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Board votes to join lawsuit against TEA

Joining more than **50** districts

By Ryan Wade The Community News

Aledo ISD's Board of Trustees gathered bright and early on Monday morning, Oct. 2, casting a unanimous vote to join more than 50 districts across the state of Texas in a lawsuit against the Texas Education Agency.

The crux of the suit is around the TEA's accountability grading system that gives each district a letter grade between A-F, depending on standardized test scores administered by the state. In accordance with state law, the TEA is supposed to advise districts of the grading standards for the upcoming school year prior to the start of the academic year in August.

As of Oct. 2, the standards for the 2023-24 school year still have not been presented to schools across the Lone Star State.

"Essentially, the Texas Education Agency is required to provide to school districts across the state the standards by which we will be measured in the accountability system during the year that's being measured," stated Aledo ISD Superintendent, Dr. Susan Bohn. "That did not happen. It did not happen for the 2022-2023 school year. In fact, there are some things we still don't understand about how we will be measured, and we've already started the 2023-24 year. That's one issue related to the violation of law."

Driving the wedge even deeper between school districts and the state's top education department is the TEA's intention to retroactively apply the current standards to previous graduating seniors dating back to the Class of 2022. Districts across the state are concerned the TEA has decided to raise standards without informing administrators what the target is they are to aim for, and retroactively holding them to the unknown standard, in a year when school choice and vouchers are significant points of discussion in Austin as Governor Greg Abbott prepares to call for a special session of the Texas Legislature.

Secondarily, the lawsuit also seeks to hold the TEA to new standards of transparency as it relates to how property tax dollars are dispersed.

"What continues to be challenging about this discussion for people is, just understanding school funding isn't like your city budget where as your city grows, your funding grows," stated Trustee David Lear. "Your state funding [for schools], is just a formula set by the state at a point in time. You get that number [of dollars] per student year after year after year, unless they change the basis of that formula. You continue to see what people pay for taxes. People know they're paying more into the system. They don't understand that doesn't flow to the schools unless they change the formula."

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National Night Out





RYAN WADE/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Willow Park Police Department held National Night Out on Oct. 3. The community came out for food, fun, games, and music. Horses were there from Layla Rose Ranch House Horse Rescue. Police cars and a firetruck where there and a youth tried out drunk driving glasses.

BAT SANCTUARY

Chance meeting led to protecting bats

Sanctuary closing in on three decades

By John English The Community News

Editor's note: This is the first in a two-part series.

Amanda Lollar still remembers the day in 1988 when she happened upon an injured bat.

The Parker County woman was well aware of the negative stereotypes associated with the furry little creatures, but when she looked at her, alone, afraid and suffering, all she felt was compassion and pity.

Scooping her up to begin the process of nursing her back to health, Lollar decided it was time to do a little research of her own.

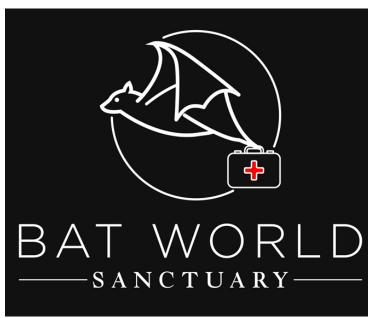
"At the time, people believed some horrible things about bats, and my heart went out to them," Lollar said. "I did some research and got educated, and eventually opened up Bat World Sanctuary."

Bat World Sanctuary opened in 1994, and Lollar, 67, serves as president.

The sanctuary is a worldwide rescue, whose Facebook page has more than 300,000 followers, along with a strong Instagram presence. It also works with the Weatherford Parker County Animal Shelter and local residents when they have issues with bats.

"We rescue bats that have been confiscated from the cruel, exotic pet trade, as well as zoos and from research," Lollar said. "But we are also a rehabilitation facility, where we rescue bats from the wild - bats that have been injured or orphaned -- and then release them back into the wild. We have a permanent sanctuary as well, so that if an animal

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SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS

An Egyptian fruit bat rescued from an exotic pet dealer

ICE HOUSE

Willow Park restaurant bar closes

Target of noise complaints

Staff Report

The Parker County Ice House, located at 210 Willow Bend Cir. in Willow Park, has closed, a report in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram noted Tuesday.

The restaurant had been the subject of numerous noise complaints from nearby residents because of the several concerts it hosted throughout the year, particularly in the spring and summer. Owners and company officials met several times with Willow Park city leaders and came before citizens and the city council a few times to address the issue.

The complaints had died down greatly before its closure. Still, the controversy also led to the City of Willow Park adjusting its noise ordinance.

The restaurant, one of three owned by renowned Fort Worth Chef Stefon Rishel and his Trident Restaurant Group, opened in September of 2021. The report also stated that a sister Italian restaurant, Tre Mogli in Fort Worth's South Main Village, also announced its closing via social media Monday.





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Pumpkin Palooza

The Crossing Church Pumpkin Painting, Corn Pits, is hosting their 3rd annual Pumpkin Palooza on Saturday, October 21st from 4:00-7:30 PM. This event will be at The Crossing Church in downtown Aledo. The Pumpkin Palooza will have Hayrides, Hay Jumps, Hay Maze, Inflatable Obstacle Courses, Food Trucks, Classic Cars, Cotton Candy, Face Painting,

lots of candy, and other fun things to do. Admission is free with the exception of Food Trucks. This is an event for the whole family and everyone is invited to attend.

We would love to invite you to come worship and serve with us at The Crossing

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Capital Highlights

Special session to begin on Oct. 9



Gary Borders

Gov. Greg Abbott issued a letter to legislative leaders indicating a special session will begin on Oct. 9 dealing with what he has called "school choice" but is more widely known as vouchers.

The Austin American-Statesman reported Abbott has threatened another special session if lawmakers can't come to an agreement this month, and then will take the issue to voters by finding candidates to run against those opposing vouchers.

During the regular session, a coalition of Democrats and many rural House Republicans blocked legislation concerning vouchers that had easily passed the Senate. Abbott has spent much of this year traveling the state encouraging parents and pastors to advocate for school choice.

"I will keep fighting every step of the way until we have school choice in the state of Texas," Abbott said.

Opponents of vouchers say they would divert taxpayer money from public schools. Many public school district leaders say they already struggle to balance their budgets and retain teachers.

Delayed farm bill passage worries ag producers

One of the key bills delayed by the wrangling in Congress is the massive farm bill, which is renewed every five years. The Texas Tribune reports a temporary extension of the current bill is expected to pass, however. The farm bill is key to a host of programs, from crop insurance to food access for low-income families through the Supplemental

Nutrition Assistance Program,

"In a perfect world, we get a farm bill this year. If we don't, though, let's extend it. And let's not pass a farm bill just to say we passed a farm bill," Laramie Adams, national legislative director for the Texas Farm Bureau, said. "We want to make sure that the farm bill is meaningful."

Since the last farm bill was passed in 2018, farmers have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, Russia's invasion of Ukraine cutting world grain shipments, and rising costs for equipment and fuel. Meanwhile, market prices for most agricultural products remain stagnant.

"As you look at that and inflation and adjusting for inflation, from our perspective, we need to look at strengthening crop insurance," Adams said. "And that is not an easy task."

Supreme Court to decide on Paxton's back pay

After being acquitted in his impeachment trial, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton is seeking around \$50,000 in back pay. However, the state comptroller's office says the best course of action is to let the Texas Supreme Court decide, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

The comptroller's office is responsible for authorizing payments, and Paxton's pay was withheld when he was impeached and suspended from office in late May by the Texas House. Paxton was acquitted by the Senate in September.

"Because we disagree with your interpretation of the Texas Constitution on this very important issue, we encourage you to file a writ of mandamus with the Texas Supreme Court letter signed by Victoria North, banned states from removing the comptroller's general counsel on fiscal

and agency affairs. Meanwhile, four ex-employees of Paxton have asked the Texas Supreme Court for permission to move forward with a wrongful termination suit against their ex-boss since they still haven't received their settlement money, kut.org reported. The four had reached a \$3.3 million settlement with Paxton in February, but the Texas Legislature never approved the settlement. They are now seeking to move forward with the lawsuit in Travis County.

"After seven months and after the positions taken at the impeachment trial, there is no reason to believe a final settlement agreement is achievable at this point," Monday's filing with the court reads.

Anti-drag law ruled unconstitutional

A federal judge last week ruled a law restricting drag performances in Texas violates free speech and is unconstitutional, the Texas Standard reported. Senate Bill 12 banned sexually oriented performances in the presence of minors.

U.S. District Judge David Hittner, appointed to the bench then-President Ronald Reagan, said the law was overly broad.

"Based on evidence and testimony presented at the hearing, the court finds there is substantial likelihood that SB 12 as drafted violated the First Amendment of the United States Constitution under one or more of the legal theories put forward by the plaintiffs," Hittner wrote in the temporary restraining order.

The state is expected to appeal.

Nearly 900,000 Texans lose Medicaid benefits

After federal regulations for a definitive ruling," read the enacted during the pandemic

> people from Medicaid were lifted in April, nearly 900,000 Texans have lost those benefits, with many also having their Turn to **SESSION**, page A5



Idle American

A Man Who Got It Right



Dr. Don Newbury

Mention the name Walter R. Chambers to families with long connection to the tiny Coleman County community of Burkett, TX, and a hush of funereal proportions is immediately evident.

Mr. Chambers' views on all issues--school, sports, community and otherwise--carried the day. Respected as much as any educator of his era, he is most remembered for the boys' basketball teams he coached during his entire career.

Oh, he was superintendent, taught three math classes and was a community leader. He was there when the school opened in 1920 and wept with others when dwindling enrollment led to closure in

During the school's 37 years, 306 students graduated. Typically, there were about a dozen boys in high school, but they scheduled teams from Texas' largest schools, usually emerging victorious. They won three-fourths of their games.

In the early years, the school didn't even have a bus. "We were used to car rides to out-of-town games," remembers Dick Koenig, a 1954 graduate who has remained in the community as a third-generation farmer.

Pat DeBusk, now a retired industrial cleaning professional in Houston, was on the final team, finishing his last two years of high school in Coleman. He and Koenig--first cousins--are the only remaining members of Chamberscoached teams.

When the school opened. Burkett's "sports facility" was an outdoor dirt basketball court. Interest grew, and soon all boys in high school--with one or two exceptions-went out for basketball every year. Chambers also coached girls' teams when they had enough players. Soon Coach Chambers and his teams were the talk of the community.

Later, the Bluehawks played indoors, thanks to an abandoned old building in town. The owner didn't charge rent, but kept the gate receipts. In 1936, voters approved a \$22,000 bond issue for classrooms--and a gymnasium seating 200 fans.

That a school bond would pass by a vote of 44-4 says all one needs to know about the respect Mr. Chambers merited and maintained.

To say that he was a disciplinarian would be a serious understatement. "We knew he had a big board paddle, but we never saw it used," Koenig said. "All of us respected him too much to cause him disappointment."

The "survivors" don't remember any players ever getting technical fouls. And they are certain that Chambers never got one.

The discipline and hard work paid off with three trips to the state tournament, including the final year of 1957. Leader of that team was Chambers' grandson, who also was valedictorian....

Chambers' two sons also played, and all of his kin were leading

Koenig and DeBusk agreed that no one ever criticized the coach for anything.

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GuestColumn

Biden's Border Crisis



By Congressman Roger Williams roger.williams@mail.house.gov

From day one of the Biden Administration, Texans have watched helplessly as our once-secure nation and thriving communities fall victim to Biden's failed policies at our southern border. In Joe Biden's America, every state is a border state, meaning no family or small business is shielded from the effects open borders have on our nation. Whether you live in Eagle Pass, Texas or New York City, the crisis at our southern border affects you.

It's no secret that Biden's failures have emboldened human traffickers, gang members, and terrorists to cross into our country, many evading detection or, if caught, released only to disappear without a trace. More than 7.2 million illegal immigrants have crossed the border since Biden took office, bringing with them enough fentanyl to kill more than five billion people,

of death for Americans ages 18 to 45 and devastating communities in my district, Texas, and across the country.

Biden's response? He has only visited the border once, and in his first 100 days he signed more than 94 executive actions opening our borders even further, including halting construction of the border wall and ending Trump's successful "Remain in Mexico" policy. It should come as no surprise that Biden, who campaigned on open borders and free healthcare for illegal migrants, would take action to make it easier for them to exploit the asylum process and break our nation's laws, yet he refuses to take accountability and put the safety and well-being of Americans first.

The numbers don't lie. President Biden and Secretary Mayorkas have misled Congress ignored the American people. This historic crisis is fueled by reckless policies and complete disregard

for our sovereignty, national and secure our nation!

security, and the safety of our communities. In Congress, I am fighting

making it the new leading cause I have introduced legislation to restore President Trump's Remain in Mexico policy and was a leader in the passage of the Secure the Border Act in the House of Representatives, which would restart construction of the border wall, increase hiring of border patrol agents, protect children from human trafficking, and end dangerous catch and release.

> I am also proud to have joined my Republican colleagues from Texas on an amicus brief highlighting that the federal government does not have jurisdiction to regulate the recently installed buoy system at Texas' southern border. Being on the frontlines, Texans have faced the brunt of this disaster and cannot afford to wait on the Biden Administration to take this invasion seriously.

> > Placing the enormous burden of defending our nation's borders solely on any one state is unacceptable. Congress must take action to do what the President will not and put America first

Roger Williams is a U.S. Congressman serving the 25th



District of Texas, which includes each day to secure our nation. portions of Parker County.

Trinity Christian Academy Homecoming

Trinity Christian Academy celebrated homecoming on Friday, Sept. 22, honoring Seniors Wilson Winchester and Caroline Thompson as Mr. and Ms. TCA. The Homecoming Court consisted of six seniors, two juniors, two sophomores, and two freshmen.



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Ben Camp, TCA graduate, and 2022 Mr. TCA is shown with Wilson Winchester, 2023 Mr. TCA.



Seniors Wilson Winchester and Caroline Thompson were named Mr. and Ms. TCA.



Ms. TCA 2023 Caroline Thompson is shown with TCA graduate and 2022 Ms. TCA Libby Tovar.



Senior Jackson Sykes is shown with his mother, Kelley Sykes.



Senior Gracee Whiteaker is shown with her father, Jesse Whiteaker.



Senior Wilson Winchester is shown with his mother, Tara Winchester.



Senior Caroline Thompson is shown with her father, Bert Thompson.



Senior Landry Crumpler is shown with his mother, Rachele Crumpler.



Senior McKenna Sims is shown with her father, Bill Sims.



Junior Will Saadeh is shown with his mother, Elizabeth Saadeh.



Junior Avery Tiwater is shown with her father, David Tiwater.



Sophomore Berlynn Kaznowski is shown with her father, Troy Kaznowski.



Sophomore Weston Windes is shown with his mother, Monica Windes.



Freshman Emma Saadeh is shown with her father, Rich Saadeh.



Freshman Pearson Kuykendal is shown with his mother, Courtney Kuykendal.



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Remarkably, he was able to keep everybody happy on all matters.

"Burkett would have made it to state a few more times except for the star player over at Avoca," DeBusk remembers. The nemesis was Max Williams--later a basketball star at Southern Methodist University. He wound up his basketball association as general manager of the Dallas Chaparrals. The Chaps, members of the old American Basketball Association, moved to San Antonio, later to become the San Antonio Spurs of the National Basketball Association.

An aside: Details of Williams' fascinating life in sports and oil exploration are included in a wonderful new book, The Last Shot, the final biography by the late and inimitable author, Caleb Pirtle III.

Small world observation: Mr. Chambers and Max Williams were cousins!

The late Fred Sanner, Abilene Reporter-News sports editor, called Chambers "the dean of Texas High School Basketball Coaches." High praise from a sportswriter who "called 'em the

way he saw 'em." By al



By all accounts, Chambers deserved every accolade. DeBusk summed it up well. "Players

learned the game from Coach Chambers, who taught life, honor and dignity first. To all who knew him, it was the 'gospel according to Chambers'."

A stroke claimed the beloved educator in 1975 at age 80.....

Dr. Newbury, longtime university president, continues his regimen of writing and speaking. Contact: 817-447-3872. Email: newbury@speakerdoc.com . Facebook: Don Newbury

SPECIAL

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SNAP benefits delayed, the Texas Tribune reported. The state has been rechecking the eligibility of every person in the program, and the logjam has resulted in hundreds of thousands losing their healthcare coverage, largely due to procedural errors.

Those most affected are children, women who recently gave birth, and disabled adults.

"Every parent worries about their child getting hurt or seriously ill," Michelle Castillo, deputy director for the nonprofit Children's Defense Fund, said at a news conference. "That fear is magnified when your child's Medicaid case is in limbo."

Eligibility for SNAP benefits have also been slowed, with the waiting period now 100 days in Texas. The federal standard is 30 days.

Texas leads nation in oil-industry deaths

Texas is well known as the nation's largest oil producer. It also leads the nation in deaths related to oil and gas extraction, according to a report in the Texas Standard. Between 2014 through 2019, there were 460 deaths in the industry nationwide, and 219 of the fatalities occurred in Texas — nearly half. That's according to a recent report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"Our goal is to have zero safety incidents, and we work toward that every day, but work in our industry is challenging and can be dangerous if proper safety protocols are not followed," said Stephen Robertson of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association.

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches, Lufkin and Cedar Park. Email: gborders@texaspress.com.



Dear Aledo ISD Community,

The Aledo ISD Board of Trustees took the second of two important actions in the last two weeks on Monday regarding the Texas legislature and fighting for Texas public schools. We believe this is very important for our community to know and to follow along with as the Texas Legislature will be meeting in a special session beginning October 9 that will likely be focused on public schools and could have a significant impact on Aledo ISD.

During a special called meeting on Monday, the Board of Trustees unanimously voted to join a lawsuit with more than 100 districts statewide over TEA ratings, and on September 19, we unanimously passed a resolution against taxpayer-funded private school vouchers.

The lawsuit, filed initially by Kingsville ISD, is in response to the TEA substantially changing the accountability rating system, making the 2023 ratings based on a different set of rules than the 2022 ratings. The measures and methods used to rate school districts has yet to be finalized and therefore wasn't - and still hasn't been - provided

to school districts before the 2022-2023 school year, which is a violation of state law. In addition, state law requires the Texas Commissioner of



Education to release state accountability ratings for districts and schools by August 15 of each year, which did not occur.

The TEA was set to release the 2023 ratings on September 28 but announced on September 12 that they would delay their release "to conduct further analyses of the growth data" and make adjustments as necessary. Aledo ISD and districts across the state may see their ratings significantly change this year despite seeing growth in student results.

"In my eyes, what the TEA is doing is misrepresenting the performance of our students and the work of our teachers," Board President Forrest Collins said. "While this is a specific lawsuit targeting [accountability], for me it's about so much more [including] the loss of control we have over our independent school district because the state is taking that control. To me, it's enough is enough. We have had enough."

We made it clear on Monday that our district and staff as well as the Aledo ISD community hold very high standards for how Aledo schools serve children. That's what we call Growing Greatness.

Jennifer Taylor said at the meeting, "We don't shy away from high standards and we're not scared to raise the bar on our students and how they perform," she said. "That is how we're growing greatness here

in this district. What we don't do is expect our children to perform to an invisible standard, one that doesn't exist yet, and we don't want to do that to our teachers either." During the September 19 regular board meeting, Trustees passed a resolution against taxpayer-funded private school vouchers. In the resolution, we point out as reasons we are against vouchers:

- Private schools are not required to meet the same academic standards as public schools, and they do not report test results, graduation rates and other performance measures to the public.
- Education savings accounts and other voucher schemes eliminate public accountability of schools and tax dollars.
- Texas parents who accept a voucher would lose out on a long list of important parental rights outlined in the Texas Education Code and in federal law, especially protections for students receiving special education services.

Diverting funds away from an already-underfunded Texas public school system into a voucher system will have a ripple effect on our Aledo schools in many ways. We urge you to stay aware as the work of lawmakers in this special session unfolds.

We have been and will continue to advocate for our school children and staff in Aledo ISD. We hope you will join us in making sure that we all have the ability to continue growing greatness in this community.

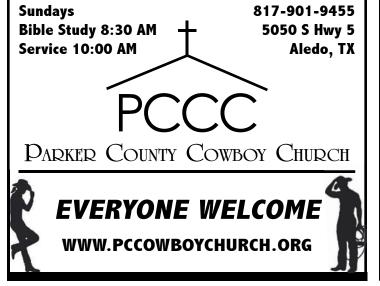
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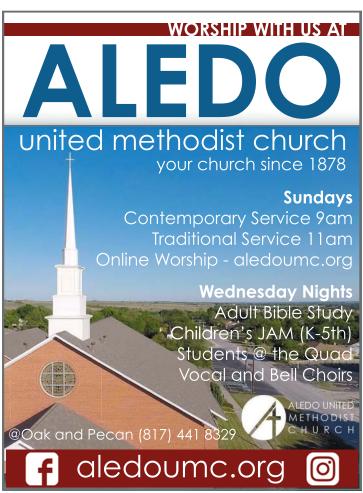
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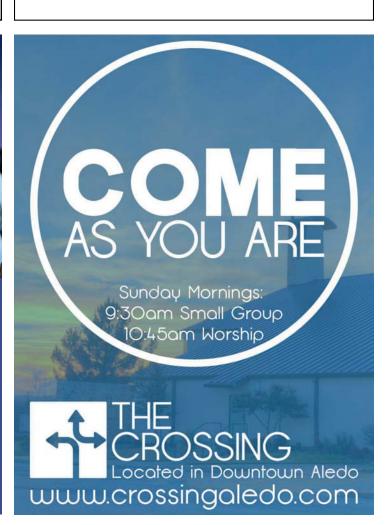
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Aledo UMC Lord's Acre Fall Festival

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!



Monster Bash

The Monster Bash will be Friday, October 2 from 7 - 10 p.m. at Heritage Park Amphitheaater. Check into the Experience Weatherford trailer to enter the costume contest for a chance to win a prize! Costume contest categories are: ages 0-6, 7-14, 15+ and couples/ family. Pictures of the top entries of each category will be posted on Facebook to be voted on the following week. Also, we are so excited to announce that the Haunted Hayride will be returning! Who knows what creatures are waiting to meet you. This event is free to attend! Stay tuned for more spooktacular updates!!!



OCTOBER 9

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. Registration is at 9 am. start 11 a.m., dinner/raffle 4:30 p.m.For more details visit zebstrong.com



Alzheimer's Support Group

Jim Audet will speak on "Benefits of Planning Your Care as You Get Older" for the Alzheimer's Support Group which will meet. on Thursday, Oct. 12 from 1 - 3 p.m. at Aledo United Methodist Church, 100 Pecan Drive in Aledo. For more information, call 817-441-8329.



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

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OCTOBER 21

ALEDO-FEST

will be on Saturday, October 21, from 1 - 5 p.m. at Aledo High School's south parking lots This year's event will feature live music from Texas High Road, and many activities for kids of all ages! Meet your local busi-



nesses at the many vendor booths, do some gift shopping and early holiday finds, and get a little something for yourself! Come hungry for a variety of food trucks on-site for good eats & autumn treats! For questions or more information, please contact Deana McMullen, City Secretary, at City Hall: 817-441-7016, or cell/text: 817-829-4024, email, or visit Aledo City Hall, http:// www.aledotx.gov



OCTOBER 21

PCCC Fall Festical

Parker County Cowboy Church will have their Fall Festival on Saturday, October 1 from 5 - 8 p.m. Come for family fun and fellowship. Games, food, cake walk and trunk-ortreat. For more information go to pccowboychurch.org or follow on Facebook.

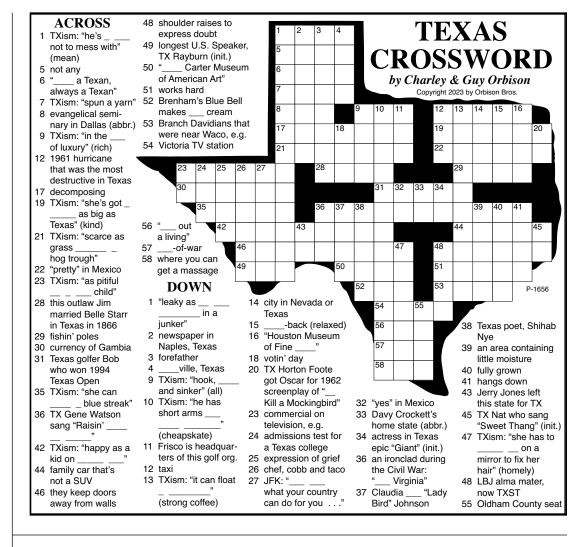


October 22, 2023 Split Rail Links & Golf Club Shot Gun Start 1:00pm Lunch Provided

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.



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WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS RE-BID

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

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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.

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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

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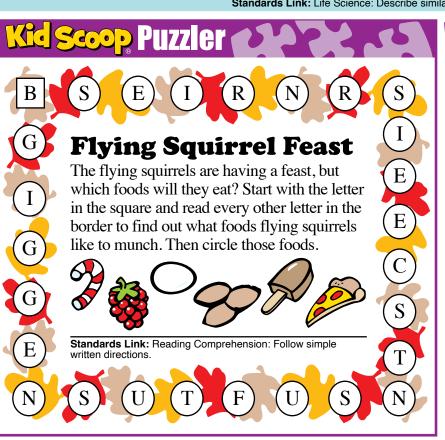
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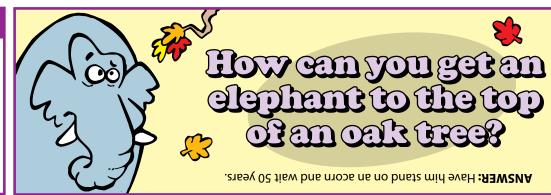
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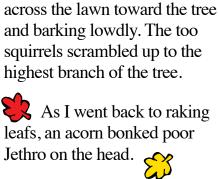
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LAWSUIT

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With the 2023-24 academic year underway, funding has been a significant issue of concern for districts across the state, including here in Aledo. While the state has billions of dollars earmarked for school funding, the Legislature failed to pass laws appropriating those dollars back in the spring congressional session. That failure has left public schools across the state in the unfamiliar position of having to adopt deficit budgets for the foreseeable future until such a time as the Legislature passes laws to fund schools.

For the current school year, Aledo ISD is able to fund all programs and personnel in spite of the budgetary shortfalls by making a 10-percent cut across all departments. However, unless the legislature passes appropriations bills to ensure schools are properly funded in short order, Bohn has already declared programs and personnel will have to be cut before the start of the 2024-25 school year.

"When schools talk about we're not being funded properly, and we're not keeping up with inflation, it's just because that number was set back in 2019, or before that," Lear commented. "That number may be good for that point in time, but as inflation grows and costs increase, everybody's paying more into the system, but the money isn't flowing to schools. Where is it going? I don't know. But it's not going to your schools. People are going to be frustrated, because they're going to sense they're paying more for schools, but we're going to be talking about cutting programs. How does that make any sense? The reason is because, at the state level they are not changing the basic formula for school funding. That's the impossible thing to explain to people. You're paying more. The state pays less. We get the same thing."

Dallas and Frisco ISD's were

already involved in the lawsuit. Along with Aledo, Prosper and Red Oak ISD's joined the lawsuit on Monday.





SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Mexican free-tail bat.

BATS

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can't go back into the wild for some reason, we offer lifetime sanctuary."

Bats are useful

Lollar said that, aside from being extremely intelligent creatures, bats serve a number of important purposes.

"The bats in Texas alone will eat tons and tons of insects every summer," Lollar said. "They include flying termites, flying ants, moths, mosquitoes, beetles, and all different types of crawling pests. In fact, the most common type of bat in Texas is called the Mexican free tailed bat, and their primary diet is the corn borer moths.

"If we lost these bats, we would end up paying nine dollars for an ear of corn at the market place. They do a tremendous amount of work for us in terms of keeping crop damage down."

Another important contribution is how much bats save on pesticides.

"We'd spend an extra billion dollars poisoning our environment if it wasn't for these bats helping with insect control," Lollar said.

Misconceptions

The Bat Sanctuary president said that there are also a number

of misconceptions about bats that contribute to their poor reputation.

"A lot of people think they are blind," Lollar said. "They are not. They can see just about as well as we can. They can actually see better in some ways because they have eyes equipped for night vision, kind of like a cat.

They are not related to mice or rats.

"They are of their own order, which is Chiroptera, which means hand-wing, because they fly with their hands. They have elongated fingers, essentially, just like humans," she said.

They are not all vampires.

"Seventy percent of the world's bats eat insects. There are only three species out of 1,400 that do drink the blood of other animals and they are called vampire bats. They are very tiny, about the size of a package of M&M's and they are afraid of people, Lollar said.

They don't attack people at all.

"So that is another Hollywood, movie misconception that instills fear in people. They don't all carry rabies, either," she said. "Less than one half of one percent of all bats will contract rabies. As a matter of fact, a lot of bats have developed an immunity to rabies.

So if you find them on the ground, it is far more likely that they have a broken wing, or have been orphaned or



SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS

An zoo-rescue Indian flying fox

injured from a storm or cold front than it is to have rabies."

Still be careful

Now that does not mean that people who find a stray bat should not exercise prudence.

"We do caution people to never ever pick up a bat with your bare hand, because it will be afraid and it might bite and then of course you will have to be tested for rabies, regardless," Lollar said. "So we always ask people, if they find a bat to please contact us.

"If a bat is found somewhere where you can see it, it means that something is probably wrong. So the best thing to do is use a cloth or a glove, not your bare hand and scoop the bat into a box.

"If you're out in the park or something, you can grab a paper cup and scoop him into that without using your bare hands always, and then just give us a call, and we can assess what the bat needs. We have rescuers across the U.S. We will be able to get some help for that animal pretty quickly."

Put to the test

In March, the Bat Sanctuary was really put to the test, receiving it's largest rescue in its history, taking in more than 325 short tailed fruit bats that were in pretty bad shape.

Sanctuary workers rolled up their sleeves and got to work.

"These bats are small, about the size of hummingbirds, and were living in horrific conditions," Lollar said. "So a lot of them were in critical condition. We worked around the clock, triaging these guys and getting them stable. That has been one of our most grueling rescues to date."

Lollar said that most people do not realize just how important fruit bats are to the ecosystem.

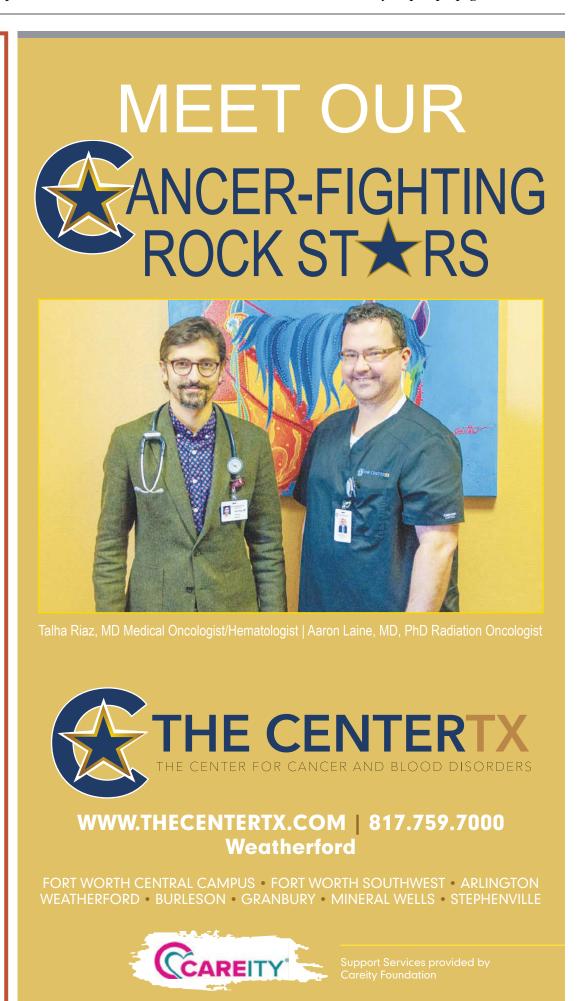
"Fruit bats help us with over 400 commercial products, and 80 different medicines are given to us by fruit bats through pollination and seed dispersal," Lollar said. "Even bananas - we can raise bananas on our own, but they have to be mixed with wild stock, otherwise they won't be sweet. Wild stock is pollinated by fruit bats. If you go to the grocery store and look at 90 percent of your fruits and vegetables, either an insect bat has protected that crop or a fruit bat has enabled it to be to be grown through seed dispersal and pollination.

"On top of that, 98 percent of all rainforest tree growth comes from seeds that have been spread by fruit bats. So they are an enormous help to us in as far as our foods, stencil for rope, ingredients in cosmetics, toothpaste, ink, paper, all kinds of things come from fruit bats - from the plants they help to propagate."



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Sports

TENNIS

Racquet Cats end district perfect

Win streak reaches 10

By Cathy Mason

The Aledo varsity tennis team finished undefeated in District 5-5A play with their 18-1 win against the Northwest Texans on Sept. 26, followed by a 15-4 victory against Wichita Falls Rider on Oct. 3.

Aledo (14-1 overall, 6-0 in district), won for a 10th consecutive

Against Northwest, the Racquet Cats won all the doubles matches to take a definitive lead.

Boys doubles: Line 1 Craig Mason/Scott Mason won 6-4, 6-1; Line 2 Jacob Heckathorn and Francois Britz won 6-1, 6-3; and Line 3 Will Beyer and Tom Ruminsky won 6-1, 6-2.

Girls doubles: Line 1 Kenley Germany/Bryanna Orr won 6-2, 6-3; Line 2 Elli Kate Bussmeir/ Patrice Loftin won 6-0, 6-0; and Line 3 Natalie Nawrocki/Eleanor Jack won 6-0, 6-0.

Mixed doubles: Benjamin Farmer/Lila Satterfield won 6-2, 7-5. In singles, Aledo won all but one

Boys: Line 2 Farmer won 6-1, 7-6 (7-5); Line 3 S. Mason won 6-3, 6-1; Line 4 Beyer won 6-0, 6-0; Line 5 Heckathorn won 8-2 and Line 6 Britz won 8-4.

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

The only loss of the day was the boys Line 1 singles. Craig Mason battled for two hours but was defeated by four points in two tie-

breaks, 6-7 (5-7), 6-2, 10-12. Additional doubles matches were won by Paxton Psencik/ Brennan Holbrook (8-1), and Ibrahim Choudhry/Sydney Byrd (8-1). Additional singles matches were won by Tom Ruminsky (8-2), Ben Kurth (8-0), Casen Freeland (6-0) and Nate Ashabraner (6-1).

In the rout of Rider, results were: Boys doubles: Mason/Mason lost 1-6, 4-6; Heckathorn and Britz won 6-4, 6-4; and Beyer/Ruminsky won a thriller, 6-4, 4-6, 10-5.

Girls doubles: Germany/Orr won 6-1, 6-2; Bussmeir and Lofton won 6-0, 6-2; and Nawrocki and Jack won 6-1, 6-0.

Boys singles: C. Mason lost 1-6, 4-6; Farmer won 6-1, retired; S. Mason won 6-3, 6-5, retired; Beyer won 7-5, 10-8; Heckathorn won 6-3, 7-5; and Britz fell (score not available).

Girls singles: Orr won 6-4, 7-5; Germany won 6-4, 6-2; Bussmeir won 6-0, 6-0; Satterfield won 6-1, 6-0; Heydman fell 4-6, 4-6; and Byrd won 6-4, 6-1.

The mixed doubles duo of Farmer and Satterfield won 7-5, 6-4. Aledo now waits to see who their

bidistrict opponent is next week. They will face the No. 4 seed from District 6-5A.



FOOTBALL

Does anybody really know what time it is?

Scoreboard malfunction doesn't slow down Bearcats

By Rick Mauch

Time stood still at Tommy Briggs Stadium in The Colony on Friday, Sept. 29.

Well, on the scoreboard, at least. As far as The Colony Cougars were concerned, time probably couldn't move fast enough as they were humbled 60-14 by the Aledo Bearcats in their District 3-5A Division I contest.

The scoreboard clock malfunctioned early in the first quarter and never recovered with the exception of somehow working during the halftime performances. Officials on the field had to keep game time and keep both sidelines informed throughout the contest.

"The difficult part was time management," Aledo wide receiver Trace Clarkson said of the strange scenario.

But not that difficult, clearly, as the Bearcats (6-0, 4-0 in district) overcame some early glitches to run away with their 115th consecutive district victory dating to 2007. They also scored in their 289th straight game, as documented by local statistical expert Deacon Starnes of Hank 92 FM in the press box.

With touchdowns on four first-half possessions, combined with Aven Lawrence's 88-yard kickoff return for a TD, Aledo



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Blake Burdine (14) picks up yardage in Friday's win at The Colony.

had a 32-7 halftime lead. It was more than enough to make sure the Cougars (2-4, 2-2) didn't pull off another upset like they did the previous week in

Remember, this is a team that went into Denton a week earlier and upset Ryan 27-20.

"That kickoff return was great. Aven is one of the fastest kids in the school," Aledo coach Robby Jones said.

Lawrence was on both the 800 and 1600-meter relays that advanced to state for Aledo in the spring. The 800 finished fourth.

Of course, the Bearcats were far from being finished scoring on the night.

Big night for quarterbacks

Quarterback Hauss Hejny had another standout night for the Bearcats. The TCU commit was 7-of-12 for 168 yards passing with an 85-yard score to Clarkson to make the score 19-7. It was his 12th passing TD of the season with no interceptions.

Hejny also ran seven times for 81 yards with touchdowns of 11, 22 and 20 yards on three straight drives to build the advantage to 39-7. It was his most productive rushing game of the season as he came in with 222 yards and a pair of touchdowns through the first five contests.

In all, the Bearcats rushed for an unofficial 267 yards, including 77 on 10 carries from their leading rusher, Ray Guillory, who also scored

a 10-yard touchdown to put Aledo up 6-0 after their first possession. Guillory now has 14 touchdowns (11 rushing, 3 receiving) and almost 750 total yards (612 rushing, 137

Backup quarterback Gavin Beard was certainly not bothered by not having a scoreboard clock. He was a perfect 5-for-5 for 62 yards.

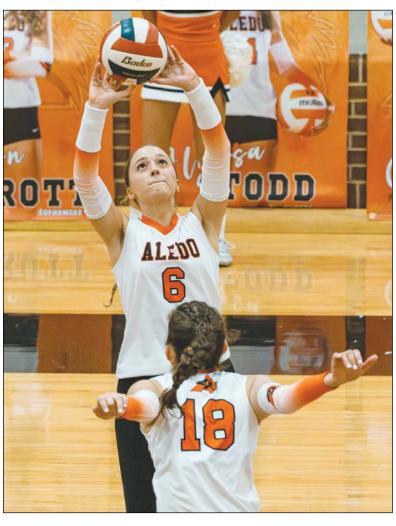
"We were just playing 'til the whistle. It (the clock) wasn't a problem. I just love getting reps and getting out there with my guys," Beard said.

"When Gavin comes in we want him to operate the offense, and that's more than just handing the ball off," Jones said. "We want him to get those reps."

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VOLLEYBALL

Ladycats defeat Northwest



Ava Reding sets the ball for Ella Isbell during the Ladycats' home match against Brewer on Tuesday, Sept 26. Reding compiled 42 assists on Tuesday, Oct. 3 as Aledo defeated the Northwest Lady Texans to secure their spot atop the District 5-5A standings.

Hold onto top spot in district rankings

By Ryan Wade The Community News

It's been a long time coming, but it finally happened on Tuesday, Oct. 3.

After being swept by Northwest last season and suffering their lone district defeat of the year to the Lady Texans last month, Aledo's varsity Ladycats (25-8 overall, 6-1 in district) upended their toughest district foe three sets to one as they secured their place atop the District 5-5A rankings.

The match was a battle of stateranked teams. Northwest came in ranked 20th in Class 5A by the Texas Girls Coaches Association and Aledo is 25th.

While the Lady Texans were a solid volleyball club the last two seasons, Aledo has been a salty bunch in their own right. In spite of how the two teams should've matched up competitively, there has been something about Northwest that Aledo has struggled to overcome in prior meetings between the two.

That ended on Tuesday when the Ladycats came away with a hardfought victory with scores of 25-20, 22-25, 25-22, and 25-17 to take the

Since returning from injury, Vivian Parker has been electric. In

the match against Northwest, Parker amassed 23 kills, 20 digs, and a block for the Ladycats.

Ava Reding picked up 42 assists on Tuesday to bring her season total to 732. The junior setter is flirting with 1,000 assists on the season with six matches remaining on the regular season schedule, along with the postseason. She also had four digs, two aces, and a block against the Lady Texans.

Along with Parker, Kinley Elms and Alyssa Todd finished the match with double-digit kills. Elms notched 13, while Todd picked up 11.

Morgan Estevez collected three aces to lead the Ladycats at the service line. Logyn Denbow and Ella Meador also picked up an ace apiece.

Haley Lowe continued her dominance at the net with four more blocks in the match, bringing her season total to 86.

Looking at digs, Meador, Kenrie Pruitt, and Estevez all made a double-digit contribution to go along with Parker's 20. Meador scooped up 18 in the match. Pruitt and Estevez added 13 and 10, respectively.

Next up on the schedule for the Ladycats is a trip to Granbury on Friday, Oct. 6. Aledo will look to plunder the second-place Lady Pirates on their home court. Aledo won their previous outing back on Sept. 12, three sets to one. Friday's matchup is slated to get underway at 6 p.m.

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Seals starts, has solid outing for Vandy

Former Roo's status up in air for Saturday

By Rick Mauch The Community News

Former Weatherford Kangaroos quarterback Ken Seals returned to the starting lineup this past Saturday for Vanderbilt as the Commodores fell to No. 21 visiting Missouri 38-21.

Despite the loss, Seals had a solid outing. He completed 20 of 30 passes for 259 yards with two touchdowns and an interception. He also ran for a 6-yard touchdown.

Seals, a senior, was named the starter after regular starter AJ Swann to injury. Coach Clark Lea said Swann should be available to play Saturday but Lea is waiting until closer to the weekend to decide if he or Seals will open behind center at Florida Saturday at 3 p.m. on the SEC Network.

For the season Seals is 27-of-42 for 355 yards with four TD and one interception. In his career, Seals has played in 21 games and is 340-of-554 for 3,464 yards with 21 TD and 19 interceptions.

Seals played in and started nine games as a freshman, followed by starting the first six games of his sophomore season before getting injured. He did not see game action as a junior.

Seals became only the third true freshman quarterback to start a season opener in the Southeastern Conference since 1972. He also set a Vanderbilt freshman record with 1,928 passing yards and is only the third true freshman to throw for over 1,000 yards in a season for Vanderbilt.

Seals also made news when he signed a name/image/likeness deal with the cryptocurrency company FTX. The company has also signed several high profile professional athletes to their brand, including NFL quarterback Trevor Lawrence and former NFL QB legend Tom Brady.

VOLLEYBALL

AMS clashes with MMS

Crosstown rivalry

Staff Report

The Community News

Aledo Middle School defeated visiting rival McAnally Middle School in five of their six volleyball matches on Monday, Oct. 2.

Seventh-grade results

AMS A defeated MMS A 25-18, 25-10.

AMS B defeated MMS B 25-14, 25-13.

MMS C defeated AMS C 15-25, 25-23, 25-19.



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Eighth-grade scores were:

AMS A defeated MMS A 25-7,

25-13. AMS C defeated MMS C 25-14,

AMS B defeated MMS B 25-16,

25-20.

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The Aledo Middle School seventh (BOTTOM) and eighth-grade (TOP) A Teams won the Kennedale Tournament recently.





VOLLEYBALL

WC volleyball win streak hits 11

The volleyball winning streak nine kills. Lorena Gomez had 21 continued Saturday in a loud Betty Jo Graber Athletic Center at Weatherford College. The Coyotes won their 11th match in a row, sweeping Temple College 25-16, 25-12, 25-9.

The Coyotes improved to 21-2 overall and 6-0 in conference play, alone in first

place in the Northern Texas Junior College Athletic Conference.

Selanny Puente led the WC offense with

assists. Abby Benitez continued her run with 15 digs. Brooke McHale had 10 digs.

Weatherford travels to Cisco College Wednesday, Oct. 4, North Central Texas College in Gainesville Oct. 7 and

> Southwestern Christian College in Terrell Oct. 11. The Coyotes' next home match will be Saturday, Oct. 14 at 1 p.m. against Vernon College.

VOLLEYBALL

MMS sweeps Everman

Staff Report

The McNally Middle School Ladycats swept Everman in volleyball on Sept. 28. Scores were:

Eighth grade: A Team, 25-4, 25-2; B Team, 25-3, 25-6; C Team 25-14, 25-12.

Seventh grade: A Team, 25-12, 25-14; B Team 25-14, 25-8; C Team, 25-15, 25-14. **SWIMMING**

Swimcats open season

Aledo wins dozen events

Staff Report

The Aledo Swimcats began the 2023-24 swim season at the Arlington Heights Sprint Invitational Saturday, Sept. 30 at the Wilkerson-Greines Activities Center in Fort Worth.

Aledo finished first in 12 events.

The Aledo girls were led by Jacquiline Gruber, who won four events, two on relays and two individually. Also, Victoria Crews won three (two relays, one individual) and Haley Roberson and Julia Gordy each won two (one relay, one individual).

Porter Lane paced the Bearcats with three events, one relay and two individual.

The Swimcats are back in the water for competition on Oct. 12 in the Pink Out Double Dual Meet with Fort Worth Southwest and Burleson Centennial. The meet begins at 6 p.m.

Arlington Heights Sprint Invitational **At Wilkerson-Greines Activities** Center

Distances in yards Aledo individual results

Girls

200 Medley Relay - 1. Haley Roberson, Jacquline Gruber, Corah Satterfield, Victoria Crews.

100 Freestyle - 1. Julia Gordy, 2. Tila Moeller. 100 Individual Medley - 1. Jacquline Gruber, 3.

Haley Roberson, 4. Victoria Crews.

25 Freestyle - 1. Alexa Doshi.

50 Butterfly - 1. Corah Satterfield, 2. Julia Gordy. 50 Freestyle - 3. Tila Moeller.

200 Freestyle - 1. Jacquline Gruber.

200 Freestyle Relay - 1. Victoria Crews, Julia Gordy, Tila Moeller, Jacquline Gruber; 3. Alexa Doshi, Avery Faulkner, Addie Speed, Corah Satterfield.

50 Backstroke - 1. Victoria Crews, 3. Avery Faulkner.

50 Breaststroke - 1. Haley Roberson. 400 Freestyle Relay - 3. Avery Faulkner, Julia Gordy, Addie Speed, Haley Roberson.

200 Medley Relay - 2. Cade Catlin, lan Perez, Porter Lane, Jaxon Robinson.

100 Freestyle - 3. Alexander Pomales. 100 IM - 1. Porter Lane, 3. Cade Catlin.

25 Freestyle - 3. Matthew Petersen.

50 Freestyle - 2. Kale Roberson, 3. Bradyn Baughman.

200 Freestyle - 2. Brayden DeBoer. 200 Freestyle Relay - 1. Cade Catlin, lan Perez, Jaxon Robinson, Porter Lane.

50 Breaststroke - 1. Porter Lane.



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Aledo runners compete in elite Arkansas meet

LADYCATS FIFTH

By Rick Mauch

The Aledo cross country program is so good even the state's borders can't contain it.

Well, that might be a bit of an exaggeration, but what isn't an exaggeration is both the Ladycats and Bearcats held their own in the prestigious Chilie Pepper Cross Country Festival at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville on Saturday, Sept. 30.

The Ladycats finished fifth out of 83 teams in the girls division, while the boys were 30th out of 110, all competing against some of the nation's top competition from across several states.

A day earlier, the junior varsity teams competed more locally - but in the varsity division at the Race For the Loot meet at the Granbury Disc Golf Course. The JV boys finished 14th and the girls were 15th.

"The Aledo cross country teams had another great week of racing," said coach Mike Pinkerton.

The Ladycats varsity was led by Madison Larson, who was 16th with a time of 18 minutes, 12.2 seconds over the 5-kilometer course. Micach Neal was 19th in 18:21 and Molly Garrison was 21st in 18:21.8.

Layton Ybarra paced the Bearcats, finishing 64th in a time of 16:21.2.

Pinkerton said the weather in Fayetteville was humid, but not as hot as it's been locally.

"The competition was unbelievable," he said. "The Bearcats and Ladycats both gave it all they had - which is what we do.

Their results certainly speak for

"Extremely proud of all of our runners. They put in an incredible amount of work and mileage every week - and it is really paying off."

The Bearcats and Ladycats will not have a meet this week. Their next meet will be the District 5-5A Championships at Central Park in White Settlement on Friday, Oct. 13.

Chile Pepper Cross Country Festival at University of Arkansas, **Fayetteville**

Aledo results Varsity girls

Team, fifth place out of 83. Individual results 16. Madison Larson, 18:12.2. 19. Micah Neal, 18:21.0. 21. Molly Garrison, 18:21.8. 111. Sophia Brandenburg, 19:41.3. 124. Mykel Murry, 19:49.4. 196. Mayden Mitchell, 20:32.7. 325. Elizabeth Griffin, 21:51.7. 346. Aubrey Connally, 22:07.9. Varsity boys

Team. 30th out of 110. Individual results 64. Layton Ybarra, 16:21.2. 103. Jack Fink, 16:38.0. 255. Luke Schabel, 17:24.8. 292. Dominick Barrera, 17:33.5. 328. Anderson Smith,

17:42.4. 345. Tyler Connally, 17:48.0. 346. lan Robbins, 17:48.4. 390. Bo Merrill, 17:59.6.

Granbury Race for the Loot at Granbury Disc Golf Course

Aledo results

JV girls Team, 15th place Individual results 31. Sadie Williams, 22:50.36. 82. Giana Anaya, 27:57.11. 83. Alexa Estrada, 28:07.42.

84. Maddy Shepard, 28:15.96. 85. Julia Bettencourt, 32:00.00.

JV boys

Team, 14th place Individual results

35. Landon Eaton, 18:34.82. 63. Lincoln Tuin, 19:45.61.

67. Zach Rivas, 19:54.63.

76. Ethan Matthews, 20:15.67.

80. Reed Murray, 20:22.69.

86. Reece Copeland, 20:33.64. 100. Caden West, 22:02.70.

105. Jaden Delgado, 22:42.14.

110. Isaac Brooks, 23:55.89.

Weatherford competes at Decatur

Read this

story online

Weatherford's Lady Kangaroos finished third at the Decatur Reunion Run on Saturday, Sept. 30. Rayla Castillo led Weatherford with a third-place individual finish and a time of 19:20.34 over the

5K course. Remington Boone was fourth in 19:20.66.

The Weatherford boys were fifth, led by Riley Starling, who was 14th in 17:02.94. Kelan Bush was 17th with a time of 17:11.36.

The JV boys finished first as Jett Hendrix placed second individually with a clocking of 18:34.26, while Gerardo Miranda was fourth in 18:45.96. The JV girls were led by Stella Adams in ninth place, posting a 22:39.47.

BEARCATS

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Likewise, backup running back Kaden Winkfield wasted no time when he got his hands on the ball. He picked up 65 vards on seven carries, including touchdowns of 7 and 27 yards to run the score to 53-7 before fellow backup running back Cole Plumbley ended Aledo's scoring with a 4-yard TD to account for the final score.

Early deficit

While the final score was indeed another blowout for the Bearcats, there were some moments early when the Cougars had the lead and were in possession to regain it.

After the Bearcats marched down the field, going 60 yards in six plays, capped by Guillory's TD, they soon found themselves down 7-6. A bad snap on a punt gave The Colony the ball at the Aledo 29-yard line.

Six plays later, Cougars quarterback Carson Cox connected with Xavier Green for a 17-yard TD pass.

Then, after Lawrence's kickoff return, Cox hit Carmelo Torres for a 66-yard completion that moved the ball to the Aledo 12. Torres had a clear path to the end zone had not Jake Gillespie chased him down.

However, the threat was squelched when two plays later Cox was sacked by Aledo's Ben McElree for a 15-yard loss. An 11-yard completion on fourth-and-25 turned the ball back over to the Bearcats.

"That was a big defensive stand, but that's the reason those guys are on the field," Jones said. "We expect them to make big plays."

The Aledo defense also stopped Cox for no yardage on a quarterback sneak on fourth-and-2 in the third quarter. Also, Chris Johnson intercepted a pass near the end of the first half.

Next up

The Bearcats are on the road again this week as they travel to Fort Worth to face South Hills Thursday, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. The Scorpions (0-5, 0-3 in district) have been outscored 172-7 in league play and are coming off a 68-0 home loss to Denton Ryan. They have not scored in 10 consecutive quarters.

While the Bearcats bring a 20-game win streak into the game, the Scorpions come in having lost 13 straight.

Aledo 60. The Colony 14 12 20 21 7 - 60 Aledo

The Colony 7 0 0 7-14

A - Ray Guillory 10 run (run failed) TC - Xavier Green 17 pass from Carson Cox

(Stephen Jameison kick) A - Aven Lawrence 88 kickoff return (run failed, bad snap on kick attempt)

A - Trace Clarkson 85 pass from Hauss Hejny (Cole Crawford kick)

A - Henjy 11 run (run failed)

A - Hajny 22 run (Crawford kick) A - Heiny 20 run (Crawford kick)

A - Kaden Winkfield 7 run (Crawford kick)

A - Winkfield 27 run (Logan DeFranzo kick) TC - Karim Mashak 9 pass from Dominic Jeffery (Jameison kick)

A - Cole Plumbley 4 run (DeFranzo kick)

Unofficial statistics

First downs: Aledo 25, TC 14. Rushes-yards: Aledo 38-267, TC 42-120. Passing yards: Aledo 230, TC 214. Caught-thrown-intercepted: Aledo 12-17-0, TC

Fumbles-lost: Aledo 4-2, TC 2-0. Penalties-yards: Aledo 5-53, TC 3-25. Punts-average: Aledo 1-37.0, TC 6-22.5. Third-down conversions: Aledo 6-8, TC 4-14. Fourth-down conversions: Aledo 0-1, TC 0-3.

Individual leaders

Offense

Rushing

Aledo: Hejny 7 carries, 81 yards, 3 TD; Guillory 10-77, TD; Winkfield 7-65, 2 TD; Hawk Patrick-Daniels 6-37; Plumbley 5-12, TD; Blake Burdine

TC: Rodney Gould 14-66, William Allen 7-40. **Passing**

Aledo: Hejny 7-of-12-0, 168 yards, TD; Gavin Beard 5-5-0, 62 yards.

TC: Cox 19-32-1, 188 yards, TD; Dominic Jeffery 2-3-0, 24 yards, TD.

Aledo: Clarkson 3 catches, 117 yards, TD; Kaydon Finley 2-29; Patrick-Daniels 2-26; Jayden Griswold 1-17; Tyson Timms 1-16; Burdine 1-16; Guillory 1-5; Brett Turner 1-4. TC: Carmelo Torres 4-81; Xavier Green 3-41, TD; Riley Stewart 4-37; Chase Glover 7-37.

Defense **Tackles**

Aledo: Davhon 8, Jake Gillespie 6, Kutter Harrell 5.5, Coy Flowers 5.5.

Aledo: Ben McElree, Cooper Kohan.

Tackles for loss Aledo: McElree 2, Flowers 1, Kohan 1, Brody Adams 1,

Keys 1. Interception Aledo: Chris Johnson.



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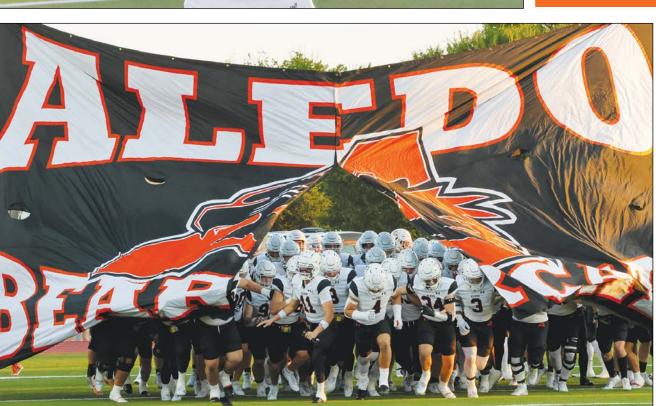
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LADYCAT **OF THE WEEK**

Morgan Estevez Volleyball

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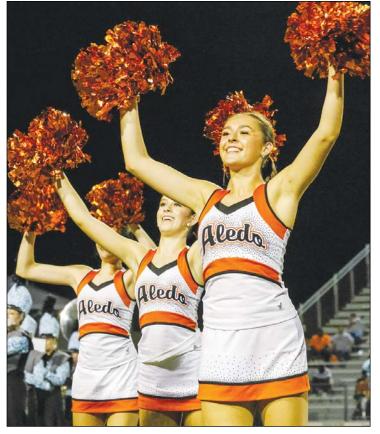
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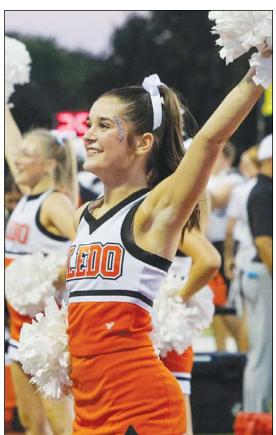
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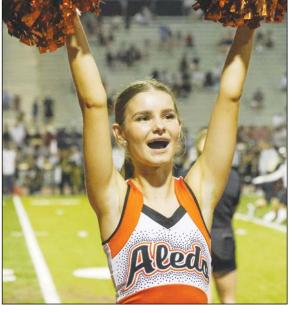


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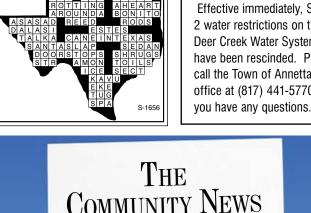
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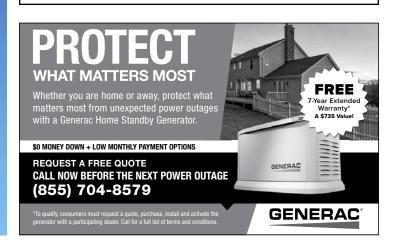
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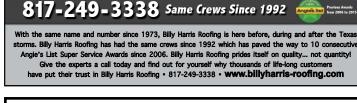
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FOOTBALL ADVANCE

Bearcats on road for second straight week

Played at South Hills Thursday

By Rick Mauch

You could look the world over and not find any more polar opposites than the Aledo Bearcats and Fort Worth South Hills Scorpions football teams.

While the Bearcats (6-0 overall, 4-0 in District 3-5A Division I) are going for a 16th consecutive district championship, the Scorpions (0-5, 0-3) are looking for a way to get on the scoreboard.

South Hills has not scored in 10 straight quarters. The Scorpions have been outscored 172-7 in three district games, including 68-0 at home by Denton Ryan on Sept. 28.

The Bearcats, meanwhile, have been clicking on both offense and defense, especially since league play began. So far Aledo has outscored its foes by a margin of 316-114, including a 60-14 victory at The Colony on Sept. 29.

Aledo coach Robby Jones noted that a dozen players have been brought up for this week's game.

"We've got some backups who are going to get a chance to be starters this week," Jones said. "We'll see how they respond and see how the team responds."

South Hills has lost 13 consecutive games. The Scorpions' last victory was 42-21 over Class 4A Venus in the second game of the 2022 season. Their last victory against a school of their own size was 48-12 over Fort Worth Poly in the 2021 season. It was also their lone win that season as the Scorpions are 2-23 in their past 25 games.

The last time South Hills had a winning season, the Scorpions did so in a big way. They were 10-1 in both 2016 and 2017, going 10-0 in the regular season and losing in bidistrict.

Head-to-head

The Bearcats are 3-0 all-time against the Scorpions, who have had very little success against Aledo on both offense and defense. The Bearcats are outscoring them by an average of 65-5.

The only time the Scorpions have scored against the Bearcats was in 2013, a 77-16 loss. That was also the season the Bearcats scored more points than any team at any



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Aven Lawrence (7) returned a kickoff 88 yards for a touchdown. Joining the play were Callihan Wilson (16), Jaden Allen (2), and Tyson Timms (86).

opponents 1,023-140.

The Bearcats have shut out the Scorpions twice, 49-0 in 2012 and 68-0 last season.

Extra day for Centennial

With this week's game being played on Thursday, that will give the Bearcats an extra day of preparation for their next opponent and a game that could go a long way in deciding the district champion.

Aledo returns home to host Burleson Centennial (5-0, 3-0) on

"It's good to have that extra day to heal up, more recovery time before we start preparation on Monday," Jones said. "The kids will have Saturday off because Saturday work will be done on Friday."

Honoring historic teams

When the Bearcats play their next home game on Oct. 13, against Burleson Centennial, two of the most notable teams in Aledo history will be honored. The 1998 and 2013 state championship teams will be recognized.

The 1998 Bearcats brought the program the first state championship in its history, winning the Class 3A title. They finished 13-1, dropping their second game to Bridgeport, 21-14, and then reeling off a dozen straight wins.

In the state championship game, the Bearcats defeated the Cuero Gobblers 14-7.

The 2013 Bearcats made history as the most prolific offense in football

level in history, outscoring their history. They outscored their opponents by an average of 64-9.

The Bearcats finished 16-0 and scored more than 60 points or more nine times. This included 91, 84 (twice), 77, 76, 75, 72, 69 and 66.

In running through the postseason, Aledo outscored its foes 341-64 in six games.

In all, the Bearcats scored in almost every quarter they played that season.

Jones was not around for the 1998 title, but was the offensive coordinator in 2013.

Rankings

To the surprise of no one, the Bearcats are still atop the Class 5A Division I state rankings in Dave Campbell's Texas Football this week. They remain the lone team from their district to be ranked after Trophy Club knocked Denton Ryan out two weeks ago, but folks are keeping an eye on Burleson Centennial.

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

On the national scale, the Bearcats surprisingly fell four spots to No. 37. Duncanville (6), North Shore (7), DeSoto (14), Austin Westlake (30), Southlake Carroll (33) and Atascocita (38) are the other Texas teams among the top 50.

District 3-5A

Division I update Last week's results

Game at a glance

Aledo Bearcats (6-0, 4-0 in District 3-5A Division I) at South Hills Scorpions (0-5, 0-3).

When/where: 7 p.m. Thursday, Clark Stadium, Fort Worth.

Returning starters: Aledo 7 offense/5 defense, South Hills 5 offense/3 defense.

Last week: Aledo won 60-14 at The Colony. South Hills lost 68-0 to Denton Ryan at home.

Last season: Aledo, 14-2, 8-0 district, 5A Division I state champions. South Hills 1-9, 0-8 in district. Aledo won 68-0 at home.

Aledo offensive players to watch: RB Kaden Winkfield (30 carries, 203 yards, 3 TD), TE Ty(10 catches, 118 yards, 1 TD), OB Gavin Beard (17-of-22, 170 yards).

Aledo defensive players to watch: S Jake Gillespie (28 tackles, 2 for loss), DE Carson Dempsey (3 sacks, 4 tackles for loss), DE Cooper Kohan (11 tackles, 6 for loss, 1 sack).

South Hills key statistic: No South Hills individual statistics available. The Scorpions have been outscored 172-7 in three district games and 250-46 overall. They have not scored 10 consecutive quarters.

Aledo 60, The Colony 14 Denton Ryan 68, South Hills 0 Northwest 63, Azle 7 Brewer 42, Saginaw 37 **Burleson Centennial bye**

This week's games

Thursday, Oct. 5 Aledo vs. South Hills at Clark Stadium Saginaw at Northwest Friday, Oct. 6 (all games at 7 p.m.) Centennial at Ryan The Colony at Brewer Azle bye

Standings (overall record in parentheses)

Alcuo	- 0 (0 0)
Centennial	3-0 (5-0)
Ryan	3-1 (4-1)
Northwest	2-1 (4-1)
Brewer	2-1 (3-2)
The Colony	2-2 (2-4)
South Hills	0-3 (0-5)
Azle	0-4 (1-5)
Saginaw	0-4 (0-6)

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When asked how his team stays motivated and humble heading into the postseason following a lengthy season filled with dominating performances, McCoy said, "Tennis is unlike most other sports in that, it doesn't have a start and stop date. Even if our season ended today, we could still practice tomorrow. It becomes a grind. Keeping your team motivated is a challenge for every coach. We just keep our head down and keep grinding."

Sports are not just supposed to be about wins and losses. Athletics is supposed to instill attributes that serve the athlete well throughout their life long after their days as a competitive athlete are done. While winning on the court during the season and postseason is a goal, McCoy hopes the lessons his athletes learn in their time together transcend their time on the court.

"You try to get them to be the best they can be in everything that they do, whether it's tennis or whatever. The attitude carries over to hopefully their life - being able to overcome adver-

sity. We talk about jumping over hurdles and how you get up after you fall down," he said.



CROSS COUNTRY

TCA's Whiteaker wins at Jesuit

Winchester second among boys

Staff Report

Gracee Whiteaker of Willow Park Trinity Christian ran to first place at the Dallas Jesuit Cross Country Classic this past Saturday at Prestonwood Polo Club in Oak Point.

Whiteaker clocked a time of 13 minutes and 0.3 seconds over the 3200-meter course. As a team, the Lady Eagles were fourth.

The Eagles finished eighth, led by Wilson Winchester's runner-up individual finish with a time of 18:08.30 over the 5K course.

Also for the Lady Eagles, Emma Saadeh was seventh

with a 13:44.20 Brooklyn Mathieson 22nd in 14:46.80.







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Racquet Cats eye postseason run

Following dominant regular season

By Ryan Wade

The final match of Aledo's varsity tennis fall schedule ended the same way almost every match for the Racquet Cats has this season - in a dominant 15-4 victory over Wichita Falls Rider.

Aledo's victory on Tuesday, Oct. 3 cemented their No. 1 seed heading into bidistrict next week. Official matchups will not be released until early next week, but the District 5-5A champion Racquet Cats will meet the No. 4 team out of the Fort Worth District 6-5A.

"Our kids have responded all year," said head coach Joe McCoy. "They're working hard. They're playing really well. I think we're playing some of our best tennis at the right time."

The four matches Rider won on Tuesday was the closest any team on the district schedule has come to getting the best of Aledo all season. Prior to Tuesday's matchup against the Raiders, the Racquet Cats had lost just a single match all season, including their rigorous pre-district schedule - and none in league play.

"Overall, our UTR - which is our tennis rating – has gone up," McCoy stated. "We've been competitive. We had a tough non-district schedule on purpose, because I wanted them to play tough matches to be prepared for this time of the year. They responded well early in the season. They responded to being pushed. They're doing well and the season shows that."



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The Aledo Racquet Cats captured the District 5-5A championship and now head to the bidistrict playoffs next week.

While Aledo has dominated on the court this season, it hasn't been easy. In fact, quite the opposite. The old saying that "Character is formed in adversity," goes hand-in-hand with character being revealed in adversity. In that respect, the Racquet Cats have faced plenty of adversity while displaying ample character through it all.

"It goes back to the culture," McCoy emphasized. "It goes back to the kids. It goes back to the expectations. Our parents are great. A lot of these kids can't get up here without parents bringing them up here. When we couldn't practice in the afternoons when it was so hot, they didn't bat an eye when we went to 5 or 5:30 a.m. practices.

"I think if you come out of Aledo, especially as an athlete, you are better prepared and well prepared for the next chapter in life. Our kids learn how to become disciplined.

They learn how to be on time. They learn how to work with a teammate. They learn how to work hard. They learn everything that goes along with that work ethic that Aledo instills in every program," he added.

With the fall season behind them, the Racquet Cats now wait to find out who they'll face in the opening round of the postseason. Craig and Scott Mason, Ben Farmer, Will Bever, Jacob Heckathorn, Francois Britz, and Tom Ruminsky make up the boys division for Aledo. Meanwhile, Breanna Orr, Kenley Germany, Elli Kate Bussmeir, Lila Satterfield, Gracie Heydman, Sydney Byrd, Patrice Loftin, Natalie Nawrocki, and Eleanor Jack will represent the Racquet Cats for the girls as they prepare to make their postseason run.

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FOOTBALL

AMS splits with MMS

Crosstown rivalry Staff Report

The Community News

Aledo Middle School and McAnally Middle School split their crosstown rivalry matchup Tuesday night, with each team winning a pair of games at both

the seventh and eighth-grade

AMS won the seventh-grade A game 28-8 and the eighthgrade B contest 8-6. MMS took the eighth-grade A contest 14-8 and the seventh-grade B game



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Eighth-grader Hudson Parks (21) kicks off for the McAnally Bearcats.



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Aledo Middle School and McAnally Middle School football teams kneel after the football game on Oct. 3. MMS A team defeated AMS A team 14-8.









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