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School funding continues to weigh heavy

Board of Trustees meeting discuss bonds**By Ryan Wade**

The Community News

With the Ken Paxton impeachment trial officially over, the pressing concern of school funding was at the forefront of the discussion during Aledo ISD's Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 19.

During the legislative session earlier this spring, state legislators took until the final days of the session to agree upon state-wide property tax cuts. The state treasury has \$5 billion earmarked for school funding after the tax cuts were approved and signed into law by Governor Greg Abbott.

However, what the legislature failed to do before the legislative session concluded was decide how and where the \$5 billion would be distributed to schools across the state. Now that the Paxton trial has ended, Governor Abbott said he plans to call for a special session in October to hash out funding for schools.

Board of Trustees Secretary David Lear spoke during the opening moments of the meeting to advise the board of what to expect during the special session. Lear said with the governor, lieutenant governor, and the state senate all in favor of a voucher program while the state representatives in the House of Representatives widely opposing a voucher program, the state legislature will likely end in a gridlock that will leave school funding hanging in the balance.

If that happens in October, Abbott is expected to call a second special session in order to give legislators another opportunity to pass laws to fund schools across the Lone Star State. Lear mentioned he is less than optimistic anything will be accomplished in the second session that was not accomplished in the first.

Should the second special session end without resolution, the governor is expected to kick the choice to voters.

Last month Aledo ISD Superintendent Dr. Susan Bohn said the district has adopted a deficit budget, as have most districts across the state. She added that for the 2023-24 school year the district was not in a position where it was important to cut staffing or programs due to budgetary constraints.

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Aledo High School senior Jane Claire Anderson and her father, Seth Anderson, react to her name being called as the 2023 Homecoming Queen at halftime of the Aledo-Saginaw game. Photos and profiles of the homecoming court can be found on page A4.

ANNETTA

New Faith Baptist Church holds groundbreaking

Special to The Community News

New Faith Baptist Church, located on FM 5 in Annetta, held a groundbreaking and dedication ceremony for a new building on Aug. 27.

The 6,700 square foot building will house a new sanctuary, classrooms, and space for family ministry.

Senior Pastor Brandon Carter, Howard Watson of Howard Watson Construction, LLC, and church leaders turned dirt with silver shovels as the congregation looked on. Pastor Carter challenged the church to move "Forward in Faith" with prayers of support for the undertaking.

Carter noted that many individuals contributed to this project, "but the glory and honor should be wholly placed at the feet of our Lord." He also commented, "This building will allow us to provide much-needed ministry to our congregation and our community. It will support more growth and assist us in being able to take the Gospel to others."

Completion of the project is anticipated to be 18 months.

Pastor Carter said the church has outgrown its current building due to an increase in membership and additional service ministries.

"This growth is directly related to the blessings God has bestowed upon the church," he said.

New Faith Baptist Church is considered "a small church with a big heart." There are active ministries for all age groups, with an emphasis on family and children.



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TOP: Leaders of New Faith Baptist Church turn dirt for the new construction project. | RIGHT: Pastor Brandon Carter provides comments to the congregation during the groundbreaking ceremony.

"It will support more growth and assist us in being able to take the Gospel to others."

- Pastor Carter

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Clear Fork Veterinary Clinic is committed to compassionate, quality care

Since May 2018, Clear Fork Vet has committed to providing quality care to all animals that enter their doors.

Born and raised in Aledo, Dr. Darryl McEndree brings 23 years of veterinary expertise to his hometown, serving his entire career in Parker County. Dr. McEndree received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Texas A&M University in College Station.

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owners, and every visit will be one of compassion.

Dr. McEndree said they work to ensure all animals feel comfortable and safe when they are in their care.

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During the Sept. 19 meeting, Bohm reiterated that the district will not face cuts to personnel or programs for this school year. However, if the state legislature cannot figure out how to fund schools in short order, making cuts for the 2024-25 school year will be unavoidable as the district's deficits continue to grow.

Board President Forrest Collins added that while speaking with a state legislator on the phone, he advised the legislator when he receives calls from disgruntled teachers and staff from this point on he is going to give them the legislator's phone number.

2023 Bond update

Board Vice President Jessica Brown provided an update on where the district currently is in regard to the items on the 2023 Bond Package.

The bond package included \$17 million for the procurement of land for future construction sites as the district continues to grow. Brown mentioned the district has made several land purchases or is under contract to acquire land. The district owns the 20-acre parcel on Champions Drive adjacent to the Daniel Ninth-Grade campus. They are also under contract on 109 acres north of the McAnally Middle School.

Speaking of bonds

Parker County will have a transportation bond proposal of its own coming up in November. County Judge Pat Deen presented the specifics to the board during a portion of the meeting.

Deen said the county runs on a seven-to-eight-year cycle, typically speaking. The first transportation bond was back in 2008 for \$80 million.

The second came in 2016, again for \$80 million.

Right now, the county sits in the seventh year of a typical



Along with the increased safety impact the transportation bond is expected to create, Deen also mentioned an expected economic benefit to follow. He stated in Parker County approximately 60% of residents commuting to work in the mornings commute east towards the Fort Worth metro area.

As growth continues to come to the area with efficient travel possible due to adequate infrastructure, Deen stated he expects more economic development in Parker County so that fewer residents will have to leave the county to make their living.

eight-year cycle with 32 proposed projects needed for safety and improvement.

Specifically in Precinct 4, which covers much of Aledo ISD, the primary focus is transitioning from a rural infrastructure to an urban infrastructure. That transition includes widening roadways, complete with paved sidewalks and gutters.

One of the projects the county expects to accept bids on next month is transitioning Old Weatherford Road from a rural to urban cross-section. The county has already purchased all the right-of-way property necessary for the project that will include a four-lane, divided roadway with a trail system from McAnally Middle School running west all the way to FM 3325. Construction on that project is expected to start just after the New Year.

Another project of note for Aledo is the extension of Bankhead to a full urban cross section from FM 1187 all the way to Ranch House Road in Willow Park.

Deen stated the proposed bond is for \$130 million. If approved, property taxes for Parker County will increase 2.5 cents. For the average home with a taxable value of \$330,000 in Parker County, that 2.5 cent increase translates into \$83 per year in extra property tax.

By Randy Keck
The Community News

Freedom House of Parker County held its annual Garden Safari fundraiser at The Brooks at Weatherford on Sept. 12, anchored by a moving message from former NFL cornerback Chris Johnson.

Johnson, a resident of Aledo, emotionally described the death of his sister at the hands of a former boyfriend. His mother was also shot in the incident.

The message was especially appropriate due to the mission of Freedom House, which provides services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Freedom House services include emergency shelter, counseling, therapy, legal counseling, and transportation.

The walls of The Brooks were lined with silent auction items, and the evening ended with a spirited live auction under the direction of auctioneer Ross Bandy.

For more information on Freedom House, visit <https://www.freedomhousepc.org/>.

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Parker County District Attorney Jeff Swain, Freedom House Executive Director Patti Wilson, and Parker County Sheriff Russ Authier welcomed patrons to the event.



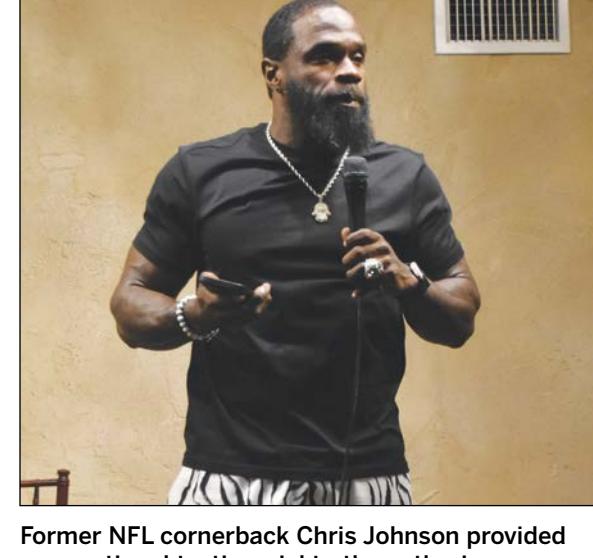
Auctioneer Ross Bandy elicited maximum bids for the live auction items.



Patrons had a choice of numerous silent auction items.



Musical entertainment was provided during the social hour.



Former NFL cornerback Chris Johnson provided an emotional testimonial to the gathering.



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Meet the Aledo High School Homecoming Court

Virginia (Ginny) Holloway was selected from her classmates in the Aledo High School Class of 1973 to be this year's Coming Home Queen announced at halftime of the Aledo-Saginaw game.

Holloway had a successful career as the elected Lee County Tax Assessor and Collector and as Tax Assessor and Collector for all entities in Lee County. While in office, she served on the Board of Directors for the Lee County Appraisal District. She was a member of the Tax Assessor-Collectors Association of Texas, Texas Association of Counties, and agent for Texas Department of Transportation.

Holloway has two daughters and five grandchildren.

Freshmen

Henley Aucoin is the daughter of Michelle and Dolan Aucoin. Henley has attended Aledo schools since kindergarten. Her favorite subjects are geometry and biology. Henley is a member of The Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Freshman Cheer Squad, is a UCA All American Cheerleader, and a flyer on the UIL competition team black. Her hobbies include hanging out with friends, spending time with family, and going to bible study each week. After she graduates, Henley plans to become a college cheerleader, graduate in the top 10% of her class, and grow in her Christian faith. She was escorted by her father, Dolan Aucoin.

Karsyn Evans is the daughter of Kyli and Doug Evans. Karsyn has attended Aledo schools since the second grade. Her favorite subjects are biology and health science. Karsyn is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Ladycat Volleyball team. She enjoys playing volleyball, shopping, and hanging out with her friends. Her future goals are to play D1 college volleyball and become a nurse.

Sophomores

Julia Cutaia is the daughter of Bobbie Crosslin and Vince Cutaia. Julia has attended Aledo schools since kindergarten. Her favorite subjects are English and history. Julia is the co-caption of her cheer squad and enjoys hanging out with friends, attending Friday night football games, tumbling, and snowboarding. After she graduates, Julia plans to travel the world and become a great mom, like her own.

Thessalie Stuntz is the daughter of Chrissy and Travis Stuntz. Thessalie has attended Aledo schools since kindergarten. Her favorite subjects are algebra II and chemistry. Thessalie is a member of The Bearcat Regiment and the Ladycat Volleyball team. Her hobbies include hanging out with friends and family, attending H-S-M, Coach Bruiser's Volleyball, and sleeping as much as possible. Her plans after high school are to attend college, study theology, and travel across the globe.

Juniors

Maithé (May) Inoue May is the daughter of Anna and Douglas Inoue. May has attended Aledo schools since sixth grade. Her favorite subjects are English and history. May is a member of leading ladies, Bearcat Besties, student council, Business Professionals of America, and book club. Her hobbies include reading and spending time with her friends and family. Her future goals are to graduate, work in the medical field, and help as many people as possible.

Emery Thompson is the daughter of Lynn and Brett Thompson. Emery has attended Aledo schools since kindergarten and her favorite subjects are math and science. Emery is a member of National Honor Society, leading ladies, and the Aledo Varsity Soccer and Track teams. She enjoys playing select soccer, spending time with family and friends, and being involved in her church's youth group. Emery's future goals are to attend college, play collegiate soccer, and pursue a career in business or law.

Seniors

Jane Claire Anderson is the daughter of Laura and Seth Anderson. Jane Claire has attended Aledo schools since kindergarten. Her favorite subjects are math and science. Jane Claire is a member of the National Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society, the Fort Worth Orchestra, leading ladies, Cook Children's Junior Volunteers, and is a drum major in the Bearcat Regiment. In her spare time, Jane Claire enjoys baking, drinking coffee, playing and listening to music, and going on hikes. Her future goals are to study neuroscience.



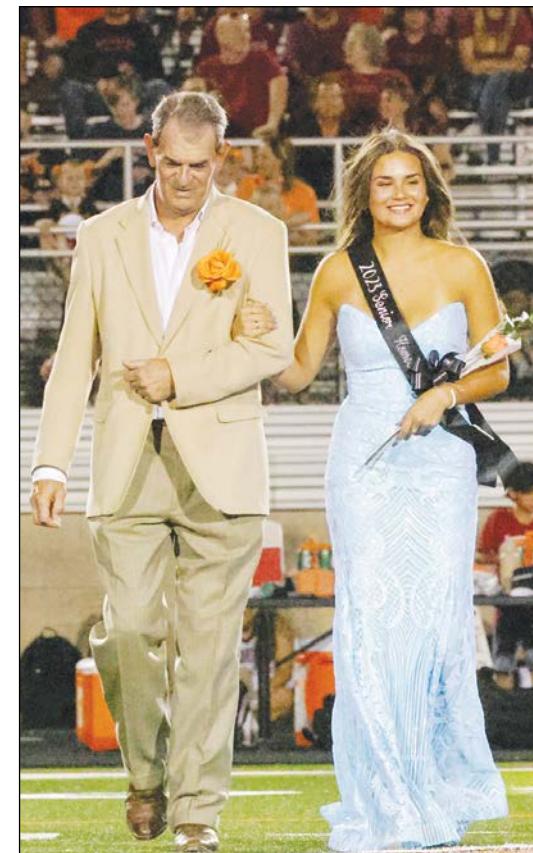
Coming Home Queen Ginny Holloway was escorted by her brothers, Lee Roy and Carl Holloway.



Senior Jane Claire Anderson was escorted by her father, Seth Anderson.



Senior Trinity Hindman was escorted by her father, Cody Hindman.



Senior Sam Howeth was escorted by her father, Jerry Howeth.



Junior May Inoue was escorted by her father, Douglas Inoue.



Junior Emery Thompson was escorted tonight by her father, Brett Thompson.



Sophomore Thessalie Stuntz was escorted tonight by her father, Travis Stuntz.



Sophomore Julia Cutaia was escorted by her father, Vince Cutaia.



Freshman Henley Aucoin was accompanied by her father, Dolan Aucoin.



Freshman Karsyn Evans was escorted by her father, Doug Evans.



AdvoCats Help and Hope Luncheon

Year 21 celebration held at Ridglea Country Club

By Randy Keck

The Community News

Motivational speaker, aerospace engineer, and former Rocket Scientist with NASA Shayla Rivera headlined the annual Aledo Children's AdvoCats Help and Hope Luncheon on Friday, Sept. 15, at Ridglea Country Club.

Emceed by Gloria Barron, the fundraising luncheon celebrated 21 years since the formation of the AdvoCats.

Event chair Christi James, on behalf of herself and co-chair Jessica Williams, welcomed the group to the event.

Following lunch, AdvoCats board chair Lisa Robertson and founding member Lynn McKinney talked about the 20-plus year history of the organization.

McKinney recalled that when she and her husband came to Aledo in 1986 they saw Aledo as an affluent, tight-knit community.

"But as I had the opportunity to get to know more students and their families, as a campus and district administrator, my perspective changed significantly in a very short period of time," McKinney said. "In working with individual students, there were many situations when there would be a need and a group of teachers or a group of staff members would pull together in order to financially assist."

McKinney said the list ranged everywhere from needing a prom dress to needing a car repaired.

"From these situations, we began to create a list of resources and also individuals that we could count on for help when these situations occurred," McKinney said. "Everything from local ministers and churches and area businesses; we sought out counselors and dentists and doctors that would serve kids for reduced rates. And we worked with individuals in the community who, quite frankly, would give us money when we needed it. But as you can



Motivational speaker Shayla Rivera provided the keynote speech.



Judge Lynn Johnson provided the invocation for the event.

imagine, we lacked a coherent system to serve the needs of our kids 21 years ago, and we obviously knew we needed a better way."

McKinney said that over the years the needs have increased along with the increase in population and increase in cost of living.

"I'm willing to bet that many of us in this room, we don't think twice about it," McKinney said. "We take our kids to the dentist, we take our kids to the doctor, we sign them up for camps — we do all sorts of extracurricular activities. We take them shopping. We don't think 'are we going to be able to pay our utility bills this month,' when it's 110 outside or when it's January and it's minus 6 — those things are not in our daily reality."

She pointed out, however, that there are many families who struggle just to get their basic needs met.

"I could have never envisioned the remarkable organization that AdvoCats has become and developed over the years," McKinney added. "The reason why that has happened was many, many hours of discussion, brain power, hard work, all of which was volunteered. It's busy people who say, 'I'll do that. I can fit that in the schedule,' and to make things happen in our community."

PHOTOS BY KATHY CHRUSCIELSKI/KC STUDIOS



Event co-chairs were Christi James (left) and Jessica Williams.



Lynn McKinney, left, and AdvoCats president Lisa Robertson talked about the history of the AdvoCats.

Obituaries

Lois Annette Imes

Lois Annette Hesseltine Imes, 83, of Willow Park, passed away on the evening of Tuesday, September 19, 2023.



Lois Imes

Annette was born to Victor Weldon and Mary Eloise Hesseltine on Thanksgiving, November 30, 1939. After graduating from Sinton High School in 1958, she married David Imes of Kistler, West Virginia. Together they shared three decades in the U. S. Air Force and traveled the world with their three sons, David, Darrell, and Jeffrey.

Preceding her in death were her husband, David; son, Darrell; parents, Victor and Eloise; sister, Welna; and brothers, Weldon, Melvin, Jim, and Morris.

She is survived by her son, David, of Fort Worth, and daughter-in-law, Sandra, and son, Jeffrey of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; eight grandchildren, including David, Amanda, and Christopher; and brothers, Ronny, Donny, and Gerald.

A graveside service was held on Monday, September 25, at Memory Gardens of the Valley Memorial Park.

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Gov. Greg Abbott has called a third special session, this time about school choice, for next month. He is promising retribution for lawmakers who oppose his move to enact school vouchers in Texas, the *Texas Tribune* reported.

"There's an easy way to get it done, and there's a hard way," Abbott said on a tele-town hall about the issue. "We will take it either way — in a special session or after an election." Abbott essentially threatened to find primary opponents for legislators who oppose his initiative, which failed to gain traction during the regular session as a coalition of Democrats and Republicans representing rural districts opposed it.

His proposal would give parents taxpayer dollars to send their children to private schools. Opponents say this would harm public school systems, particularly in rural areas where choices for private schools are limited.

Paxton hints at run against Cornyn in 2026

Just days after being acquitted on impeachment charges by the Texas Senate, reinstated Attorney General Ken Paxton hit the airwaves of several conservative media outlets and hinted of a possible run against incumbent U.S. Sen. John Cornyn in 2026.

The *Houston Chronicle* reported on a Paxton interview with Tucker Carlson on X, formerly known as Twitter. Paxton said that "somebody needs to step up and run against this guy that will do the job."

"To me, he's been in Washington too long. He's been there, what, for 14 years or so? And I can't think of a single thing he's accomplished for our state or even for the country," Paxton said.

In a separate interview, Paxton said he will be "on the campaign trail" to back GOP primary opponents of three House members who were key to his impeachment: House Speaker Dade Phelan and Reps. Andrew Murr of Junction and Jeff Leach of Plano.

"I'm highly motivated," the *Austin American-Statesman* quoted Paxton as saying.

Paxton still faces state securities fraud charges filed in 2015. He is due to go to trial next March and is also under federal investigation.

Deadline nears for registering to vote on Nov. 7

Texans will decide the fate of 14 proposed constitutional amendments on Nov. 7. The deadline to register to vote in that election is Oct. 10 for those who are not already registered. The proposed amendments include measures to increase the homestead exemption from \$40,000 to \$100,000, with homeowners 65 and older getting an additional \$40,000 exemption. Other proposals would cap increased in appraised value and expand exemptions for small businesses from the franchise tax.

Abbott and other backers of the bills passed in a summer special session called these measures the largest property tax cut in Texas history.

Early voting begins on Oct. 23 and ends Nov. 3, according to the Texas Secretary of State's office.

Texas called 'hotbed of hate' in recent report

A report issued last week by the Anti-Defamation League labels Texas a hotbed for extremism and antisemitism, with a heavy presence of white supremacist and anti-LGBTQ+ groups, according to the *Texas Tribune*.

The report examines three years of "alarming levels of extremist ideology and activity" in the state. Antisemitic incidents in the state rose by 89% and six "terrorist plots" were discovered, along with 28 "extremist events" such as training and rallies, according to the report.

Capital Highlights

Another special session slated for October

The ADL suggested some nonpartisan policies to stem growing extremism, such as creating a commission to study domestic violent extremism and providing clear statistics on hate crimes.

"Elected officials in Texas have an opportunity to confront this issue to significantly curtail the negative impact that extremism has on the people they represent," Oren Segal, vice president of the ADL's Center on Extremism, said in a statement.

Financial losses from opioid crisis are staggering

In a monthlong series of stories about the fentanyl crisis, *The Dallas Morning News* determined through an analysis by The Perryman Group that the economic toll of the opioid crisis in Texas includes \$50.1 billion in economic output each year and more than a half-million jobs.

"As large as these numbers are, they likely underestimate the true impact," economist Ray Perryman said. "It's widely acknowledged that drug addiction is underreported."

His group pulled data from the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other health agencies for its analysis.

A new law requires all emergency medical responders to report drug overdoses to health

authorities in an effort to map overdoses and hopefully identify overdose hotspots. All Texas law enforcement officers are being given NARCAN, which quickly reverses opioid overdoses, according to Abbott's office.

Cowtown named city with the worst weather

A newsroom meteorologist with the *San Antonio Express-News* is not likely to win the keys to the city of Fort Worth after completing a study to determine which major city in Texas has the worst weather. The "winner" was Fort Worth, according to Anthony Franze.

Franze looked at hail, tornado, flash flood and wind data since 2000 for the five most populous counties.

"Based on all the different categories we looked at, the major city with the most consistent destructive severe weather is Fort Worth," Franze wrote. "Since 2000, Tarrant County has had the most hail reports and it's in an area most prone to destructive tornadoes. Tarrant County has also had 121 destructive wind reports during that time, the most of any major Texas city."

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Idle American

The Shape We're In

the domino table. "Flatland tourists" stop by for gas and snacks or to ask directions. They are amused that Mort and his friends have a lively "42" game underway next to the day-old bread rack.

"We have friendly arguments that usually lead to laughter. None of us would make it with computers. I'm afraid we'd jump right into the 'pool of the opinionated,' so we simply quibble among ourselves."

Anyway, Mort and his bunch cringe at the general state of anger and frustration that permeates our culture.

"Yeah, I overhear enough conversations at the general store to develop strong opinions without ever turning on the television."

Concerning governmental quagmires in both Washington, DC, and Austin, he is flummoxed by the "flailing away" of political figures that resembles participants in "Whack-a-mole" games. (When one mole is "whacked" down, another one appears.)

"Truth, ethics, courage, conviction and statesmanship historically marked our government leaders," Mort claims. Today, not so true.

He says a recent general store visitor brought "news" of a new health issue purported to be raging in DC and Austin.

It was passed along to him by a guy at a gasoline pump who heard it from the second cousin of a man who married the daughter of his junior high school baseball coach.

The affliction seems to be limited to index fingers of governmental leaders of both parties, and so far is nameless.

Symptoms in Austin and Washington include reddened, chafed index fingers.

"One doctor claims the condition is inevitable when too many moistened index fingers are hoisted skyward to determine which way the wind blows," the visitor said.

Mort wonders what they'll wind up naming this ailment, but he figures it will include broad-brush descriptions of "good government, patriotism, motherhood and/or apple pie." It seems probable that this condition should be named "get-re-elected-itis," or something closely akin thereto.

"Wet fingers lifted to see which way the wind blows is nothing new," Mort opined. "But this practice shouldn't carry the day."

Long a man of prayer, he remembers the country church of his youth. It was comprised largely of farmers who saved money

by pooling their orders for new overalls. They always requested double-layered denim in the knees, with quadruple layers in the seat. "We are a praying bunch, so we need double strength fabric for our knees," a deacon explained. "Unfortunately, we do twice as much back-sliding as we do praying, thus the need for four-layered seat fabric."

Rank and file Americans need to "think denim," at least the two-layered kind.

As Mort motored toward home on his golf cart, he was refreshed by cool air accompanying the recently-arrived fall season. Reflective and prayerful, remembrance of Alfred Lord Tennyson's famous quote came to mind: "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

Mort prayed that the love of money—the root of all evil—might lose its stranglehold on the world.

"We maintained for years that money talks," he thinks. "That's no longer true. Today, it screams."

Dr. Newbury, longtime university president, continues to write weekly and speak throughout the state. Contact: 817-447-3872. Email: newbury@speakerdoc.com. Facebook: Don Newbury



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Uncle Mort, my aged uncle down in The Thicket, has heard the expression since childhood. He's used it repeatedly since about the time he thinks he became an adult.

"We're in pretty good shape for the shape we're in."

The rancid saying—when fresh and generally applicable—may have warranted a grin or two back then. Nowadays, there's little evidence that our world is in "pretty good shape," even if viewed from various angles through lenses of rosiest tint. "Anything goes" seems to prevail in the overall scheme of things, and there are far too many schemes. There's little to smile about in a world whose axis grows evermore wobbly.

Thankfully, Mort still tries to find reasons to smile. He pretty much relies on "horse sense" (he calls it "stable thinking") and visits to the general store nearby to eavesdrop and/or take his seat at

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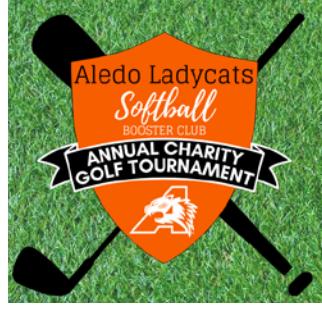
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OCTOBER 14

Paper Shredding Event

Paper Shredding Event sponsored by the Aledo Community Lions Club on Saturday, October 14 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. It will be held in the Aledo First Financial Bank parking lot.



FALL FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 21ST
5PM-8PM

fellowship. Games, food, cake walk and trunk-or-treat. For more information go to pccowboychurch.org or follow on Facebook.

OCTOBER 22

20th Annual Ladycat/Bearcat Golf Tournament

Aledo Athletic Booster Club-Golf will hold the 20th Annual Ladycat/Bearcat Golf Fundraiser on Sunday, October 22 at Split Rail Links & Golf Club. Lunch will be provided at 11:30 a.m. with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. The cost is \$600 per team with Hole in 1 prizes available and cash prizes for the top 3 teams. For details contact Dalia Smith 817-675-0404 or email daliasguard-aledo@yahoo.com.



October 22, 2023
Split Rail Links & Golf Club
Shot Gun Start 1:00pm
Lunch Provided



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OCTOBER 21

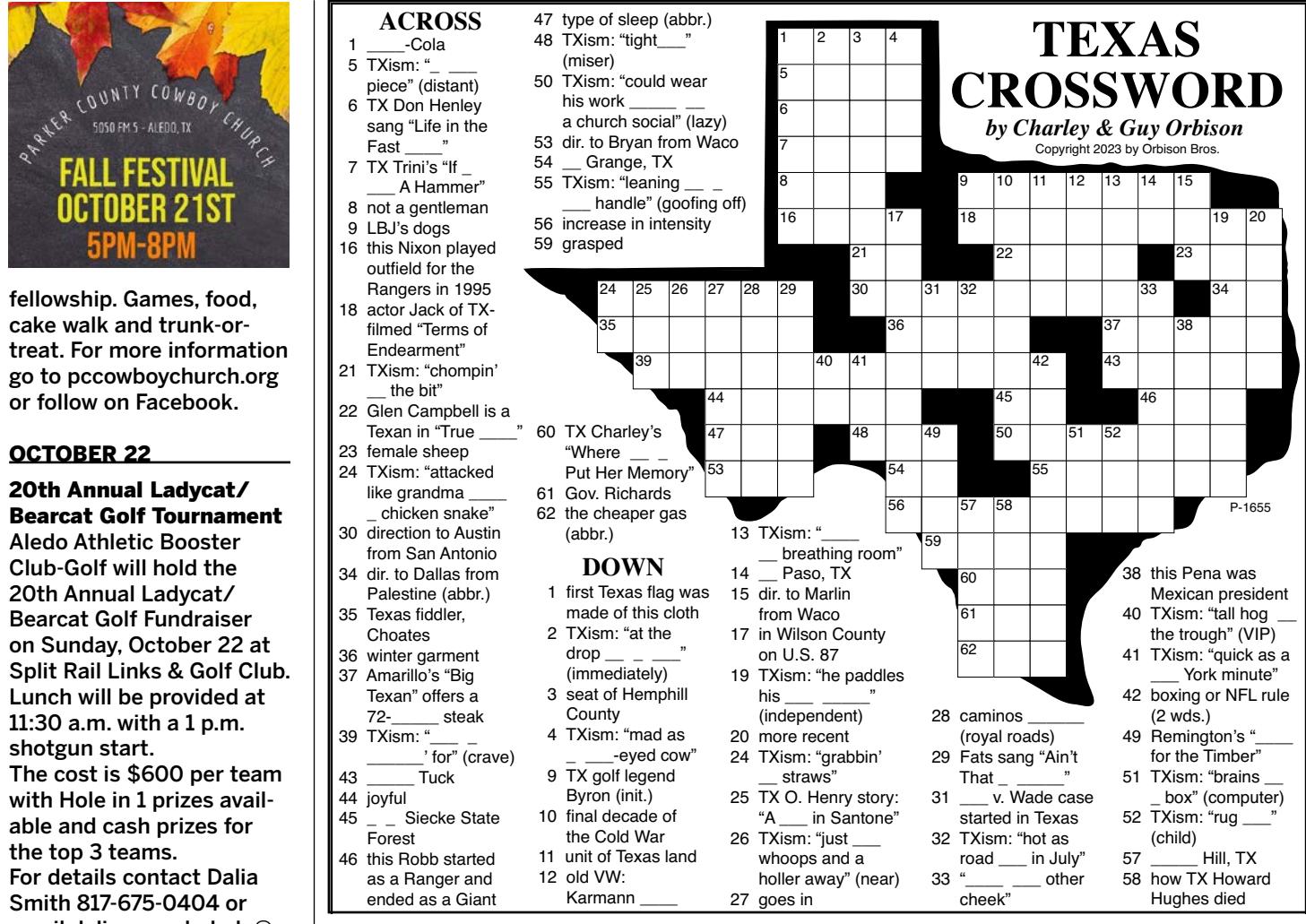
Zeb Strong 8th Annual Memorial Golf Tournament Fore the Dream

Help us turn a ball into a dream, we are driving for the world! The tournament will be held Monday, October 9 at Split Rail Links & Golf Club 2151 Old Anetta Rd. Aledo, TX.

OCTOBER 21

PCCC Fall Festival

Parker County Cowboy Church will have their Fall Festival on Saturday, October 1 from 5 - 8 p.m. Come for family fun and



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



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!

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Separate sealed bids for the **Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Re-Bid** project will be received by the City of Willow Park until **3:00 PM on October 26, 2023**, at Willow Park City Hall, 120 El Chico Trail, Suite A, Willow Park, Texas 76087, and then at said location publicly opened and read aloud. The project consists of furnishing and constructing a new 0.75 MGD wastewater treatment plant and all associated appurtenances as shown on the plans and specifications.

The Contract Documents, consisting of Advertisement for Bids, Information for Bidders, Bid Proposal, Bid Bond, Contract, Performance and Payment Bonds, General Conditions, Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed, Plans, Specifications, Addenda (if any) and Project Contracting and Compliance Provisions may be examined at the following location:

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Bids will not be received from contractors who have not obtained original plans and specifications from Jacob & Martin, LLC. Contractor shall submit only the required contract documents with their bid.

A non-mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the Willow Park City Hall, 120 El Chico Trail, Suite A, Willow Park, Texas 76087, at **10:00 AM on October 19, 2023**, to discuss the scope of the project and answer any questions prospective bidders may have concerning specifics of the project. The Contractor or his designated representative may attend.

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

Small and minority firms are encouraged to submit bids for this project.

Copies of the Contract Documents must be ordered online at www.jacobmartin.com. Orders for Contract Documents may include hard copies for pick up, mail out or digital download via www.jacobmartin.com. Upon verification of online payment, hard copies may be picked up at Jacob & Martin, LLC, located at 1925 Fort Worth Highway, Weatherford, Texas 76086. Cost for hard copies of the Contract Documents will be **\$100.00** for 11 x 17 plans, and digital download of Contract Documents will be **\$0.00**. Contractors must purchase a set of Contract Documents to be considered a registered plan holder eligible to bid the project.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of City of Willow Park, negotiable U.S. Government bonds (at par value) or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid (Water Code 17.183) shall be submitted with each bid. The Contractor shall utilize a surety company which is authorized to do business in Texas in accordance with Surety Bonds and Related Instruments, Chapter 3503 of the Insurance Code.

This contract is contingent upon release of funds from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB).

This contract is to be funded through a loan obtained from the Texas Water Development Board as part of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund. There are a number of special provisions for this funding that bidders, by submitting a bid, acknowledge understanding, including the following: Any contract or contracts awarded under this Invitation for bid (IFB) are expected to be funded in part by financial assistance from the TWDB. Neither the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or the State of Texas, nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees, are or will be a party to this IFB, or any resulting contract.

Any contract(s) awarded under this Invitation for Bids is/are subject to the American Iron and Steel (AIS) requirements of Section 608 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. § 1388).

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

Equal Opportunity in Employment - All qualified Applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age (40 or older), disability, or genetic information. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the Department of Labor regulations at 41 CFR Part 60-4, relating to Construction Contractors--Affirmative Action Requirements, which include the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended by Executive Order No. 11375 and Executive Order No. 13672, in the award and administration of contracts awarded under TWDB financial assistance agreements. Failure by the Contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach, which may result in the termination of the awarded financial assistance.

Davis-Bacon prevailing wage rates are applicable. All laborers and mechanics working on the work site and employed by contractors and subcontractors on projects funded directly by or assisted in whole or in part by and through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund or Drinking Water State Revolving Fund shall be paid wages as described in the section, Mandatory Davis-Bacon Act Contract Conditions.

Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements apply to the construction, alteration or repair of treatment works carried out, in whole or in part, with assistance made available by the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) or a construction project financed, in whole or in part, from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF).

Any contracts in excess of \$2,000 for construction, alteration, or repair (including painting and decorating) and funded under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund programs shall include the mandatory Davis-Bacon Act Contract Conditions.

Any contracts or subcontracts in excess of \$2,000 must include the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Wage Rate Requirements found in TWDB Guidance No. DB-0156. Compliance with Davis-Bacon Act and related acts and requirements apply to this project. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in the specifications.

For prime contracts in excess of \$100,000, Contractors and Subcontractors must also, under the provisions of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, as amended, pay laborers and mechanics, including guards and watchmen, at least one and one-half times their regular rate of pay for all hours worked over 40 in a workweek. The Fair Labor Standards Act may also apply to Davis-Bacon covered contracts.

City of Willow Park Doyle Moss, Mayor September 29th and October 6th, 2023

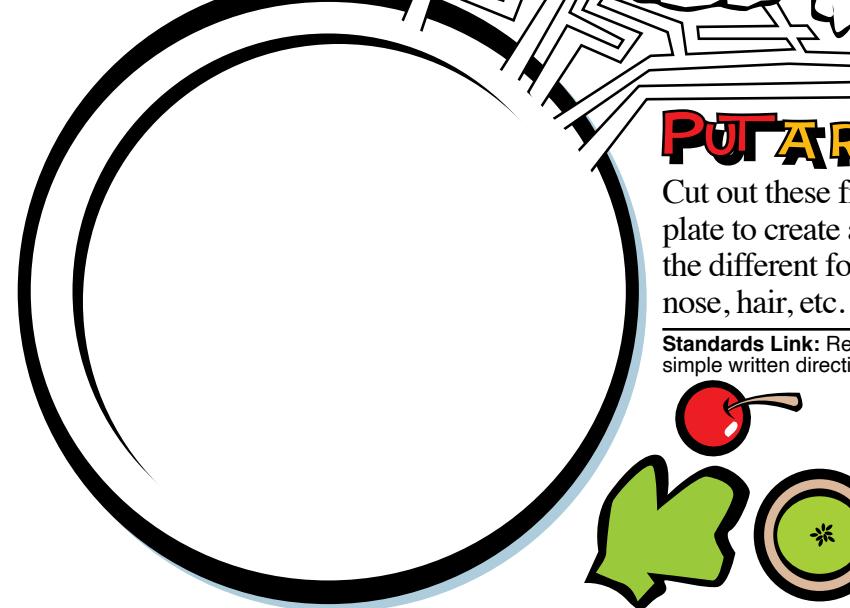
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RAINBOW POWER!

Total the number of fruits and vegetables you will eat, by color, today. Can you eat at least one in each of the five color groups?



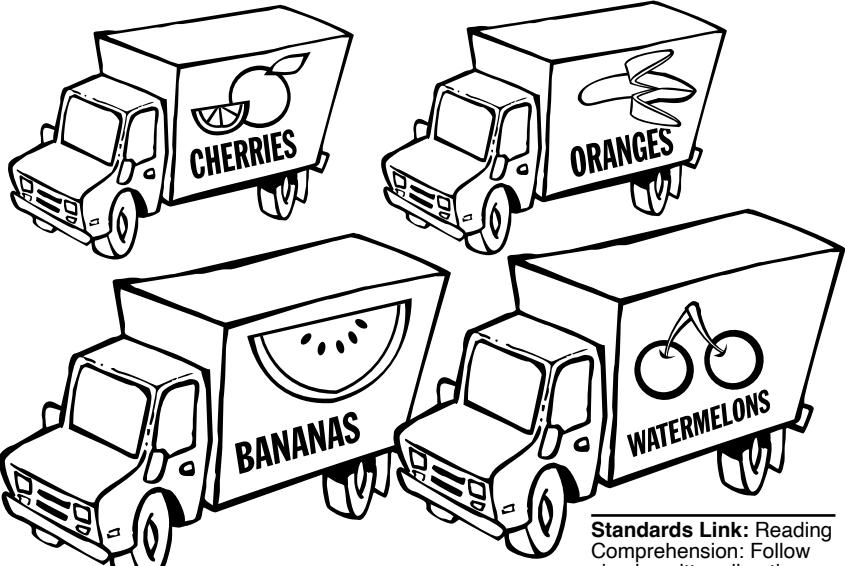
Follow the maze to place each fruit or vegetable on the plate. Color each item and its path the correct color of the rainbow.



Kid Scoop Puzzler

MIXED-UP FRUIT

Who switched these names on the fruit trucks? Draw lines to show where each label belongs. Then color the picture!



PUT A RAINBOW ON YOUR PLATE

Cut out these fruits and vegetables. Then paste them on the plate to create a clown face using the different foods as eyes, mouth, nose, hair, etc.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.



Double Double Word Search

RAINBOW
RAISINS
COLORS
FRUIT
MOUTH
CHERRIES
CUCUMBERS
FACE
JICAMA
GAMES
DOTS
BROWN
GARLIC
SPINACH
PRODUCE

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

E	S	E	I	R	R	E	H	C	A
N	W	O	R	B	F	T	U	O	P
H	O	A	S	A	R	C	A	L	R
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Fruits and Veggies Dot-to-Dot

Choose one page of today's newspaper. On that page find and circle the letters that spell the names of at least five fruits and vegetables. Use the words on today's page to help you! Connect the dots and color your design!

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade level words correctly.

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Eat a rainbow and win!
What's the prize? Energy!
Healthy good looks!

Kid Scoop thanks the Produce for Better Health Foundation for the ideas and information on today's page.

EAT A RAINBOW EVERY DAY!

Eating a variety of fruits and vegetables that are brightly colored is an easy way to get the mix of vitamins, minerals and other nutrients that you need from your food. Pick foods that are brightly colored inside and out.

Here are some examples of foods that make up the food rainbow!

Red	Yellow/Orange	White/Brown	Green	Blue/Purple
Tomatoes Watermelon Cherries Red grapes Cranberries Strawberries Red cabbage Raspberries	Oranges Apricots Cantaloupe Carrots Lemons Pineapples Sweet corn Mangos	Garlic Onions Bananas Turnips Pears Potatoes Jicama Cauliflower	Lettuce Kiwi Green grapes Avocados Artichokes Spinach Celery Cucumbers	Blueberries Blackberries Plums Raisins Eggplant Purple grapes Prunes Elderberries

	RED	YELLOW/ ORANGE	WHITE/ BROWN	GREEN	BLUE/ PURPLE
SUNDAY	Tomato	Corn	Banana	Peas	Raisins
MONDAY					
TUESDAY					
WEDNESDAY					
THURSDAY					
FRIDAY					
SATURDAY					

Make a chart like the one above. Then fill in which fruits and vegetables you eat, by color, each day. Can you eat at least one in each of the five colors every day?

Standards Link: Health: Make healthy food choices; group food choices in many different ways.

Kid Scoop Together

Banana NICE Cream

With an adult's help, you can make this frozen, healthy treat!



STUFF YOU'LL NEED:

- 4 cups frozen banana slices (about two bananas)
- 2-4 tablespoons unsweetened almond or another kind of milk

MAKE IT!

- Place frozen banana slices and 2 tablespoons of unsweetened milk into a food processor or blender.
- Blend on high for 1 to 2 minutes.
- If blender is having a hard time blending, add a little more milk a little at a time.
- Once well mixed, your banana NICE cream will be like a soft serve ice cream. Enjoy it that way or put into a bread pan and freeze for 1 to 2 hours.

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Good **nutrition** makes people feel energetic and healthy.

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

Write On! The Perfect Snack

What is your idea of the perfect after-school snack?



ANSWER: Scream of wheat

Sports

CROSS COUNTRY

Ladycats fifth at Round Rock

Only bested by 6A teams

By Rick Mauch

The Community News

Bested only by 6A teams, the Aledo Ladycats placed fourth in the Hoka/McNeil Invitational in Round Rock this past Saturday, Sept. 23.

Both the Ladycats and Bearcats qualified to compete in the Gold Division. The meet was held at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock.

"This was a big meet as it is run on the same course as the state meet," Aledo coach Mike Pinkerton said. "All runners ran extremely well."

The Bearcats finished 18th in their division.

The Ladycats were led by Madison Larson, who placed fourth over the 5-kilometer. Micah Neal finished ninth.

Jack Fink led the Bearcats, placing 28th.

The junior varsity teams competed in the Birdville Flyin' Hawk Invitational, with both the boys and girls running in the varsity division. The Bearcats placed fourth.

"It was another good week for the Aledo cross country teams as both teams ran in very competitive meets at tough courses," Pinkerton said. "All competed very well."

Anderson Smith paced the JV Bearcats, placing ninth. Sadie Williams led the JV Ladycats, finishing 26th.

The JV teams were competing at the Granbury Race for the Loot at press time, while the varsity teams will travel to the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville to compete in the Chile Pepper Cross Country Festival.

This is the final competition before the District 5-5A Meet on

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FOOTBALL

Bearcats make it rough ride for Saginaw



BRELEIGH MAYER/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Brody Adams (44) crosses the goal line accompanied by Owen Henderson (34).

Win homecoming with ease

By Rick Mauch

The Community News

It was homecoming Friday night at the newly named Tim Buchanan Stadium in Aledo and the Saginaw Rough Riders were probably wishing they had stayed home by the time the game was halfway through the first quarter.

Of course, by that time the host Bearcats were leading 30-0. They ended the night with a 70-0 victory, playing what seemed like every student in the high school en route to their 19th consecutive victory.

They also ran their national record district winning streak to 114 games dating to 2007.

"It shows what our kids can do when they go out and execute," Aledo coach Robby Jones said. "It was a great opportunity for our backups to get some playing time."

The Bearcats' touchdown on their inaugural drive was one of their longest of the game. It took all of 46 seconds and three plays, capped by a 24-yard scoring run by Raycine Guillory, one of four in the opening quarter for him.

Guillory had another TD run of 24 yards to cap a 28-second drive. He also caught touchdown passes of 30 and 23 yards from Hauss Hejny on drives of

seven (one play) and 17 seconds (three plays).

The first touchdown pass reception was set up by safety Boogie Owens' second interception of the season. Guillory now has 13 touchdowns this season, 10 rushing and three receiving.

Hawk Patrick-Daniels scored on a 29-yard on a drive that took two plays and 16 seconds — also in the first quarter.

By the end of the first quarter — which included a safety for intentional grounding by the Saginaw quarterback in the end zone — Aledo (5-0 overall, 3-0 in District 3-5A Division I) led 39-0. While no one in the press

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CORRECTIONS

In the Sept. 15 issue of The Community News, Trinity Christian Academy volleyball player Addison Shoppach was mis-identified as Anjal Leopold. In addition, the head coach of the volleyball team is Katherine Mullen, not Jessica Sims as stated in the article. We regret the errors.

FOOTBALL

Knights conquer Eagles

TCA homecoming

By Ryan Wade

The Community News

Football is a game of attrition. It's physical. Success during a game, as well as over the course of a season, is easier to come by when a team has plenty of fresh bodies to put on the field.

For the Willow Park Trinity Christian Academy Eagles (1-3), depth is a luxury they just do not have.

Trailing Dallas Covenant 7-6 at halftime, the Eagles lost three players due to injury in the second half — including their starting and backup quarterbacks — as they lost the war of attrition, 42-6.

Starting the game with just 21 players on the roster, the Eagles took flight right away. After the opening kickoff went out of bounds, TCA started their first drive from their own 35-yard-line. On the first play of the game, quarterback Braxton Smith connected with a wide-open Jake Anderson on a go route down the far side of the field. Anderson hauled in the pass and ran untouched into the end zone for the 65-yard pitch and catch to put the Eagles on the board just nine seconds into the game.

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VOLLEYBALL

Ladycats' win streak extends to five

Top Saganaw, Brewer

By Ryan Wade

The Community News

Following back-to-back wins on the road, Aledo's varsity volleyball team had the opportunity to play host to Saganaw and Brewer in the last week, routing both visiting squads along the way, as they moved into first place in the District 5-5A standings.

After struggling to put teams away earlier in district play, the Ladycats (24-8 overall, 5-1 in district), ranked No. 25 in the state, have completed three straight shutouts. On Friday, Sept. 22, Aledo trampled the Lady Rough Riders by scores of 25-13, 25-16, and 25-15. Not to be outdone, the hometown team sent the Lady Bears into an early hibernation, besting the visiting team 25-12, 25-18, and 25-14 on Tuesday, Sept. 26.

"It's definitely something we've been working on in practice," said Aledo head coach Claire Gay regarding her club's recent success pitching shutouts. "We've been putting them in situational drills where they're having to get out of it down the stretch when they're tired from practice. Hopefully that's paying off."

In Tuesday's match against Brewer, the Ladycats' victory was never in doubt. Once the Senior Night festivities concluded, Aledo went right to work. Recently returning from injury, a healthy Vivian Parker showed what a scary force of nature she can be early in the first set. Parker catapulted the Ladycats into the lead, firing missiles across the net at the Lady Bears from her outside hitter position.

Aledo's lead became concerning for the Lady Bears as they called the first timeout of the match in an attempt to halt

the Ladycat scoring frenzy at 18-10. The measure failed as Aledo outscored Brewer 7-2 to close out the first set.

The second set didn't go much better for the visiting Lady Bears. Rapidly, the Ladycats scored almost at will regardless of what the opposing team tried to do. Before long Aledo held a commanding lead, once again forcing the Lady Bears to burn a timeout in a vain attempt to slow the scoring onslaught with the home team leading, 17-10.

Once again there was no delaying the inevitable as Aledo won the set by a seven-point spread.

In the third set, Aledo jumped out to a commanding lead at 12-7 prompting another Brewer timeout. In the past, that strategy may have worked as the Ladycats were prone to giving opponents enough space to make a contest out of being on the brink of defeat.

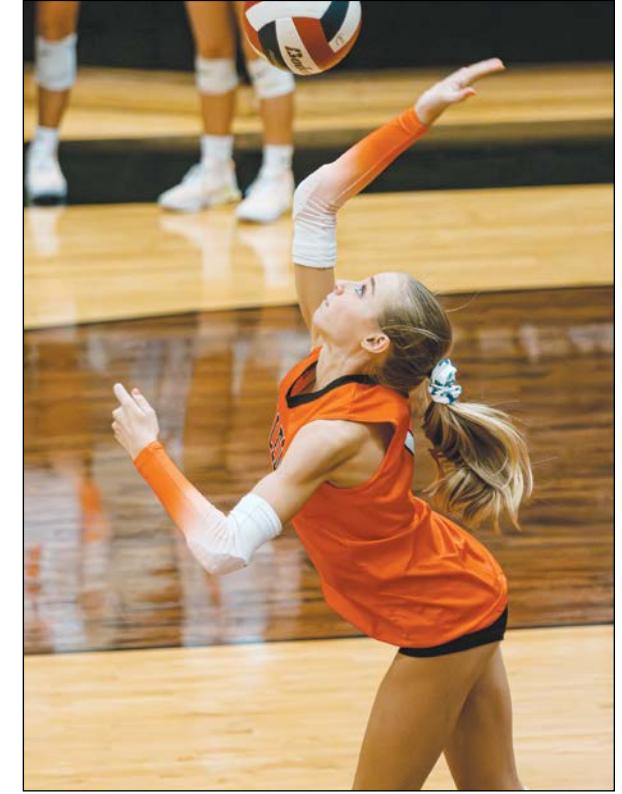
That was then. This is now.

The Ladycats continued to work as a unit to overwhelm the visiting team. Leading 21-14, Kenrie Pruitt took to the service line for Aledo. With Pruitt at the line, Aledo scored three quick points to put themselves one point away from securing the match. The one timeout called by Gay all match was with her team one point away from securing the match in order to take a moment to pay homage to the seniors on their final Senior Night.

As play resumed, Pruitt once again served the ball for the Ladycats as the home team scored the final point of the match for their fifth consecutive district win.

Alyssa Todd has secured her spot among the top scoring threats on this Ladycat squad. She scored 14 kills on Tuesday giving her a grand total of 281 on the season so far. Parker had

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RYAN WADE/THE COMMUNITY NEWS
 Kenrie Pruitt serves at the end of the match against Brewer on Tuesday, Sept. 26. Pruitt served the final four points of the match for the Ladycats.

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FOOTBALL ADVANCE

Bearcats look to end Cougars' upset streak at one game

Visit The Colony Friday

By Rick Mauch

The Community News

The District 3-5A Division I football race got a little more interesting this past Thursday.

Oh, the Aledo Bearcats are still the overwhelming favorites to run the table and win yet another league championship, something they've done ever since George W. Bush still held the presidency.

But The Colony Cougars grabbed the attention of folks throughout the league when they went into Denton and stunned the Ryan Raiders 27-20 on Thursday, Sept. 21. The Raiders were previously undefeated and ranked No. 6 in the state in Class 5A Division I.

Among those who stopped and took a closer look is Aledo head coach Robby Jones. His top-ranked Bearcats take on those same Cougars this Friday, Sept. 29, in the Colony at 7 p.m.

"There's not going to be an intimidation factor. They're coming off a big victory against their neighbors and friends," Aledo coach Robby Jones said. "I'm sure those kids know each other very well. Those towns aren't very far apart."

The Bearcats (5-0, 3-0 in District 3-5A Division I) ran their win streak to 19 games this past Friday with a 70-0 shellacking of Saginaw in Aledo's homecoming - the first in the newly named Tim Buchanan Stadium. It ran their district winning streak to 114 dating to 2007, a national record.

The Colony (2-3 overall, 2-1 in district) is just a few plays away from being 4-1, with their only big loss coming to undefeated Burleson Centennial. The Cougars went toe-to-toe for most of the game in losses to unbeaten Red Oak (19-16) at home and at Royse City (49-35).

In defeating Ryan the Cougars overcame a 20-7 second-quarter deficit. They entered the game with an 0-7 record previously against the Raiders.

"No matter the circumstances we're competing against ourselves," Bearcats quarterback Hauss Hejny said. "That's how you get better."

Jones noted that the Trophy Club roster, which consisted of a lot of sophomores last season, has gained valuable experience. After losing 52-7 in Aledo last season to fall to 1-5, the Cougars rebounded to finish 4-6 and narrowly miss the playoffs. This season, after starting 1-3, thanks to the win at Ryan they find themselves right in the postseason chase.

"When you've got a young team like that, there will be bumps along the way," Jones said. "But they have valuable experience now and they are coming off their first really big win."

District mixup

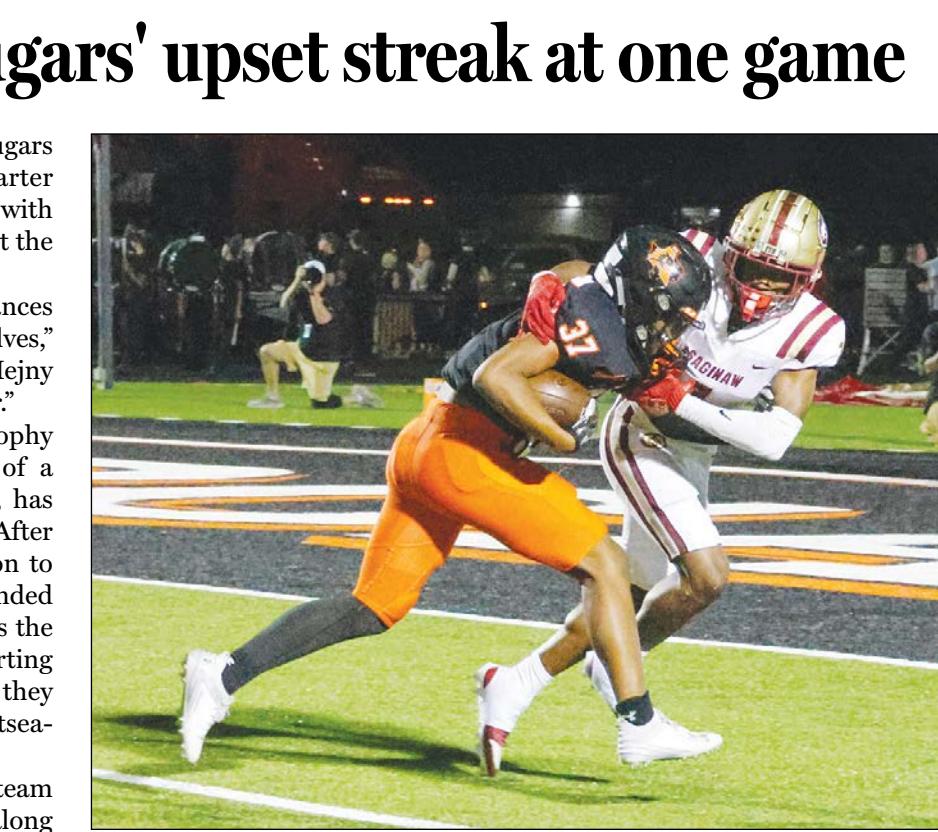
The Colony's upset of Ryan could throw things in district into a tizzy. The Cougars have already lost to Burleson Centennial, but along with the Bearcats tonight, they host Northwest in a key game on Oct. 13.

"It could throw playoff seedings into a big mess," Jones said. "We've got to make sure we take care of business so the scenarios don't affect us."

Other key district matchups have Aledo hosting both Centennial and Ryan on Oct. 13 and 20. Ryan and Centennial play Oct. 6 in Denton, with Ryan traveling to Northwest on Nov. 2 and Centennial hosts Northwest on Oct. 27.

Offense, Defense in sync

For a second consecutive week the Aledo offense and defense clicked together. Over the past two



Kaden Winkfield (37) broke through for an 18-yard touchdown run.

games the Bearcats have outscored Azle and Saginaw by a combined score of 120-7. Throw in the district-opening 38-13 win at home over Northwest and they have outscored their foes 158-20 in league play.

"The last two weeks our defense has smothered their offense and our offense has moved the ball at will," Jones said. "When one side's not playing well, there's stress on the other side. It's nice to see both playing really well."

Balanced offense

Offenses don't come much more balanced than they do in Aledo. The Bearcats are averaging 239 yards rushing and 235 yards passing.

Led by newcomer Ray Guillory (535 yards), 11 different Bearcats have carried the ball this season. Nine different Bearcats have caught a pass, led by Trace Clarkson (20 catches, 390 yards).

"That's a lot of credit to the fact we have receivers we can count, and a quarterback who knows where the ball has to go," Jones said.

So far this season Hejny has rushed for 222 yards on 27 carries while completing 70% of his passes for 1,066 yards with 11 touchdowns and no interceptions. However, Jones can see the time coming when his star QB will tote the ball more.

"If you don't have to use the quarterback in your running game early in the season that's good," Jones said. "As we get into big games later in the season and some big playoff games we'll have to use his legs more."

Finley's return

After being out briefly with an injury, Kadon Finley made a successful return against Saginaw. He hauled in two passes for 73 yards, including one that he broke for 70 yards and his first touchdown of 2023.

Game at a glance

Aledo Bearcats (5-0, 3-0 in District 3-5A Division I) at The Colony Cougars (2-3, 2-1)

When/where: 7 p.m. Friday, Tommy Briggs Cougar Stadium, The Colony.

Returning starters: Aledo 7 offense/5 defense, The Colony 7 offense/7 defense.

Last week: Aledo won 70-0 over Saginaw at home, The Colony won 27-20 at Denton Ryan.

Last season: Aledo, 14-2, 8-0 district, 5A Division I state champions. The Colony, 4-6, 4-4 in district. Aledo won 52-7 at home.

Aledo offensive players to watch: RB Ray Guillory (71 carries, 535 yards, 10 TD rushing; 7 catches, 132 yards, 3 TD receiving), QB Hauss Hejny (56-of-80, 70%, 1,066 yards, 11 TD, 0 interceptions passing; 27 carries, 222 yards, 2 TD rushing).

The Colony offensive players to watch: QB Carson Cox (796 yards, 9 TD, 5 interceptions passing; 45 carries, 178 yards, 3 TD rushing); RB Kendrick McClodden (63 carries, 415 yards, 4 TD).

Aledo defensive players to watch: LB Davhon Keys (37 tackles, 33 solo, 5 for loss, 1 sack, 2 interceptions, one returned for TD); DB Boogie Owens (19.5 tackles, 17 solo, 2 interceptions, 1 fumble recovery returned for TD).

The Colony defensive players to watch: Statistics not available.

Finley entered the game with four catches for 25 yards.

"We misfired on a couple of plays trying to get him the ball early, but then were able to and you saw what he can do when he gets it," Jones said.

Jones noted that in last year's game against The Colony, Finley

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BEARCATS

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was in a similar situation after catching a pass. Only that time he was caught from behind.

"He said he wasn't going to let that happen again, and he didn't," Jones said.

Head-to-head

In their lone meeting, which was last season, the Bearcats won 52-7 in Aledo. It was Aledo's fourth straight win en route to an eventual Class 5A Division I state championship.

The loss dropped the Cougars to 1-5. They rebounded to win three of their final four, outscoring their opponents 176-79, and narrowly missing the playoffs.

Postseason

While Aledo's postseason success is extremely well documented, the Cougars haven't been to the playoffs since 2019. They haven't won a postseason game since 2016 when they went to the second round.

Rankings

The Bearcats remained atop the Class 5A Division I state rankings in Dave Campbell's Texas Football this week. However, they are now the only team in the district to be

ranked as Denton Ryan, previously No. 6, tumbled out after their loss to The Colony.

Aledo also remained fifth among all high schools in Texas, trailing only defending 6A Division I state champion Duncanville, Humble Atascocita, defending 6A Division II champion DeSoto and Houston North Shore.

District 3-5A Division I update

Last week's results
The Colony 27, Ryan 20
Aledo 70, Saginaw 0
Centennial 56, South Hills 0
Brewer 30, Azle 13
Northwest bye

This week's games

Thursday, Sept. 28
Ryan at South Hills
Friday, Sept. 29 (all games at 7 p.m.)
Aledo at The Colony
Northwest at Azle
Brewer at Saginaw
Centennial bye

Standings (overall record in parentheses)

Aledo	3-0 (5-0)
Centennial	3-0 (5-0)
Ryan	2-1 (3-1)
The Colony	2-1 (2-3)
Northwest	1-1 (3-1)
Brewer	1-1 (2-2)
South Hills	0-2 (0-4)
Azle	0-3 (1-4)
Saginaw	0-3 (0-5)

FOOTBALL

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box knew the official answer, several believed it to be a school record for most points in a period.

Things didn't get any better for the Rough Riders (0-5, 0-3) in the second quarter as Aledo built its half-time advantage to 67-0, also believed to be a team record. Hejny threw two more touchdown passes of 16 yards to Blake Burdine (a drive of 1:50) and 70 yards to Kadon Finley on the first play of a 14-second drive.

Finley was making his return after having played limited time this season because of an injury. He came into the game with three catches for 25 yards and almost tripled that total on a single play.

"He showed what he can do. We need to get him the ball more," Jones said. "You saw what he did with the ball."

"He had a similar play last year and got run down. He wasn't going to let that happen again."

Seconds after Finley's touchdown, Aledo defensive end Brody Adams scooped up a fumble and

raced 18 yards into the end zone for the first defensive touchdown of his career to make the score 60-0.

"I'm on the tackle and I see the ball carrier coming inside. I look down and see the ball and I just grabbed it and took off," Adams said. "My friend Owen (Henderson, linebacker) said there was nobody there. It was awesome."

Capping the longest touchdown drive of the night at a minute and 56 seconds, backup running back Kaden Winkfield broke through defenders for an 18-yard TD.

The second half featured a running clock, not even stopping for incomplete passes or going out of bounds. The lone scoring was a 38-yard field goal by Cole Crawford late in the third quarter.

The Bearcats did not attempt a pass in the second half.

"We felt like we'd be rubbing it in. You've got to think of the other team," Jones said.

The game was the final homecoming for 34 Bearcat seniors, including Hejny, who's glad he got to win one in the stadium now named after his former coach.

"It's kind of weird calling it Tim Buchanan Stadium, I'm used to it being Bearcat Stadium, but I'm glad I was here for this," Hejny said. "It was special being on his last state championship team."

Hejny finished an unofficial 10-of-14 passing for 288 yards with four TD and no interceptions. In all, the Aledo offense amassed an unofficial 474 yards.

Defensively, again unofficial, the Bearcats held the Rough Riders to 99 total yards (66 rushing and 33 passing).

The Bearcats now turn their attention to The Colony and a road trip Friday, Sept. 29, for a 7 p.m. kickoff. The Cougars (2-3, 2-1) stunned Ryan in Denton on Sept. 28, 27-20, overcoming a 20-7 second-quarter deficit.

"It was kind of a surprise, but we knew they'd be better," Jones said. "They played a lot of sophomores last year."

Aledo 70, Saginaw 0

Saginaw	0 0 0 0 - 0
Aledo	39 28 3 0 - 70
A - Ray Guillory	24 run (Blake Burdine run)

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GOLF

Aledo Orange competes in Dragon Invite

Tournament at Waterchase

Staff Report

The Community News

The Aledo Bearcats Orange Team finished sixth at the Dragon Fall Invitational hosted by Southlake Carroll on Sept. 19 at Waterchase Golf Club in Fort Worth.

The Bearcats had a team score of 338, three shots behind fifth-place Lewisville. Carroll won the tourney with a 300.

The four lowest scores comprise the team score.

William Kirkman led Aledo with a 79, followed by Tyler Anderson with an 82 and Brian Yarbrough at 83. Also, Grayson Freeman shot 94 and Johnnie Reed posted a 100.

Aledo Orange is back in action at the Battle of the Creek on Oct. 19 at Squaw Creek in Willow Park.

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Oct. 13 at Central Park in White Settlement.

State rankings

Larson is ranked fourth among all female runners in Class 5A this season with her time of 17:33.1 in the Southlake Carroll Meet on Aug. 26. Also, Neal's time of 18:02.5 in that same meet has her ranked 10th.

Molly Garrison clocked an 18:31.9 in that meet and is ranked 22nd in the state.

Hoka/McNeil Invitational Old Settlers Park, Round Rock

Aledo results

Varsity Girls

Team, fifth place

Individual

4. Madison Larson, 18:21.5.
9. Micah Neal, 18:42.7.
50. Sophia Brandenburg, 20:00.7.
58. Mykel Murry, 20:09.5.
116. Mayden Mitchell, 21:06.03.
145. Elizabeth Griffin, 21:25.5.
186. Aubrey Connally, 22:16.5.

Varsity Boys

28. Jack Fink, 16:18.0.
77. Layton Ybarra, 17:09.8.
110. Luke Schabel, 17:34.4.
115. Dominic Barrera, 17:37.9.
120. Bo Merrill, 17:39.5.
129. Tyler Connally, 17:44.9.
160. Ian Robbins, 18:25.7.

Birdville Flyin' Hawk Invitational

The Buff, Haltom City

Junior Varsity Girls

No team score

Individual

26. Sadie Williams, 23:29.90.
47. Giana Anaya, 27:15.52.
49. Alexa Estrada, 27:49.23.
55. Julia Bettencourt, 30:47.17.

JV Boys

Team, fourth place

Individual

9. Anderson Smith, 18:11.79.
16. Lincoln Tuin, 18:48.42.
23. Reed Murray, 19:20.47.
33. Ethan Matthews, 20:05.46.
37. Zachary Rivas, 20:19.12.
42. Reese Copeland, 20:40.40.
55. Caden West, 22:22.09.
57. Jaden Delgado, 23:04.53.
58. Isaac Brooks, 23:13.54.
65. Dylan Hoover, 25:58.26.

Lady Roos win at Burleson

The Weatherford Lady Kangaroos took first place in the Burleson Centennial Spartan Invitational Saturday, Sept. 23.

Three Lady Kangaroos finished in the top 10 individually, led by Rayla Castillo, who was third with a time of 19:56.66 over the 5K course. Remington Boone was fifth with a 20:02.73 and Macayla Kopacz placed seventh in 21:14.89.

Weatherford will next compete in the Decatur High School Reunion Run Saturday, Sept. 30.

Fourth-down conversions: Neither team attempted.

Individual leaders

Offense

Rushing

Saginaw: Roman Morales 6 carries for 40 yards; Kevin Roberts 7-13, Attilano Smith 2-10.

Aledo: Guillory 4-55, 2 TD; Cole Plumley 7-46, Patrick-Daniels 2-38, TD; Winkfield 7-29, TD; Hejny 1-11.

Passing

Saginaw: Morales 4-22-1, 21 yards; Smith 1-1-0, 11 yards.

Aledo: Hejny 10-14-0, 288 yards, 4 TD; Gavin Beard 1-1-0, 9 yards.

Receiving

Saginaw: Nikko Kelly 1-12, Caleb Apple 1-9.

Aledo: Finley 2-7-3, TD; Guillory 3-6-7, 2 TD; Trace Clarkson 2-5-5; Colton McCoy 1-44; Tyson Tims 1-33; Burdine 1-16, TD; Patrick-Daniels 1-9.

Defense

Aledo tackles: Davhon Keys 3, Boogie Owens 3, Chase Wilburn 3.

Aledo tackles for loss: Keys, Cooper Kohan, Jackson Parker 1 each.

Aledo interception: Owens.

Fumble recoveries

Saginaw: Self.

Aledo: Brody Adams, TD.

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Volleyball

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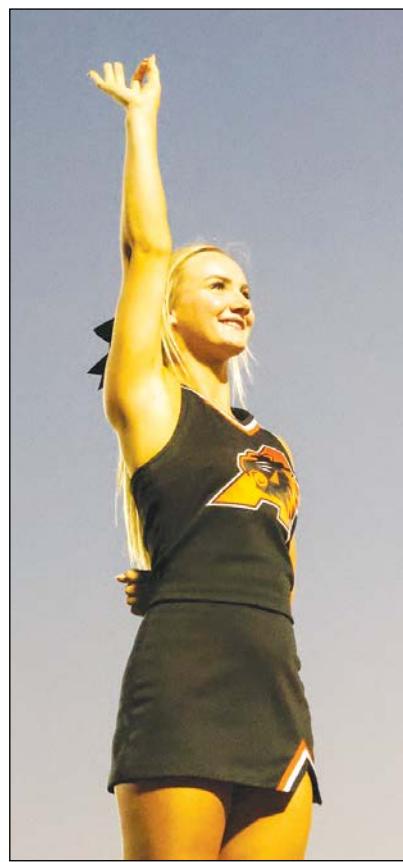
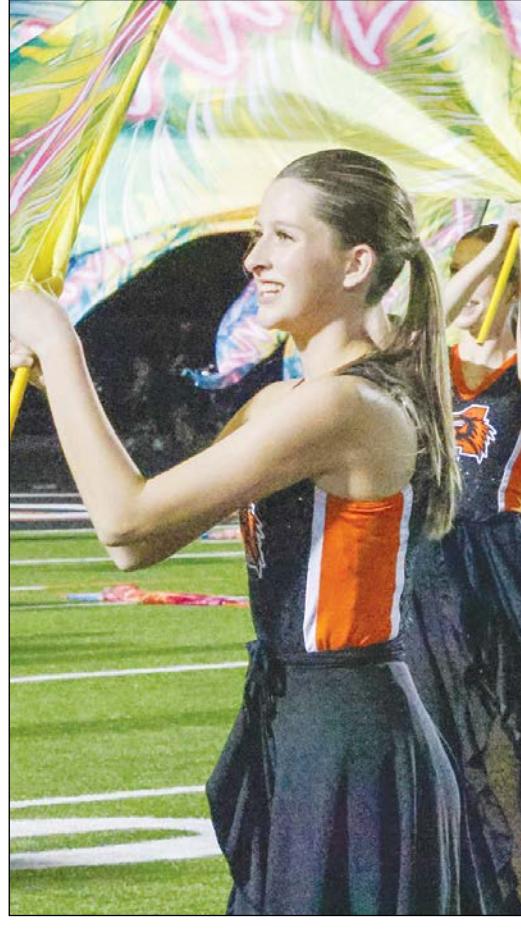


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Brody Adams

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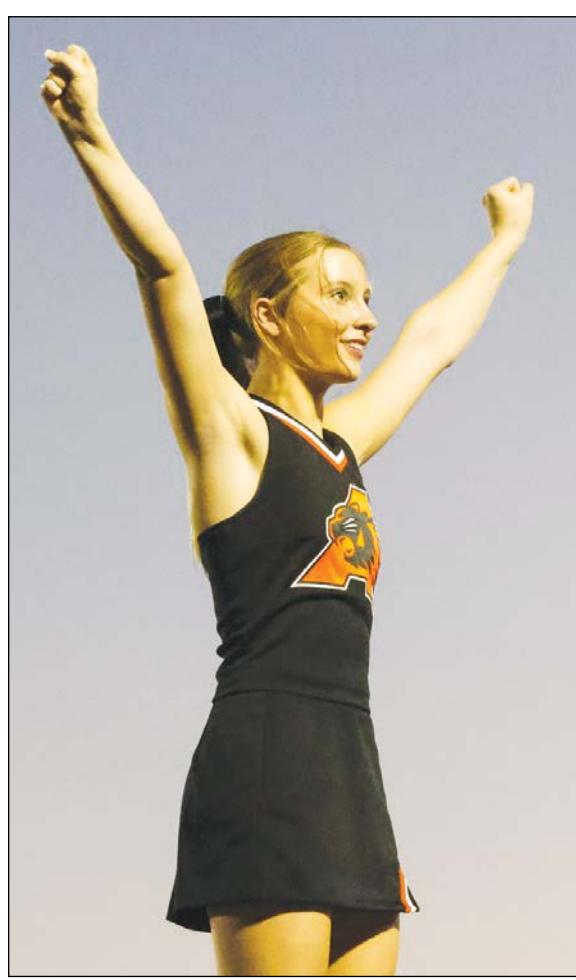
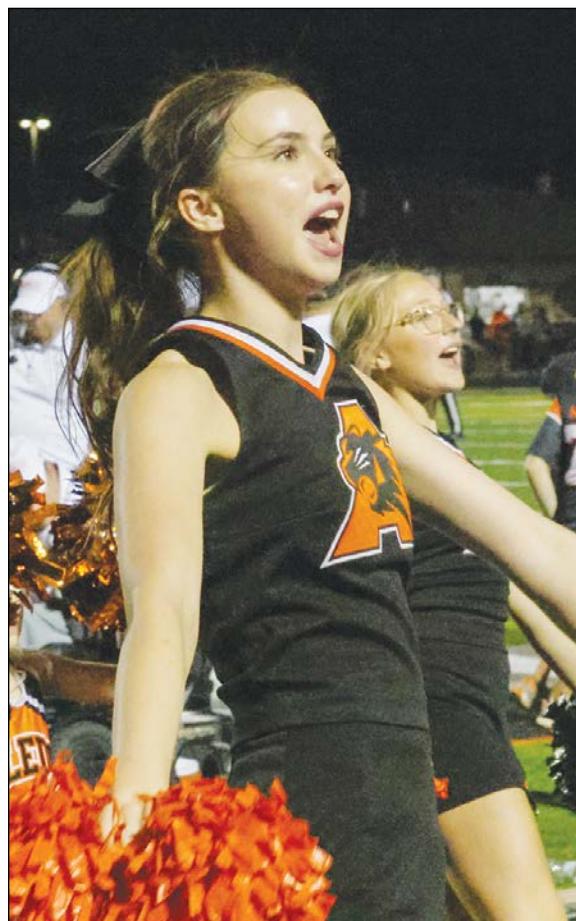
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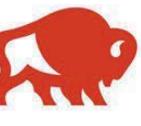
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Section 24

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Section 26

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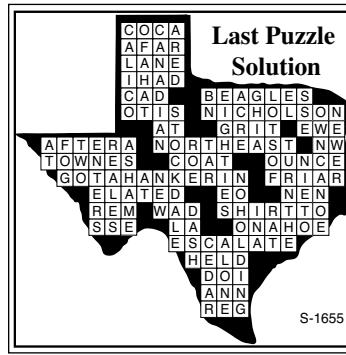
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Town of Annetta North

Ordinance No. 2023-09

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2018-02, as amended, the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Annetta North, Texas, by designating the zoning classification on approximately 8.991 acres of land out of the Jane Collie Survey, Abstract no. 246, and the H.J. Roberts Survey, Abstract no. 1139, Town of Annetta North, Parker County, Texas, as "R-2" Single-Family Residential District—2.0 acre lots, and revising the official zoning map in accordance therewith; providing that this Ordinance shall be cumulative of all Ordinances; providing a severability clause; providing a penalty for violations hereof; providing a savings clause; providing for publication in the official newspaper; and providing an effective date

SECTION 6

Penalty Clause

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). Each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense

SECTION 9

Effective Date

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and publication as required by law, and it is so ordained

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 12th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023

//Robert Schmidt, Mayor

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WHS HONORS

Lightfoot among great alumni recognized

Luncheon spotlights distinguished former students

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

Long before he was leading junior college baseball programs to world series, Jeff Lightfoot was a standout athlete at Weatherford High School. His honors across two sports included being an all-district selection in baseball and all-district and defensive player of the year in football.

On Friday, Sept. 15, Lightfoot, who coached the Weatherford College Coyotes to their NJCAA World Series appearance this past June, was among some of the greatest Weatherford High School alumni honored in a luncheon at WC.

The Weatherford ISD Ex-Student Association Distinguished Awards and Athletic Hall of Fame Inductions honored six individuals and one team. In attendance were former and current Kangaroos from throughout the ages.

WISD Superintendent Beau Rees delivered the welcome speech and counted through the decades of WHS graduates, starting with the most recent and joking, "They're still in bed."

When he reached the 1960s graduates, Rees quipped, "You don't even have to stand," and when they did, he added, "They've got more energy than the 2020s."

Then, in a serious moment, Rees commented, "This kind of event binds the community."

Following the invocation by Doug Dowd of the Ex-Student Award Committee, Lynn Pool, WHS Class of 1985, presented the awards. Those honored along with Lightfoot included:

- Jim Duncan, Class of 1964, Distinguished Alumnus.
- Wes Hightower, Class of 1983, Distinguished Alumnus.
- Jo Ann Causey, former teacher and administrator 1969-90, Distinguished Service Award.
- Gil Gore, Class of 1967, Athletic Hall of Fame.
- Trooper Reynolds, Class of 2012, Athletic Hall of Fame.
- 1996-97 golf team, Athletic Hall of Fame.

"As we honor alumni today, we also recognize the influence of education," Pool said. "A lot of them are in this room."

Lightfoot's acceptance

Lightfoot accepted his award from WC Vice President of Institutional Advancement Brent Baker. He then stepped to the podium to thank a lot of people, many who had written letters on his behalf concerning his induction.

"The letters all had a common theme - impact," Lightfoot began. "I hope they understand how much they impacted me as well."

This past season Lightfoot coached the Weatherford College Coyotes to their first appearance in the NJCAA Division I World Series in Grand Junction. The team also made history with its best record in school history (53-11) and a third-place finish in the World Series.

Among those he thanked most were his wife Misti, and their children Cole, Grayson and Canon. Misti was a Kangaroo cheerleader when they met in high school.

"She's been in my corner for as long as I can remember," he said.

Lightfoot quoted former Arizona State baseball coach Pat Murphy, "It's not about the X's and O's, it's about the Jimmys and the Joes."



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The 1996-97 Weatherford High School golf team is recognized as perhaps the school's best ever. Pictured are (from left) Justin Dickey, Brock Widener, coach Keith Young, Jarrod Dickey and Travis Garren (accepting on behalf of his late brother Chad Garren). Not pictured is KW Gibbons.

Then he added, "Go make an impact on those around you."

Prior to coming to WC and starting the baseball program two decades ago, Lightfoot coached Eastfield College to a NJCAA Division III World Series championship in 2001 and to the championship game in 1998.

Among his many individual honors, Lightfoot is a two-time recipient of these awards:

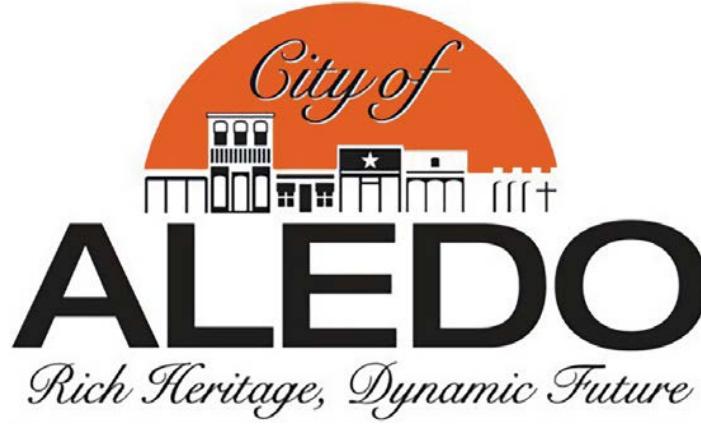
- Texas-New Mexico Division III Coach of the Year.
- NJCAA Region V Coach of the Year.
- Division 111 College World Series Coaching Award.
- Northern Texas Junior College Athletic Conference Coach of the Year.
- Louisville Slugger Award for Coaching Excellence.

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Jeff Lightfoot (left) receives his induction award from Weatherford College Vice President Brent Baker.



Notice of Public Hearings

Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council of the City of Aledo, Parker County, Texas will conduct public hearings in the Aledo Community Center, 104 Robinson Court, Aledo, Texas.

First Public Hearing

Location:

Planning and Zoning Commission

Aledo Community Center

104 Robinson Court

Aledo, Texas 76008

Date:

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Time:

6:00 P.M.

Second Public Hearing

Location:

City Council Meeting

Aledo Community Center

104 Robinson Court

Aledo, Texas 76008

Date:

Thursday, November 2, 2023

Time:

6:00 P.M.

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

- 1)Public Hearing to receive input and consider comments on the Aledo Unified Development Code ordinance replacing the zoning ordinance (Chapter 40) and the subdivision ordinance (Chapter 66) of the City of Aledo.

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

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Iván G. Gonzalez, AICP, City Planner



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FOOTBALL

Weatherford crushes Chisholm Trail

Wide receiver Micah Evans evades two Chisholm Trail Rangers defenders.

Roos defense clamps down**Staff Report**

The Community News

The Weatherford Kangaroos dominated Saginaw Chisholm Trail 41-10 Friday night, Sept. 22 at Ranger Stadium in north Fort Worth.

The Kangaroos outgained the Rangers 366 yards to 171. Chisholm Trail passed for only 22 yards.

The Roos sputtered in the first quarter, allowing the Rangers to kick a 31-yard field goal to go up 3-0 at the 2:18 mark. Weatherford

freshman quarterback Cutter Kennedy then connected with Xavier Holder on a 32 yard touchdown late in the quarter that opened the floodgates.

The Kangaroos proceeded to rattle off 24 second-quarter points: a 54-yard Kennedy touchdown pass to Colton McClure, a 1-yard rushing score from JoJo Polk, a 19-yard Kennedy-to-McClure TD pass and a 39-yard field goal off the foot of Samuel Rodrick.

Kennedy finished with three touchdowns on 10-of-16 passing for 206 yards with no interceptions. McClure had a big night, with six catches for 121 yards and two touchdowns. Polk ran for

84 yards and a touchdown on 16 carries.

Weatherford managed no turnovers and only four penalties for 35 yards.

The Kangaroos improved to 3-2 overall and 1-1 in District 3-6A play. The Rangers dropped to 1-4 overall and 0-2 in district.

The Roos now go into their bye week before hosting L.D. Bell on Oct. 6.

Weatherford 41, Saginaw Chisholm Trail 10

Weatherford 7 24 10 0 - 41

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Team stats

Rushing yards: Weatherford 114, Chisholm Trail 149.

Passing yards: Weatherford 252, Chisholm Trail 22.

Caught-thrown-intercepted.: Weatherford 12-18-0, Chisholm Trail 2-9-1.

Fumbles lost: Weatherford 0, Chisholm Trail 1.

Penalties-yards: Weatherford 4-35, Chisholm Trail 4-20.

Weatherford individual leaders**Offense**

Passing: Cutter Kennedy 10-16-0, 3 TD,

207 yards; Lane Cowley 2-2-0, 45 yards.

Rushing: JoJo Polk 16 carries, 84 yards,

1 TD; Bradley Simmons 8-27, 1 TD.

Receiving: Colton McClure 5 catches

for 121 yards, 2 TDs; Xavier Holder 2-40

yards, 1 TD.

Defense

Tackles: Andrew Groh 9, Keegan

Jackson 4, Liam Riley 4.

Interception: Jamie Gray 1.

EAGLES

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The two-point conversion attempt came up short as Trinity Christian took a 6-0 lead very early in the first quarter.

On the first drive of the game for Dallas Covenant (4-1), the Eagle defense stood tall. The Knights used seven plays to work their way down to the TCA seven-yard-line. Threatening to get on the board themselves, Knight's QB Brady Shahan dropped back to pass, but was intercepted by Smith at the 1-yard-line. Smith found an opening, returning the intercepted pass 16 yards before being brought down at the Eagles 17-yard-line.



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Denbow and Meador also had double-digit digs. Denbow collected 13 while Meador had 11.

Ava Reding had another stellar night. The setter and resident master of assists added 33 to her season total while also scoring a trio of aces from the service line.

Lowe picked up a pair of blocks at the net, as well.

LADYCATS

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11 kills to go along with her 14 digs on the night. Pruitt also had 14 digs as she now leads the Ladycats in that category with 342 on the year.

Reding edged closer to 700 assists on the season with 25 on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Ella Isbell and Skyler Lambert each picked up a pair of blocks while defending the net.

Send them back to Saginaw

The Ladycats kicked off Friday's Homecoming festivities early with a rout of the Lady Rough Riders. Parker ended the match leading the Ladycats in two statistical categories as she finished with double digits for both kills and digs as she finished with 16 and 13, respectively.

Elms also finished in double-digits in kills with 13 to her credit.

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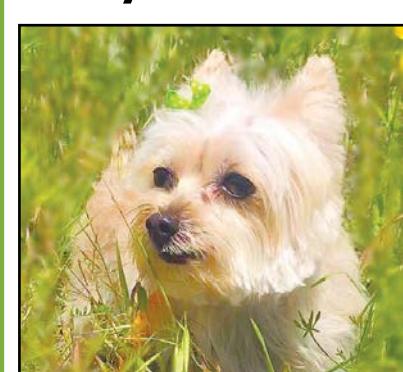
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