

# THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Serving Aledo · the Annettas · Hudson Oaks · Willow Park, Texas

WILLOW PARK

## City updating ordinances

### Municipal court, alcohol

By Rick Mauch  
The Community News

At its meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 24, the Willow Park City Council approved the updating of several of the city's code of ordinances, including the municipal court and alcohol.

The municipal court ordinances had not been updated since the early 2000s, while the last time the alcohol ordinance was updated was in 2015.

"It's important to have these updated so we're compliant with state law, especially with the new legislation," Willow Park City Secretary Crystal Dozier said.

An example of an update from the old ordinance is the hours of operation for the municipal court hours of operation. While the court has been operating under its current hours of 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. for quite some time, the ordinance still listed the old hours.

Among the many other changes, a fee schedule was updated.

While the city's municipal services fee schedule has been amended several times over the last few years, a new development fee schedule and enterprise fee schedule was adopted recently.

Tuesday, the council updated the municipal services schedule to include updated court fees and other administrative fees.

The city's current alcohol sales ordinance was repealed and replaced with an amended ordinance. The previous ordinance only addressed late hour sales. The amended ordinance includes state regulations, which include such topics as no sales of alcohol near schools, churches, hospitals, day-care facilities or child care facilities.

Dozier said the city plans to have all of the updates on its website by the end of the year.

### Country Hollow

The council approved the final plat for Country Hollow residential subdivision, which will feature 102 lots on just over 19 acres. The developer is History Maker Homes and the property owner is Scott Moehlenbrock and Red River Development.

Of the lots, 98 are planned for residential use.

This property was annexed into the City of Willow Park in October of 2021.

Turn to CITY, page 9



## Fall Festivals



KCSTUDIOS KATHY CHRUSCIELSKI

Thor Araujo of Aledo enjoys popcorn at the Cross Timbers Baptist Church Fall Festival on Sunday, Oct. 22. Numerous churches in the area are celebrating fall with safe events for children.

WILLOW PARK

## Before Willow Park was Willow Park



SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS

The Club House on the El Chico Ranch, as seen in 1976

### El Chico Ranch clubhouse has rich history

By Ashlyn Poole  
The Community News Intern

A building rich with history, fame and architecture, Steve Bolton bought the El Chico Club House in 1979. A single guy at the time, Bolton wanted a property he could work on himself. Starting in 1981, Bolton part-time remodeled the club house into a home to give it a new life. 44 years later, he and his family are a prominent part of the El Chico's history.

"If I hadn't bought it, I don't know what would have happened to the club house," Bolton said. "It didn't have a life and did not have a life for at least 20 years."

Originally a one-room building with a covered porch, it was built to its current size starting in 1935 and completed in 1936 by Fort Worth merchant W.K. Stripling and partners.

This expansion brought another great room to match the first, one bedroom, one bathroom, a commercial kitchen, a 600-foot lake, and a personal favorite of the Boltons, the art deco bar.

"The art deco bar is a Western scene and it is truly a piece of artwork, hand-carved art, hand-carved wood, that is a bar, complete with a brass rail and other Western scenes on the front of it," Bolton said. "It's the most unique piece in the entire house."

By 1984, it was a 4-bedroom home, with all history

preserved and all new architecture matching its original western lodge style.

"It's very unique architecture outside and in, so in picking the color of the trims as it went through remodels and changes, I always tried to keep it where it was just a little bit bold," Bolton said. "And that's the way it was initially. Whoever had that design made it to where it was an exceptional piece out here on the ranch."

The club house was built on the El Chico Ranch, which was subdivided into residential lots by previous owner O.P. Leonard beginning in 1955. To create a city out of the land, 32 resident voters petitioned for the City of Willow Park to be incorporated in 1963.

Turn to EL CHICO RANCH, page 6

WEATHERFORD ISD

## Trustees learn where WISD ranks

### 103 Texas districts rated

Melissa Winn  
The Community News

It's said that comparison can be the thief of joy, but in the case of Weatherford ISD at Monday's (Oct. 23) board meeting, it certainly stole the show.

During a report on the outstanding bond debt, Jeff Robert from Hilltop Securities showed trustees where the district fit among 103 other Texas districts with at least one 6A school in it. Most data was compiled as of the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

Using several different markers including outstanding bond principal, net taxable value, interest and sinking (I&S) tax rate, among others, Robert told board members where WISD ranked in the various categories and overall.

"From a numbers-driven only perspective, WISD is 93rd out of 103," he said, adding that Weatherford's approximate \$91 million outstanding bond principal put them in that position.

Not surprisingly, the top district when it comes to outstanding bond principal is Dallas ISD, one of the largest school districts in the state. Its total is \$3.795 billion, not including authorized but unissued monies increasing the total to \$6.359 billion.

Weatherford has no unissued bonds.

For perspective, the district with the lowest amount in all categories is Copperas Cove ISD with \$3.5 million. Robert explained it was because that district was able to take advantage of some federal funding for both COVID and the proximity to Fort Hood.

In net taxable value, Weatherford is 82nd with \$6.5 billion, equaling about 1.38 percent of bond principal per net taxable value. Houston ISD is first at \$222.5 billion.

"Weatherford ISD is not a high-debt district as compared to other 6A districts in the state," Robert summarized at the end of his presentation.

Board president Mike Guest said the news was "exactly what I wanted to hear."

"[WISD] is doing famously and this [information] proves that we are," he said. "This is a testament to all the hard work the staff and we as a board have been doing to show we are good stewards of taxpayer's money."

### Construction update

Trustees also received a construction update on the new automotive facility, the Grizzard Regional Institute of Technology Academy, affectionately known as GRIT. The project is currently on schedule and within budget and should be open in March 2024.

Superintendent Beau Rees asked whether the board would be able to tour the facility now that iT has "gone vertical" and the request received universal excitement and will be scheduled for early December.

Turn to WISD, page 5

# First Bank Texas

go2fibt.com



## Hi, I'm Don.

Your personal banker.

Helping Texans bank locally since 1880

Don Rice  
President & CEO

100 Willow Bend Dr.  
Willow Park



NMLS #415770

# Kid Scoop

THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE

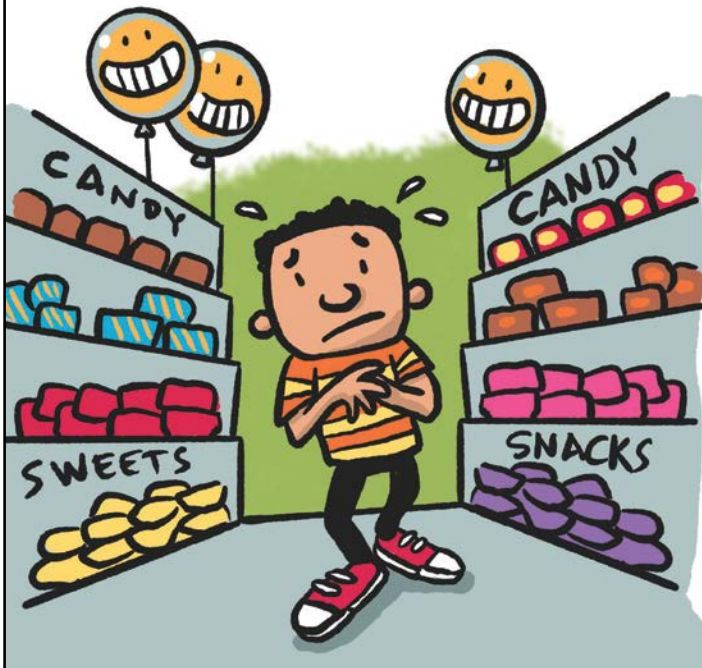


© 2023 by Vicki Whiting, Editor Jeff Schinkel, Graphics Vol. 39, No. 48

KID SCOOP FINANCIAL LITERACY SERIES

## Kids to the Rescue!

Life can be expensive at times. Families work hard and don't have money to waste. YOU can help keep your family from overspending on groceries, energy bills and more!



### Checkout Challenge

You're at the grocery store with your parents. Suddenly, you see something you'd *really* like to have! Snack food, candy bars, toys, magazines and more grab your attention.

What you are feeling is an **impulse** to buy something. An impulse is something you do without thinking about it. (The tempting items are displayed right at a kid's eye level for a reason!)

By skipping these items, you'll be healthier, and you'll save your family a LOT of money over time. It all adds up!

**Standards Link:** Economics: Students learn to differentiate between wants and needs.

### Staying on Track

Kevin loves collecting toy racing cars. But the price of these little cars went up recently. His family is spending more on groceries, too. Kevin wanted to help.



He didn't ask his mom to buy him another car on this week's grocery shopping trip. Instead, Kevin traded some cars with his friends Evan and Oscar. Now all three have different cars to play with from time to time. For each of the boys, it's like getting a new car without spending any money at all!

Find the two identical cars.



**Standards Link:** Find similarities and differences in common objects.

### What would it cost?

If you bought a \$2 candy bar every week for a month?

If you bought a \$2 candy bar every week for a year?

**Standards Link:** Math: Solve word problems in two or more steps.

### Avoid the Impulse!

Steer this shopping cart to the produce aisle, avoiding the impulse-buy items along the way.



### On the Ball

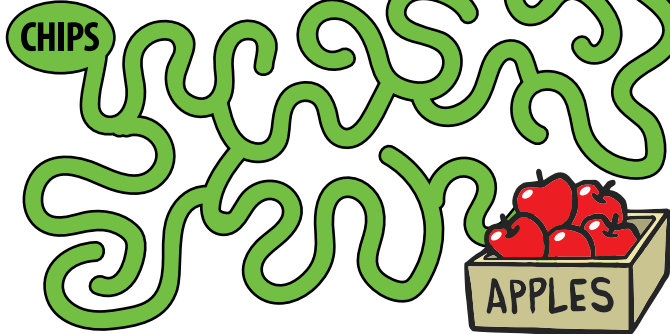
Replace the missing words.

Olivia wanted a new soccer ball. There wasn't anything \_\_\_\_\_ with the one she already had, but the new one had cooler colors. It was expensive, but she had enough money in her \_\_\_\_\_ to buy it.

Olivia decided not to buy it right away. She \_\_\_\_\_ making an impulse buy.

Each time she went to the store, Olivia \_\_\_\_\_ at the new ball but didn't buy it. Instead, she went home to \_\_\_\_\_ about it. Did she really **need** it? She found that the longer she waited, the less she thought about the new ball. And her ball was still in \_\_\_\_\_ shape.

If her ball starts to wear out, she has the \_\_\_\_\_ saved and can buy the new ball at the store.



### You Have the Power!

Circle every other letter to reveal one of the most powerful ways you can help your family save money at home.

A T B O L R Y N Z O C F V F C  
L H I J G U H B T N S K A H N  
L D S E G L H E J C V T S R I O  
P N H I U C W S V W T H O  
E G N I Y T O S U I L V E P A T V  
J E C T V H L E N R I O E O H M

T U \_\_\_\_\_ A  
\_\_\_\_\_ H  
\_\_\_\_\_ V E T  
\_\_\_\_\_ O O

### Extra! Extra! Money-Saving Headlines

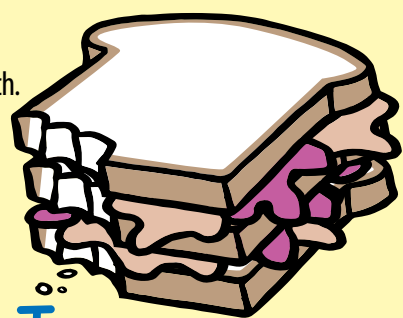
Cut words out of newspaper headlines to make a message about saving money. Use magnets to post the message on your refrigerator. Example: **DON'T WASTE FOOD**

**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple step directions.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

#### Don't Waste It!

Steven was hungry. He made a huge sandwich. After a few bites, he was full! Wasting food wastes money. Use the code to discover a shocking fact about food waste.



M	S
18 10 14 6 11 16 18 9 5	
T	B
2 18 5 4 14	18 17 8 3 4
O	R
13 8 6 4 1	7 14 6 16 14 9 4
H	D
8 13 4 12 14	13 8 8 15
C	
7 6 8 15 3 16 14 15	
V	A
14 14 6 1	1 14 18 6

#### SECRET CODE

18 = A	9 = N
17 = B	8 = O
16 = C	7 = P
15 = D	6 = R
14 = E	5 = S
13 = F	4 = T
12 = H	3 = U
11 = I	2 = W
10 = M	1 = Y

### Double Double Word Search

- ADDS
- BILLS
- BUY
- CART
- HELP
- HOME
- IMPULSE
- LESS
- MONEY
- NEED
- SPENDING
- STORE
- TEMPTING
- THINKING
- WRONG

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

A W B I M P U L S E  
T L N U L W O N L T  
H C E B Y R D Y L E  
I E A S C O A R I M  
N M L R S N D C B P  
K O V P T G D E Y T  
I H W D O H S B E I  
N Z A Q R C T R S N  
G W S P E N D I N G  
F J O L V Y E N O M

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

## Kid Scoop Together Saving Together

Work with a family member to come up with ideas to save money on each of these items.

### GROCERIES

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### ELECTRICITY

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### CLOTHING

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### ENTERTAINMENT

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### GASOLINE

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

FREE DOWNLOAD: Kid Scoop Teacher Activity Pack!

With hundreds of topics, every Kid Scoop printable activity pack features six-to-seven pages of high-interest extra learning activities for home and school! Get your free sample today at:

[kidscoop.com/activity-pages/](http://kidscoop.com/activity-pages/)

## Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **IMPULSE**

The noun **impulse** means a sudden urge to do something.

I had the **impulse** to take the biggest cookie, but I took a smaller one instead.

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

## FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

### What do you need?

Look through the newspaper to find 10 items you like. Decide if these are things you **NEED** (this you must have) or things you **WANT** (things you would like to have).

**Standards Link:** Differentiate between wants and needs.



Why can you never borrow money from a skunk?

ANSWER: They only have one scent.

## Write On! Report on It!

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

# In & Around Parker County

## Texas Butane Co. promises safety, quality service to all customers

Founded in 1958, Texas Butane Co. is a true family-run business with deep roots in Parker County.

Co-owner Judy White — who shares the business with her husband, Morris — can recall riding to Austin with her parents Mary and V.E. Kemp Jr. for her father's TRRC exam, which certified his familiarity with gas and the safe delivery of it.

Judy and Morris, who met as some of the company's earliest employees in 1964 and married the following year, purchased the business from Judy's mother when her father passed.

The couple vowed, then, that Texas Butane Co. would continue to be recognized for its same great quality and high standards despite the change in ownership.

"One of my sons who works here once said, 'It's not a job, it's our heritage,' and that's how we all feel about it," Judy said. "We stick to ethical business practices and we think our customers recognize that."

Today, the company can store up to 150,000 gallons and has nearly a dozen delivery trucks. Judy and Morris are joined in company operations by their three sons, a daughter-in-law, two granddaughters, and many other valued employees.

"We have the greatest employees in the world," Judy said. "Everyone here is community driven. We all think it's a wonderful community to be part of, and we do everything we can to give back to Parker County and the surrounding areas."

The company offers a wide range of services, including the sale and lease of propane tanks, as well as tank installation. They offer propane delivery to residential homes and commercial businesses both.

Judy said propane is a multipurpose fuel used for several reasons: warming the house, heating swimming pools, cooking and grilling, RV travel, and more.

"If it's propane related, we pretty much take care of it," Judy said.

Over the last few months, Texas Butane Co. has seen increased interest in tanks for generators due to the recent winter storm.

One of the only differences in company operations, since the company's inception, was the shift from butane to propane for customers' benefit. The product is more consistent and stable in the winter's cold weather.

Judy said the company's point of pride lands in their priority for safety. The first step for all customers is a complete evaluation of systems to ensure there are no potential safety issues, such as leaks.

"Safety will always be our number one goal," Judy said.

The business has been awarded the Small Business Award from the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce and four consecutive Reader's Choice award for propane from 2017-21. It also received the Texas Treasure Business Award, which recognized businesses that have been owned by the same family for 50 years.



Now in its fifth generation of family, Texas Butane Co. has operated in Parker County for 65 years. Judy can date her family's history here back to her ancestors who signed the petition to create the county.

"We love Parker County," Judy said. "This is our home and where we want to be."

Texas Butane is located at 103 W. Church (on the square) in Weatherford. For more information, call 817-596-8758 or visit [texasbutane.com](http://texasbutane.com).



**"BEEN HERE AND WILL BE HERE"**

Since 1958

**Texas BUTANE CO., INC.**

Propane Sales and Service

**65 YEARS OF PROPANE**  
1958-2023

5 Generations of the Same Family, Same Phone Number, Same Address

103 W. Church  
On the Square in Weatherford  
817-596-8758 • 817-594-2612

**ATEX TRASH SERVICE**

PROVIDING EXCELLENT SERVICE FOR THOSE OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS

WEEKLY SERVICE: \$40 PER MONTH

Locally owned and operated since 2010

**TIM GREEN:**  
817-344-8464  
[WWW.ATEXTRASH.COM](http://WWW.ATEXTRASH.COM)

**CF CLEAR FORK VETERINARY CLINIC**

YOUR PET. OUR PASSION.

We believe the best care for your pet comes from a lifetime approach, supported by the guidance of a trusted veterinary team.

8400 East I-20  
Aledo, TX 76008  
(817) 678-5190

Mon-Fri 8am-5:30pm  
Sat 8am-12:00pm  
Closed on Sundays

[clvetclinic.com](http://clvetclinic.com)

Check out our businesses for sale at [tworld.com](http://tworld.com)

**TRANSWORLD Business Advisors**  
Business Sales • Franchises • Mergers & Acquisitions

**Ginger Adams**

O: 682-888-0601 gadams@tworld.com  
C: 817-888-0178 www.tworld.com/weatherford

"Serving every family as part of our own for over 60 years"

**Galbreath-Pickard**  
FUNERAL CHAPEL

913 N. Elm St., Weatherford, TX 76086

817-594-2747 | 800-593-2747

Our newest additional location  
Galbreath Pickard Hilltop Chapel  
4941 I-20 Frontage Road | Willow Park, TX 76087  
[www.galbreathpickard.com](http://www.galbreathpickard.com)

**Are you turning 65?**

You have important decisions to make about your healthcare

**We can help!**  
Call  
**682-382-1260**

## The Community News



National Newspaper Association and Foundation



West Texas Press Association



Weatherford Chamber of Commerce



North and East Texas Press Association



East Parker County Chamber of Commerce

**Mail:**  
P.O. Box 1031, Aledo, TX 76008

**Physical:**  
1015 Champions Drive, Aledo, TX

**Phone:**  
817-441-7661

**Web:**  
www.community-news.com

### PUBLISHER/EDITOR

**Randy Keck**  
rkeck@community-news.com  
Direct Line: 817-386-1469

### DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

**Loydale Schmid**  
lschmid@community-news.com  
Direct Line: 817-386-1467

### CIRCULATION

**Reagan Tomlin**  
business@community-news.com

### PAGE AND AD DESIGN

**Laura Finer**  
production@community-news.com

### AISS INTERN

**Tate Shepherd**

### EDITORIAL STAFF AND CONTRIBUTORS

Chris Amos - Features/Photography  
Kathy Chruscielski - Photography  
John English - Features  
Richard Henderson - Commentary  
Rick Mauch - News and Sports  
Breleigh Mayer - Photography  
Kristin Morales - Photography  
Ryan Wade - News and Sports  
Melissa Winn - News and Sports

### CONTACT POINTS

**Billing**  
billing@community-news.com  
Pay bills at community-news.com/billpay/

**Ad Design Materials**  
production@community-news.com

**Purchase Advertising**  
sales@community-news.com

**Legal Notices**  
legal@community-news.com

**Subscription Questions**  
business@community-news.com  
community-news.com/subscribe/

**Announcements, News, Obituaries**  
news@community-news.com  
www.community-news.com/submissions/

### Content Submission Policy

We're always on the lookout for story ideas. To share one, call Randy Keck at 817-386-1469 or email news@community-news.com. Please provide the basic story information as well as contact information.

We welcome letters, articles and guest opinions from our readers. Opinions expressed in this newspaper will be labeled as opinions, editorials or letters, and do not reflect the opinions of the ownership. Letters should be signed, and limited to approximately 300 words. All submissions to the newspaper should include a telephone number in case we have questions. Letters are due by Monday at noon for that week's paper. Community announcements, achievements and obituaries are due by noon Friday for the following week's paper.

Photos submitted should include names of the people in the photograph.

The Community News does not charge for timely wedding, engagement and birth announcements provided they are of reasonable length. Lengthy announcements will either be edited to a reasonable length or, at the discretion of the person submitting the announcement, be charged a fee.

## Capital Highlights

# Early voting now underway



**Gary Borders**  
gborders@texaspress.com

Early voting is now underway for the Nov. 7 general election. Voters will decide the fate of 14 proposed amendments, including measures to provide property tax relief and raise the homestead exemption to \$100,000.

A nonpartisan explanation of what each proposition entails has been produced by the Texas Legislative Council and can be found at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/5n946d32>.

There are also bond elections for school districts across the state, as well as municipal and school board elections, depending on where you live. Contact your county's election administrator or check the county's website to see what local elections are being held.

### House unveils limited school choice plan

The Republican chair of the Texas House public education committee has filed a bill that increases education funding with one-time bonuses for school employees as well as education savings accounts on a limited basis, *The Dallas Morning News* reported.

The Senate has already passed a voucher plan in this third session but the House has balked, with opposition coming from rural Republicans and most Democrats. State Rep. Brad Buckley, R-Salado, has said he would not call for a committee meeting unless Gov. Greg Abbott includes teacher pay raises and

school financing as agenda items for this session. Abbott has maintained he wouldn't do so until the Legislature passed a voucher plan, or what he terms school choice.

"We continue to have productive conversations with House members," Abbott spokesman Andrew Mahaleris told *The News*. "The governor looks forward to reaching an agreement on school choice, at which point he will gladly expand the call."

Meanwhile, House Democrats last week released their own plan to revamp school funding, which would provide a \$15,000 bonus for Texas school employees, admittedly a long shot.

"We have this bill today because it is the opposite of a voucher scam," said Rep. Gene Wu, D-Houston. "We need the money that's in this bill because that is the future of Texas."

The bill would also increase per-student school funding by almost \$2,800. The likelihood of passage is slim in the GOP-dominated House.

### Vaccine mandate ban passes Senate

A ban on COVID-19 vaccine mandates for employees of private businesses in Texas passed the Texas Senate Friday. The ban includes doctors' offices and other health facilities, though those facilities could still require unvaccinated employees to wear face masks.

The bill passed 19-12 along party lines, according to the *Texas Standard*. Supporters said the bill allows individuals to make their own health care decisions without jeopardizing their jobs.

"No one should be forced to make that awful decision between making a living for

their family and their health or individual vaccine preference," sponsor Sen. Mayes Middleton, R-Galveston, told senators during a hearing.

A state law banning governmental entities from requiring the COVID-19 vaccine passed during the regular session and went into effect last month.

### Well plugging program receives national recognition

After completing a complex project to remove surface casings on four wells plugged in the Neches River for more than four decades, the Texas Railroad Commission's well plugging program received accolades from the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission.

The casings had posed risks to boaters as the river's depth decreased due to recent droughts.

"The commission has been nationally recognized for our well plugging program and this award is yet another example of the reputation we have gained in our commitment to protecting Texans and the environment," said Wei Wang, executive director.

The RRC has received more than \$300 million from the federal government to plug, remediate and reclaim orphaned wells across the state. The money came from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, passed by Congress during the first year of the Biden administration.

### Summer heat wave slows state economy

Besides making outdoor living and work miserable, last summer's record heat wave possibly cost the state's economy \$24 billion, according to economists with the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

Their analysis found extreme heat reduced the state's gross domestic product by 1 percentage point, the *Texas Tribune* reported.

Extreme heat reduces agricultural production, slows down construction projects, and keeps people from going out to shop or dine, the analysis indicated. The sectors most affected by extreme heat were leisure, hospitality, and retail.

"The economy will need to adapt," Anil Kumar, an economic policy advisor and senior economist at the Dallas Fed and one of the authors of the analysis, told the *Tribune*. "Communities may adapt by adopting more technology to be more sustainable and other ways to mitigate the effects of heat waves."

The heat wave was also life-threatening. At least 97 Texans died from heat-related illness, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

### Texas named 'cussing capital' of the country

An online search of Reddit posts conducted by BonusFinder.com indicates Texans topped all states in using profanity in posts, averaging 6.9 curse words per post, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported. That amount narrowly beat out Ohio and Florida. Somewhat surprisingly, New Yorkers didn't even make the top 10 in this poty-mouth ranking.

In the 691 posts reviewed for Texas, there were 4,743 curse words, according to the survey.

*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*

## Idle American

# Timing Is Everything...



**Dr. Don Newbury**  
newbury@speakerdoc.com

An older woman, her age nearing the century mark, deeply desired to attend the recent Howard Payne University homecoming. She received her baccalaureate degree there some 75 years ago, and this was her first trip back to Brownwood since her graduation.

"I wanted to see Old Main one last time," she said, remembering that most of her classes were held in the old three-story sandstone structure which was HPU's only building when classes began in 1890.

Other alumni would have enjoyed seeing it, too, that

regal centerpiece where students kidded that ivy crept around on the outside and faculty crept around on the inside. Too bad the old grad didn't hear that Old Main had gone up in flames back in 1984.

My ancient Uncle Mort in The Thicket is shaking his head about the many controversies that dominate news cycles.

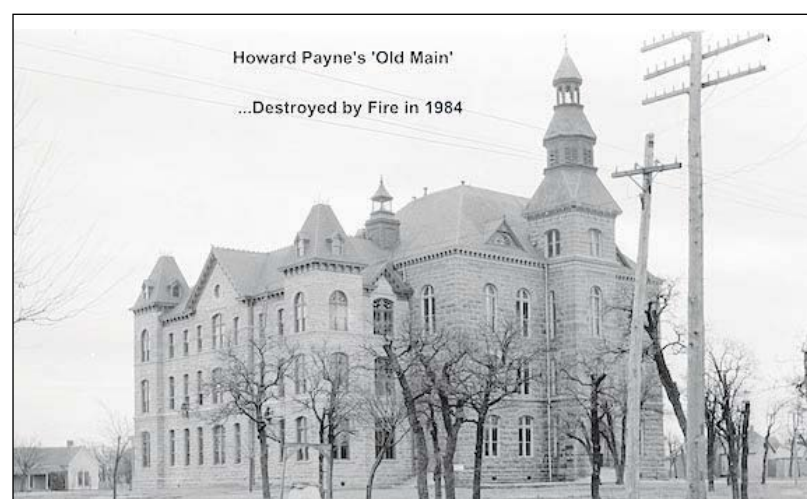
He was saddened that several hundred persons protested recently in front of the *Dallas Morning News*. Groups included the Palestinian Youth Movement, Indian American Muslim Council, Dallas Anti-War Committee and the Party for Socialism and Liberation.

He doubts that there are many youngsters hawking newspapers around the newspaper headquarters these days.

Though Mort knows little about astronomy, he is fascinated by news about outer space.

"As a kid, the closest I got to astronomy was singing, 'Twinkle, twinkle, little star,'" Mort laughed.

Turn to **TIMING**, page 5



Howard Payne's 'Old Main'  
...Destroyed by Fire in 1984

## Look at it This Way

# Bearcats did what champions do



**Rick Mauch**  
sports@community-news.com

The Aledo Bearcats were in extremely unfamiliar territory Friday night against Denton Ryan at Tim Buchanan Stadium. They trailed very late in the game and were facing a third-and-11 from their own 43.

All sorts of history - and not the good kind if you are a Bearcats fan - was on the line. A national-record district winning streak of 117 games and a district championship streak of 15 consecutive years were on the verge of going by the wayside.

Some dared not watch. Many prayed. All were hoping for a miracle.

And then, the Bearcats - as Ian Malcolm in the original "Jurassic Park" movie said about life - found a way. Quarterback Hauss Hejny, with some great blocking from his offensive line and receivers, found a seam and sprinted 57 yards to the winning touchdown in a 25-19 victory.

The looks of concern became statements of faith, such as "You've got to believe" and "I knew they could do it."

Someone who said he knew all along is Bearcats tight end Tyson Timms.

"Going into that drive I knew we'd find a way. I didn't know what play or when, but I knew," he said. "I thought of that 86-yard play against them last season and I said, Oh my gosh, it's happening again!"

Hejny's 86-yard run a year ago in the fourth quarter sparked a 35-21 victory in Denton.

Meanwhile, on the Ryan side of the field, a look of "What does anyone have to do to beat these guys?" spread throughout the team, coaches and fans.

Ryan played great, they had a good game plan developed during their bye week and the Bearcats were helping the Raiders with turnovers and penalties.

Ryan overcame a 17-0 deficit and had the Bearcats on the ropes. But, as has been proven before, there is a big difference between landing blows and delivering a knockout punch.

And, as has happened before in boxing matches, all it takes is one opening for the opponent who is seemingly defeated to land a giant punch and register a knockout themselves.

That is what happened with Aledo. It is a difference between champions and others. Champions realize all they need is a slim opening, the slightest of opportunities.

Turn to **BEARCATS**, page 5



## 2023 Angel Project under way

The 2023 Angel Project is underway, and volunteers are encouraged to be shoppers.

Angel Project is a collaborative effort between Aledo Children's AdvoCats, Aledo ISD, and the community to provide Christmas gifts to qualifying students and their siblings living in

the same home. Because of the generosity of our community, 574 children had gifts to open and a very Merry Christmas last year.

To become a shopper, visit <https://aledoadvocats.com/index.php/angel-project/>. The deadline to register is Nov. 3.

## GuestColumn

### Library regains state accreditation and participates in TexShare



**Beck Gorman**  
lepclibrary2@gmail.com



### With accreditation, EPCL now offers library cardholders free access to additional print and electronic resources.

East Parker County Library has great news! We are proud to announce we have regained accreditation in the Texas Library System for State Fiscal Year 2024: September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024. The Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) has been authorized to accredit libraries since 1971, and the East Parker County Library (EPCL) has been accredited for more than 17 years.

As an accredited library, we now have access to any Texas Library System program made possible through federal funding, including grant opportunities, staff training, and the TexShare Card and TexShare Database programs.

The TexShare Card program allows library patrons to borrow materials throughout Texas via participating TexShare libraries. Please visit the library at 201 FM 1187 North in Aledo to get a TexShare Card any time we are open (Tuesday through Friday from 10am - 6pm, or Saturday from 10am - 1pm).

The TexShare Database program offers library patrons free 24/7 access to high-quality electronic resources including full-text academic journals and popular magazines; fiction and non-fiction e-books; genealogy databases; DIY, health, and business information; interactive learning resources for all ages; tools for job seekers; and more. If you already have an East Parker County Library card, please stop by the library or contact us today for the password to access the TexShare databases.

To learn more about both TexShare programs, visit the East Parker County Library website at <https://www.epclibrary.com/texshare>.

Beck Gorman is the new director of the East Parker County Library.

## WISD

from page one

### Other items

- In other items, trustees:
  - Received a program update on the 2022-2023 bilingual/ESL program from Aleni Seibold, the WISD bilingual/ESL elementary coordinator, who explained some of the highlights and challenges faced. The program has grown to 848 students overall, with Spanish being the most spoken language needing the resources available with 82 percent enrolled. Vietnamese is second and Arabic is third.
  - Approved allocation of funds for HVAC Replacement at Wright Elementary and repair and pre-placement of audio and visual equipment that was damaged during a recent storm at the District Services Building.
  - The WISD Board of Trustees meets again on Nov. 13.

	Principal Outstanding	Prin + Auth Unissued	Prin + Auth + Nov Election	Net Taxable Value
Weatherford ISD	\$ 91,012,155	\$ 91,012,155	\$ 91,012,155	\$ 6,572,234,731
WISD Rank	93	94	94	82
Mean	\$ 716,306,717	\$ 920,366,380	\$ 1,050,359,889	\$ 23,359,167,006
Median	\$ 505,474,999	\$ 655,275,000	\$ 701,253,753	\$ 13,882,457,362

	Principal per Net Taxable Value	Average Daily Attendance	Principal per ADA	I&S Tax Rate
Weatherford ISD	1.38%	7,576	\$ 12,014	\$ 0.279
WISD Rank	93	98	84	67
Mean	4.00%	27,892	\$ 29,132	\$ 0.313
Median	3.36%	20,468	\$ 25,028	\$ 0.328

Definition of Terms:  
MEAN - the number you get by dividing the sum of a set of values by the number of values in the set (same as average)

MELISSA WINN/THE COMMUNITY NEWS  
Data shows where Weatherford ISD sits among other Texas districts with at least one 6A school in relation to outstanding bond debt as compiled by Jeff Robert at Hilltop Securities.

## TIMING

from page 4

He said that astronomers have confirmed the most distant radio burst ever came in on radio waves lasting less than a millisecond from a galaxy so far away that its light took eight billion years to reach us. I can't wrap my head around this, either, but will whistle the melody about the twinkling star much of the day.

Mort knows I don't cotton to use or promotion of alcohol, and rarely make any reference to it. An item from across the pond, however, confounds, amuses and amazes!

Sotheby's is gearing up for an auction next month, and obviously places a high value on, uh, "ancient hooch." It promises to take the highest bid for a "96-year-old bottle of single malt from distiller Macallen--The Macallen Adami 1926." It will come under the hammer on Nov. 18, and the likely winner will need to pony up with \$1.46 million.



That's a hefty price to celebrate anything, and for those who decide to drown their sorrows in alcohol, there are many brands available that produce the same results at a fraction of the price.

This reminds me of the yard maintenance guy whose boss gifted him with a bottle of whiskey.

The worker thanked him profusely for the "just right" whiskey.

Asked what "just right" meant, he answered thusly: "If it had been any better, you wouldn't have given it to me, and if it had been any worse, I couldn't have swallowed it."

I began this piece referencing my alma mater, where I was a student from 1956 to 1961 and president from 1985-1997. I'll end it with an observation made by my friend Dave Lieber, who writes twice weekly "watch dog" columns in the Dallas Morning News.

He remembered the late Blackie Sherrod, nationally renowned sports columnist for the DMN who

retired in 2006 and died a decade later at age 96. He cited Sherrod's unique ability to weave stories together, usually under a "scatter-shooting" headline. Sherrod, too, was an HPU graduate. Though he never took a journalism class, he credited the late Dr. Cleo McChristy, a masterful English teacher, for teaching him much. She was in the early years of a brilliant career and was also my mentor a couple of decades later. However, she "lernt" him a heap more than she did me!

Lieber quoted the light-hearted Sherrod who once wrote, "Freeways come in two models--over-crowded and under construction." On Sherrod's first day of retirement, he wore a t-shirt inscribed thusly: "You have mistaken me for someone who cares."

Dr. Newbury, longtime university president, continues to write weekly and speak throughout Texas. Contact: [newbury@speakerdoc.com](mailto:newbury@speakerdoc.com). Phone: 817-447-3872. Facebook: Don Newbury

## BEARCATS

from page 4

"When you're down to a good team like Ryan with a couple minutes left, yeah, you think about it (losing), but then you remind yourself that you've been here before. You found a way then and you'll find a way now," Timms said.

While it's not that often Aledo has found itself on the verge of defeat, it has happened. Last year, in the third round of the playoffs at a 12-0 Midlothian, they were down 21-14 after three quarters before winning 27-21. Also last season they overcame a 14-3 halftime deficit to defeat Longview 17-14 in the state semifinals.

Earlier this season at Denton Guyer they needed a 17-8 fourth-quarter outburst to win 48-45 on Cole Crawford's game-ending field goal.

And, and while it was before he joined the varsity, in 2019 the Bearcats needed overtime to fend off an upset-minded Midlothian squad 34-28, rallying

from a 28-21 fourth-quarter deficit. It's the closest they've come to having the district winning streak broken before last week.

Aledo will someday lose another district game. We all know that. With all due respect to the Bears, it won't be to Brewer next week.

So, for now, however, both streaks continue - as does their 23-game overall win streak dating to last season.

Wakeup call? Without question. Proof they are both vulnerable and championship quality? Yep.

"They showed us we're not the perfect team," Timms said. "It's games like this where you dig deep and find out who you really are."

Nope, the Bearcats are not the perfect team, which is a good thing. Too many "perfect" teams have ended seasons in disappointment.

They are, however, a program that finds a way, time and again - and that has led to a lot of championships, as we all know.



# Metal Mart

Proudly serving the great Southwest for 28 years!

**THE TRUSTED SOURCE FOR ALL YOUR METAL BUILDING COMPONENT NEEDS!**

- ★ RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL STEEL ROOFING
- ★ CUSTOM TRIM AND FLASHING ★ PURLIN & TUBING
- ★ EASY BOLT PRE-FABRICATED STEEL BUILDINGS
- ★ MINI STORAGE SYSTEMS ★ POWER TOOLS
- ★ VENTS & SKYLIGHTS ★ HARDWARE & ACCESSORIES
- ★ SYNTHETIC UNDERLAYMENT ★ INSULATION
- ★ SEALANTS & CLOSURES ★ CARPORT PACKAGES

**GOING GREEN with COOL ROOFING**

**ENERGY EFFICIENT & LOOKS GREAT!**  
WIND & FIRE RESISTANT

**STEEL BUILDINGS AVAILABLE IN MULTIPLE SIZES**

**817-599-4186 • Fax: 817-599-3326**  
2100 Burton Street • Weatherford, Texas 76087  
[www.metalmarts.com](http://www.metalmarts.com)

Visit us today at  
1911 S. Main St.

# Fort Worth Community

CREDIT UNION

You're worth more (to us)

Weatherford's #1 Family Credit Union

(817) 835-5000

[www.ftwccu.org](http://www.ftwccu.org)

Open to those who live, work, or attend school in Tarrant, Denton, Parker, and Johnson Counties.

Get your copy of  
**THE COMMUNITY NEWS**

at any one of these locations:

ALEDO

Bearcat Valero  
421 N FM 1187

East Parker County Library  
201 N FM 1187

CVS  
150 Bailey Ranch Road

Shell - Aledo  
401 S FM 1187

The Community News  
1015 Champions Drive

WILLOW PARK

Brookshire's  
5118 E I-20 Service Road S

East Parker County Chamber of Commerce  
100 Chuckwagon Trail

Exxon - Tiger Mart  
102 E I-20

WEATHERFORD

Weatherford Chamber  
401 Fort Worth Hwy.

[community-news.com](http://community-news.com)  
1015 Champions Dr.  
Aledo • 817-441-7661

## El Chico Ranch

Continued from page 1

“Everything that you pretty much consider to be Willow Park used to be the El Chico, and this was the club house on the El Chico,” Bolton said. “So, it’s very relevant to people that know that history, and if they don’t know it, then they need to know it.”

Since then, the area has grown rapidly and the role of the club house changed frequently to meet the community’s needs. Actually, the club house was used as city hall from 1963 to 1971, when the original Municipal Building opened where Cross Timbers Park is today.

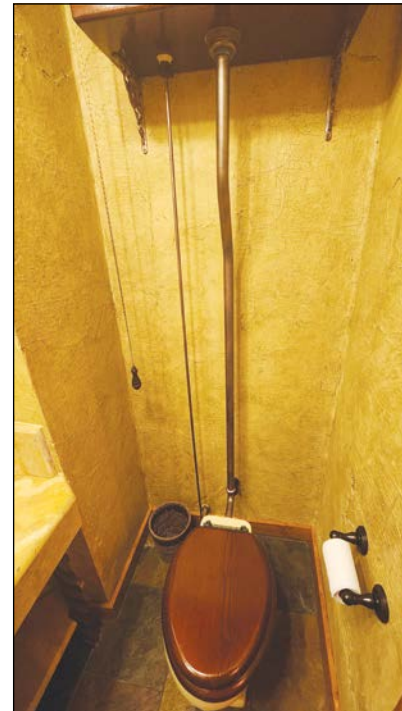
“Tens of thousands of people have moved here since 1984 to enjoy the same reason that we like living here,” Bolton said. “And that is the East Parker County lifestyle.”

Turn to **CHICO**, page 7



ASHLYN POOLE/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

The site of the El Chico clubhouse as it appears today as a residence on Ranch House Road.



Steve and Ann Bolton are shown with their family.



The El Chico Bar with wood carvings.



Vintage fixtures are shown ifrom the El Chico clubhouse.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

12TH ANNUAL

**MARCIA WALTERS MEMORIAL**

**THANKSGIVING TROT**

BENEFITTING **Jared Chasteen**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2023  
ALEDO HIGH SCHOOL  
1 MILE & 5K  
8:30AM



Follow The Community News for updates  
EMAIL: ALEDOTHANKSGIVINGTROT@GMAIL.COM  
WEBSITE: WWW.ALEDOTHANKSGIVINGTROT.COM



The 5K and 1 miles will both start at 8:30am  
Start and finish lines will be in front of **Tim Buchanan Stadium at Aledo High School**

**REGISTRATION**  
**\$15 Youth**  
**\$25 Adult \$35 Adult Long Sleeve**

● SAVE THE DATE ● SAVE THE DATE ● SAVE THE DATE ●

PARKER COUNTY HEALTH FOUNDATION

# BOOTS & Bling

PRESENTED BY



Featuring **Josh Weathers** in concert

**2.16.24**

5:30 - 6:30 pm Private VIP Event  
6:30 pm Doors Open

River Ranch Stockyards

For sponsorship info contact  
**Penny Shelton**  
817-597-6552  
**pennyselton@att.net**

# CHICO

from page 6

The ranch was made famous in the 1940s by popular Fort Worth businessman and petroleum pipeline contractor O.C. Whitaker, the owner of the club house at the time.

He bought the El Chico Ranch in 1942 and made it a destination for movie stars, singers, dancers, and Fort Worth movers and shakers. The club house featured a bathhouse, diving board, and sunning platform on the lake. Whitaker even had a landing strip built to fly in guests.

"Well, they had a good time," Bolton said. "I can tell you from all the stories that the people told that used to come here whenever they were in their teens and 20s and 30s. It was a big party place. It was one big dance off, basically."

During and after remodeling, the Boltons hosted three not-for-profit open houses, which opened up opportunities for them to meet people with a relationship to the club house. One such visitor was Bob Rothel, son of the old ranch foreman.

"One of our open houses, we were covered in the Weatherford Now magazine and he read that article, and so that motivated him to come out and knock on our door," Bolton said. "That was really eye-opening because he confirmed many of the stories that I had heard from the guests that had come through here and had parties."

Rothel provided the Boltons with old pictures of celebrities inside the club house. One such photo captured western actor and singer-songwriter Roy Rogers and heavyweight boxing champion of the world Jack Dempsey, among other celebrities, with Whitaker at the art deco bar.

Among the most famous to ever visit the El Chico, Rogers partnered with Whitaker to meet prospective horse buyers at the ranch and sell them a certain color of horse, Palomino.

"Some of the stories were just pretty much, they were unbelievable," Bolton said. "But then you hear other people say, 'Yeah, that



Bob Rothel is shown with a Stinson airplane that landed on the ranch.

really happened. And here's the picture."

Actually, Dempsey became a regular guest at the ranch. According to Kirby Mirike, an owner of the El Chico from 1955-1962, Dempsey probably began staying at the club house because of his relationship to Amon Carter, who produced a fight in Madison Square Garden during the 1920s and signed Dempsey to participate in it. Carter owned the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and other media outlets at the time.

"Amon Carter had some relationship with somebody that owned the ranch and that's why Jack Dempsey used to come here as a young boxer," Bolton said. "And then after he stopped boxing, he came back numerous times just to visit the ranch."

There are rumors that Whitaker had contacts at the Baker and Crazy Water hotels in Mineral Wells, a town known for its "healing" and mineral rich water. Mirike said Whitaker was alleged to show up to Mineral Wells and invite celebrities to his ranch.

"It became a real destination," Bolton said. "A place that people wanted to come because you could hunt, fish, party, spend the night, and enjoy yourself."

Although the El Chico Ranch and Club House have served many purposes over the years, it has been a home to the Boltons for the last 44 of them.

"It was a place to have a family, which I believe that's one place that

home should be — a safe haven, and also a fun place to grow up," Bolton said. "I think our two boys certainly enjoyed that. Hopefully after some point we'll sell it and someone else will get to enjoy living here."



Heavyweight boxing champion Jack Dempsey and Bob Rothel enjoy a moment at the El Chico clubhouse.

## A DAY AT THE EL CHICO

Before there was an overpass, at the intersection where three convenience stores and a McDonald's stand, there was a gate which opened to the El Chico Ranch. The road to the ranch house was named, appropriately, Ranch House Road.

Not too far down Ranch House Road stands a house which once served as the El Chico Ranch Clubhouse.

Back in the 1940s, O. C. Whitaker owned the ranch, and he produced a movie that portrayed ranching life during that time.

Stephen Bolton, who now owns the original ranch clubhouse, had the movie digitized. Some of the scenes also show the Dean Ranch, which Whitaker leased, and cowboys riding horses through downtown Aledo. One scene, inside a restaurant, is the location where Dayne's Craft Barbecue is set to open.

We are in the process of obtaining permission to put the video online - watch for a future announcement regarding the ability to watch this fascinating video!

"Everything that you pretty much consider to be Willow Park used to be the El Chico."

Steve Bolton



Roy Rogers, an unidentified officer, and Bob Rothel look at targets.



Jack Dempsey, Bob Rothel, and an unidentified person at the El Chico.

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals addressed to Cresson Crossroads MUD No. 2 for Avanzada Phase 1 Subdivision Improvements to include roadway excavation, water/ sewer/ drainage improvements, street paving and related appurtenances will be received at the office of Barron-Stark Engineers, 6221 Southwest Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas 76132 until **12:00 Noon, Friday November 10th, 2023.**

And publicly opened. Bids must be mailed or delivered to the place of opening prior to the time stated above. Any bidder desiring an electronic copy of the proposal form and bid documents should email their request to mariaf@barronstark.com.

The Proposal (s) shall be for the furnishing of all labor, materials, and equipment for performing all work required for the construction of the Avanzada Phase 1 Subdivision Improvements to include roadway excavation, water/ sewer/ drainage improvements, street paving and related appurtenances.

A performance bond, payment bond, and maintenance bond in the amount of not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the contract and upon payment of all persons supplying labor or furnishing materials **WILL** be required by the Cresson Crossroads MUD No. 2.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any or all irregularities. No bid may be withdrawn until the expiration of sixty (60) days from the date bids are opened.

Barron-Stark Engineers, LP

Publication: October 20, 2023  
October 27, 2023

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals addressed to Cresson Crossroads MUD No. 2 for Rio Vista Phase 1 Perimeter Fencing & Entry Gate Improvements to include approximately 2,385 linear feet of masonry screen wall, two (2) automated entry gates and related appurtenances will be received at the office of Barron-Stark Engineers, 6221 Southwest Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas 76132 until

**12:00 Noon, Friday November 10th, 2023**

And publicly opened. Bids must be mailed or delivered to the place of opening prior to the time stated above. Any bidder desiring an electronic copy of the proposal form and bid documents should email their request to mariaf@barronstark.com.

The Proposal (s) shall be for the furnishing of all labor, materials, and equipment for performing all work required for the construction of the Rio Vista Phase 1 Perimeter Fencing & Entry Gate Improvements.

A performance bond, payment bond, and maintenance bond in the amount of not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the contract and upon payment of all persons supplying labor or furnishing materials **WILL** be required by the Cresson Crossroads MUD No. 2.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any or all irregularities. No bid may be withdrawn until the expiration of sixty (60) days from the date bids are opened.

Barron-Stark Engineers, LP

Publication: October 20, 2023  
October 27, 2023

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals addressed to Cresson Crossroads MUD No. 2 for Avanzada Trail Roadway Connection to SH 377 to include excavation, asphalt pavement, concrete pavement, roadway striping and related appurtenances will be received at the office of Barron-Stark Engineers, 6221 Southwest Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas 76132 until

**12:00 Noon, Friday November 10th, 2023**

And publicly opened. Bids must be mailed or delivered to the place of opening prior to the time stated above. Any bidder desiring an electronic copy of the proposal form and bid documents should email their request to mariaf@barronstark.com.

The Proposal (s) shall be for the furnishing of all labor, materials, and equipment for performing all work required for the construction of the Avanzada Trail Roadway Connection to SH 377.

A performance bond, payment bond, and maintenance bond in the amount of not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the contract and upon payment of all persons supplying labor or furnishing materials **WILL** be required by the Cresson Crossroads MUD No. 2.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any or all irregularities. No bid may be withdrawn until the expiration of sixty (60) days from the date bids are opened.

Barron-Stark Engineers, LP

Publication: October 20, 2023  
October 27, 2023

**TEXAS STATEWIDE CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING NETWORK**  
**TexSCAN**  
**TexSCAN Week of**  
**Oct. 29-Nov. 4, 2023**

**ACREAGE**  
**LAND FOR SALE.** Hunting, recreational, retirement. Hill Country, Trans Pecos regions in South Texas. 30-year fixed rate, owner financing, 5% down. www.ranchcenterpressltd.com. 800-876-9720.

**AUCTION**  
**San Angelo Luxury Home, Foreman's Home & Acreage.** • 2401 Reece Rd – Luxurious 4BR 3.5BA 5,779+/-sf on 230.754+/- ac. • 2335 Reece Rd – 3BR 2BA 1,900+/-sf foreman's home on 142.052+/- ac. • 144+/- ac, San Angelo, TX 76904, vacant land. View: 1-4 p.m. Sun, Nov. 5 & 12. Auctions: 12 p.m. CT Thur., Nov. 30 at 2401 Reece Rd or bid online at auctionnetwork.com. 800-801-8003, LuxuryGroupAuctions.com.

**CELL PHONE SERVICE**  
**Switch and save up to \$250/year** on your talk, text and data. No contract and no hidden fees. Unlimited talk and text with flexible data plans. Premium nationwide coverage. 100% U.S. based customer service. For more information, call 1-855-493-3803.

**BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY**  
**International famous brand Japanese ramen chain store,** looking for a joint venture. Those with chain stores or restaurant experience are preferred. Please contact ramen10628@gmail.com.

**ENERGY**  
**Prepare for power outages** today with a GENERAC home standby generator \$0 Money Down + Low Monthly Payment Options. Request a FREE Quote. Call now before the next power outage: 1-855-704-8579.

**GUN SHOW**  
**WORLD'S LARGEST GUN SHOW – November 11 & 12 - Tulsa, OK Fairgrounds.** Saturday 8-6, Sunday 8-4. WANENMACHER'S TULSA ARMS SHOW. Free appraisals. Bring your guns! www.TulsaArmsShow.com.

**OIL & GAS RIGHTS**  
**We buy oil, gas & mineral rights.** Both non-producing and producing including Non-Participating Royalty Interest (NPRI). Provide us your desired price for an offer evaluation. Call today: 806-620-1422. Lobo Minerals, LLC, PO Box 1800, Lubbock, TX 79408-1800. LoboMineralsLLC@gmail.com.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**  
**Applying for Social Security Disability or Appealing a Denied Claim?** Call Bill Gordon & Assoc. Our case managers simplify the process & work hard to help with your case. Call 1-844-494-0689 FREE Consultation. Local Attorneys Nationwide Mail: 2420 N St NW, Washington DC. Office: Broward Co. FL (TX/NM Bar)

**MEDICAL**  
**Portable Oxygen Concentrator** May Be Covered by Medicare! Reclaim independence and mobility with the compact design and long-lasting battery of Inogen One. Free information kit! Call 866-747-9983.

**DENTAL INSURANCE** from Physicians Mutual Insurance Company. Coverage for 350 plus procedures. Real dental insurance - NOT just a discount plan. Do not wait! Call now! Get your FREE Dental Information Kit with all the details! 1-855-901-0467 www.dental50plus.com/txpress #6258

**WANTED**  
 Need Extra Cash - I Buy RV's & Mobile Homes -Travel Trailers, 5th Wheels, Goose-necks, Bumper Pulls. In Any Area. Any Condition - Old/New, Dirty or Clean! I PAY CASH. No Title - No Problem, we can apply for one. We go anywhere in Texas. ANR Enterprises, 956-466-7001.

**Texas Press Statewide Classified Network**  
 221 Participating Texas Newspapers • Regional Ads  
 Start At \$250 • Email ads@texaspress.com

NOTICE: While most advertisers are reputable, we cannot guarantee products or services advertised. We urge readers to use caution and when in doubt, contact the Texas Attorney General at 800-621-0508 or the Federal Trade Commission at 877-FTC-HELP. The FTC web site is www.ftc.gov/bizop.

**LUXURY GROUP AUCTIONS**  
 A Division of Williams & Williams Worldwide Real Estate Auction  
In Cooperation With  
  
  
**SAN ANGELO LUXURY HOME FOREMAN'S HOME, & ACREAGE**  
 2401 Reece Rd • Luxurious 4BR 3.5BA 5,779+/-sf on 230.754+/- ac. 2335 Reece Rd • 3BR 2BA 1,900+/-sf foreman's home on 142.052+/-ac. 144+/- ac, San Angelo, TX 76904 • Vacant Land  
**View: 1-4pm Sun Nov 5 & 12**  
**Auctions:** 12pm CT Thur Nov 30 at 2401 Reece Rd or bid online at auctionnetwork.com  
**Also Auctioning in November: Comm'l Land in Midland & Odessa**  
**800.801.8003 • LuxuryGroupAuctions.com**  
ERA NEWLIN & COMPANY, INC. JANET LANCASTER RIDGWAY, LIC. NO. 651046, 5% BUYER'S PREMIUM.

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Sealed proposals addressed to Cresson Crossroads MUD No. 2 for Rio Vista Phase 1 Commercial Water Line Extension Improvements to include approximately 2,145 linear feet of eight inch water line and related appurtenances will be received at the office of Barron-Stark Engineers, 6221 Southwest Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas 76132 until  
**12:00 Noon, Friday November 10th, 2023**

And publicly opened. Bids must be mailed or delivered to the place of opening prior to the time stated above. Any bidder desiring an electronic copy of the proposal form and bid documents should email their request to mariaf@barronstark.com.

The Proposal (s) shall be for the furnishing of all labor, materials, and equipment for performing all work required for the construction of the Rio Vista Phase 1 Commercial Water Line Extension Improvements.

A performance bond, payment bond, and maintenance bond in the amount of not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the contract and upon payment of all persons supplying labor or furnishing materials **WILL** be required by the Cresson Crossroads MUD No. 2.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any or all irregularities. No bid may be withdrawn until the expiration of sixty (60) days from the date bids are opened.

Barron-Stark Engineers, LP  
 Publication: October 20, 2023  
 October 27, 2023

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Sealed proposals addressed to Cresson Crossroads MUD No. 2 for Avanzada Water Well Improvements – Phase 2 to include two (2) Trinity Wells, three (3) Paluxy Wells and related appurtenances will be received at the office of Barron-Stark Engineers, 6221 Southwest Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas 76132 until  
**12:00 Noon, Friday November 10th, 2023**

And publicly opened. Bids must be mailed or delivered to the place of opening prior to the time stated above. Any bidder desiring an electronic copy of the proposal form and bid documents should email their request to mariaf@barronstark.com.

The Proposal (s) shall be for the furnishing of all labor, materials, and equipment for performing all work required for the construction of the Avanzada Water Well Improvements – Phase 2.

A performance bond, payment bond, and maintenance bond in the amount of not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the contract and upon payment of all persons supplying labor or furnishing materials **WILL** be required by the Cresson Crossroads MUD No. 2.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any or all irregularities. No bid may be withdrawn until the expiration of sixty (60) days from the date bids are opened.

Barron-Stark Engineers, LP  
 Publication: October 20, 2023  
 October 27, 2023

**JOB LISTINGS**

**WAREHOUSE WORKER/ DELIVERY**  
 Must be able to drive a front loader; Organizational skills, Scheduling Deliveries, Receiving, Maintaining warehouse, counting inventory, basic janitorial duties, Handyman skills a plus, Basic hand tool and power tool use, Basic problem solving skills, Basic math skills, \$16.00 an hour - Monday - Friday 7:30-4:30. Email: cody@texas-lighting.com or catherine@thegalleryoflights.com

**SALES REPRESENTATIVE**  
 2 years in B2B sales and or Retail Sales; Must be able to read a tape measure; Basic Math Skills; Able to read blue-prints (will train); Excellent Customer Service Skill; Organizational Skills a must; Eye for design; Lighting experience a plus( but not necessary will train for the right candidate; Knowledge in the building industry a plus( but will

train for the right candidate; Hourly rate of \$16.00 hr plus commissions; Email: dana@texas-lighting.com or catherine@thegalleryoflights.com

**SERVICES**  
**PAINTING:** Let my 50 years experience work for you. We do interior and exterior residential and custom home painting. Bobby McWilliams 817-821-6377  
**BALLOON DECORATIONS** for any Event: Weddings, Corporate, Baby Showers, Grand Openings, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Quinceaneras. CALL Sally 817-484-8353

**Last Puzzle Solution**

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Competitive sealed bids addressed to the City Secretary of the Town of Annetta, Texas will be received at Town Hall, 450 Thunder Head Lane, Annetta, Texas 76008 until 10:00 a.m. (local time) on November 6, 2023 for the furnishing of all labor, materials, and equipment and the performing of all work required for the interior finish out of an 50 feet by 50 feet rigid frame shop for storage in Annetta, and other improvements incidental thereto, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud.

BIDS shall be submitted in sealed envelopes upon the blank form of proposal furnished. Sealed envelopes shall be marked "RFP for Shop Interior Finish" in Annetta, Texas. **DO NOT OPEN UNTIL 10:00 A.M., NOVEMBER 6, 2023.**

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS and contract documents may be examined without charge at the Annetta City Hall, 450 Thunder Head Lane, Annetta, Texas 76008 or at www.annetatx.org.

In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating proposal prices, the Owner reserves the right to adopt the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject any or all bids. No bid may be withdrawn within sixty (60) days after date on which bids are opened.

THE TOWN OF ANNETTA  
 ADVERTISEMENT DATES:  
 October 20, 2023  
 October 27, 2023

# Business Cards

**Hartman's Honey Doo's**  
 We will do the job your Honey can't or won't  
 Lite Electrical, Plumbing, and Carpentry  
 Fences, Roofing, Tile and Sheetrock Repair  
**(817) 249-2028 Ken Hartman, Proprietor**

**TRACTOR MOWING SERVICES**  
**CALEB W. COX**  
 817-980-2709

Office: 817-565-4658  
 Talk and text 817-771-9661  
  
**ROSS GUTTERS**  
 In Business Since 1995  
 5 & 6 Inch Seamless Gutters • Free Estimates  
 Residential & Commercial • New & Repair  
**FREE SPLASH BLOCKS FOR A LIMITED TIME**

Free Estimates  
  
**LANCE NORMAN ROOFING**  
 Locally Owned and Operated  
**RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL**  
 Insurance Claims Handled  
**CALL (817) 443-0524 • mobile (817) 996-2726**

- COMPOSITION SHINGLES
- WOOD SHINGLES
- NEW ROOFS • REROOFS
- REDECKS

**KIMBERLY MEYER,**  
**ABR, CRS, GRI**  
 REALTOR®  
 Cell (817) 929-0347  
 kimberly.meyer@cbdfw.com  
 5924 Convair Drive #420  
 Fort Worth, TX 76109  
 www.coldwellbanker.com/kimberlymeyer  
 Global Luxury Specialist

**DRAKE ELECTRICAL SERVICES L.L.C.**  
**817-441-8633**  
 • • NOW PROVIDING BACK-UP GENERATORS • •  
**RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL**  
**SERVICE AND REPAIR • LICENSED & INSURED**  
**TECL #19987**

**HEARING CARE CENTER**  
 4736 Bryant Irvin Rd., Ste #702  
 Fort Worth, TX 76132  
 Located in Cityview Shopping Centre  
 Phone: 817.263.1971  
 www.chappell-hearing-aids.com

**1187 MINI STORAGE**  
 We have lots of room for your stuff!  
 1515 E. FM 1187 · Aledo, Texas · 817-504-7662  
 Call for availability · Boat & RV parking - \$50  
 10x10 \$65 • 10x20 \$95 • 10x30 \$140

**BILLY HARRIS ROOFING**  
 Same Name & Number Since 1973  
**817-249-3338 Same Crews Since 1992**  
With the same name and number since 1973, Billy Harris Roofing is here before, during and after the Texas storms. Billy Harris Roofing has had the same crews since 1992 which has paved the way to 10 consecutive Angie's List Super Service Awards since 2006. Billy Harris Roofing prides itself on quality... not quantity! Give the experts a call today and find out for yourself why thousands of life-long customers have put their trust in Billy Harris Roofing • 817-249-3338 • www.billyharris-roofing.com

**Jimmy Griffith, AAMS®**  
 Financial Advisor  
 311 S FM Road 1187 Suite 100  
 Aledo, TX 76008  
 Bus. 817-441-4108 • Fax 800-656-0301  
 jim.griffith@edwardjones.com  
 www.edwardjones.com

**WE BUY OIL, GAS, & MINERAL RIGHTS**  
 Both non-producing and producing including Non-Participating Royalty Interest (NPRI)  
 Provide us your desired price for an offer evaluation.  
**CALL TODAY: 806.620.1422**  
**LOBO MINERALS, LLC**  
 PO Box 1800 • Lubbock, TX 79408-1800  
 LoboMineralsLLC@gmail.com

Vanity Tops  
 Whirlpool Tubs  
  
**DALE NICHOLS MARBLE**  
 2927 Greenlee Park Trail  
 Weatherford, Texas 76088  
 Natural Granite • Solid Surface • Silestone  
 817-341-8970



# September Bearcats of Character - Curiosity

The Aledo ISD Board of Trustees recognized the first group of students named Bearcats of Character for the 2023-2024 school year on Tuesday, Sept. 19, for the character trait curiosity.

As a part of the district's character education program called the Positivity Project or P2, the district each month recognizes the good character on display by the great students across all of Aledo ISD.

P2 says that someone displaying curiosity likes to explore and discover, and that curiosity is an important character strength because curious individuals are more likely to ask questions and try new things, which is how we all learn and grow. At its core, curiosity is a form of courage because everyone is naturally curious, but not everyone is willing to experience it and share their curiosity.

**Sebastian Dyke, 11th grade  
Aledo Learning Center**

Sebastian is a genuine conversationalist, who has become comfortable asking questions while he's having a conversation with peers or teachers. He's also inquisitive when it comes to his school work and wants to dig deeper into the content he's learning.



**Jones Sandefur**  
**Harper Jones, 9th grade  
Daniel Ninth Grade**

Harper is a young woman of integrity who does her best to know how she can improve in all areas of her life. Her drive and curiosity amazes me in all ways, I don't think I know anyone as curious as her.

**Skye Sandefur, 6th grade  
Aledo Middle School**

Skye exhibits a profound curiosity for not only band, but everything in her life. She is patient, observant, and forms intelligent questions. Skye has a clear thirst for knowledge, and I think she deserves to be the AMS Bearcat of Character for September.



**Gebhardt Lewis**  
**Michael Gebhardt, 7th grade  
McAnally Middle School**

Michael's teacher, Mrs. Dickerson, shared that he is always excited to learn and deepen his knowledge. He has a passion for growing his knowledge as well as trying new things. His natural curiosity leads to him asking good questions in class. He is helpful with others and wants other to learn as well. Thank you for being a leader and positive influence on your fellow McCats!

**Gabriel Lewis, 3rd grade  
Annetta Elementary School**

Gabriel simply has a desire to know. This desire to know can be seen through his drive for learning all throughout the day, starting with the moment he walks into the classroom! He works hard each and every



**Lawson Carufe**  
**Kinley Morrow, 4th grade  
Stuard Elementary School**

day and is going to accomplish great things this year. Stay curious, Gabriel!

**Hayden Lawson, 4th grade  
Coder Elementary School**

Hayden demonstrates the character strength of curiosity every day. She is always asking relevant questions about things we are working on in class and always wants to know more. She is an explorer who desires to know more about the world around her.

**Vivian Carufe, 1st grade  
McCall Elementary School**

Vivian is such an extraordinary learner! She exhibits the attribute of curiosity each day and in every subject! This week, she used our vocabulary word "wonder" many times to describe her curiosity about the world around her - posing questions about nature, science, and texts we've read as a class and engaging her friends to explore with her. Her sense of curiosity compels her peers to also wonder about their own learning!



**Morrow Zamarripa**  
**Lincoln Zamarripa, 4th Grade  
Vandagriff Elementary School**

**Lyncoln Zamarripa, 4th Grade  
Vandagriff Elementary School**

Lyncoln Zamarripa has a strong desire to learn new things and has an inquisitive mindset. She is always open to start new and challenging conversations.

**Parker Cupak, 3rd Grade  
Walsh Elementary School**

Parker stands out as a shining example of a student who demonstrates curiosity and never settles for the surface-level understanding of a topic. He consistently goes above and beyond by asking insightful questions that push the boundaries of our classroom discussions.



**Cupak**  
Parker's dedication to learning and his inquisitive nature have undoubtedly made a positive impact on our classroom dynamic and have encouraged his peers to also embrace their own curiosity.



**Baranger Dyke**  
**Maverick Baranger, 12th grade  
Aledo High School**

Maverick always puts in the most effort in all the assignments we do and is always curious to know more about the topics. Maverick is an extremely curious person and continues to explore his potential.

ALEDO

## High School earns College Board AP distinctions

By Mercedes Mayer  
Aledo ISD

Aledo High School recently learned that it earned two awards from the College Board for its strong Advanced Placement test results and for a commitment to equitable access to AP courses.

AHS earned a silver designation on the 2023 Advanced Placement School Honor Roll and was acknowledged as an AP Access award winner by the College Board.

Nearly 1,800 AP exams were given to 950 students at Aledo High School-Daniel Ninth Grade Campus in the 2022-2023 school year, and 64 percent of those tested earned a 3 or higher on their AP exams, which is required for college credit.

"We are honored that our work to encourage more students to take Advanced Placement courses/exams

is yielding so much college credit for our students and that we are being recognized nationally for this accomplishment," said Angie Wilkinson, Aledo ISD Director of Advanced Academic and CTE. "The work to support high levels of learning for all of our AP students begins with learner engagement by our fantastic AP teachers. These two awards are a very big deal and difficult to earn, and I am so proud of our students, staff and administration at Aledo High School because they all earned this together."

The AP School Honor Roll recognizes schools whose AP programs are delivering results for students while broadening access. Schools can earn this recognition annually based on criteria that reflect a commitment to increasing college-going culture,

providing opportunities for students to earn college credit, and maximizing college readiness.

Schools on the AP School Honor Roll may also earn the AP Access Award if the percentage of AP Exam takers who are underrepresented minority and/or low-income students mirrors the school's overall student demographics.

Aledo ISD has had a focus on expanding and adding to its advanced course offerings, adding three new AP courses and four new OnRamps courses over the last few years. The district has also participated in SAT School Day each of the last four years, offering the SAT test free of charge to junior-year students to take during a designated school day. Also, all AISD ninth- and 10th-grade students take the PSAT for free during a school day each fall.



## CITY

from page one

**Bankhead Park**

The council approved annexation and development of almost six acres of land covering three lots with 9901 Bankhead Park, LLC. The property is proposed for commercial development.

The developer's agreement provides terms for public utility services and includes the properties' immediate annexation into the City of Willow Park as soon as possible.

**Backup building inspector**

The council approved entering into an agreement with North Texas Inspection Service for backup building inspection. Randy Law is the city's only building inspector, so a backup is needed when he is sick or on vacation.

The cost to use NTIS will be \$150 per inspection for multi-family and \$75 for other residential.

**Paper of record**

The council voted unanimously to keep The Community News as its paper of record for the fiscal year 2023-24. As such, all legal notices, public notices, city business and other items of interest to the community will be posted in the paper.



**Fast meeting**

In what has to be one of their fastest meetings ever, the council opened and closed business in approximately 19 minutes Tuesday. There was no executive session.

**NEXT MEETING  
November 7, 2023**

# Churches

**WORSHIP WITH US AT**

# ALEDO

united methodist church  
your church since 1878

**Sundays**  
Contemporary Service 9am  
Traditional Service 11am  
Online Worship - aledoumc.org

**Wednesday Nights**  
Adult Bible Study  
Children's JAM (K-5th)  
Students @ the Quad  
Vocal and Bell Choirs

@Oak and Pecan (817) 441 8329

aledoumc.org

**COME AS YOU ARE**

Sunday Mornings:  
9:30am Small Group  
10:45am Worship

**THE CROSSING**  
Located in Downtown Aledo  
www.crossingaledo.com

**Sundays** 817-901-9455  
**Bible Study 8:30 AM**  
**Service 10:00 AM**

**PCCC**  
PARKER COUNTY COWBOY CHURCH

**EVERYONE WELCOME**  
WWW.PCCOWBOYCHURCH.ORG

**HOLY REDEEMER**  
CATHOLIC PARISH

16250 Old Weatherford Road  
Aledo, Texas

For current Mass Times visit our website at:  
www.HolyRedeemerAledo.org  
For more information contact the Parish Office at 817-441-3500

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

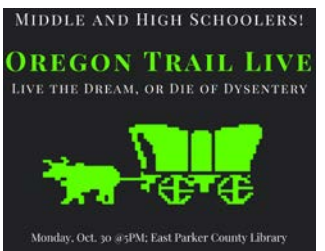
**OCTOBER 29**

**Fall Festival Trunk or Treat**  
New Faith Baptist Church is holding a fall festival trunk or treat on Sunday, October 29 from 5-7 p.m. at 3303 West FM 5. Lots of family fun, food, games and treats.



**OCTOBER 30**

**Teen Time**  
Teen Time at the East Parker County Library on Monday, October 30 at 5 p.m.. Middle and High schoolers are invited to Oregon Trail Live. Live the dream or die of dysentery. Snacks will be provided.



**OCTOBER 31**

**Safe Howloween**  
Get ready to have a frightfully fun time! Safe Howloween is back on October 31 starting at 6 p.m. for general public. For special needs children gates will open at 5 p.m. It will be in the North Parking Lot at 225 College Park Drive. It is a free and safe alternative to traditional trick-or-treating. Don't miss out! Please bring a canned food item for admission.

**NOVEMBER 4**

**TCA Gift Market**  
Mark your calendars to come do some shopping and get in the festive spirit at our 12th annual TCA Gift Market on Saturday, November 4, from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Over 10,000 sq. feet of shopping space with 60+ wonderful vendors, festive photo opportunities, fun door prizes, and food trucks for hungry shoppers. Admission is free. Shop with local vendors from Parker and Tarrant County.

dors, festive photo opportunities, fun door prizes, and food trucks for hungry shoppers. Admission is free. Shop with local vendors from Parker and Tarrant County.

Trinity Christian Academy  
4954 E. I-20 Service Road  
S. Willow Park, TX 76087

Denise Hobbs [www.tca-eagles.org](http://www.tca-eagles.org) 817-441-5897  
hobbs@tcaeagles.org



**TEXAS CROSSWORD**  
by Charley & Guy Orbison  
Copyright 2023 by Orbison Bros.

**ACROSS**

- Troy Aikman net.
- TXism: "I double dog \_\_\_ ya"
- small biting fly
- sprint car org. at Abilene Speedway
- TXism: "smart as a bunkhouse \_\_\_"
- TXism: "happy as a \_\_\_ in mud"
- TXism: "sharp as \_\_\_"
- Taylor County seat
- TXism: "hair trigger \_\_\_" (quick to anger)
- old road in Nacogdoches: "\_\_\_ del Norte"
- increase the size
- TXism: "\_\_\_ driller" (dentist)
- TV award given to TX Carol Burnett
- Dan Quinn to Mike McCarthy (abbr.)
- Texas Tech grad Lakas was president of this Central American country
- \_\_\_ of beef
- unarmed (2 wds.)
- city dump: "\_\_\_ eyes"?
- song written in 1941: "\_\_\_ heart of Texas"
- on I-20, 23 miles west of 17-across
- TXism: "a legend in his own mind"
- 1980 song "Raisin' \_\_\_ Texas"

**DOWN**

- UT has the desk of this 3-name poet
- A Texas city, county, and river (2 wds.)
- Cowboy & Texan preparation
- shrimp catchers
- ship steering wheel
- TX Pride's "My Eyes Can \_\_\_ You"
- tell a horse to "giddy" up
- TXism: "table grazed"
- fall event in Dallas: "\_\_\_ Fair"
- music boosters
- TXism: "tax wranglers"
- Jayton is seat of this county
- "Gone to Texas" came to mean "on the \_\_\_"
- car path (abbr.)
- "The Pelvis" (init.)
- noted female south Texas rancher: Mary \_\_\_ West
- cattle auction indication (2 wds.)
- PGA golfer Andrew who grew up in Dallas
- shell of a flightless bird (2 wds.)
- TX George Strait 1991 hit: "\_\_\_ I Know Me"
- TXism: "it'll \_\_\_ nicely"
- TXism: "let '\_\_\_ rip"
- TXism: "\_\_\_ beans" (in the pod)
- TXism: "pay \_\_\_ never mind"
- TX Tim Jo was in season 4 of "\_\_\_ Us"
- "Ripley's Believe It \_\_\_"
- film spools
- Oklahoma town
- TX Ernest Tubb's "\_\_\_ Walking the Floor Over You"
- TX Sam Rayburn's birth state (abbr.)
- "you never \_\_\_ amaze me"
- crafty
- language south of the border (abbr.)

**Happy Halloween**

**EVENT SUBMISSIONS**

Send event submissions to [events@community-news.com](mailto:events@community-news.com).

**Matt Morris**  
GUS BATES  
insurance & investments  
817-529-5325  
matt@gusbates.com  
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, PROPERTY & CASUALTY, RETIREMENT PLAN SERVICES  
Proud to Support the Aledo Bearcats

**Sarah J. Morris DDS & ASSOCIATES**  
State of the Art Sterilization Room  
Invisalign and Zoom! Whitening  
Massage Chairs and HDTV  
Water Purification System  
817-732-4419  
www.sarahmorrisdds.com  
2551 River Park Dr. Suite 201 • Fort Worth, TX 76116  
FAMILY DENTISTRY WHERE HONESTY & INTEGRITY MATTER!

**MEET OUR CANCER-FIGHTING ROCK STARS**

Talha Riaz, MD Medical Oncologist/Hematologist | Aaron Laine, MD, PhD Radiation Oncologist

**THE CENTER TX**  
THE CENTER FOR CANCER AND BLOOD DISORDERS  
WWW.THECENTERTX.COM | 817.759.7000  
Weatherford  
FORT WORTH CENTRAL CAMPUS • FORT WORTH SOUTHWEST • ARLINGTON  
WEATHERFORD • BURLESON • GRANBURY • MINERAL WELLS • STEPHENVILLE

**CAREITY**  
Support Services provided by Careity Foundation

**RANCH HOUSE PROFESSIONAL BUILDING**

**ALEDO FAMILY EYE CARE**  
MARCUS GLEATON, OD  
Suite 1000 • (817) 441-0010  
A MEMBER OF VISION SOURCE  
visionsource-aledofamilyeyecare.com

**PROTECT YOUR WORLD**  
AUTO • HOME • LIFE • RETIREMENT  
Dale Mares, AAMS  
817-441-5061  
126 S. Ranch house Rd., #600  
Aledo  
Allstate  
You're in good hands.  
Auto Home Life Retirement

**Mark A. McAdams, DDS**  
Suite 800 • (817) 441-8003

**CATLIN, LILLARD & CO. PC**  
CPA  
Tax, Assurance, Consulting, Business Advisors  
S. Brian Catlin, CPA Ralph Lillard, CPA  
Trusted since 1977 Suite 1200 • (817) 441-2600 • clc-cpa.com

**126 RANCH HOUSE ROAD**

Offering new ways to advertise  
THE COMMUNITY NEWS  
PRINT • E-VERSION  
ONLINE • EMAIL NEWSLETTER  
community-news.com  
1015 Champions Drive Aledo 817-441-7661

CROSS COUNTRY

## Aledo teams make double history

### Both boys and girls reach state

By Rick Mauch  
The Community News

Folks have gotten used to seeing the Aledo cross country program represented at state come early November of each year.

This season they are getting a double dose as, for what is believed to be the first time ever, both the Ladycats and Bearcats will be competing on the 5-kilometer course at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock on Nov. 3.

The Ladycats qualified as a team by winning the program's first regional championship, taking the Class 5A Region I title Monday, Oct. 23 at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock. The boys qualified to join them by finishing fourth in their division.

The Ladycats scored 45 points to win convincingly over runner-up Colleyville Heritage with 82. The Bearcats finished with 135 points, while El Paso won with 104.

Freshman Micah Neal led all Aledo runners, taking the girls individual championship with a

time of 18 minutes, 11 seconds over the 5K course.

The top four teams and the top 10 individuals not on those qualifying teams earned the right to compete at state.

"Both teams ran really well. Both groups attained the goals we had set for them," said coach Mike Pinkerton. "I am so proud of these kids, and thankful for all the hard work they put in day-in and day-out.

"I'd also like to thank all the parents who have helped us so much throughout the season."

This is the seventh consecutive year Aledo will be represented at state. Pinkerton led the Bearcats to state as a team in 2019 and 2021 previously, along with the Ladycats last season. The program also had individual qualifiers in 2017, 2018 and 2020.

In winning regionals, Neal topped the runner-up by 14 seconds. Sophomores Molly Garrison and Madison Larsen were fourth and seventh, respectively, with times of 18:38.60 and 18:50.80.

Two more sophomores rounded out the Ladycats' scoring. Sofia Brandenburg was 21st (19:47.00)

Turn to **HISTORY**, page 13



PHOTO COURTESY ALEDO ISD

The Aledo Ladycats and Bearcats both qualified for the 5A State Cross Country Meet on Nov. 3 in Round Rock. It's believed to be the first time ever for both to qualify in the same season. The Ladycats also made history by winning their first regional championship.



PHOTO COURTESY OF BRIAN MOURNING

The Aledo Bearcats and Ladycats held their fall fundraising golf tournament at Split Rail Links and Golf Club on Sunday, Oct. 22. Coach Brian Mourning said the tournament drew 22 teams from the community and around the area.

GOLF

## Ladycats win Battle of the Creek

### Successfully defend title

By Rick Mauch  
The Community News

The Aledo Ladycats Black Team successfully defended their championship in a tournament on one of their home courses - but not their own tournament.

The Battle at the Creek, though played at Squaw Creek Golf Course in Willow Park, is hosted by the Denton School District. Still, the tournament belonged to the Ladycats once again.

The Ladycats Black shot a 339 for the title, while the Ladycats Orange was second with a 385. The Bearcats Orange shot 340 to finish fourth among the boys.

Emily Crick led the Ladycats Black with an 81, two shots ahead of teammate Reagan Gilliland with an 83, with Kyla Morales coming in at 84. Karlee Shaw posted a 91 to round out Aledo's scoring, while Kennedy Parker shot 94.

The four lowest scores comprise the team total.

For the Ladycats Orange, Harper Price shot 92, followed by Sara Michaelis at 94. Catherine Haney shot 99, Abby Gray had a 100 and Addison Russ finished at 108.

The Bearcats were led by Grayson Freeman with an 80, with Cade Moore next at 82 and Brian Yarbrough at

85. William Kirkman posted a 93 and Johnnie Reed came in at 98.

The Aledo boys Black and Orange Teams were competing in the District Preview at Sugar Tree at press time. They end the fall season at the Mansfield Lake Ridge Two Step at Tangle Ridge on Nov. 10-11.

The girls Black and Orange Teams are also playing in the District Preview. The Black will conclude the fall season at the State Preview at White Wing in Georgetown Nov. 3-4, while the Orange Team wraps up the fall in the Burleson Centennial Tournament at Southern Oaks Nov. 3-4.



VOLLEYBALL

# Ladycats secure district title



RYAN WADE / THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Vivian Parker admires her handiwork after she fires a shot past the Burleson defense in the final match of the regular season on Tuesday, Oct. 24.

## Playoffs loom around the corner

By Ryan Wade  
The Community News

Aledo's Ladycats finished off the regular season with a pair of dominant wins as they secured the District 5-5A championship along with the No. 1 seed in the playoffs.

The Ladycats (31-8 overall, 11-1 in district) swept Brewer on Friday, Oct. 20, by scores of 25-12, 25-10, and 25-9 in the final district matchup of the season to close out the district schedule winning 11 matches in a row. They followed up that performance by breaking out the brooms once more to sweep Burleson by tallies of 25-14, 25-7, and 25-8 in the season finale on Tuesday, Oct. 24.

Ava Reding collected 48 assists in the final two matches of the season. She finished the year leading the Ladycats in assists (910) and aces (47).

Aledo's offense led a furious attack in the final two matches of the year. Vivian Parker ended up with 18 kills to her credit. Kinley Elms tacked on another 16 of her own. Haley Lowe scored a dozen, and Alyssa Todd rounded out the top scorers at the net for Aledo with 11.

Speaking of scoring, the Ladycats carved up opposing defenses from the service line the last two matches. Kenrie Pruitt earned five aces in Tuesday's match with Burleson to lead the stat for Aledo. Parker had four aces of her own. Reding and Ella Meador both had three aces, as well.



Defensively, the Ladycats held opposing teams in check in the final two matches. Neither Brewer or Burleson was allowed much offensive production. When they tried to mount their offense, the Ladycats were there to snuff out any potential rallies.

Parker led the way for Aledo in digs with 29 in the final week of the season. Meador picked up 27. Pruitt rounded out the leaders in digs with 23.

At the net Ella Isbell earned six blocks in the final two matches of the regular season. Parker had four blocks, and Alyssa Todd rounded out the stat with a pair of blocks.

"Things that we needed to work on have slowly, but surely come into consistency, which is really important at this point in the season," Aledo head coach, Claire Gay said following the win over Burleson. "I think they're aware of what's in front of them. I think they're eager to get to this point in the season, because this is the really fun part of the season coming into the playoffs."

"I'm proud of them," she added. "I'm proud of them for staying with it, for staying intense, for staying together as a team, and really pushing each other inside and outside of practice and in the games. We're trying to play high-level volleyball using good decision-making skills and working together to allow all cylinders to fire at the same time."

Aledo will start their playoff journey on Monday, Oct. 30, with bi-district action at Castleberry where they will face off against Fort Worth North Side's Lady Steers. That match is slated to get underway at 6 p.m.

The Ladycats were playing Brewer at home at press time and host Everman Monday, Oct. 30.

Scores against Stephenville were:

Eighth grade - A won 25-10, 25-10; B won 25-14, 25-22; C won 25-11, 25-14.

Seventh grade - A lost 25-22, 21-25, 23-25; B won 25-14, 15-25, 25-15; C lost 15-25, 11-25.

39th, 20:33.10; and freshman Mayden Mitchell, 52nd, 20:45.90. Also running for the Bearcats were freshman Tyler Connelly, 79th, 17:32.10; and sophomore Bo Merrill, 105th, 17:55.90.

For Fink, this will be his third consecutive season to compete at state. He qualified with the team in 2021 and individually last season, finishing 32nd.

Griffin, Garrison and Brandenburg competed with the Ladycats team last season at state, finishing 21st, 41st and 53rd, respectively.

At state, the girls will run at 8:30 a.m. and the boys at 9:10 a.m.

FOOTBALL

# Injury-hampered Roos suffer critical loss

## Playoff berth on line Friday

Staff Report  
The Community News

Untimely penalties and an injury-plagued offense hampered Weatherford in a 16-13 loss to Boswell Oct. 20 at Kangaroo Stadium.

Roo fans found out Friday that star running back JoJo Polk had been ruled out for the season due to an ankle injury from the previous week at North Crowley. To add insult to injury, quarterback CJ Thornton was sidelined again during the Boswell game, presumably with a similar shoulder issue that kept him out for a month earlier in the season.

Weatherford also committed an uncharacteristic 12 penalties for 126 yards.

Before he left the game, Thornton threw a 31-yard touchdown pass to Colton McClure in the first quarter.

The low point of the game for Weatherford was a safety the Roos suffered on a screen pass in the third quarter, giving Boswell a 9-7 lead.

Bradley Simmons ripped off a 13-yard touchdown run with 5:45 left in the fourth quarter. A failed two-point conversion attempt fell short, giving Weatherford a 13-9 lead.

Boswell scored the go-ahead touchdown with 1:42 left in the game on a 2-yard rush from Donte Reese.



RANDY CUTSHALL PHOTOGRAPHY

Will Jordan (30) had eight carries for a total of 37 yards for the Roos in the game against Boswell on Oct. 20.

The Weatherford defense held the Pioneers to 92 yards rushing and 150 passing.

The Roos fell to 4-4 overall and 2-3 in District 3-6A. Their playoff hopes are still alive, though, as a three-way tie with Boswell and L.D. Bell would fall in Weatherford's favor due to head-to-head point differentials.

The Roos travel to Pennington Field Friday, Oct 27 to face Trinity (5-3, 4-1) at 7:30 p.m.

### Statistics

Team  
Rushing yards: Weatherford 96, Boswell 92.

Passing yards: Weatherford 171, Boswell 150.  
Caught-thrown-intercepted: Weatherford 16-31-0, Boswell 18-26-0.  
Fumbles lost: Weatherford 0, Boswell 1.  
Penalties-yards: Weatherford 12-126, Boswell 8-70.

### Weatherford Individual leaders

Offense  
Passing: CJ Thornton 9-13, 1 TD, 0 interceptions, 92 yards; Cutter Kennedy 7-18, 0 TD, 1 INT, 79 yards.  
Rushing: Will Jordan 8 carries, 37 yards; Bradley Simmons 11-34, 1 TD.  
Receiving: Colton McClure 7 catches, 74 yards, 1 TD.  
Defense  
Andrew Groh 6 tackles, Kaden Fleming 5 tackles.

## DISTRICT

from page 16

getting a first down they could get the ball back for one final chance with close to a minute remaining.

Hejny ended those hopes when he scampered for a 12-yard run to the Ryan 17, giving Aledo a victory-clinching first down.

"We've got to trust in Hauss," said cornerback Aven Lawrence, who had a highlight of his own with a 54-yard kickoff return. "Of course we were celebrating, but the defense had to go back in and make a stop."

It wasn't the only time the Aledo defense stood out on the night. They forced two turnovers and earlier in the game stopped the Raiders on fourth-and-1 at their own 41.

After that stop the Bearcats scored on a 20-yard run by Davhon Keys to go up 17-0 midway through the second quarter.

Keys had a standout night on both sides of the ball. He also had a 3-yard touchdown run, along with an interception and fumble recovery on defense. His fumble recovery came on the first play after a 36-yard interception return by Ryan's Tyrese Weaver to end a threat late in the first half.

Special teams also played a key role with a pair of blocked extra-point kicks.

### Ryan comeback

Ryan cut the score to 17-6 at the half following quarterback Braeden Mussett's 62-yard touchdown run. He would add a 20-yard touchdown run to pull the Raiders to within 17-13, finishing the game with 157 yards on 20 carries.

Mussett's 32-yard touchdown pass to Jose Melendez gave the Raiders a 19-17 lead with 7:11 left to play. It came after the Raider defense held the Bearcats on a fourth-and-1 at Ryan's 35.

"They're talented enough to come in here and beat us if we don't play our best game - and that almost happened tonight," Jones said.

### Wakeup call

While it was scary, the bottom line was a victory. It was also a wakeup call, players and Jones agreed.

"It was definitely a wakeup call," Hejny said. "We had too many penalties (eight for 90 yards,



BRELEIGH MAYER/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Davhon Kyys prepares to tackle a Denton Ryan runner. Keys also had five rushes for 23 yards and two touchdowns on offense.

including four 15-yarders), I've got to play better."

Hejny also noted that the Aledo starters haven't played into the fourth quarter in very many games this season. They've also not been in danger of losing since a 48-45 non-district victory at Denton Guyer in the second game of the season.

The Bearcats had outscored their first six district opponents 331-34 with three shutouts. However, Jones said Friday against Ryan proved his team is not invincible.

"They know that we can't relax. We have some very tough opponents facing us in the playoffs," he said. "Even during the bye week, we've got to get better."

### Bearcats 25, Raiders 19

Denton Ryan 0 6 7 6 - 19  
Aledo 3 14 0 8 - 25

A - Cole Crawford 29 FG  
A - Davhon Keys 3 run (Crawford kick)  
A - Keys 20 run (Crawford kick)  
R - Braeden Mussett 62 run (kick blocked)  
R - Mussett 20 run (Daniel Rodriguez kick)  
R - Jose Melendez 32 pass from Mussett (kick blocked)  
A - Hauss Hejny 57 run (Trace Clarkson pass from Hejny)

### Unofficial statistics

Team  
First downs: Ryan 14, Aledo 20.  
Rushes-yards: Ryan 34-203, Aledo 47-297.  
Passing yards: Ryan 60, Aledo 66.

Caught-thrown-intercepted: Ryan 8-19-1, Aledo 9-19-3.  
Fumbles-lost: Ryan 1-1, Aledo 1-0.  
Punts-avg.: Ryan 4-35.0, Aledo 2-38.5.  
Penalties-yards: Ryan 7-60, Aledo 8-90.  
Third-down conversions: Ryan 5-12, Aledo 5-12.  
Fourth-down conversions: Ryan 0-2, Aledo 0-3.  
Time of possession: Ryan 23:42, Aledo 24:18

### Individual

Rushing  
Ryan: Mussett 20 carries, 157 yards, 2 TD; Nemo Warmate 11-30; Bryan Simmons 1-7; Lorenzo Hill 2-5; Tre Vaughn Reynolds 1-1.  
Aledo: Hejny 20-169, TD; Ray Guillory 22-100; Keys 4-27, 2 TD; Hawk Patrick-Daniels 1-1.  
Passing  
Ryan: Mussett 8-19-1, 60 yards, TD.  
Aledo: Hejny 9-19-3, 64 yards.  
Receiving  
Ryan: Melendez 1-32, Hill 4-14, Raymond Smith 1-13, Reynolds 1-3, Simmons 1-1.  
Aledo: Trace Clarkson 4-36, Tyson Timms 2-14, Kaydon Finley 2-11, Patrick-Daniels 1-5.  
Interceptions  
Ryan: Tyrese Weaver, returned 36 yards; Tyran Chappell, in end zone; Mun'terrius Ellis, returned 8 yards.  
Aledo: Keys, no return.  
Fumble recovery  
Aledo: Keys.  
Tackles  
Aledo: Keys 10, Boogie Owens 7.5, Ky Howington 5, Jake Gillespie 4, Decker Sanders 4.  
Tackles for loss  
Aledo: Sanders 1.5, Gillespie 1, Keys 1, Owens 1, Ben McElree 1, Jaxon Richter 1.  
Sacks  
Aledo: Sanders 1.

VOLLEYBALL

# McAnally eighth sweeps Stephenville

## Seventh B also victorious

Staff Report  
The Community News

The McAnally Middle School Ladycats faced Stephenville on Thursday, Oct. 19 and won four of the six matches played. The eighth-grade teams swept their contests.

## HISTORY

from page 11

and Mykel Murry was 22nd (19:47.40).

The five fastest times comprise the team score.

Juniors Layton Ybarra and Jack Fink led the Bearcats, finishing 11th and 12th, respectively, clocking 16:10.40 and 16:10.50. Sophomore Dominick Barrera finished 30th (16:56.10), junior Luke Schabel was 43rd (17:07.80) and sophomore Anderson Smith was 71st (17:28.30).

Also running for the Ladycats were sophomore Elizabeth Griffin,

TENNIS

# Aledo fall tennis ends at regionals

Enjoyed one of best seasons ever

Staff Report

The Community News

The Aledo team tennis season came to an end in the Class 5A Region I Tournament semifinals Friday, Oct. 20, with a 10-0 loss to Abilene Wylie in the semifinals at



Hamilton Park Tennis Center in Wichita Falls.

The Bearcats ended the season with a 17-2 record. They won 13 straight matches before Friday's loss, including postseason wins of 10-0 over Fort Worth North Side, 11-7 over Birdville and 11-8 over Colleyville Heritage.

Aledo also won the District 5-5A championship with a 6-0 record.

FOOTBALL

# AMS takes three of four from Brewer

One opponent left on season

Staff Report

The Community News

The Aledo Middle Bearcats won three of their four games against Brewer on Tuesday, Oct. 17.

The eighth-grade teams were on the road, while the seventh grade was home.

The eighth-grade A Team won 44-0 to improve to 4-3 on the season. They outscored the Bears 70-0 in their two meetings.

The eighth-grade B Team won 38-8 to remain undefeated at 6-0.



In their two meetings they outscored Brewer 64-14.

The seventh-grade A suffered their first loss of the season, 32-28, to fall to 5-1-1. In their two meetings, Brewer outscored Aledo 82-80, with the Bearcats claiming a wild 52-50 win earlier in the season.

In a defensive battle, the AMS seventh-grade B Team won 8-0 to even its record at 3-3. They outscored the Bears 20-0 in their two contests.

After a bye this week, the Bearcats wrap up the season on Tuesday, Oct. 31 against Stephenville. Eighth grade is home and seventh grade away. Games begin at 5 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

# AMS sweeps Brewer

Doesn't lose even a game in match

Staff Report

The Community News

The Aledo Middle School volleyball team made short work of its host Brewer on Thursday, Oct. 19 as the Ladycats swept all matches in seventh and eighth grade. Brewer was unable to win a single game in any of the matches.



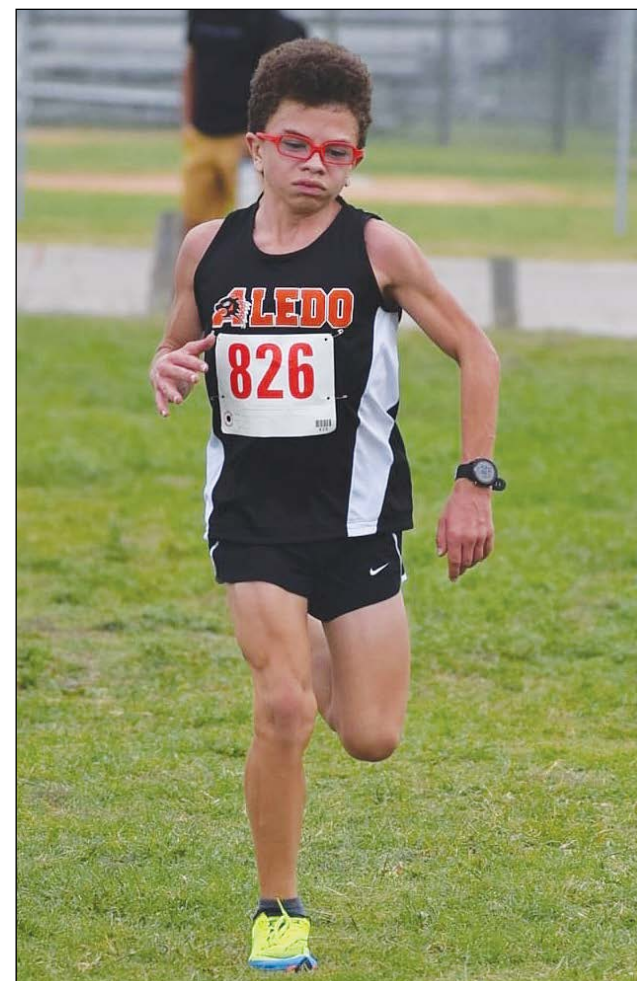
Here are the scores:

Seventh grade: A Team, 25-11, 25-12; B Team, 25-3, 25-10; C Team, 25-18, 25-5.

Eighth grade: A Team, 25-14, 25-18; B Team, 25-11, 25-20; C Team 25-20, 25-12.

AMS has a bye week this week and finishes the season at home against Stephenville Henderson on Monday, Oct. 30. Matches begin at 5 p.m.

# For the Fink brothers, winning is a family thing



PHOTOS COURTESY OF GERI SCHWANKE FINK

Jack (LEFT holding trophy) won the varsity boys District 5-5A championship and qualified for the State meet, while little brother Josh (RIGHT) won the Power 5 District seventh-grade boys championship.

CROSS COUNTRY

# Lady Roo qualifies for state

Senior breaks through

By Rick Mauch

The Community News

Senior Rayla Castillo of the Weatherford Lady Kangaroos will be competing at the UIL Class 6A State Cross Country Meet at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock on Nov. 4. She qualified by finishing ninth in the Class 6A Region I Meet in Lubbock on Tuesday, Oct. 24.

Castillo posted a career-best time of 18 minutes, 35.1 seconds over the 5-kilometer course at Mae Simmons Park. This is her first appearance at state after reaching regionals every year in high school.

Castillo was the District 3-6A runner-up on Oct. 13 with a time of 19:03.1.

The top four teams and the top 10 runners not on those teams qualified for state.

As a team, the Lady Roos finished 13th. The Kangaroos were 22nd among the boys.

Also running for the Lady Roos Tuesday were freshman Remi Boone, 80th, 20:17.8; senior Cheyanne Gorman, 91st, 20:35.0; junior Macayla Kopacz, 117th, 21:17.20; freshman Nayella Ordonez, 122nd, 21:24.6; and sophomore Cayleigh Madrid, 148th, 22:07.3.

The Kangaroos were led by sophomore Kelan Bush, who was 110th with a time of 17:24.

Also competing were seniors Braxton Boyer (120th, 17:35.5), Rafael Ordonez (133rd, 17:47.8) Kris Martinez (149th, 18:03.3) and Josh Gal (157th, 18:27.6), along with juniors Tristyn Allison (152nd, 18:06.4) and Riley Starling (177th, 20:39.5).

Castillo will run at 8:30 a.m. on Nov. 4.



FACEBOOK PHOTO

Weatherford's Rayla Castillo qualified for the Class 6A State Cross Country Meet Tuesday by finishing ninth at the Region I Meet in Lubbock. State for Class 6A is Nov. 4 at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock.

**Jim Martin - REALTOR®**

5189 E. I-20 Service Rd N  
Suite 106  
Willow Park, TX 76087

Office: 817.441.2255  
Cell: 817.538.6846  
Jim@MartinLandSales.com

**RailheadRealty.com**

Since 1958

**Texas BUTANE CO., INC.**

65 YEARS OF PROPANE 1958-2023

Propane Sales and Service

On the Square in Weatherford

103 W. Church • 817-596-8758 • 817-594-2612

**Pediatric & Adolescent Dentistry**

Robert Casey Stroud, D.D.S., P.C.  
Michael Ball, D.D.S., P.L.L.C.

Diplomate of American Board of Pediatric Dentistry  
Fellow of American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

134 El Chico Trail, Suite 101  
Aledo/Willow Park, TX 76087  
Ofc: 817-441-2425  
Fax: 817-441-2491  
www.dfwpediatricdentistry.com

Awesomeness.

**MYSER ORTHODONTICS**

Awesomeness. Joy. Community.

MyserOrtho.com • 817-441-8700 • Aledo & Willow Park

Life insurance can be life-changing

**Bobby J J Rigues, Agent**  
411 FM 1187 N  
Aledo, TX 76008  
Bus: 817-441-9966  
www.bobbyrigues.com

Life won't always go as planned. That's why there's life insurance. It can help you protect your family's future, no matter what happens. Call me today.

Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there.®

State Farm Life Insurance Company (Not licensed in MA, NY or WI)  
State Farm Life and Accident Assurance Company (Licensed in NY and WI)  
Bloomington, IL  
2001574

**I-20 ANIMAL HOSPITAL**

817-341-3331

**OPEN 24 HOURS DAILY**

GENERAL PET WELLNESS HEALTH CARE  
• INTERNAL MEDICINE  
• SURGERY  
• RADIOLOGY  
• LASER THERAPY  
• Computed Tomography (CT scan)-NEW!

EMERGENCY & CRITICAL CARE  
• COMPLETE IN-HOUSE LABORATORY  
• DENTAL CARE  
• ULTRASONOGRAPHY  
• ONCOLOGY  
• ENDOSCOPY

3713 Fort Worth Hwy  
Hudson Oaks, TX 76087

Between Exits 415 and 414

**www.I-20animalhospital.com**




Read this story online


PHOTOS BY  
BRELEIGH MAYERS

## BRUSH-FLOSS-WIN!

Robert Casey Stroud, D.D.S., P.C.  
Michael Ball, D.D.S., P.L.L.C.  
Pediatric & Adolescent Dentistry




134 El Chico Trail, Suite 101  
Aledo/Willow Park, TX 76087  
817-441-2425 • Fax: 817-441-2491  
www.brushflosswin.com




### It's why we're here.

Your home and car are more than just things. They're where you make your memories - and they deserve the right protection. We get it. It's why we're here.

LET'S TALK TODAY.



Jason Needham CLU ChFC, Agent  
9610 E Bankhead Hwy  
Aledo, TX 76008  
Bus: 817-441-8000  
jason@jasonneedham.com



State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company  
State Farm Fire and Casualty Company  
Bloomington, IL

## Backing the Bearcats!



Chevrolet • Chrysler • Jeep • KIA

Moritz Chevrolet  
Chrysler • Jeep  
Loop 820 & Hwy 580  
(Camp Bowie West)  
817-696-2000

Moritz Kia • 8501 I-30  
817-560-6000



WE SUPPORT OUR BEARCATS!

Download our app for rewards, locations, & more!

(817) 441-6999 • sonicdrivein.com • 300 FM 1187, Aledo, TX




BEARCAT SELF STORAGE

Climate Controlled

817-458-1308 • www.bearcatcstorage.com  
130 Nu Energy Drive • Aledo, TX 76008



# LADYCAT OF THE WEEK



**Micah Neal**  
**Cross Country**

The freshman led the Ladycats into history as they won the program's first regional championship ever. Her individual championship in a time of 18 minutes, 11 seconds over the 5-kilometer course at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock paced the team.

Sponsored by  
**First Bank Texas**

2880 Fort Worth Hwy. • Hudson Oaks  
100 Willow Bend • Willow Park  
www.go2fbt.com



Good Luck Bearcats!

## Adrian's Custom CLEANERS

We do it All,  
We do it Right!

**ALEDO**  
817-441-6377  
621 E.M. 1187 N.

**FORT WORTH**  
817-732-5171  
5800 CAMP BOWIE

**WILLOW PARK**  
817-596-0106  
I-20 AT MIKUS RD.

# BEARCAT OF THE WEEK



**Davhon Keys**  
Football

The senior linebacker stood out on both sides of the ball in a 25-19 victory against Denton Ryan at Tim Buchanan Stadium. He had 10 tackles on defense, including one for a loss, along with an interception and fumble recovery. He also rushed four times for 27 yards on offense, including touchdowns of 3 and 20 yards.

Sponsored by

**First Bank Texas**

2880 Fort Worth Hwy. • Hudson Oaks  
100 Willow Bend • Willow Park  
www.go2fbt.com

Member FDIC



**ALEDO VS DENTON RYAN**  
**OCT. 20**



- Boarding
- Grooming
- Training
- Heated & Cooled
- Indoor & Outdoor Runs
- 24 Hour Attendant

**Ring Leaders Kennel**

**Aledo**  
**817-441-8071**

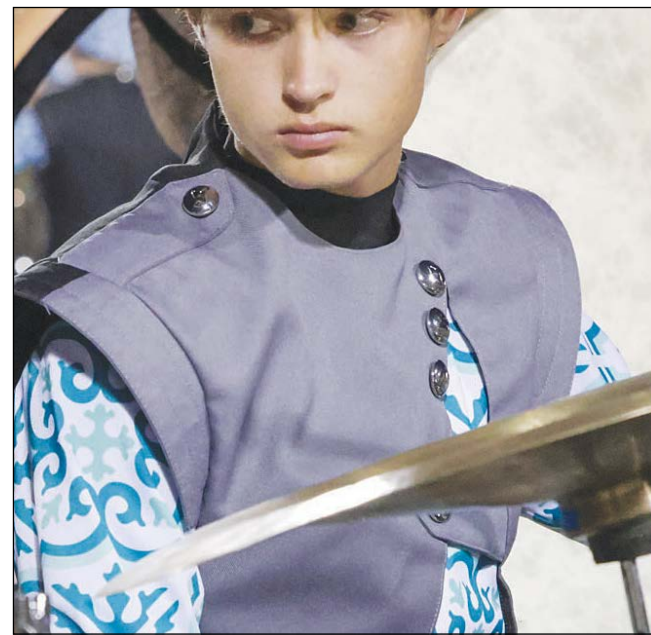
## BRUSH-FLOSS-WIN!

Robert Casey Stroud, D.D.S., P.C.  
Michael Ball, D.D.S., P.L.L.C.

Pediatric & Adolescent Dentistry



134 El Chico Trail, Suite 101  
Aledo/Willow Park, TX 76087  
817-441-2425 • Fax: 817-441-2491  
www.brushflosswin.com



**Backing the Bearcats!**

**MORITZ**  
Chevrolet • Chrysler • Jeep • KIA

Moritz Chevrolet  
Chrysler • Jeep  
Loop 820 & Hwy 580  
(Camp Bowie West)  
817-696-2000

Moritz Kia • 8501 I-30  
817-560-6000

**SONIC**  
America's ALEDO Drive-In.

**WE SUPPORT OUR BEARCATS!**

Download our app for rewards, locations, & more!

(817) 441-6999  
www.sonicdrivein.com  
300 FM 1187, Aledo, TX

**ATEX TRASH SERVICE**  
TIM GREEN: 817-344-8464  
WWW.ATEXTRASH.COM

**GO BEARCATS!**  
PlainsCapitalBank  
817.840.4444 • PlainsCapital.com

**BEARCAT SELF STORAGE**  
Climate Controlled  
817-458-1308 • www.bearcatccstorage.com  
130 Nu Energy Drive • Aledo, TX 76008

FOOTBALL

# Bearcats escape upset, win district

## Hejny's late score provides difference

By Rick Mauch

Someone forgot to remind the Denton Ryan Raiders they were facing what most consider to be the most successful high school football program in the history of Texas Friday night.

So the Aledo Bearcats reminded them - albeit after giving their own faithful one of the greatest scares they've had in the past decade and a half.

The Bearcats' streak of 117 consecutive district wins and 15 straight district championships was in serious jeopardy. With less than two minutes to play they trailed visiting Ryan by two points and were facing a third-down-and-11 at their own 43-yard line.

Shock and surprise turned into stunned jubilation on a single play as, suddenly, quarterback Hauss Hejny was in the open field and racing toward the end zone. Hejny, believed to be the fastest athlete in Aledo High School, was not to be caught as he scored on the 57-yard run, which was followed by a two-point conversion pass to Trace Clarkson.

The play lifted the Bearcats (9-0 overall, 7-0 in District 5-5A) to a 25-19 victory and yet another district championship and squelched any hopes Ryan (5-2, 4-2) had of making history.

"I don't even know what to think about that play. Hauss is

superhuman," said Aledo running back Cole Plumbley.

The victory was also the 23rd straight for the Bearcats (9-0 overall, 7-0 in District 5-5A) dating to last season. They have a week off before traveling to White Settlement Brewer (3-5, 3-3) on Nov. 3, where they hope to wrap up a ninth 10-0 regular season since 2008.

### Right play, right time

Wide receiver Trace Clarkson said the play from offensive coordinator Joe Ryan Williams was designed so the defense would "crash" on him. He'd had two big catches in an earlier fourth-quarter drive before it ended in an interception.

When the Ryan defense did just that, it created the opening Hejny and his blockers needed to break the Raiders' hearts for a second straight season. Last season, Hejny had an 86-yard run for a touchdown that turned the game around in a 35-21 victory in Denton.

"I looked and saw everyone jump up and I knew nobody was going to catch him," Clarkson said.

As for Hejny himself, he said of the play, "That's what you prepare for all offseason. It comes out of the heartbeat of this team. The offensive line laid blocks down, the receivers laid blocks down.

"That was a great play call. We pulled something out of the bucket we haven't run in a long time. Credit to coach Williams."

While Hejny struggled throwing the ball - he was 9-of-19 for 66 yards



Aledo Quarterback Hauss Hejny raced 57 yards for a late fourth-quarter score that lifted the Bearcats past Denton Ryan on Oct. 20.

BRELEIGH MAYER/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

with his first three interceptions of the season - he rushed 20 times for 169 yards, both season highs. And, of course, he did what champions do, he came up with the biggest play at the most crucial time.

"He put a dagger in them last year and he did it again," Aledo coach Robby Jones said. "We had good blocking, credit the offensive

line, and our receivers take pride in their blocking.

"Once he got in the open, I knew he had a chance of scoring. He's one of the fastest players on the field."

### Defense came through

The game was not over after Hejny's touchdown. There was still

1:35 remaining in the game and Ryan had all three of its timeouts.

However, the Aledo defense forced a pair of incomplete passes, followed by a 3-yard run, and one final incompletion that would have been a first down. Still, Ryan had all three of its timeouts, and if they could keep the Bearcats from

Turn to DISTRICT, page 12

# Making History

## Aledo High School Cross Country Team



Both the Ladycats and Bearcats qualified for State  
Good luck in Round Rock on Nov. 3

**MORITZ**  
Chevrolet • Chrysler • Jeep • KIA

Moritz Chevrolet • Chrysler • Jeep  
Loop 820 & Hwy 580 (Camp Bowie West) • 817-696-2000  
Moritz Kia • 8501 I-30 • 817-560-6000

## CASAS LAWCARE

Full Lawn Maintenance  
Install Mulch And Gravel  
FREE ESTIMATES  
rubenpcasas@gmail.com  
682.240.7853

### Attention Veterans

Visiting Angels offers home care assistance through the VA Homemaker & Home Health Aide program. Learn how to qualify today!



817.877.1616  
VisitingAngels.com/FortWorth

Each Visiting Angels agency is independently owned and operated. \*2023 Visiting Angels is a registered trademark of Living Assistance Services, Inc.



**MEMBER 2023**  
**TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION**

Don't forget your four-legged family member when you travel!



- Boarding
- Grooming
- Heated & Cooled
- Indoor & Outdoor Runs
- 24-Hour Attendant

Newly-Upgraded boarding facilities  
**Ring Leaders Kennel**  
Aledo 817-441-8071