they want to talk about.

"This was the first time in 40 years, for instance, that I talked about being molested. I gave it to Taylor Jabara, who plays the mean girl, the bully in the movie. Because I always questioned why the bully was mean. And we never kind of go there, because we always just think, ah, they don't need help. But they need the most help of all.

"I think that's where the story can kind of hit home is to reach out to the person that you think doesn't need it. I think that person is the one that needs the hug and needs to talk. Violence is not the answer. We need to start talking. You've got to ask questions to get the conversation going without judgement."



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ALEDO FILM GROUP  
Bill McAdams Jr. (left) plays a teacher prejudiced against Muslims. Here he has a tender moment with his son, played by Cedric Begley.

## FILM REVIEW

# Bully High worth a look and listen

## Movie has strong message of understanding

By Rick Mauch  
Community News

Movies aren't just about visuals. When the message is good, it's just as important to listen.

Such is the case with the latest production from Bill McAdams Jr. and the Aledo Film Group, *Bully High*.

The idea for the movie seems to stem from a message of tolerance and understanding. As McAdams told our writer John English, it is important to look at all sides of an issue, sometimes what seems like prejudice comes from a deeper place.

The movie certainly does not justify prejudice and stresses the importance of turning away from it, but it does help provide an understanding that can subsequently lead to helping solve the problem.

The plot features a teenage Muslim girl named Maryam (played by Aneesha Madhok), an exchange student at a school in California who is bullied for wearing a hijab.

She simply wants to fit in with her new classmates, and does with many, particularly her new boyfriend, Zack Walker (Cedric Begley).

However, there are those who seize the opportunity to focus on bigotry. Things get extremely complicated when the bullying isn't only done by other students. Zack's father, Bob Walker (played by McAdams), is intolerant of Muslims, having lost his wife in the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Despite this, Maryam's popularity at school grows because of her likable personality. She's even presented as a homecoming queen candidate, which brings out the wrath of three-time reigning homecoming queen winner (a bit of a stretch in reality, you have to admit) Scarlet Smith (Taylor Jabara), who has some dark secrets of her own she's dealing with.

Maryam's case is one many young members of the Muslim community face. They were not even yet born when 9/11 happened and many are in this country because their families were also disgusted with actions such as the terrorist attacks on that day.

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## Capital Highlights

# Paxton acquitted on all impeachment counts



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Ken Paxton has been reinstated as Texas Attorney General after the Texas Senate on Saturday acquitted him of charges of bribery and misuse of office. Only two Republican senators joined the 12 Democrats in voting to convict him of some of the 16 charges heard by the Senate, with four other charges dismissed by the Senate, *The Dallas Morning News* reported.

"Today, the truth prevailed," Paxton said in a statement issued immediately after the verdict. "The truth could not be buried by mudslinging politicians or their powerful benefactors."

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who presided over the impeachment trial, scolded the House for voting overwhelmingly for impeachment of the embattled attorney general in late May. House Speaker Dade Phelan responded that Patrick was "confessing his bias."

"The inescapable conclusion is that today's outcome appears to have been orchestrated from the start, cheating the people of Texas of justice," Phelan said.

Paxton is not out of legal hot water yet. He faces a trial in March on an eight-year-old indictment for securities fraud. He is also the focus of a federal probe into his relationship with developer Nate Paul that led to some of the impeachment charges.

### Out-of-state firefighters head to Texas

As drought and high temperatures continue to contribute

to wildfires in Texas, more than 1,400 firefighters from 38 states and territories have arrived this year to help with response, the *Texas Tribune* reported. The number of wildfires that the Texas A&M Forest Service responded to in July and August skyrocketed to 163 in July and 501 in August, far above the average since 2005 of 103 in July and 151 in August.

"Drought development and the number of consecutive 100-plus degree days has contributed to critically dry vegetation across much of the state, which is supportive of wildfire activity," said Erin O'Connor, program specialist for the Texas A&M Forest Service. "With current conditions, we have wildfires that are more complex and show extreme fire behavior, hold heat longer and require more time and effort to suppress."

As of Sunday, the service reported six active wildfires, most of which are nearly contained. Recent rainfall has lowered the state fire level from 4 to 3.

There are currently 215 counties with burn bans in place. Luckily, widespread rainfall in the Hill Country, North and East Texas and much of the Rolling Plains is reducing the risk.

### TEA delays release of 2023 accountability ratings

The Texas Education Agency is delaying the release of A-F district and campus accountability ratings for about one month. The ratings were to be released on Sept. 28. The postponement allows for re-examination of "the baseline data used in the calculation of progress to ensure ratings reflect the most appropriate goals for students," the news release said.

The delay is a result of further study being made into the impact of the pandemic on student progress.

"Maintaining high expectations helps guide our efforts to improve student learning and support," said Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath. "The A-F system is designed to properly reflect how well our schools are meeting those high expectations, and the adjustments we are making this year will ensure it continues to serve as a tool for parents and educators to help our students."

### New COVID-19 boosters now available

A new vaccine booster for COVID-19 is now largely available, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is recommending all people over the age of six months get the new shots as the number of new COVID cases and hospitalizations increase across the state, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported.

"There's a lot of thought that COVID is over, but...we've seen over the last few weeks an increase in cases, hospitalizations and death," said Dr. Brian Metzger, medical director of infectious diseases at St. David's HealthCare in Austin. "While it's not nearly what we were seeing, ... there's still a significant burden of illness. We can't ignore it."

The CDC noted the immunity garnered from the original vaccination, like other seasonal illnesses such as the flu, wanes over time. After a year, the antibodies produced by the vaccine "have waned enough that you really aren't protected to where you were before," Metzger told the *Statesman*.

### August was fourth hottest and driest on record

This comes as no surprise to those of us living through it, but

August in Texas was the hottest and driest in Texas since records began being kept in 1895, according to Andrew Weinberg, geoscientist with the Texas Water Development Board.

At the end of the month 76% of the state was in drought, up 27 percentage points from the end of July. Storage in the state's water supply reservoirs is about 69% of capacity, more than 13 percentage points below normal for this time of year.

The hopeful news is that El Niño weather conditions should bring cooler and wetter weather to the state this fall and winter. That should ease drought conditions across the state before the end of the year.

### Lost Maples ranked as having best fall foliage

The leaves will begin to change in coming weeks, and the *Statesman* reports a Central Texas natural area has been ranked as having the best fall foliage in the country. Lost Maples Natural Area in Vanderpool, about two hours northwest of San Antonio, garnered the top spot from *New York Travel Guides*, a digital travel publication.

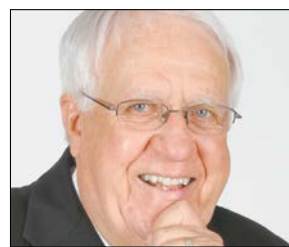
Lost Maples boasts 2,000 acres filled with bigtooth maple trees, which display brilliant colors most autumns. It also features 10 miles of hiking and 30 campsites with water and electricity. Park officials recommend visitors reserve passes online to guarantee entry.

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## Idle American

# Down from the Cross...



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Randy Brooks, who portrayed Jesus in "The Promise" more than 6,000 times, is nearing the 60-year mark in Christian ministry. But, he still has "the look"--the kind that causes head-scratching when vaguely familiar faces are seen.

Randy was cast in the role in 1989, when the award-winning musical began its 34-year run at Glen Rose's Texas Amphitheater. He later appeared for years in Branson, MO, at a New York City church and numerous performances internationally before he ended the role when COVID arrived in 2020.

Long-haired since the mid-1970s, he now is free to leave his gray hair au natural, unlike most performance years when it was dyed to hide premature graying. Had one of the founding producers of the Glen Rose production not spotted Randy in a hair salon in 1989, he might never have been featured in "The Promise."

"Can you sing?" she asked. Having been a pianist/vocalist since junior high, he quickly answered, not knowing that the producer was looking for a blue-eyed, long-haired man to play Jesus.

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## Guest Column

# Crossing the Bridge: Look out for Trolls



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In Norse mythology, beings described as Trolls dwelled in isolated areas of rocks, mountains or caves and were not friendly to humans. When my children were young, I enjoyed reading them the Norwegian fairy tale, "Three Billy Goats Gruff." The "mean ole Troll" in the story would hide under a bridge, waiting for his prey. He elicited a great deal of fear from my children. They would ask, "Daddy, are Trolls real?" "Why are they so mean?" "Don't let a Troll get me, Daddy."

By far, the most common use of the word Troll today is in relation to internet users who exist for the sole purpose of causing upset. In internet parlance, a Troll is defined as a person who posts inflammatory, insulting, abusive or off-topic messages in an online community. They appropriately take their name from the horrible Trolls of fairy tales. When you least expect it, such as while checking Twitter (now X), like an innocent Billy Goat crossing a bridge, Trolls pop up from their lair (dank hole/parents' basement) to try and ruin your day.

Trolls are characterized by distinct personality traits, including psychopathy, Machiavellianism, narcissism and sadism.

Today's Trolls emerge in larger numbers during political season, which currently seems to have no beginning or end. Attacking people on social media from behind the safety of their computer screens somehow gives them a sense of importance. We cannot see these Trolls, only their alleged names and negative words. Are they real people? Have they ever spoken or written anything positive? Why are they so sad and miserable and hateful?

The most disgusting thing about today's Trolls is that many are paid to cause a ruckus. One company, Influenceable, pays Trolls \$50 per post. The Dark Money behind this group thrives in a political atmosphere of chaos and division and Trolls are more than willing to be used for the purpose of creating pandemonium. No doubt, many of the negative posts about my colleagues or me are from paid Trolls.

To appeal to ordinary citizens, Trolls say that elected officials are all "corrupt." They paint any political proceeding as a "sham." Name-calling (RINO, liberal, globalist, etc.) and lying are common practices among political Trolls. They reinforce distrust in all public institutions and leaders and work to make their audience feel helpless and hopeless. Often,

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## AHS Homecoming Parade & Pep Rally

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# CROSS

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In 2020, Randy returned to Texas, where he continues to perform, largely at churches, retirement centers and at various other venues.

"My body told me it was time to slow down, so I have," Randy said.

He feels that he has kept numerous providential appointments in his life, including a recent visit to Shpeshewana, IN, where his brother Bill is emcee in the tiny Amish/Mennonite community's two theaters.

With three shows left to perform, Randy was helping Bill move household furniture. A large mirror slipped, seriously cutting Randy's right hand between his wrist and thumb. Fifteen stitches were needed to close the wound, but let's not race ahead.

The nearest hospital was 12 miles away, so Bill took Randy to his doctor's office. Blood gushing, Randy learned that it was the doctor's day off.

Coming through the back door, however, was the doctor, who lives 20 miles away in Goshen.

"I had this strong feeling that I should come to the office," he said.

Providence again, right?.

Realizing that Randy had sustained a serious injury, the doctor initially suggested calling an ambulance to take him to a hospital.

Then, he remembered treating numerous victims of roadway accidents during his Indianapolis internship.

He expertly completed the treatment. Randy, claimed to be "good as new," performed the same evening and at the two closing shows the next day.

"I don't solicit engagements, but enough still come to me," particularly with Shiloh Road, a southern gospel quartet in the Metroplex. "I'll serve the Lord until I can't."

Ever the "people person," he now drives for UberEats between gigs. He hears numerous comments about his "Jesus look," and smiles.

"God is good, now and forever," he said. "With Him, I'm ready for whatever comes next."

Amen.

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**Cooking Classes for Healthy Blood Pressure and a Healthy Heart**  
The Parker County Extension office will offer Cooking Well for Healthy Blood Pressure classes Sept 22, 29 and October 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Parker County Extension Office in Weatherford. The classes will focus on helping achieve and maintain a healthy blood pressure through cooking. Session one will focus on the DASH eating pattern and meal ideas. Session two will include a grocery store tour and party foods. The final lesson will be on cooking with herbs and spices and adding flavor to foods. To attend all three classes the cost is \$20.00. This will include recipes, handouts, and food and cooking supplies for each class. You can attend one, two or all three classes. Persons interested can register by calling 817-598-6168.

**SEPTEMBER 25**

**Teen Time**  
Middle and High Schoolers are invited to the library on Monday, September 25, at 5 p.m. to help decorate the East Parker County Library for fall by transforming pumpkins into your favorite book characters. Snacks provided.

**OCTOBER 6**

**3rd Annual Aledo Ladycat Softball Charity Golf Tournament**  
Aledo Softball Boosters will have the 3rd Annual Aledo Ladycat Softball Charity golf tournament on Friday, October 6, starting at 9 a.m. at Squaw Creek Golf Course 1605 Ranch House Rd. Willow Park. It will be a 4-man scramble with lunch & adult beverages included. Register as a team or individual by September 27. For more information visit <https://sites.google.com/view/ladycatsoftball> or contact [ahsladycatsoftball@gmail.com](mailto:ahsladycatsoftball@gmail.com)



**OCTOBER 7**

**Aledo UMC Lord's Acre Fall Festival**  
Join this fun annual event from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 7, at Aledo United Methodist @ 100 Pecan St in Aledo, Tx for a day full of fun, vendors, food, a Kid's Zone, a Country Kitchen, Silent & Live Auction, and more!

**OCTOBER 9**

**Zeb Strong 8th Annual Memorial Golf Tournament For the Dream**  
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**ACROSS**

- dog tail movements
- TXism: "tame as \_\_\_ dog"
- TXism: "he's a little shy in the hat \_\_\_" (mentally ill)
- \_\_\_ Campo, Texas
- enjoyed chicken fried steak
- \_\_\_ Falls, Texas
- UT grad Marcia Gay Harden film: "the Wild" (2007)
- braided hair
- TV ratings company
- an unusual animal raised in Texas
- changes political districts
- TX Jordan Spieth won 2015 U.S. \_\_\_
- assigned fault
- Tritt hit: "\_\_\_ Quarter (Call Someone Who Cares)"
- Laredo is known as the "\_\_\_ to Mexico"
- Farm-to-Market passage (abbr.)
- TXism: "he'll be \_\_\_ own funeral" (unreliable)
- \_\_\_ Ward, Texas
- TX-born Birmingham of TV series "Yellowstone"
- related to heredity
- Texas redback currency, today
- Gov. Ross (init.)
- A&M's "Corps of \_\_\_"
- once a Texas Oatmeal Festival race: \_\_\_-\_\_-thon
- Chris \_\_\_Doux performed and competed at Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo
- mother of TX Ginger
- \_\_\_dale, Texas
- Erik of film "Honeyboy" with TX Morgan Fairchild
- TX Texas' Comanche Peak Nuclear \_\_\_ Plant
- jar topper
- identification evid. in court
- "S" curve on 32-across

**DOWN**

- TX Miranda Lambert's "If I \_\_\_ a Cowboy"
- he took the title from TX George Foreman in 1974
- newspaper in Pittsburg, TX
- type of cave study in Sonora, e.g.
- birds found at Bentsen Rio Grande State Park
- Mitch Garver went to the Rangers from this northern AL team (2 wds.)
- job from which Ken Paxton's suspended
- late Texas actor, Rip (init.)
- hyped, promoted
- this Cockrell was San Antonio mayor twice
- this Jack was "Tex" in "Vera Cruz" film
- TXism: "natural as a duck \_\_\_"
- Amanda of "2012" with TX Harrelson
- woman who retired from TWU, e.g.: professor \_\_\_
- TXism: "skee \_\_\_ out of here" (flee)
- pamperin' places
- Ron, producer of "The Alamo" (init.)
- skinny Gulf fish
- car track in Lamar County: "Paris \_\_\_ Strip"
- repeat a story
- "\_\_\_ of direction"
- Austin's Congress Avenue Bridge is a hangout for these
- spider creations
- first half of the bible (abbr.)
- "he got the \_\_\_ cups"
- "\_\_\_ grip" (gain your self-control)
- lamp containing a colored waxy goo
- "go off the \_\_\_ end" (outburst)
- Mexican novel: "\_\_\_ Texas"
- "\_\_\_ a beet"
- state where Jerry Jones came from (abbr.)

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# BULLY

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In the movie, Maryam's mother was also killed in a terrorist attack. Yet, somehow, she is able to turn away from hatred and embrace the good in the world - even hoping to make a difference as a TV reporter in her career aspirations.

Doing so while wearing a hijab, which she notes is a symbol of modesty and strong beliefs. It should also be noted there is a difference between a hijab and a burqa, which covers the entire body and face, leaving only a slight opening for eyes.

People have a right to wear whatever they feel and to worship as they wish. The movie drives this point home in a smooth way without going over the top in its imagery, yet making clear that bigotry of any kind is painful, and that it often comes from a source of hurt.

The movie also addresses other forms of hurtful behavior, such as a young girl being physically abused by a neighbor, and a classmate of Maryam's being rejected by her parents after coming out as gay. I would have liked to have seen both of these subplots come to more of a complete resolution, but they are nonetheless impactful.

Then there's Zack, who was very young when his mother died. Though, with the movie set in modern times, you'll have to look past the math not totally adding up.

Bob's missing his late wife has led him to drink and barely hang onto his own life, much less being there for his son. Zack notes that he has grown up without a mother - and for the most part without a father.

Through it all, though, there is a solid message of understanding and growth, from both the violator and the violated - a message our world could make a concerted effort to do more of. To do this requires looking at things from not only our own point of view, but also from the other side - perhaps the biggest challenge of all.

There is an overarching spiritual message, but not one that hammers the viewer over the head. It is more along the lines of Jesus' greatest message of all, love each other as our father in Heaven loves us.

At around an hour and a half, the movie is a comfortable length. I applaud McAdams, who also wrote the script and directed the movie, for realizing that it's not the quantity of a production, but the quality that matters most - and that a key point in delivering a message is stress it strongly and move to the next point.

When all the points are made, let them sink in. Strong messages well stated leave a lasting impression.

The movie played at Film Alley the week of its release and can now be seen for free on streaming services Tubi and Freevee.



MELISSA WINN/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

On the anniversary of 9/11, Weatherford ISD recognizes members of the district's Community Service Officers, School Resource Officers, Weatherford Fire Department, Weatherford Police Department, and first responders.

# WISD

from page A1

Board member Jeff Ford said he hoped the county was thinking about the future and not just the present.

"This is great for the people who are here now but what about the people who are coming?" he asked rhetorically. "It feels like we don't always do that."

For more information on the bond, visit [www.parkercounty-bond.com](http://www.parkercounty-bond.com).

Trustees then heard about updates on the Grizzard Regional Institute of Technology (GRIT) construction progress. Weather permitting, the building will be "going vertical" on Sept. 25 and is currently on schedule and within budget despite some "hurdles."

The board next meets on Sept. 25 when members will receive a Legislative update and training.



SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Trey Nelson and Maddison Vela were named Homecoming King and Queen at Weatherford's homecoming game against Crowley on Sept. 15.

# Obituaries

## Janie Martin Beggs

Mrs. George Beggs III died in the early hours of Tuesday, September 12, 2023, during her 97th year.

Born to parents Winnie and L.C. Martin, Janie had three siblings: Nellie, Cat, and Sonny. She spent her entire life in the Fort Worth area.

Janie graduated from R. L. Paschal High School in 1943, and went on to work for the Stein Family selling jewelry. One of her clients, Mrs. Francine Capera Beggs, introduced her son, George Beggs III, to Janie when he was home from the West Texas ranch. After many nights dancing at The Casino, Janie and George were engaged and married June 28, 1950. They raised their children and lived on Beggs Ranch in Aledo for more than 60 years.

Every Sunday the family was at church at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, followed by Daniel's for coffee and cherry cokes with the same cast of characters! Every weekend Janie and George were on the dance floor at RCCC. Janie, the life of the party and known for her impeccable style, entertained all with her one-liners, quick wit, and love of jewelry. Janie loved colorful bouquets, no matter the occasion, and popped into Enchanted Florist almost daily to say hello and admire all the arrangements. She loved playing tennis with friends and, although she never learned to

swim, she waterskied all over Eagle Mountain Lake with the "Ski Group."

And despite that inimitable verve and gusto for life, nothing compared to Janie's love for George, their four children, and three grandchildren. Janie and George had their first dance more than 70 years ago.

She was preceded in death by her parents, siblings, and her beloved George.

Janie is survived by her children Janie Martin Beggs, George Beggs IV, Ed Farmer Beggs II, Judy Capera Beggs Clement and her husband, James Higbie Clement Jr; her loving grandchildren Capera Beggs Clement Norinsky (Igor), James Higbie Clement III (Paige), and Gregory Sayre Clement (Bebe); and her great-grandchildren Igor Alexander Norinsky, Capera Nellya Norinsky, Georgia Beggs Norinsky, James Higbie Clement IV, Janie Beggs Clement, and Harrison Browning Clement.

A Service at the Grave was held Wednesday, September 20, on the Farmer Beggs Family Lot in Greenwood Memorial Park.

MEMORIALS: In lieu of flowers, consideration of contributions to Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, All Saints Health Foundation, Union Gospel Mission, or a charity of your choice, in her memory, is suggested.

The Community News  
September 22, 2023



Janie Beggs

# TROLLS

from page A3

such agitators don't even take their position seriously, but narcissistically feed off creating fear, paranoia, and anxiety. They will go to great lengths to convince as many people as they can that there is a villain behind a given social woe with little or no solid evidence for the cases they try to make.

As your State Representative, I am always open to hearing innovative ideas, different opinions, and constructive criticism. We welcome honest and open political debate. However, social media potshots, hate mongering and lies are not helpful to anyone. The Leftist Gun-Hating Troll who comments on nearly every single one of my posts (and almost

every Republican's social media page in Texas), will never convince me or my 2nd Amendment loving supporters. Likewise groups on the political far right who exhibit cult-like behavior, with constant and choreographed social media attacks full of deception, are not to be taken seriously. The vile Trolls that make derogatory comments, even about my dear mother, Helen Sue, who passed away several years ago, are a special kind of evil.

In the coming campaign months, the Trolls will continue crawling out from under the bridge to do what Trolls do. Most often these Trolls are not from my district. Many do not even exist as real-life human beings. My pledge is to serve the people of House District 60, not Trolls or the people they may represent.



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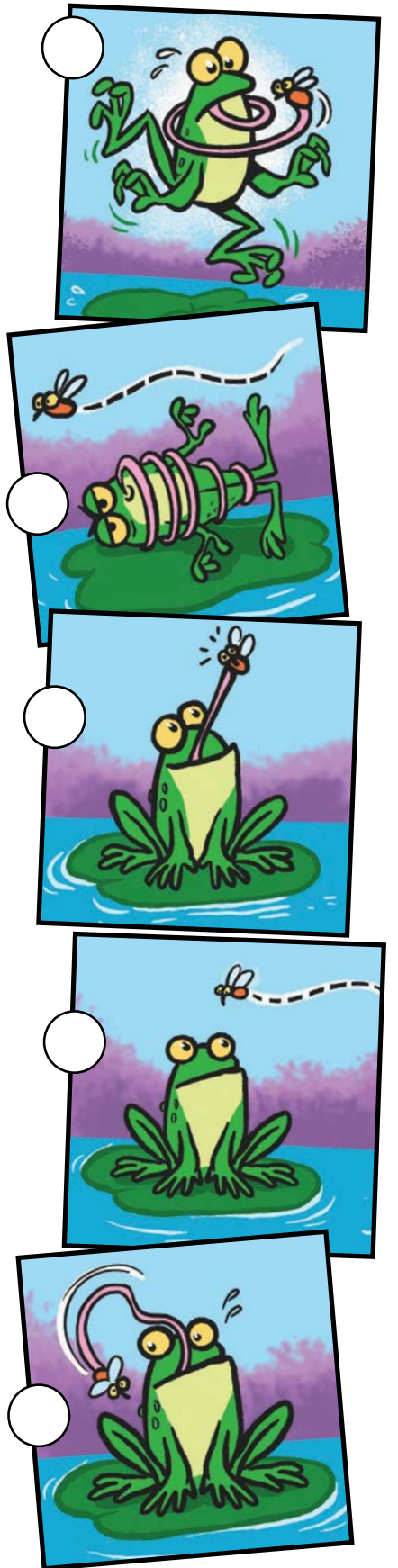
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## Kid Scoop Together Scrambled Story

The pictures below tell a silly story, but they're out of order. Can you number them to show the correct order? On another sheet of paper, write the story in words.



# BE A REPORTER!

Are you curious? Do you like to ask questions? Then you might want to be a reporter!

Below is a silly news story written by an imaginary reporter named I.B. Curious. It's a news report that could have happened in this fairy tale:



Use the code!

- = A    ☹ = I
- = C    ☺ = L
- ◆ = D    ● = N
- = E    ✖ = R

## What's a Reporter?

Reporters, also called journalists, gather facts to tell people what is happening.

Some reporters work for newspapers. Some work for online news. Some work for television news or radio news. There are many ways to be a reporter.

## Fairyland Morning Post

# SHOE FOUND: PRINCE SEARCHES FOR OWNER

By I.B. Curious  
STAFF WRITER

FAIRYLAND PALACE – Just after midnight last night, the Prince of Fairyland found a glass slipper on the grand stairway outside the palace entrance, according to Captain Turret of the Palace Guard.



His majesty Prince Kevin III.

Captain Turret revealed that Prince Kevin III discovered a single glass slipper on the staircase moments later.

“His majesty has declared that he will lead the search to find the young woman, visiting every house in the kingdom to find the woman whose foot fits this tiny shoe,” said Turret.

“Prince Kevin III met a young woman last evening at the Royal Ball,” said Captain Turret. “His majesty wished to ask her out on a date. But the young woman suddenly ran off, just as the clock struck midnight.”

Several guests reported seeing the mysterious woman speeding off in a beautiful, golden coach pulled by a team of white horses. Dozens of witnesses said that she appeared to be wearing only one sparkling shoe.

An official announcement from the Prince’s assistant requested that anyone with any information about the identity or location of the unknown woman contact the nearest Palace guard immediately.

## Your News Report

Follow the steps below to write a news report about an event in your classroom, at your school, or in your neighborhood.

### STEP 1

Pick something to report about. It should be about an upcoming event. Answer each of the following questions about the event.

1. What is happening?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. When will it happen?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Where will it happen?

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Why will it happen?

\_\_\_\_\_

### STEP 2

Ask people about this event. Write down what they say. You might find a way to include a quote from one or more in your news report.

### STEP 3

Use your notes to write a report about the event. Fill in the blanks or write it on another piece of paper.

\_\_\_\_\_ announced that \_\_\_\_\_

WHO

WHAT

will be happening at the \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE

on \_\_\_\_\_ said, “\_\_\_\_\_”

WHEN (DAY OR DATE)

WHO

QUOTE SHOULD BE ABOUT WHY THE EVENT IS HAPPENING

### STEP 4

Draw a picture or take a picture.



Below the picture, write a caption telling who or what is in the picture.

## Fact Check

Real news articles report on facts. Look through a page of a newspaper. Underline facts in green. Circle opinions in red.

**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Follow written instructions.

5. Who is involved?

\_\_\_\_\_

6. Add additional facts or details.

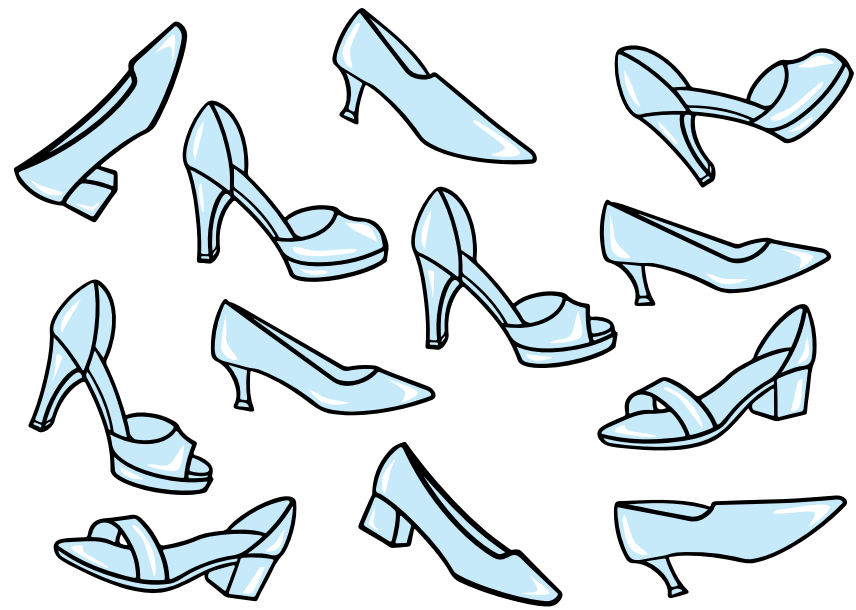
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## Kid Scoop Puzzler

### Matching Glass Slippers

Can you match each pair of glass slippers in under two minutes?



## Double Double Word Search

- CLOCK
- DETAILS
- EVENT
- FACT
- GATHER
- MIDNIGHT
- NEWS
- PRINCE
- QUOTE
- RAN
- REPORT
- SHOE
- TINY
- WORK
- WRITE

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?



**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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## Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **CURIOS**

The adjective **curious** means eager to learn or know.

Daphne was **curious** about the history of her school.

Try to use the word **curious** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

## FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

### Find the Question

Read an article in the newspaper. What questions did the reporter ask to get the information in the article? What questions would you ask?

**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Understand and interpret quotations in expository text.



## Why was it so difficult for Cinderella to improve her soccer skills?

ANSWER: Her coach was a pumpkin!

## Write On!

### Report On It!

Write a report about some news in your life. Be sure to include facts about **who**, **what**, **where**, and **when**.



BOYS GOLF

## Bearcats open season in elite tourney

### Granger Memorial among toughest around

By Rick Mauch  
Community News

Pretty much any golf team that has state championship aspirations was in Fort Worth this past weekend for the Bart Granger Memorial tournament at Pecan Valley Golf Course.



Jett Moore

That included the Aledo Bearcats as they began the fall portion of the 2023-24 season.

The tournament, named after the late Fort Worth Paschal golfer who died in an automobile accident in October of 1997, is normally a 54-hole event on the River Course with two rounds on Friday and one on Saturday. However, it was shortened to 36 holes because the course had some damage from inclement weather.

The tournament annually features some of the very best teams, not only in Texas but also often from across the nation. This year's field, though all Texas teams, included 48 teams from Fort Worth to San Antonio to Houston and all points in between and around.

The Bearcats shot a 593 over two days, opening with a 290 and finishing with a 303, to finish 21st. Dallas Jesuit won with a 546 (272-274), followed by Houston Memorial with a 548 (274-274).

Aledo's top individual finisher was Jett Moore, shot a 141 over two days. He opened with a 72 and came back with a 1-under-par 69 on the second.

Charlie Wylie of Houston Memorial won the individual title, shooting a 131 (65-66).

Also for the Bearcats, Helton Mosiello shot 145 (70-75), Braden Stokes came in with a 147 (70-77), Cade Moore posted a 161 (79-82) and Ethan Elmore had a 162 (78-84).

The four lowest scores in each round comprise the team score.

"The boys played great for the first tournament of the year," coach Brian Mourning said. "The second day we left some shots out there, which would have moved up on the board as a team against some of the best teams in the state in 5A-6A. Really proud of the guys and the way they played."

The Bearcats Orange team was playing its first tournament of the season at press time in the Dragon Fall Invitational at Waterchase Golf Club in Fort Worth. The Black team will next compete at the Jay Brewer Memorial in Texarkana Oct. 13-14.



Read this story online

FOOTBALL

## Bearcats prey on Azle

### HOCO matchup with Saginaw next

By Ryan Wade  
The Community News

After feeling dissatisfied with their offensive performance against Northwest in Week 3, the Bearcats made a statement with their 50-7 mauling of Azle's hosting Hornets on Friday, September 15.

"I felt like we had a good week of preparation this week," Aledo head coach Robbie Jones said after the game. "Our kids didn't like how we played last week, so they prepared a lot better during the week, and that showed during the first half of the football game."

It took just two plays and 37 seconds for Aledo (4-0 overall, 2-0 in District 5-5A) to put the Hornets on notice. On the second offensive snap of the game, Raycine Guillory broke off a 60-yard run to put the Bearcats on the board with their first touchdown of the night. Hawk Patrick-Daniels completed the two-point conversion with a 2-yard trot into the end zone as the visiting Bearcats took a very early 8-0 lead.

Azle's defense had no answer for the Bearcats' offense in the first quarter as Aledo found paydirt in each of its first four possessions.

The Bearcats' second possession wasn't much longer. It took all of 1:10 and three plays before Hauss Hejny connected with Trace Clarkson for a 51-yard pitch-and-catch to put the Bearcats up by 14. After Cole Crawford's extra point attempt sailed through the uprights, Aledo held a 15-0 lead less than four minutes into the game.

After the Bearcat defense halted Azle's attempt to convert a fourth-and-1 from their own 41-yard-line on their ensuing possession, Aledo took over on downs



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Gavin Beard finds an opening against Azle. Also shown is Alex Arana (50).

with 6:52 remaining in the first quarter. Hejny connected with Colton McCoy on a pair of 17-yard pass plays during the six-play drive that was capped off with Patrick-Daniels powering his way across the goal line from 2 yards out. Crawford once again tacked on the extra point as the visiting team really began to pull away, 22-0, with just less than five minutes remaining in the first quarter.

On their fourth drive of the game, the Bearcats were more methodical. Their longest drive of the game to that point took nine plays and little more than three minutes before Guillory did what he does best, breaking another big run on his way to the end zone. Guillory's 24-yard scamper coupled with Crawford's extra point

had the Bearcats up 29-0 on the scoreboard with 36 seconds left in the first quarter.

Guillory carried the ball just five times in the game, but picked up 107 yards and a pair of touchdowns in spite of limited touches.

Midway through the second quarter Aledo's offense got back to work after being kept off the scoreboard in their previous drive. Hejny connected with McCoy in the middle of the field for another score, this time from 46 yards out, concluding the three-play drive. Crawford's extra point put Aledo up 36-0 with 5:25 remaining in the first half.

Aledo took possession for their final time in the first half with 2:22 left on the clock. Five plays later Hejny found Clarkson once again

for their second score of the night. This time from 12 yards out.

Crawford's extra point put Aledo up by 43 heading into the break.

The Hejny-Clarkson connection has been unstoppable all season long. Friday in Azle was no exception. Hejny called Clarkson's number five times in the game, combining for 146 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

In total, Hejny went 14-of-17 through the air for 290 yards, three touchdowns, and no interceptions. He completed 82% of his passes and finished the game with a 162.4 passer rating.

On the other side of the ball, Aledo's starting defense was

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CROSS COUNTRY

## Ladycats win at A&M

### First time at elite event

By Rick Mauch  
Community News

The Aledo cross county teams are used to running long distances. Last week they traveled three hours via vehicle - and then ran a long distance - to compete in the Texas A&M Invitational.

The Ladycats won the varsity girls division, scoring 157 points to 190 for runner-up Fredericksburg. The Bearcats finished 10th in the varsity boys division.

The Ladycats were led by Micah Neal, who placed eighth individually with a time of 19 minutes, 11.1 seconds over the 5K course. Jack Fink topped the Bearcat runners with a time of 16:08.08.

The competition was held after Aledo teams took the previous week off.

"It was another great week for Aledo cross country!" said an excited coach Mike Pinkerton. "It was an incredible day, with



SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Aubrey Connally, coach Milke Pinkerton, Elizabeth Griffin, Micah Neal, Mayden Mitchell, Molly Garrison, Sofia Brandenburg, Mykel Murry, Madison Larson, Jack Fink, Anderson Smith, Tyler Connally, Bo Merrill, Luke Schabel, Ian Robbins, (seated) Dominick Barrera, Layton Ybarra, assistant coach Alan Simmons (standing).

much lower temperatures during the races. Both teams competed extremely well, given this was the first time the cross country teams have competed in this meet. Everyone ran very good times."

Saturday morning, Sept. 16, the junior varsity teams competed in the Paschal Invitational. In wet and muddy conditions, the girls finished 17th and the boys were 19th.

"Once again, everyone ran good times in the mud," Pinkerton said.

Saturday, the varsity will get a sneak peak at the course on

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FOOTBALL

# Former Bearcat shines in loss



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Brayden Fowler-Nicolosi is shown in the 2020 state championship game, which was played in 2021, because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Fowler-Nicolosi leads near upset

By Rick Mauch  
Community News

Former Aledo Bearcat quarterback Brayden Fowler-Nicolosi is used to big moments, such as when he led Aledo to a Class 5A Division II state championship in 2020.

And he was clearly not intimidated when he took to the biggest stage of his career this past Saturday night in Boulder, Colorado. Fowler-Nicolosi led the Colorado State Rams to a near upset of the No. 19 University of Colorado Buffaloes in a nationally televised game on ESPN before the Buffaloes prevailed in double overtime 43-35.

Fowler-Nicolosi completed 34 of 47 passes for 367 yards with three touchdowns and three interceptions. One of the interceptions came on a desperation throw into the end zone in the second overtime and another resulted in an 80-yard return for a TD after the Rams had driven deep into Colorado territory.

Fowler-Nicolosi held his own with heralded Buffs quarterback Shedeur Sanders, a Heisman Trophy Candidate, who was 38-of-47 for 348 yards with four TD and one interception. The Aledo alum had

the Rams (0-2) in prime position for the upset as they led 28-17 in the fourth quarter before the Buffs staged a late rally.

Fowler-Nicolosi also answered a Buffs touchdown on their first possession of the first overtime by throwing his third TD pass of the night.

"I stayed up until 1:30. I was invested in it. You take away those penalties against Colorado State and it's a different story," Aledo head coach Robby Jones said.

Jones was the offensive coordinator when Fowler-Nicolosi was quarterbacking the Bearcats.

Jones was referencing a plethora of penalties - particularly personal fouls - that negated some great plays by Fowler-Nicolosi and the Rams. This included him running in for a touchdown in the second overtime.

"I sent him a text the next day and told him I was proud of him," Jones said. "They went to-toe with a top-20 team."

The game was the second college start for Fowler-Nicolosi. As a freshman he started and played the entire game against Nevada last season in a 17-14 victory, completing 11 of 22 passes for 78 yards with two interceptions.

He finished his freshman season completing 17 of 37 passes for 194 yards with two TD and one interception. His first college touchdown was to a familiar target, Tory Horton, against Middle Tennessee State in a 34-19 loss.

Fowler-Nicolosi and Horton connected 16 times against Colorado for 133 yards and a touchdown.

Fowler-Nicolosi came into the game against Washington State in the season opener following an injury to Rams starting quarterback Clay Millen. Fowler-Nicolosi completed 13 of 20 passes for 210 yards with two TD and one interception in a 50-24 loss to the No. 21 Cougars.

For the season Fowler-Nicolosi has completed 47 of 67 passes (70%) for 577 yards with five touchdowns and four interceptions.

At Aledo, Fowler-Nicolosi, who moved in from California, led the Bearcats to a 12-1 record and a berth in the third round of the Class 5A Division II playoffs, falling 33-28 to eventual state champion Dallas South Oak Cliff. He completed 67% of his passes for 2,051 yards with 24 touchdowns and only one interception.



## RUN

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which the state meet is held as they will run in the Hoka/McNeil Invitational in Round Rock. The JV squads will compete in the Birdville Flyin' Hawk Invitational.

"Very proud of all of these runners, as they continue to improve weekly," Pinkerton said.

### Texas A&M Invitational Aledo results

Varsity team scores: Girls 157, first place; boys 396, 10th.

#### Distance 5K

Girls individual results (316 runners)

- 8. Micah Neal, 19:11.1.
- 12. Molly Garrison, 19:25.3.
- 26. Sofia Brandenburg, 20:29.7.
- 27. Mykel Murry, 20:31.9.
- 85. Mayden Mitchell, 21:37.3.
- 153. Aubrey Connally, 22:57.9.

Boys individual results (379 runners)

- 6. Jack Fink, 16:08.08.
- 40. Layton Ybarra, 16:53.4.
- 87. Luke Schabel, 17:28.3.
- 147. Dominick Barrera, 18:01.01.
- 158. Bo Merrill, 18:06.05.
- 165. Tyler Connally, 18:09.2.
- 180. Ian Robbins, 18:15.5.
- 192. Anderson Smith, 18:22.8.

### Paschal Invitational Distance 5K

Junior varsity girls

Team, 17th place

Individual results

- 87. Sadie Williams, 23:37.59.
- 129. Maddy Shepard, 27:09.19.



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- 132. Giana Anaya, 28:29.96.
- 134. Alexa Estrada, 29:04.17.
- 136. Julia Bettencourt, 31:17.59.

#### JV boys

Team, 19th place

Individual results

- 82. Landon Eaton, 18:44.22.
- 94. Reed Murray, 19:01.79.
- 117. Zachary Rivas, 19:30.44.
- 142. Ethan Matthews, 20:17.68.
- 160. Lincoln Tuin, 20:57.89.
- 164. Reese Copeland, 21:28.03.
- 182. Jaden Delgado, 22:31.17.
- 186. Isaac Brooks, 22:34.89.
- 205. Dylan Hoover, 27:12.31.

#### TCA/

WEATHERFORD

RUN AT PASCHAL

The Willow Park Trinity Christian Eagles/Lady Eagles, along with

the Weatherford Kangaroos/Lady Roos also ran at the Paschal Invitational.

Remington Boone of the Lady Roos led all area runners, finishing second over the 5K course with a time of 19:12.73. Also, Nayelli Ordonez placed 25th in 21:22.78.

Gracee Whiteaker led TCA runners, taking 15th among varsity girls with a time of 20:56.80. Emma Saadeh was 31st with a 21:38.34.

The TCA boys were paced by Wilson Winchester, who was 37th, posting a 17:49.55.

Braxton Boyer led the Weatherford boys, clocking a 17:43.63 for 35th, while Riley Starling was 39th with a 17:53.10.



## FOOTBALL

# Eagles pull away from Roos



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Tight end Will Jordan crosses the goal line.

## District opener for both

Staff Report  
The Community News

Crowley quarterback Caleb Williams threw five touchdown passes as the Eagles defeated Weatherford Friday, Sept. 15, 50-29 at Kangaroo Stadium. Williams was 28 for 37 for 242 yards.

It was the District 3-6A opener for both teams.

Weatherford tied the game 29-29 in the third quarter, but 21 unanswered Crowley points put the game out of reach.

After falling behind 21-8 in the second quarter, the Kangaroos

rallied. Xavier Holder returned a kickoff 79 yards, setting up a 1-yard touchdown by JoJo Polk.

With 2:09 to go in the half, freshman quarterback Cutter Kennedy threw an 86-yard touchdown to Colton McClure.

Eagle receiver Derrick Page caught two Williams touchdown passes in the fourth quarter, one for 24 yards with 1:13 to go and another for 9 yards in the closing seconds.

Kennedy was 15-of-21 for 200 yards and two touchdowns. Polk rushed for 79 yards and a touchdown on 19 carries.

Micah Moore led the Weatherford defense with 10 tackles.

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GIRLS GOLF

# Ladycats fourth at Granbury

## Crick fifth individually

By Rick Mauch  
Community News

Led by Emily Crick, the Aledo Ladycats began the fall golf season with a fourth-place finish at the Lady Pirates Invitational this past weekend at Harbor Lakes Golf Club in Granbury.

The Lady Pirates had a two-day score of 686. They began with a 346 on Friday and finished with a 340 on Saturday.

Crick paced the Aledo Black team, shooting a 163 over two days. She opened with an 84 and bounced back with a career-low round of 79.

Also for the Ladycats Black, Kennedy Parker posted a 173 (83-90), Kyla Morales (92-85) and Reagan Gilliland (90-87) each shot 177 and Sarah Michaelis had a 178 (89-89). The four lowest scores in each round comprise the team score.

"Super proud of the girls on the varsity Black team. My goal was to get all of those girls into the



80s at some point this season. They did it in the first tournament of the year," Aledo coach Brian Mourning said. "Really happy for Emily. Others played well against a tough field."

Aledo Orange had a two-day total of 791. Playing with only four players, they rebounded from an opening-round 409 to shoot 382 on the second day.

Harper Price led the Orange team with a 177 (88-89). Karlee Shaw started with a 101 and came back to improve by 18 strokes and shoot 83.

Also, Abby Gray shot 195 (99-96) and Addison Russ posted a 235 (121-114).

"I like where we are as a team and as a program with the loss of three kids last year on the Black team," Mourning said. "Several others on the Orange show flashes of good play. We just need to build on that tournament and get better each time out."

Both teams are back in action Oct. 19 at the Battle at the Creek at Squaw Creek Golf Course in Willow Park.

FOOTBALL

# AMS squads near perfect in first two games

Staff Report  
The Community News

Acton Middle School football teams faced Everman and Brewer in their first two games of the season. They won seven of the eight contests.

Here are the scores:

Vs. Everman, Sept. 5.

Seventh grade: A Team won 20-6, B Team lost 18-0.

Eighth grade: A Team won 26-0, B Team won 26-6.

Vs. Brewer, Sept. 12.

Seventh grade: A Team won 52-50, B Team won 12-0.

Eighth grade: A Team won 27-0, B Team won 34-0.

VOLLEYBALL

# MMS eighth sweeps Stephenville

## Seventh B also victorious

Staff Report  
The Community News

McAnally Middle School's eighth-grade volleyball team swept Stephenville this past week,

while the seventh-grade B team also won.

Results are:

Eighth grade: A won 25-16, 25-8; B won 27-25, 25-17; C won 25-14, 25-20.

Seventh grade: A lost 28-30, 29-27, 14-25; B won 25-18, 25-19; C lost 25-17, 25-21.

CROSS COUNTRY

# AMS competes at Roo Run

## Fink gets top spot

Staff Report  
The Community News

Led by seventh-grader Josh Fink, Aledo Middle School runners competed in the Junior High Roo Run hosted by Weatherford last week. Fink took first place out of 57 runners with a time of 10 minutes, 42.43 seconds over the 3200-meter course.

Leading the eighth-grade girls was Ashlynn Durnil, who was fifth out of 68 runners with a 12:58.56. Also, Juliet Sloan got sixth

with a time of 13:06.49 and Kinley Garcia was 15th in 14:09.72.

Among eighth-grade boys, Andrew Walsh finished 11th out of 71 runners, clocking a time of 11:38.89; and Kouper Wedgeworth was 15th in 12:04.56.

Karson Green led seventh-grade girls, finishing 11th out of 77 and posting a time of 13:20.54. Also for the seventh-grade boys, Luke McGuire was 12th in 12:34.48 and Caleb Doss was 14th in 12:46.23.

VOLLEYBALL

# AMS sweeps Brewer

## Seventh/eighth-grades perfect in wins

Staff Report  
The Community News

Aledo Middle School had no trouble disposing of visiting Brewer on

Sept. 14. They swept all six matches in seventh and eighth grades.

Seventh grade: A Team won 25-5, 25-10; B won 25-8, 25-10; C won 25-8, 25-5.

Eighth grade: A won 25-5, 25-6; B won 25-12, 25-9; C won 25-13, 25-14.

# ROOS

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Crowley improved to 4-0 overall, Weatherford dropped to 2-2.

The Kangaroos travel to Chisholm Trail Friday, Sept. 22. The Rangers (1-3) lost to L.D. Bell 73-15 Sept. 15. Weatherford beat Chisholm Trail 46-7 in 2022.

**Crowley 7 16 13 14 - 50**  
**Weatherford 0 21 8 0 - 29**

## Team statistics

Rushing yards: W'ford 101, Crowley 192.  
Passing yards: W'ford 140, Crowley 242.  
Caught-thrown-intercepted.: W'ford 17-24-0, Crowley 28-37-0.  
Fumbles lost: W'ford 1, Crowley 0.  
Penalties-yards: W'ford 4-25, Crowley 13-97.

## Weatherford Individual leaders

Offense  
Passing: Cutter Kennedy 15-21-0, 2 TD, 200 yards; Colton McClure 2-3-0, 26 yards.  
Rushing: JoJo Polk 19 carries, 79 yards, 1 TD; Kennedy 7 carries, 18 yards, 1 TD.  
Receiving: McClure 4 catches, 44 yards; Will Jordan 5 catches, 39 yards.  
Defense  
Micah Moore 10 tackles, Bruin Wright 9 tackles.

# FOOTBALL

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impenetrable. The Bearcat defense ended the first half with a bang as Owen Henderson picked off Canaan Kaznowski. Racing down the near sideline looking to score, Henderson was brought down by the one man he had left to beat after a gain of 43 yards as time expired at the end of the first half.

"Our defense played extremely well," said senior linebacker and defensive captain, Davhon Keys. "We practiced well, and we produced when it mattered."

Both teams managed to score in a tightly contested second half. Aledo scored first as Patrick-Daniels made his way across the goal line from a yard out on a second effort after being met by a swarm of Hornets at the line of scrimmage. After Crawford's extra point, the Bearcats lead extended to 50-0 with 5:36 to go in the third quarter.

After having been shut out the first three quarters of the game, it became a matter of pride for Azle as the fourth quarter got underway. Following a fumble recovery deep in their own territory, the Hornets mounted their lone scoring drive spanning 5:20, taking

13 plays to drive 92 yards. Cash Moore cashed in on a 2-yard run that finally broke open the goose egg on the scoreboard for the home team to make it a 50-7 ballgame.

Azle's scoring drive made up nearly half of the team's total yards for the game. The Bearcats surrendered just 203 total yards of offense. Aledo's passing defense was overbearing. Between the pass rush and the defensive backs covering Azle's receivers like a cheap suit, the Hornet passing attack managed just 74 yards on 17 attempts with an interception.

"We've just got to continue working every day, get better, take it week-by-week in this district run, and look forward to some bigger games down the road," Jones said.

Now the Bearcats turn their attention to the Saginaw Rough Riders (0-4 overall, 0-2 in District 5-5A), who will make their way into Tim Buchanan Stadium for Aledo's Homecoming on Friday, September 22. Kickoff for that game is slated for 7 p.m.

"Every week we just treat it like it's a brand-new game to start the season 0-0," Clarkson said when asked how the team stays motivated after a string of dominant wins.

"We go out and play our butts off every game. It doesn't matter who the team is. It doesn't matter who the opponent is. We just go out there and fight."

**Aledo 50, Azle 7**  
**Aledo 29 14 7 0 - 50**  
**Azle 0 0 0 7 - 7**

B - Raycine Guillory 60 run (Hawk Patrick-Daniels run)  
B - Trace Clarkson 51 pass from Hauss Hejny (Cole Crawford kick)  
B - Patrick-Daniels 2 run (Crawford kick)  
B - Guillory 24 run (Crawford kick)  
B - Colton McCoy 46 pass from Hejny (Crawford kick)  
B - Clarkson 12 pass from Hejny (Crawford kick)  
B - Patrick-Daniels 1 run (Crawford kick)  
H - Cash Moore 2 run (Braden Forsythe kick)

## Unofficial team statistics

First downs: Aledo 17, Azle 9.  
Rushes-yards: Aledo 35-259, Azle 37-129.  
Passing yards: Aledo 313, Azle 74.  
Caught-thrown-intercepted: Aledo 18-23-0, Azle 7-17-1.  
Fumbles-lost: Aledo 2-2, Azle 0-0.  
Third-down conversions: Aledo 5-of-7, Azle 1-of-14.

Fourth-down conversions: Aledo 0-of-2, Azle 2-of-12.

Time of possession: Aledo 21:56, Azle 26:04.

## Unofficial individual leaders

**Rushing**  
Aledo: Raycine Guillory 5-107, 2 TD; Hawk Patrick-Daniels 14-64, 2 TD; Kaden Winkfield 8-59; Gavin Beard 2-16; Blake Burdine 1-8; Austin Keith 1-6; Brett Turner 1-3; Cole Plumbley 2-2; Hauss Hejny 1(-6).  
Azle: Jon Lardizabal 7-43; Austin May 8-32; Canaan Kaznowski 6-31; Hagan Hughes 7-15; Tristyn Keaton 5-12; Cash Moore 2-2, TD; Hunter Ooten 1-0; Payton Blann 1(-6).

**Passing**  
Aledo: Hejny 14-of-17, 290 yards, 3 TD, 0 interceptions; Beard 4-of-6, 23 yards, 0 interceptions.  
Azle: May 7-of-15, 74 yards; Kaznowski 0-for-2.

**Receiving**  
Aledo: Trace Clarkson 5-for-146, 2 TD; Colton McCoy 4-for-114, TD; Blake Burdine 3-for-30; Tyson Timms 3-for-19; Patrick-Daniels 1-for-6; Brett Turner 1-for-1; Kaden Calloway 1-for(-3).  
Azle: Jon Lardizabal 1-for-22; Hagan Hughes 1-for-20; Christian Mendoza 2-for-17; Tristyn Keaton 1-for-10; Cash Moore 1-for-7; Payton Blann 1-for(-2).  
Interception  
Aledo: Owen Henderson.



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# LADYCAT OF THE WEEK



**Alyssa Todd**  
**Volleyball**


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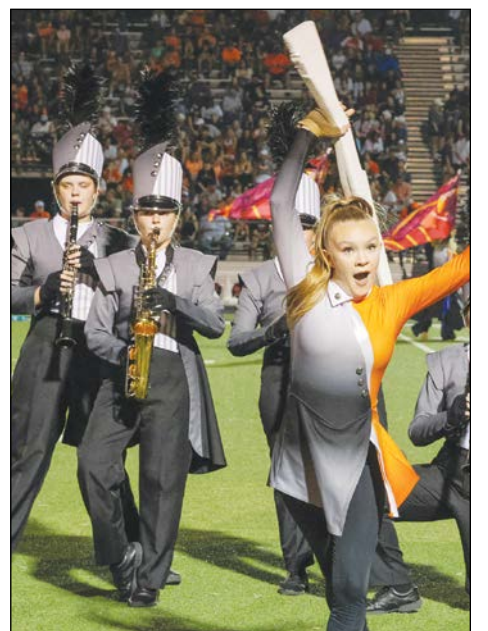
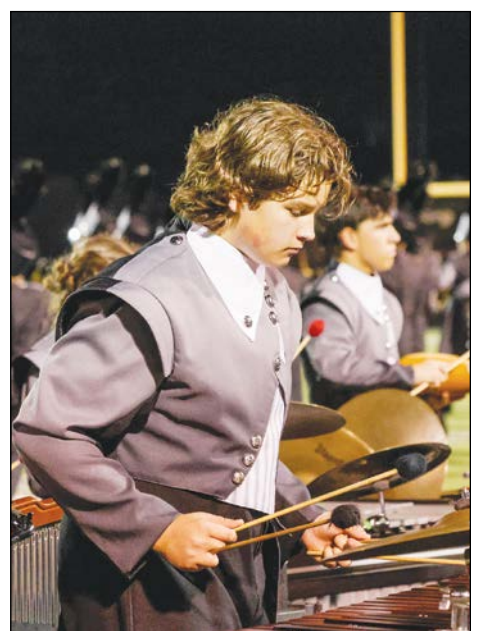
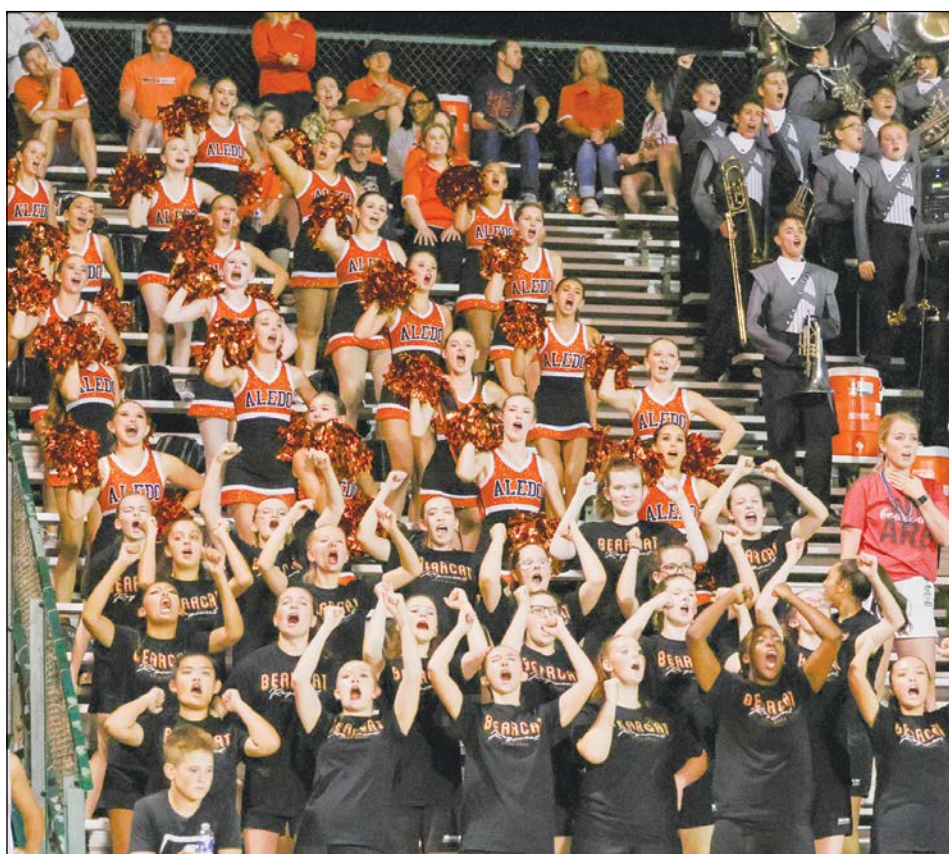
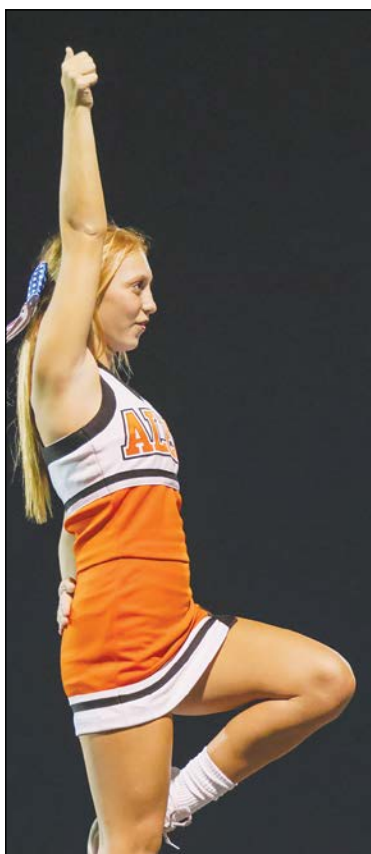
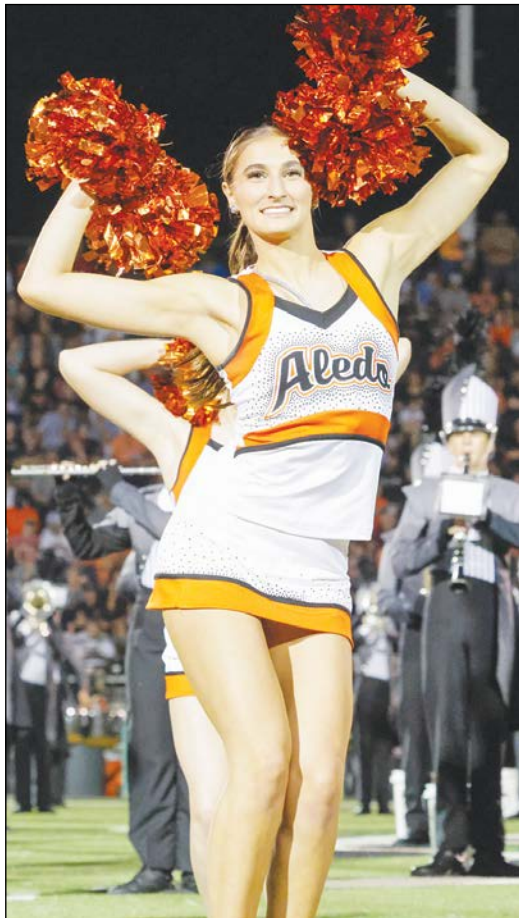
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Football



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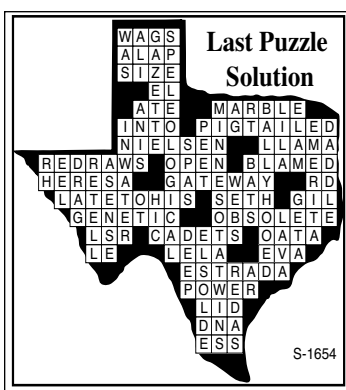
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### ORDINANCE 2023-185

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF ALEDO, TEXAS, MODIFYING CITY REGULATIONS RELATED TO GROUP E OCCUPANCIES STORM SHELTER REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE IS CUMULATIVE; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

#### SECTION 4.

Any person, firm, or corporation who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects, or refuses to comply with or who resists the enforcement of any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be fined not more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for all violations involving zoning, fire, safety, or public health and sanitation, including dumping or refuse, and shall be fined Five hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for all violations of this Ordinance. Each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

PASSED AND APPROVED THE 7TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023.

Nick Stanley, Mayor

Attest: Deana McMullen, City Secretary

### ORDINANCE NO. 2023-183

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALEDO, AS AMENDED, BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF 2.663 ACRES OF LAND SITUATED ON LAND FROM ABSTRACT 438, R.C. EDELMAN SURVEY, CITY OF ALEDO, PARKER COUNTY, TEXAS, CURRENTLY ZONED AS r-1 (single family residential district) TO pd C-1 (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT) WITH C-1 COMMERCIAL DISTRICT USES; PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP TO REFLECT SUCH CHANGES; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

#### SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this Ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section.

#### SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required by law, and it is so ordained. PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 27th DAY OF JULY, 2023.

Nick Stanley, Mayor

Attest: Deana McMullen, City Secretary

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FOOTBALL ADVANCE

# Aledo faces Rough Riders

## Bearcats host first homecoming at Buchanan Stadium

By Rick Mauch  
The Community News

As the Aledo Bearcats reach the midpoint of the 2023 football season they will return home to face Saginaw (0-4, 0-2) for homecoming.

It will be the first homecoming in the stadium now named after the legendary coach who was part of so many homecomings with the Bearcats. Now it is his handpicked successor, Robby Jones, who will be on the sidelines as the head coach in Tim Buchanan Stadium.

"It's my first time as head coach at homecoming, first homecoming at Tim Buchanan Stadium, and we got the Steve Wood sign up (on the fieldhouse), a lot of firsts," Jones said. "Those guys are going to have their names up their for a long time and it is well deserved. I'm honored to know them and to have worked with both."

Of course, Jones is no stranger to the stadium, having been Buchanan's assistant for two decades before taking the helm. He was the offensive coordinator since 2009.

The Bearcats (4-0, 2-0 in District 3-5A Division I) will host a Saginaw team (0-4, 0-2) that has, to put it mildly, struggled in recent seasons. The Rough Riders are 2-31 since 2020 after reaching the playoffs with a 7-4 record in 2019.

In fact, in the three seasons prior to 2019 the Rough Riders were 5-25.

In other words, life has basically not been good for the Rough Riders and their faithful for quite some time. Their most recent setback was 40 at home to Denton Ryan on Friday, Sept. 15.

On that same night, the Bearcats were decimating Azle 50-7 on the Hornets' own turf. It was the 113th consecutive district victory for Aledo dating to the 2007 season.

But Jones believes this year's version of the Rough Riders is better than last season's and there is more than meets the eye.

"It's not like they're a horrific football team," he said. "They started out against Denton Ryan forcing them into a three-and-out and punt. That's not a way we want to start against them."

### Homecoming parade

The homecoming parade in Aledo, like many places, is

a big thing. This year was no exception as fans lined the side of the streets for the floats and festivities, which included Bearcats players and coaches at the lead.

"I'm going to say that's one of the biggest crowds we've had at a homecoming parade," Jones said. "They were lined from the beginning of the ninth grade (campus) all around the high school. There were so many little kids there."

There is still plenty to come with homecoming activities, including the crowning of the queen at half-time of Friday's game.

### Coming together

For the first time this season the offense and defense played a complete game in Aledo's win at Azle, Jones said. The offense hung a half a hundred on the Hornets and the defense clamped down on them like no other time this season.

"It was good to see both sides of the ball playing so well," Jones said. "But that's what we expect from our guys. It's the first time this year they've both played the way they are capable of playing."

In the first two games of the season the offense grabbed the spotlight as the Bearcats outscored their opponents 98-80. In the past two weeks, the defense has risen up and they have outscored their opponents 88-20.

### Go-to-guy

Every quarterback has a go-to guy, such as Patrick Mahomes and Travis Kelce or Dak Prescott and CeeDee Lamb. For Aledo quarterback Hauss Hejny that player was Jalen Pope in 2022.

And this season it appears to be becoming wide receiver Trace Clarkson. He leads all receivers with 18 catches for 335 yards and three touchdowns.

This past week Clarkson hauled in five passes for 146 yards, including a pair of Hejny touchdowns.

"They've established a familiarity and they work well together," Jones said. "It's kind of like Jalen last year and you saw how that worked out."

Hejny was the MVP of the state championship game, a 52-14 win over College Station, while Pope set one state record with eight catches for 229 yards and tied another with three touchdown catches.



BRELEIGH MAYER/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Trace Clarkson caught five passes for 146 yards and two touchdowns against Azle on Friday, Sept. 15.

### Finley back

Wide receiver Kadon Finley is expected to be back in the lineup against Saginaw after having missed last week with an injury. Finley has three catches for 25 yards so far this season after having a standout freshman campaign with 26 catches for 417 yards and six TD.

Finley and Colton McCoy will likely see rotating time. McCoy has impressed this season with 11 catches for 222 yards and a TD.

"He's not listed as a starter, but he plays like one," Jones said of McCoy, adding, "And it'll be really nice to have Kadon back out there with his talent."

McCoy is coming off his best game of the season with six catches for 113 yards and a TD at Azle.

### Head-to-head

The Bearcats have never lost to the Rough Riders, owning a 5-0 record in the series. The teams first met in 2008 and that was the closest contest the two have played to date, with Aledo winning 22-7.

The Bearcats followed with wins of 55-10 in 2009, 70-7 in 2016, 52-7 in 2017 and 73-7 last season. That's a total score of 272-38, an average of 54.4-7.6.

### Good luck charm

In the five seasons the Bearcats have defeated the Rough Riders Aledo has a combined record of 71-5. The Bearcats have also won three state championships and played for another in those seasons.

In 2009, 2016 and last season the Bearcats won state titles after downing Saginaw in the regular season. They finished second in 2017.

The only time Aledo did not reach a state final after a win over Saginaw in the regular season was 2008. They finished 11-1 and reached the second round of the postseason.

### Rankings

The Bearcats are still at the Class 5A Division I state rankings in Dave Campbell's Texas Football. Also from District 5-5A, Denton Ryan remained No. 6 this week.

Throughout all high schools in the state, Aledo is fifth, behind only defending 6A Division I state champion Duncanville, defending 6A Division II champion DeSoto, Humble Atascocita and Houston North Shore.

Nationally, the Bearcats are No. 35.

### Game at a glance

Saginaw Rough Riders (0-4, 0-2 in District 3-5A Division I) at Aledo Bearcats (4-0, 2-0)

When: 7 p.m. Friday, Tim Buchanan Stadium.

Returning starters: Saginaw 6 offense/6 defense, Aledo 7 offense/5 defense.

Last week: Aledo won 50-7 at Azle, Saginaw lost 40-0 at home to Denton Ryan.

Last season: Aledo, 14-2, 8-0 district, 5A Division I state champions. Saginaw 1-9, 1-7 in district. Aledo won 73-7 at Saginaw.

Aledo offensive players to watch: RB Caden Winkfield (16 carries, 108 yards), TE Tyson Timms (8 catches, 69 yards, 1 TD).

Saginaw offensive players to watch: QB Roman Morales (813 yards, 6 TD, 6 interceptions passing), WR Aiden Collier (11 catches, 389 yards, 3 TD).

Aledo defensive players to watch: LB Ben McElree (14 tackles, 13 solo, 3 for loss), LB Ky Howington (8.5 tackles, 7 solo, 1 for loss).

Saginaw defensive players to watch: CB Jonathan Lawson (33 tackles, 1 interception, 1 fumble recovery), LB Isaiah Quinones (27 tackles, 1 interception).

### District 3-5A Division I update

Last week's results  
Aledo 50, Azle 7  
Burleson Centennial 33, The Colony 14  
Denton Ryan 40, Saginaw 0  
Northwest 45, Brewer 7  
South Hills bye

### This week's games

Thursday, Sept. 21  
The Colony at Ryan  
Friday, Sept. 22, all games at 7 p.m.  
Saginaw at Aledo  
South Hills at Centennial  
Azle at Brewer  
Northwest bye

### Standings (overall record in parentheses)

Aledo	2-0 (4-0)
Centennial	2-0 (4-0)
Ryan	2-0 (3-0)
Northwest	1-1 (3-1)
The Colony	1-1 (1-3)
Brewer	0-1 (1-2)
Azle	0-2 (1-3)
Saginaw	0-2 (0-4)
South Hills	0-2 (0-4)

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TENNIS

# Aledo blanks Saginaw



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Senior members of the Aledo Racquetcats tennis team who were recognized at Tuesday's match are Scott Mason, Benjamin Farmer, Kenley Germany, Nate Ashabraner, Craig Mason and Ibrahim Choudhry.

## Racquetcats still undefeated in district

By Cathy Mason  
Community News

On Tuesday, Sept. 19, the Aledo varsity tennis team defeated the Saginaw Rough Riders 19-0 to continue their undefeated district streak. The Racquetcats are 12-1 overall, 4-0 in district, and have won eight straight matches.

Girls doubles: Line 1 Kenley Germany and Bryanna Orr won 6-2, 6-0; Line 2 Elli Kate Bussmeir and Patrice Loftin won 6-1, 6-1; and Line 3 Eleanor Jack and Natalie Nawrocki won 6-1, 6-0. Boys doubles: Line 1 Craig Mason and Scott Mason won 7-5, 6-2; Line 2 Jacob Heckathorn and Francois Britz won 6-2, 6-2; and Line 3 Will Beyer and Tom Ruminsky won 6-1, 6-1.

The mixed doubles pair of Benjamin Farmer and Lila Satterfield won 6-1, 6-0.

In Girls singles, Line 1 Orr won 8-0; Line 2 Germany won 6-1, 6-0; Line 3 Bussmeir won 6-1, 6-0; Line 4 Satterfield won 8-1; Line 5 Gracie Heydman won 8-1 and Line 6 Sydney Byrd won 8-4.

In boys singles, Line 1 C. Mason won 6-0, 6-0; Line 2 Farmer won 8-1; Line 3 S. Mason won 8-2; Line 4 Beyer won 6-0, 6-0; Line 5 Britz won 6-0, 6-1 and Line 6 Ruminsky won 8-3.

For this last district home match of the season, the senior team members were recognized and celebrated for their hard work and effort within the program.

Two away matches remain; the team takes on Northwest next Tuesday, Sept. 26, and will play their last match against Wichita Falls Rider the following Tuesday.

Playoffs will begin the week of Oct. 9.

VOLLEYBALL

# Ladycats extend district win streak

## Sweep Azle and Rider

By Ryan Wade  
Community News

Aledo's Ladycats may have started district play with a different result than they wanted, but since then the Ladycats have won three in a row. The squad picked up a pair of wins on the road in the last week, defeating Azle three sets to one to start the road trip. They followed up that performance by absolutely decimating Wichita Falls Rider on Tuesday, Sept. 19, by scores of 25-9, 25-13, and 25-17.

A lingering issue for the Ladycats (22-8 overall, 3-1 in District 5-5A) in matches they've won has been coasting too much in the third set once they have their opponent in a 2-0 hole. It happened a few times during the predistrict schedule. It happened in their district wins over Granbury and Azle.

On Tuesday night, however, the Ladycats were determined not to allow an all but defeated Lady Raiders team to steal a set and prolong the match. Aledo kept the pressure on, earning their first shut-out of an opponent since defeating Waco Midway on Sept. 5.

Tuesday's match saw the return from injury of Vivian Parker and Ella Meador. Parker, still nursing a lingering injury, played limited time during the Ladycats' last home match against Granbury. At Wichita Falls Rider, both ladies returned to the floor, making their presence felt with dominant performances.

Parker led the Ladycats in kills with 15, while also scooping 11 digs and serving up an ace. Meador

earned a match-high 14 digs. She also picked up an ace and an assist in her first match back.

Ava Reding is quietly putting on a master class this season. The junior setter picked up another 66 assists during the two-game road trip. That brings her total for the year to a staggering 632. If that weren't enough, she also leads Aledo in aces with 37 after picking up three more on Tuesday.

The Ladycat offense runs so efficiently because it runs through Reding.

At the net, Haley Lowe and Ella Isbell had four blocks each against the Lady Raiders. Lowe patrols the middle of the net like she's Dikembe Mutombo. With five weeks left in the season, the junior middle blocker already has 80 blocks on the year.

## Aledo stings Lady Hornets

On Friday, Sept. 15 the Ladycats made the short trek through the hills to Azle for their third District 5-5A matchup of the season. Standing at 1-1 in district play to that point, Aledo won a decisive four-set match, defeating the Lady Hornets by tallies of 26-24, 25-13, 21-25, and 25-16.

Kaylee Berkley, Kinley Elms, and Alyssa Todd were money up front as the trio cashed in with 11 kills each during the match. Kenrie Pruitt led the Ladycats in digs with 24. Logyn Denbrow and Todd worked their way into double-digit digs on the night, as well, collecting 15 and 13 digs, respectively.

Lowe blocked six shots from Azle attackers to lead the way for Aledo, as she's done for much of the season.



RYAN WADE/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Ava Reding sets the ball as Haley Lowe moves in for the kill during a home match against Granbury on Sept. 12. Reding collected 66 assists in the Ladycat wins over Azle and Wichita Falls Rider.

Isbell and Denbrow both earned a pair of aces against Azle as well.

The Ladycats return home on Friday, Sept. 22 when they host Saginaw. Presently, the district records for the two squads are opposite of each other. Aledo sits at 3-1 in District 5-5A play, while the Lady Rough Riders are 1-3.

That match is slated to get underway at 6 p.m.

# Bump, Set, Spike



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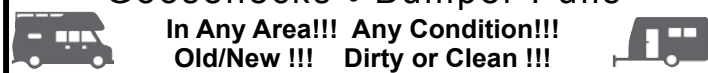
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