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ALEDO ISD

Funding still a concern

Aledo trustees keep an eye on Austin

By Ryan Wade
The Community News

All good things come to an end, as they say. But for Aledo ISD's Board of Trustees, along with countless districts across the Lone Star State, the school funding issues with the state legislature in Austin can't end soon enough.

The Texas Legislature began its fourth special session on Nov. 7 to try to determine how to allocate the \$4 billion surplus earmarked to fund public schools across the state. When Aledo's Board of Trustees met on Monday, Nov. 13, not only was the question still unanswered as to when districts can expect the money to trickle out of Austin, but the prospects of getting resolution in the matter remain bleak at best.

Holding the gridlock in place is a desire by the State House and Governor Greg Abbott to hold public school funding hostage until a voucher program is established as well. In the Senate, the question has been decoupled with vouchers being filed as a separate bill than that of school funding.

Both chambers remain entrenched in their position regarding vouchers and funding, which leaves districts across the state, including Aledo ISD, in the untenable position of having to adopt deficit budgets for the 2023-24 education year.

Board Secretary David Lear and Superintendent Dr. Susan Bohn were accompanied by several other administrators and teachers from around the district on a trip to Austin earlier in the fall. It was an attempt to persuade state legislatures to fund public education in short order before districts around the state are forced to start making dramatic cuts to personnel and programs.

While in Austin, they were able to sit in as Aledo's state legislator, Dr. Glenn Rogers, read a resolution on the House floor to commemorate Tim Buchanan and Steve Wood's contribution to Aledo.

Board of Trustees President Forrest Collins voiced his appreciation to all the teachers, administrators, and parents who have contacted their legislators to impress upon them the importance of distributing those education dollars to districts across the state of Texas.

Drawing lines in the dirt

Another important piece of business discussed during the meeting

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Lets Go Bearcats



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Members of the Aledo High School Cheer Team celebrate after Aledo Bearcats defeated visiting Killeen Shoemaker 27-6 on Thursday, Nov. 9, at Tim Buchanan Stadium. The Beacats will face Lubbock Cooper on Friday, Nov. 17 at Memorial Stadium in Wichita Falls. To read more about football turn to page 11.

TCA

Caroline Thompson announced as a Commended National Merit Scholar

Trinity Christian Academy is pleased to announce the selection of TCA senior Caroline Thompson as a National Merit Scholar recipient. Based on the commendation from Trinity Christian Academy and National Merit Scholarship Corporation, a Letter of Commendation was presented to this scholastically talented senior.

About 34,000 Commended students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Commended students placed among the top 50,000 students who entered the 2023 competition by taking the 2022 Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

"Those being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success," commented a spokesperson for NMSC. "These students represent a valuable national resource. Recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational



COURTESY OF TCA

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Secondary Principal Jesse Whiteaker and Caroline Thompson.

WILLOW PARK

New wastewater plant bid accepted

Certificates of obligation to help with payment

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

After rejecting original bids and seeking more competitive proposals, the Willow Park City Council, at its Tuesday, Nov. 14 meeting, voted to award a new bid for the construction of a wastewater treatment plant to Gracon Construction, Inc. out of Mesquite.

The amount approved was \$14,547,435, which includes an additive alternate bid of \$940,780.

The additive alternate bid includes the SPECO Screen and grit removal system, as well as a road to the plant. The SPECO is a high-quality screen that conveys, screens, and de-waters the wastewater debris in municipal and industrial facilities.

An additive alternate bid is an amount to be added to or deducted

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WEATHERFORD

WISD receives Superior FIRST rating

Misses perfect score by two points

By Melissa Winn
The Community News

Legendary football coach Vince Lombardi once said there is no such thing as perfection, but that by striving for perfection, one can achieve excellence.

Luckily for Weatherford ISD, it is adhering to that premise.

At the Nov. 13 board of trustees meeting, trustees heard from Lori Boswell, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations, about the district's Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) 2022-2023 rating before holding the state-required public hearing on the report.

The district achieved a score of 98, just two shy of a perfect 100, and a rating of "A = Superior Achievement." Scores are like a grading scale where an A is 90-100, B is 80-89, C is 70-79 and anything below that is substandard.

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Kid Scoop Together

Cranberry Salsa

Work with an adult to make this delicious recipe together!

Ingredients:

With the help of an adult, chop each of the following:

- 1 cup fresh or frozen cranberries
- 1 red bell pepper
- 1 green bell pepper
- 1 chili pepper
- ½ red onion
- 1 clove of garlic

Mix the following in a bowl:

- ½ tsp parsley
- ½ tsp ground cumin
- ¼ tsp black pepper
- Zest of small orange
- 6 oz frozen orange juice concentrate

Combine all ingredients and mix well. Store in the refrigerator until all ingredients are chilled and flavors are well combined.

Eat with tortilla chips or put on a sandwich!

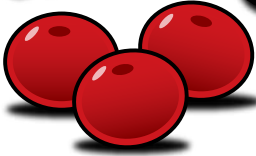
Thank you to the US Cranberries organization for the idea for this recipe. There are many more great cranberry recipes at uscranberries.com



See how many words you can make using the letters in **CRANBERRIES**

Cranberries

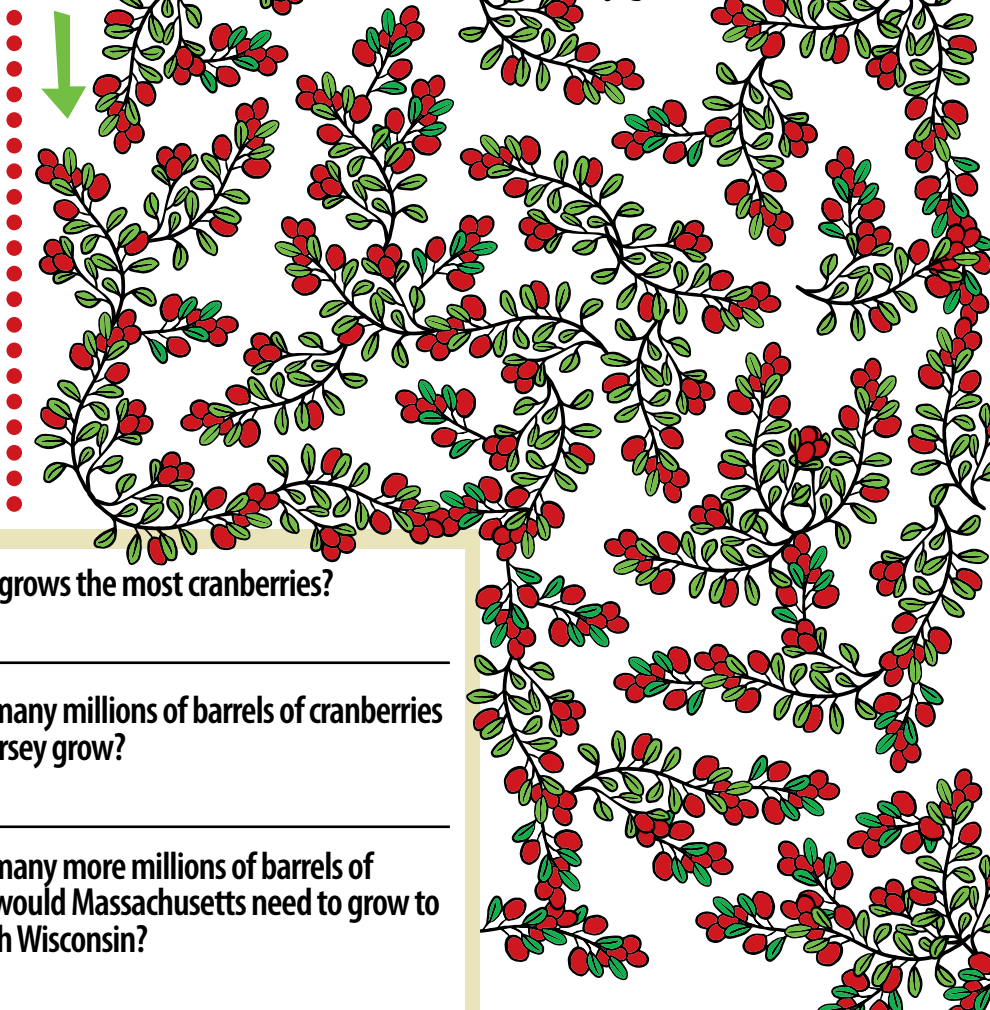
Americans eat about 400 million pounds of cranberries a year!



Many are eaten at Thanksgiving, but there are lots of ways to eat these little red, tangy berries all year round.

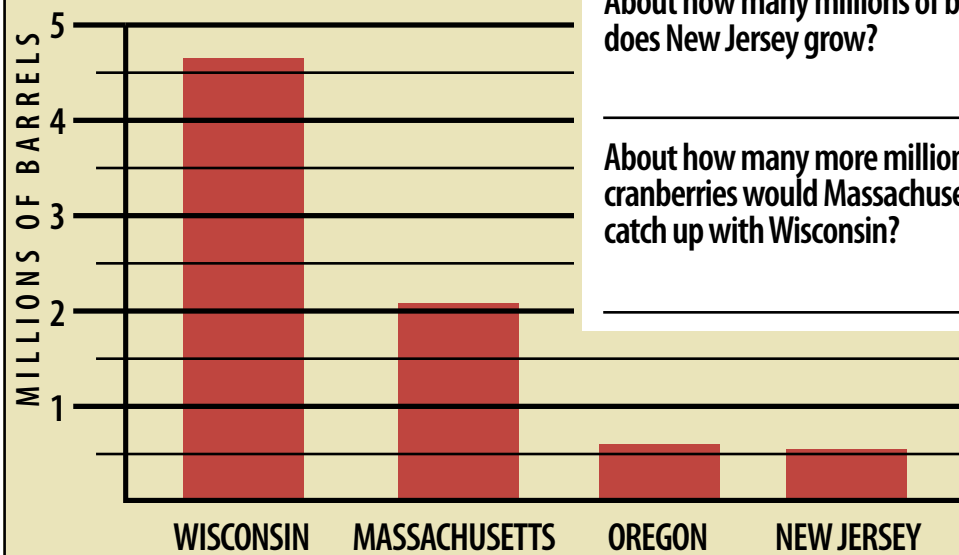
Cranberries are native to North America. Native Americans used them for both food and medicine.

Find your way through the cranberry vines.



Cranberry Chart

Use the chart to answer the questions!



Which state grows the most cranberries?

About how many millions of barrels of cranberries does New Jersey grow?

About how many more millions of barrels of cranberries would Massachusetts need to grow to catch up with Wisconsin?

NOTE: 1 barrel equals 100 pounds of berries.
SOURCE: USDA Economic Research Service and USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service

Standards Link: Number Sense: Interpret data from charts and graphs.

Healthy Berries

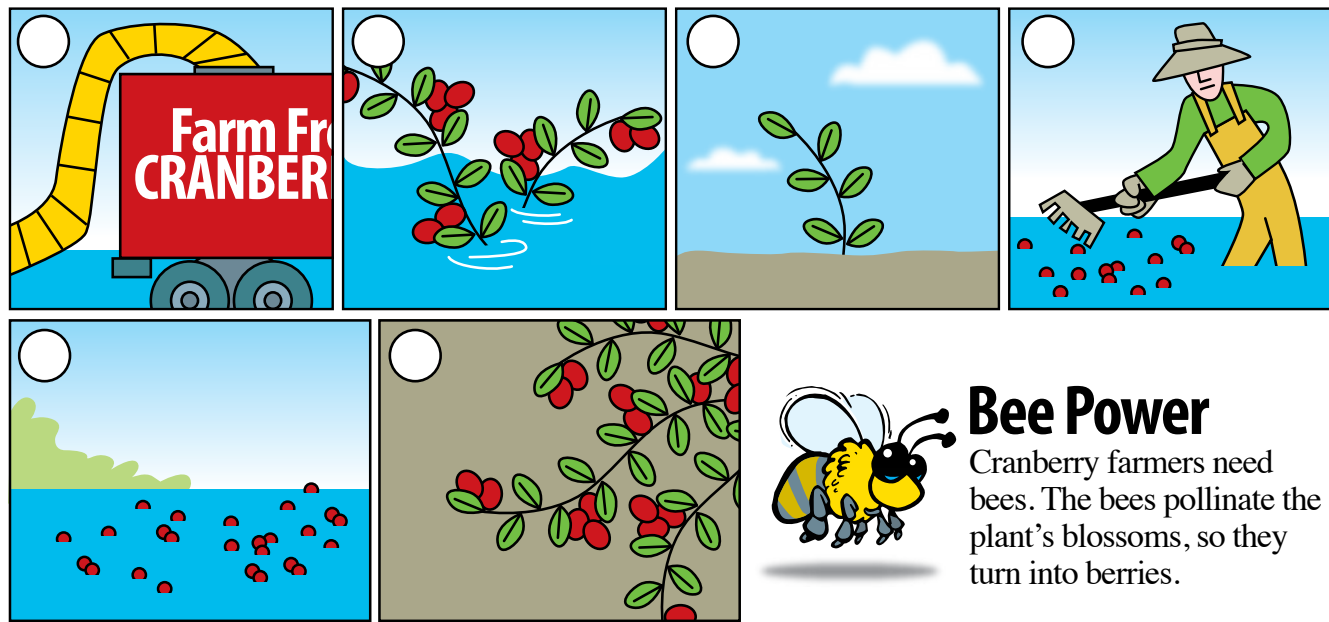
Cranberries are high in Vitamin C. Long ago, sailors and pirates took barrels of cranberries on long voyages. Eating the berries prevented a disease called scurvy.



Growing and Harvesting Cranberries

Number the pictures in order.

1. Cranberry vines are planted in sandy soil.
2. They grow into long vines that crawl along the ground.
3. When the cranberries are ripe, the farmers flood the field.
4. Cranberries have little air pockets inside that cause them to float to the top of the water.
5. Farmers wearing rubber "waders" walk through the floating cranberries and push them into a big vacuum in the center of the field.
6. The berries are sucked out of the water and end up in a big truck.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Sequence events in the correct order.

Cranberry plants can live and grow for 100 years!

Extra! Extra!

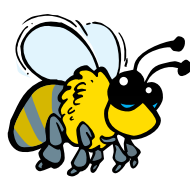
Living Things Scavenger Hunt

- Look through the newspaper for:
- 5 things that are alive
 - 4 things to eat
 - 3 things made from something alive
 - 2 things people need to survive
 - 1 thing that you like to eat

Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow written directions.

Bee Power

Cranberry farmers need bees. The bees pollinate the plant's blossoms, so they turn into berries.



Kid Scoop Puzzler

Replace the missing words.

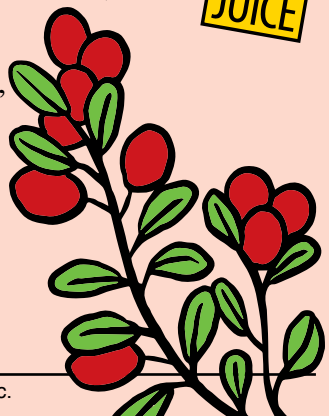
Ways to Eat Cranberries

Some people like the tart _____ of cranberries. Others _____ them with sugar, maple syrup, or honey.

While they are tart, cranberries can be eaten _____ or chopped raw into salsa, salads, and other dishes. Most cranberries are used to make _____ sauce and craisins. Craisins® are dried cranberries that look like reddish _____.

Canned cranberry sauce is a popular Thanksgiving side _____. It can also be enjoyed on turkey sandwiches.

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Double Double Word Search

- BEEES
- CRANBERRY
- EAT
- FARMERS
- FIELD
- FLOAT
- FLOOD
- FOOD
- GROW
- MEDICINE
- RED
- RIPE
- TANGY
- VINES
- WATER

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



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

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Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **WADERS**

The noun **waders** means high waterproof boots or waterproof pants with attached boots that are used for wading in water.

My mother wears **waders** when she harvests cranberries or goes fishing.

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Put Things in Order

Read a newspaper article and write down the main things that are reported. Number the things that happened in order: first, second, third. Is the order of your list the same or different from the article? Why could that be?

Standards Link: Analyze passages to sequence events.



What do snowmen eat for Thanksgiving dinner?

ANSWER: Cold-slaw.

Write On!

What's your opinion?

Do you like cranberries? Why or why not?

COUNCIL

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from the base bid if there are some changes or adjustments not connected to the original bid.

The plant will be able to generate up to 750,000 gallons of water daily, based on current and projected future water usage because of growth expectations. That capacity was reduced from the 1 million gallons in the original bids, but the plant can be modified to accommodate such use should the need arise in the future.

"The [750,000] we believe will work just fine," said Derek Turner of Jacob and Martin Civil Engineers.

Current water usage in Willow Park is about 350,000 gallons per day.

Other tweaks in the search for new bids included taking out some landscaping and concrete paving, Turner noted. Whereas previous bids were coming in around \$20 million, he said the highest bid this time was around \$16.8 million.

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

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

The majority of the cost for construction of the plant will come from the anticipated release of about \$11.5 million to the city from the Texas Water Development Board. To cover the rest, the council approved the issuance of certificates of obligation for around \$4,000,000.

Turner noted that Gracon has constructed a dozen or more

wastewater treatment plants throughout the Metroplex.

"They're a reputable contractor," he stated.

Annexation

The council voted to allow the city to begin the annexation process of just under 11 acres of East Bankhead Highway into the territorial limits of Willow Park. This subsequently allowed for the beginning of the annexation of just over 31 acres of land owned by Dustin and Jayme Haney into its extrajurisdiction (ETJ).

"As long as they touch Bankhead Highway - which their property does - they can be annexed into the city," City Manager Bryan Grimes said.

Planning and Development Director Toni Fisher said plans are to build a rollerskating rink on the land behind Fortified Fitness gym, which is at 9744 E. Bankhead Hwy.

A total of three public hearings connected to the annexations are set for the Dec. 12 meeting.

Popular estimate

Per state statute, general law cities in Texas may certify their population is greater than 5,000 residents to expand their ETJ boundary to one mile. There are multiple ways to make this determination, including using water accounts as a base line, which is what the City of Willow Park used in creating its estimate of just under 8,500 residents.

The formula to certify population using water accounts is as follows:

Number of accounts - 3.5 residents per account, so 2,281 water accounts equals 7,983 residents.

The city also has 141 garbage only accounts, which is not reflective in this formula. When those accounts are factored in, the city could add an additional 493 residents to our population.

"Regardless, we are clearly above 5,000," Grimes said.

Weatherford Mountain Bike Club

Weatherford Mountain Bike Club (WMBC) President Larry Colvin has been working with the City of Willow Park for nearly three years to create a trail design. He is also the lead design engineer for Baird, Hampton & Brown and created the Willow Park Parks & Trails Master Plan Addendum, adopted by Council on Oct 10.

As the reality of the Willow Park Trails begins this winter, city officials feel a user agreement with the WMBC should be in place to assign it the responsibility to build and maintain the single-track hiking/biking trails. This will also indemnify (secure against legal liability) the city, just as with the Weatherford and Aledo trail systems.

The agreement is a three-year term. WMBC also maintains a \$2 million commercial general liability insurance policy and the city will be listed on the WMBC's certificate of liability insurance as a certificate holder.

Expressing thanks

Grimes expressed thanks to city staff and council members for allowing him to be absent from council meetings for the past several weeks. His son played football for McAnally Middle School this season the absences allowed Grimes to watch every game.



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Willow Park Assistant City Manager Bill Funderburk shows a Texas Rangers World Series Champions polo shirt presented to him by City Manager Bryan Grimes for his birthday. Funderburk is a longtime Rangers fan.

"You allowed me to be a dad, and I am so grateful," Grimes said emotionally.

Grimes singled out and praised Assistant City Manager Bill Funderburk for filling in for him at meetings during his absence. He then presented him with a Texas Rangers World Series Champions polo shirt, also apologizing for telling Funderburk repeatedly

throughout the season the team would "let him down."

Funderburk, a longtime Rangers fan, was also celebrating his birthday.

Funderburk jokingly responded that maybe Grimes should listen to him more often as the two men hugged and the room was filled with applause.

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Capital Highlights

Lege gets to work in fourth special session



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The Texas Legislature, conceived as a part-time body to meet every other year for 140 days, is now in its record fifth session (counting the regular session). When the impeachment trial of Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton is included, legislators have been in Austin pretty much the entire year, as the *Texas Tribune* noted. While legislators are paid just \$7,200 a year in salary, per diem payments – meant to cover their expenses while in Austin – have mounted. If the fourth special session goes a full 30 days, taxpayers will have spent \$4.8 million keeping lawmakers in Austin.

The Senate quickly passed measures last week allocating \$1.54 billion for segments of a border wall, a school finance bill that increases per-student funding, teacher retention bonuses for teachers and vouchers to parents who elect to send their children to private schools, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported.

Once again, the onus is on the House, which has been reluctant to pass a school choice bill. The measure, being strongly pushed by Gov. Greg Abbott, is largely opposed by Democratic members and rural Republican legislators. On Friday, the latest plan was approved by the House Select Committee.

Voter turnout in amendment election was 14.4%

Voter turnout in the Nov. 7 election reached 14.4% of registered voters. The good news is that is the highest turnout for a constitutional amendment election since 2005, according to the Texas Secretary of State's office. The bad news: well, it was just 14.4% of the electorate.

Voters approved all but one of the 14 propositions on the ballot, the lone loser being a bid to raise the mandatory retirement age for judges from 75 years to 79. Measures providing property tax relief and a boost in teacher retirement pay passed overwhelmingly.

Also receiving approval was Proposition 5, which establishes a \$3.9 billion permanent endowment for research in eligible universities. Those include Texas State University, the University of North Texas, Texas Tech University and the University of Houston.

"We feel like we won the Super Bowl," Texas State University president Kelly Dampousse told the Statesman.

TEA releases financial accountability ratings

The Texas Education Agency has released its 2022-2023 financial accountability ratings for Texas public schools, with 88% receiving a "Superior Achievement" rating. The rating system, established in 2001, "encourages school systems to improve financial resources to provide the maximum allocation possible for direct instructional purposes."

Only eight public schools and three charter schools received substandard achievement ratings. The eight public school districts receiving an "F" were Holliday, Ben Bolt-Palito Blanco, Keene, Priddy, Denver City, Tioga, Matagorda and Sunray ISDs. The three charter schools receiving an "F" were Education Center International Academy in Sunnyvale; St. Anthony School in Carrollton; and Texas Preparatory School.

Texas Medicaid recipients were victims of data breach

A data breach of a data file transfer company has exposed Texas Medicaid recipients, whose names and Social Security numbers were obtained in the hack. The breach occurred in late May when hackers obtained files being transferred using the MOVEit

platform, *The Dallas Morning News* reported. A total of 67 million people in multiple countries had their personal information illegally obtained, including the Texas Medicaid recipients.

Anyone concerned about being affected by the hack can call UMass Chan, which was providing services directly to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, to find out. That number is 855-457-6006.

Millions offered for sustainable community forests

Texas A&M Forest Service is offering \$16.65 million in grant funding to boost urban and community forest initiatives in communities throughout the state.

"The initiatives supported by this grant funding will prioritize communities and neighborhoods in areas of greatest need based on environmental and social data," said Gretchen Riley of the forest service. "By focusing on these areas, we can ensure that the benefits of urban forestry are distributed where they can make the most impact."

The funding comes from the federal Inflation Reduction Act. It is intended to help the state "expand its urban forest canopy, improve air and water quality, reduce energy consumption and enhance the health and well-being of residents," according to the news release.

Grant applications will be accepted from Dec. 11 through Feb. 16, 2024. More information can be found at this link: <https://texasforestinfo.tamu.edu/CFG/>.

October rain reduces drought conditions

About half the state received above-normal precipitation in October, which reduced drought conditions to 65%, down 16 percentage points, according to Mark Wentzel, hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board. Central Texas and much of Deep East Texas have the most severe

drought conditions, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

"El Niño conditions, warmer-than-average sea surface temperatures in the eastern Equatorial Pacific, are in place and expected to persist into next year. El Niño typically brings Texas wetter and cooler-than-normal conditions during fall and winter. Those conditions are at least partially responsible for the improvements we saw in October," Wentzel wrote.

Texas road fatality streak surpasses 23 years

On an average day for more than two decades, a dozen people have been killed on Texas roadways. That streak nearly ended in

February on a day when Texas experienced just one traffic fatality, according to the Texas Department of Transportation. The streak of daily deaths on Texas highways has continued since Nov. 7, 2000, despite the state investing \$17 billion in safety improvements through its 10-year plan.

"Each life lost means a family, neighborhood and community are impacted for a lifetime, and we take safety very seriously as we work to end this horrible streak," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "But it's going to take all of us working together to get this done."

Among those safety changes are wider pavement striping, rumble strips on centerlines to alert drivers when they cross over, and roundabout intersections. Drivers can make a difference as well by not operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs and fastening their seatbelts. TxDOT reports 48% of deaths on Texas roads come from people not buckling up.

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Idle American

Messing With Texas



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Much of what is making the news cycles these days is borderline UnAmerican, and in some cases, absolutely unTexan.

That's the opinion of my Uncle Mort, an ancient relative who has lived more than a century down in The Thicket of East Texas.

He is shocked that iced coffee has become an obsession in the U.S., even reviving cafes that are welcoming any menu items that will keep customers coming back for more. Mort didn't even know that iced coffee drinkers have a foothold in the market. Truth to tell, he figured a toehold might be all that consumers of the chilled variety could muster.

Mort thinks most Texans will continue to favor hot coffee, and in his crowd, most of 'em like java that is so hot that it needs to be "sauced and blowed" before consumption.

Further, in our frontier state where chaps are still worn and the "jingle/jangle" of spurs heard on the prairie, most men like their coffee strong.

Many prefer it to be made in a coffee can over an open fire, always remembering that "it don't take much water to make good coffee," Mort opines. He can't imagine cowboys crawling from their bedrolls on cold winter mornings, eager to start their morning after first swigging iced coffee.

Statistics don't lie, however, and it is possible that researchers on coffee consumption are right on. The consultancy firm Allegra World Coffee Portal says that nearly a quarter of coffeeshop customers are drinking cold offerings every single day, up 17 percent in just one year.

The younger you are, the more likely you take your caffeine cold. A survey of 5,000 consumers found that almost eight in every ten buyers under the age of 35 purchase the drink at least once weekly.

Icy beverages have become such a craze that the segment is helping U.S. coffeeshops bounce back from the COVID hit, and the industry is now topping pre-pandemic levels.

Maybe we old-timers might consider joining the younger bunch, but we simply don't want to order from menus that list numerous multi-syllabic flavors. Many of us are timid about learning new words like "latte" and "mocha." We are admittedly worried about holding up the line, even if we wish only to order a cup of black coffee, nothing more, nothing less.

Who woulda thought, several decades ago, that a cup of coffee tab was a mere 10 cents, with many restaurants offering free refills? Back then, thoughts of iced coffee seemed light years away.

Early in my speaking career, I told the story of a hobo who asked a passerby for a quarter "to buy a cup of coffee." When the prospective donor pointed out that coffee cost only a dime, the hobo countered, "But won't you join me?"

During a brief visit to Alto, NM, this summer, I was taken aback at a convenience store, where ice in seven-pound bags was priced at \$3.49.

With inflation hitting the ice industry so hard, I may need to consider investing, or, better yet,

get a parttime job, selling ice priced by the cube.

Whatever, maybe ice is to be partially blamed for inflated costs of cold coffee. After all, half of industry leaders consider cold coffee to be the most important current market trend. So, maybe the old bromide is near the mark, the one expressing regret that youth is wasted on the young.

Meanwhile, researchers have found a new way to recycle clothing. Currently, 99% of all used clothing winds up in dumps, greatly impacting environmental efforts.

With almost all clothing a blend of cotton and synthetics, the new process will produce similar materials once more, thus turning old garments into new.

No longer will the claim that "he'd give you the shirt off his back" be universally true. Instead, the donor may be giving us the shirt off many backs. So, we press on, hopeful that too much information can be avoided.

Dr. Newbury, longtime university president, continues to write weekly and speak regularly throughout Texas. Contact: Phone: 817-447-3872. Email: newbury@speakerdoc.com.

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The rating is assigned by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and uses audited financial information for the 2021-2022 school year.

"There were 20 indicators this year," Boswell said, adding that the categories to determine the score are different each year.

Weatherford missed achieving a perfect score due to the ratio of its long-term liabilities to total assets only being scored an 8 instead of a 10.

"We are improving on that each year, and hopefully by next year we'll get there," Boswell said.

In 2001, the 77th Texas Legislature created FIRST to help keep school districts accountable for management of financial resources and to ensure most funds are used directly for instructional purposes. Weatherford has achieved a score of 90 or higher for more than 20 years.

The public hearing closed with no one commenting.

Also at the meeting, trustees voted on a procurement method for HVAC system upgrades needed at Wright Elementary. Superintendent Dr. Beau Rees said the district recommended a Competitive Sealed Proposal (CSP).

Rees explained the project would not be slated to be substantially completed until August of 2025, mostly due to parts availability having long lead times, and likely will cost around \$2 million.



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Three members of the Weatherford Blue Belles display new uniform options at the Nov. 13 WISD board meeting.

Several board members expressed concern about the long wait and asked whether the other HVAC needs at several campuses needed to be started sooner rather than later. Rees said that a timeline of next projects could be brought forward to trustees early next year and Board President Mike Guest suggested a facilities planning workshop might be in order, as well as a financial planning workshop, to help hash out a plan.

Trustees approved using the CSP.

Additionally, board members:

- Approved the purchase of an additional two years of

STEMscopes Math to be used in grades K-5. WISD has seen improvements in STAAR scores and other areas since inception a few years ago.

- Got a glimpse of the proposed new Blue Belles uniforms they will be voting on at the December meeting. Black has been removed from all the uniforms and new hats and winter jackets are silver.
- Approved new course offerings for the 2024-2025 school year. Most of the changes are in name only so the district can take advantage of grants and funding.

The WISD board meets again on Dec. 11.

Obituaries

Bob Jones

Robert (Bob) Tilmon Jones, Jr., 95, beloved father, Papa and great-grandfather, died after a brief illness on Nov. 6, 2023, in Fort Worth.

Bob was born to Robert Tilmon Jones, Sr., and Abbie Elizabeth (Wyatt) Jones Aug. 19, 1928, in San Antonio, Texas, the youngest of three children.

After graduating from Thomas Jefferson High School in San Antonio, he joined the U.S. Air Force in 1948, served as an aircraft technician, and was a Vietnam veteran. Upon retirement in 1971, he continued to live and work in San Antonio, his last job with Security Service Federal Credit Union.

While stationed at RAF Burtonwood near Manchester, England, during the 1950s, he met and married Barbara Norma Parker in Manchester on Oct. 26, 1957. They had three sons and one daughter.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Barbara; daughter-in-law, Charlotte Jane Reese Jones; and his sisters,



Bob Jones

Abbie Lorene Jones and Margaret Frances Davis.

Survivors: Sons, Keith and wife, Katy, Steve, and Scott and wife, Susan (of Aledo); daughter, Kimberly and husband, Mark Baumann; grandchildren, David and wife, Ashley, Robert and wife, Abigail, Jared and wife, Meg,

Jeff and wife, Hanna, Elizabeth, Alexandra, Annabel and husband, Kaleb Eads; great-grandchildren, Olivia, Evelyn, Zachary, Felix, Charlotte and Ariella; nephews, Jerry, Robert and Roland Davis; and niece, Becky McBride.

Bob loved spending time with family, watching football, reading and doing jigsaw puzzles and word finds. He leaves behind a legacy of service, kindness and love.

A graveside service will be at 9 a.m. Monday, November 20, 2023, at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery, 2000 Mountain Creek Parkway, Grand Prairie, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation in Bob's name to your favorite charity.

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was to announce the board will be appointing an advisory committee dubbed the Attendance Zone Committee. They are community volunteers tasked with drawing the zoning lines for the new Lynn McKinney Elementary School (LMES).

The group will advise the board on their recommendations where the zoning lines should be to determine which students will populate LMES when it opens in August of 2024. Volunteer applications are now available.

The district sent out emails on Tuesday, Nov. 14, to parents within the district for them to apply, if interested.

PTO food drive an un-canny success

Last week Aledo's PTO completed their annual canned food drive with great success. So much food was donated by the community that the PTO was able to use the collected items to stock shelves at the Manna Room Food Pantry at the Aledo United Methodist Church, and at the Parker County Center of Hope.



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excellence in our nation. We hope that this recognition will help broaden their education opportunities and encourage them to continue as they continue their pursuit of academic success."

"Caroline is one of the highest achieving students I've taught. She has natural intelligence and an ease with which she learns material. She is dedicated to working hard and strives to understand concepts at a deeper level than is sometimes presented.

I've enjoyed getting to watch how her mind works and how she puts her learning into action." Ashley Reynoso, TCA Secondary Teacher.

"Caroline Thompson demonstrates quintessential skills in the classroom from her superior critical thinking to masterful compositions to insightful literary interpretations--she is a joy to teach and a blessing to our courses."-Dee Ann Day, TCA Secondary Teacher.

"Caroline is a 'best of the best' type of student, always operating at the highest levels in everything she does. The best part though, is that she does so with grace, joy,

and humility as an excellent role model for younger students' academic performance." -Jesse Whiteaker, TCA Secondary Principal.

Caroline says, "The most influential teacher during my time at TCA was my tenth and eleventh-grade history teacher Mrs. Kruse. She pushed me to be the best student I could be and showed me the immense importance of studying subjects outside of my comfort zone. I am forever grateful for the impact she had on my life inside and outside of the classroom."

Caroline Thompson is the daughter of Bert and Bridgit Thompson of Weatherford, TX.





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Shop for the Trot 2023

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Some Shop for the Trot organizers gather at the check-in table. Shown are Sharlyn Poe, Kate Ray, Sabrina King, June King, Rhonda Ray and Marsha Ancona



Shop owners Emily Lee of The Bow Next Door and Blair Cantrell of C&B Collections were at the benefit event.



Austin Henryon at his booth, Hen House Clothing.



Custom printed cups are featured at Kool Kups and Party Goods by Christin Oldham and Rebekah Warner.



Amber Fogelman of The Wondering Turquoise shows jewelry to Angela Keith and Toni Marie Clavin.



Mallory Dougherty with unique items at her Glitter and Gold booth



Kactus Kids owners Amy Moody and Savannah Johnson



Shoppers browse many booths at Shop the Trot on Sunday, Nov. 12.



Debra Lane presses artwork onto a hat for Truck Stop Cuties.

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MARTIAL ARTS

Retired fighters embrace new challenge

Now MMA coaches

By Ryan Wade
The Community News

The foundation of combat sports is understanding two things: distance and timing. In mixed martial arts, a fighter's understanding of those two elements coupled with their ability to manage transitions is often the difference between a successful outcome, and not.

For Len Bentley and Devin Miller, transitioning from their respective pro fighting careers into their second act as coaches has been all about distance and timing.

Len "The Liger" Bentley began training in martial arts as a child, taking karate lessons with Allen Mohler in Irving. After watching Royce Gracie win the first Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) events using Brazilian Jiu Jitsu techniques mastered by his family, Mohler began to transition away from traditional karate to the art he wisely understood to be the future of martial arts.

Bentley continued under Mohler's tutelage, mastering the foreign art form until it was time to go off to college. Like many young men pursuing secondary education when the tragic events of 9/11 occurred, Bentley left college behind to serve his country by enlisting in the Army.

Bentley

While stationed in Washington state, Bentley's background in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu helped him excel in the combatives program. When UFC veteran Dennis Hallman approached the Army's combatives instructor about an Ultimate Fight Night event pitting team Victory Athletics against team Army, Bentley was all too eager to compete.



RYAN WADE / THE COMMUNITY NEWS
Coach Devin Miller and Combat Manager, Len Bentley display techniques for the adult gi jiu jitsu class at Fortified Fitness.

Through a string of extenuating circumstances, his first opponent ended up being Justin Davis, an experienced fighter with an 8-1 professional record on a seven-fight win streak.

The first two rounds were a back-and-forth battle. In the third round, Bentley's toughness - which would go on to define his professional career - ended up being the difference maker as he won by TKO in the waning minutes of the bout.

"My nose was busted," Bentley recalled. "All the sergeant majors were there. They went crazy when I won. It was exhilarating. The next morning, I woke up with blood caked on my face. I looked in the mirror, and I was like, 'This is it. This is for me.' I just kept going. I had a few fights, and when I got out of the Army, I started fighting full-time."

Bentley's professional MMA career spanned just shy of five years from June 2007 to February 2012 where he accumulated a 10-6 record. His career took him all over the United States, Canada, Russia, and even to primetime TV as a member of The Ultimate Fighter Season 13.

While most cast members hope the show will bring them fame and fortune, for Bentley it was regrettably the biggest misstep of his career. Prior to joining the cast, he was in talks with the UFC about joining the promotion. Upon the advice from his teammates, he reluctantly agreed to join the show in the spring of 2011.

As with most reality TV, reality is made up of whatever footage survives the cutting room floor. Bentley recounted a number of instances where the events that transpired in their totality and what viewers saw during the shows airing were not one in the same. The editing process of taking countless hours of footage and clipping it down to fit the time constraints of the program's time slot did far more to damage Bentley's reputation within the fight world than anything that transpired inside the cage.

"I wasn't ever one of those guys who said I wanted to be a world champion," Bentley said. "I just wanted to make my living as a fighter. I had a good career. It took me all over the world. But if I had it to do all over again, I wouldn't have done the show."

Once his fighting career was over, the transition away from being a professional fighter was not an easy one. By his own admission, it's taken a decade's worth of distance for him to come to terms with being retired.

"It's hard for me to watch any of the UFC fights," Bentley said. "I watch those fights and think, 'I could be that guy.' But I know what I'm like when I'm training for a fight. I'm mean. And I don't want to be that person."

Miller

With his fighting career behind him, Bentley returned to DFW in 2013. That's when he met a teen-aged Miller with dreams of making his own way as a professional fighter once he came of age.



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Combat Manager, Len Bentley and Coach Devin Miller pose for a photo in front of the Fortified Fitness logo.

But coming of age wasn't really something Miller was willing to wait for.

"My junior year of high school, I had my parents sign off on a waiver saying I could go fight in some local event," Miller recounted. "I started fighting at 17. I went 6-1 as an amateur. In 2018 I turned pro. I went 5-3 as a pro. I've been on TV three times for LFA (Legacy Fighting Alliance). My last fight was a year and a half ago."

Miller began training Jiu Jitsu at age 9. By age 20 he'd earned his black belt. As much as he enjoyed fighting, his true passion is teaching.

So, when Bentley was approached about becoming the Combat Programs Manager at the newly-opened Fortified Fitness here in Aledo, the timing couldn't have been better for Miller to come along on this new adventure.

Fortified Fitness

In just a few short months, the duo have made great strides in building a premier program for combat sports enthusiasts across a broad spectrum of disciplines regardless of age, goals, or fitness level. In fact, the kids Jiu Jitsu program went from just starting out to bustling in a matter of a couple weeks.

Whether the person walking through the door is just looking for something new to add to their fitness routine, is interested in learning self-defense, or if they are looking to be a serious competitor themselves, Bentley and Miller

want to make Fortified Fitness the premier martial arts destination in DFW.

"Another thing that [comes from training] is the camaraderie," Miller pointed out. "All my best friends are fighters and Jiu Jitsu people, because I train every day. It's like a football team. We're all teammates in here. We all have different goals. I like to compete. Len has no intention to compete. But we're still training together. We're still team members."

Miller's love of competition was on full display recently when he competed in the American Grappling Federation's Texas State Tournament back in October. He competed in the featherweight male gi (uniform) black belt division, featherweight male no gi black belt division, and the up to 175-pounds male black belt Challenger I division, where he captured gold in each category.

Even though one of them still desires to officially compete while the other doesn't, both Miller and Bentley agree competition is essential in helping each of us become our best self at whatever stage of life we're in.

"I'll be 41 this year," Bentley said. "I have literally been competing my entire life. I don't want to compete anymore. I don't want to go to jiu jitsu tournaments. I don't want to fight anymore. But, I like helping people. I like being on the mat with people. I need that in my life. I still need some form of competitiveness in my life."



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Combat Manager, Len Bentley spars with one of the students preparing to compete at the AGF Texas State Championship Tournament in October while Coach Devin Miller looks on.

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NOVEMBER 19

41st annual GM Financial Fort Worth Parade of Lights

The GM Financial Parade of Lights will deliver the magic of the holiday season to Downtown Fort Worth from 6 - 10p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 19. Attendees are encouraged to purchase reserved "Street Seats," which start at \$15 for children and \$17.50 for adults. Street Seats are available for sale now online, here: <https://fortworthparadeoflights.org/parade-information/street-seats/>
Contact: Claire Bloxom Armstrong, cba@pavlov-agency.com



NOVEMBER 21

Safe Sitter Course

Texas AgriLife Extension will be conducting a Safe Sitter course from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21, at the Parker County Extension Office, located at 604 North Main Street in Weatherford. Safe Sitter is a medically accurate program that teaches boys and girls ages 11 and up how to handle emergencies when caring for children. The class teaches safe and nutrition childcare techniques, behavior management skills and appropriate responses to medical emergencies. CPR basics will be covered but will not be a certification course. The cost of the program is \$50 that will cover materials, snacks and lunch. Any youth who would like to take the class can sign up by calling the Parker County Extension office at 817-598-6168.

NOVEMBER 23

Thanksgiving Trot

The 12th annual Marcia Walters Memorial Thanksgiving Trot will start at 8:30 a.m., on Thursday, Nov. 23 at Aledo High School. Both 5K and 1 mile will have the same 8:30am start time this year. Not a runner??



You can walk, crawl or just come hang out!! Going to be out of town?? You can still register and get t-shirt or just donate to help the Chasteen Family. We will have early t-shirt pick up the Monday & Tuesday before Thanksgiving. For more information visit <https://www.aledothanksgivingtrot.com>



NOVEMBER 28

Home for the Holidays

The Parker County Extension Education Association invites everyone to the 23rd Annual "Home for the Holidays," from 10a.m. - 2p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 28, at Central Christian Church Fellowship Hall, located at 1602 South Main Street in Weatherford. The event will include interactive stations including Extension Education Club booths, over 20 area vendors, cookie decorating, informational presentations, cooking demonstrations, Christmas bingo and more. There will be entertainment, raffles, door prizes, a silent auction, and more. The cost to attend is \$5.00 per person. There will be lite lunches available for \$5.00 per person. Tickets are available at the doors, also from Extension Education club members and at the Parker County Extension Office. For more information contact the Parker County Extension Office at 817-598-6168.



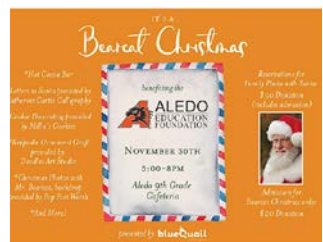
NOVEMBER 29

Tree Lighting Ceremony
Join us for an unforgettable experience at the Tree Lighting Ceremony at

6:30 p.m., on Wednesday, Nov. 29 at the Heritage Park Amphitheater (503 Santa Fe Dr). This marks the kick-off for a whole month of Holiday in the Park - Pathway of Lights. Witness a spectacular holiday drone show with double the drones from last year, take pictures with Santa, and we also have an awesome surprise after the tree lighting count down!

Pathway of Lights

The Pathway of Lights will run between 6-9:30 p.m. from Nov. 29 - Dec. 31. Take a magical journey with your loved ones through the enchanting Pathway of Lights at the Heritage Park Amphitheater. Immerse yourself in the festive spirit as you wander through the crisp night air, captivated by the majestic 46 ft. live tree, a dazzling 20 ft. animated tree, and an array of holiday exhibits. This event is free!



NOVEMBER 30

A Merry Bearcat Christmas

It's A Merry Bearcat Christmas presented by BlueQuail Clothing Co. and benefitting Aledo Education Foundation from 5 - 8p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 30, at the Don R. Daniel Ninth Grade Campus in the Cafeteria. Celebrate the season with Letters to Santa, cookie decorating, keepsake Christmas ornament craft more. Along with Santa himself, Mr. Bearcat will be there in the main event area, ready for family photos. For a \$50 Donation you get a ticket for a professional digital family photo with Santa by Keith Hill Photography and MORE Already have your Santa family photo this year? Make a \$20 Donation for an admission ticket.

2nd Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

Make plans to join us for our official Christmas kick-off at 6 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 30. This year's tree lighting will be held on November at the NEW

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1 gem found in Texas

5 this Guthrie was at several "Farm Aids" with TX Willie

6 owner of "Cantina" in song "El Paso"

7 Fri. night score

8 "adios" in Mexico

9 a primate is one

15 "___ to your own business"

16 TXism: "thin skinned"

19 TX Gary Morris' "___ Is All It Takes" (1991)

21 in Wichita County on highway 258

22 Baylor has bronze sculpture "___ Hands of Robert and Elizabeth Barrett Browning"

27 leave out or exclude

28 fancy word for members of a household

29 in Johnson County on highway 174

30 enters again on a word processor

32 late Texas actor, Rip (init.)

33 barbecue beef cuts (2 wds.)

36 kick out

37 "Zip-a-dee-doo-___"

38 being a Texan can ___ you to brag and exaggerate

39 Dorothy Malone attended "___ Academy of Dallas"

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41 IRS number for an employer (abbr.)

42 this Houston played for the University of Texas in 2010 BCS Championship Game

45 "leave ___ that"

46 "Alamo City" abbr.

47 this Nen pitched one season for the Rangers

48 "___ Tex Cavalry" was an Indoor Football team

10 TXism: "got ___ itchy trigger finger"

11 Miss or Mrs.

12 this Texan won shot put Gold in 1992 (2 wds.)

13 South Padre Island acquisition (2 wds.)

14 capital of Peru

15 TXism: "brave enough ___ boomtown cafe"

16 narrow cut

17 homeless person

18 Crystal City, TX has a statue of "Pop ___ Sailor Man"

20 Iowa or Texas town in Liberty County

28 "Don't ___ With Texas"

31 happy cat sound actor Taylor of Texas-based "Ride, Vaquero!" (init.)

35 TXism: "he's green around the gills"

37 noted Texas jewelry designer, Malouf

40 TX Freeman was ___ Hall on "One Life to Live"

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COHO Tree Lighting

Join us for the lighting of the COHO tree from 5:30-8:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1 at Gene L. Voyles Park 3248 Inspiration Dr, Hudson Oaks, TX 76087. It's an evening of FREE holiday fun brought to you by Jerry's Chevrolet! Enjoy activities in Santa's Workshop, snap a picture with Santa, a ride on the COHO Express and watch The Grinch with Jim Carrey

on the big screen. Chairs, blankets and coolers are welcome. No glass please.



DECEMBER 2

Christmas Tyme in Aledo Arts & Crafts Fair

The Arts & Crafts Fair is held from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Come by and shop for unique, one-of-a-kind gifts!

Christmas Tyme in Aledo

Christmas Tyme in Aledo from 5 - 9 p.m. There are many attractions scheduled all over the downtown Aledo area with holiday fun, food, and entertainment for all ages; and, many of the local storefront businesses stay open late, providing activities and refreshments for visitors! We also heard Santa will be stopping by again

this year!
Bring your friends and family to enjoy this joyous annual Christmas event!

DECEMBER 9

Christmas at the Castle 2023

Texas Pythian Home, Inc. invite everyone to come and tour our beautiful castle while it is decorated with Christmas Spirit from 10a.m. - 6p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 1825 E Bankhead Dr. Weatherford TX, 76086. This event is free and great for the whole family. Bring your camera and explore the Texas Pythian Home during Christmas at the Castle.

Right after Thanksgiving, we have already begun the process of getting them working!!!

Also! the lights will turn on at 5pm and start going off at 9pm. You are always more than welcome to come in at any time and drive around and take pictures!

If you plan to shop or take a picture with Santa, you will need money. It does not cost anything to come and take a tour though.

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October Bearcats of Character - Perspective

The Aledo ISD Board of Trustees recognized the second group of students named Bearcats of Character for the 2023-2024 school year on Monday night for the character trait perspective.

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 with the strength of perspective can see the big picture and make sense of the world's complexity. Gaining perspective often comes with time and experience, but it can also be gained through truly listening to others when they talk — and working to understand new points of view when reading books, listening to stories, or watching movies.

Congratulations to the following students, Aledo ISD's October 2023 Bearcats of Character.

**Bruno Nogueira, 12th grade
Aledo High School**

Bruno always displays the ability to compromise and see from other people's point of views. He always puts a smile on people's faces due to his kindness and empathy that is facilitated by his way of getting along well with his peers due to his perspective.

**Melony Bradley, 10th grade
Aledo Learning Center**

Of Melony, Mrs. Guice, her English teacher said, "Melony understands differences in people and accepts them as they are. She also recognizes bias in those who aren't accepting of others and has expressed how they are missing out on developing relationships with people who are different from them."



**Omari Din-Mbuh, 9th grade
Daniel Ninth Grade**

I am nominating Omari because he always sees the good in people. He is never negative, he is always smiling, and he always knows the right thing to say to someone when they need it the most.

**Grace Ruse, 7th grade
Aledo Middle School**

Grace has been vocal about sharing her personal experiences as we study the body systems. She is able to enlighten her class with her knowledge of the ways different systems work. I am so proud that she is aware that using what she knows can help connect content for other students.



**Josue Solano, 7th grade
McAnally Middle School**

MMS teacher, Mrs. Tovar, shares: Josue's progress in school and maturity since I first met him at the beginning of last school year is evidence of his perspective. Perspective is the ability to bridge the gap between thinking and feeling while taking into account the situation. Josue understands the

importance of working hard to improve his educational outcome. He doesn't allow his struggles to define or limit him; instead he pushes past them and challenges himself to improve each day and does it with a smile on his face. He always has time to listen to his friends and offer encouragement and advice. He celebrates the successes of others and doesn't feel threatened by them. Josue has a persistent desire to improve his reading and writing skills and genuinely seems to enjoy learning and school. He is a delight to have in the classroom because of his jovial personality, youthful wisdom and can-do spirit.



**Louis Bacigalupo, 4th grade
Annetta Elementary School**

Louis's 4th grade teacher, Mrs. Monroe says, "Louis has blown me away with his responses to our class discussions on different situations this year. He is insightful and can see what others cannot. Louis goes above and beyond to look at things from another's perspective. He doesn't stop there though, he takes action to help others in our classroom and community."

**Quinn Romero, 5th grade
Coder Elementary School**

5th grade teacher, Mrs. Lufkin: "Quinn is kind and is able to see and understand what another child may be feeling. She is always willing to be a friend and has patience with all



of her schoolmates. Every day she is a good friend to everyone and Coder is lucky to have her!"

**Amalia Marrero Guzman, Kinder
McCall Elementary School**

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All interested persons are urged to attend.

TO BE PUBLISHED: Friday, November 17, 2023

**Jamee Long, City Secretary/Administrator
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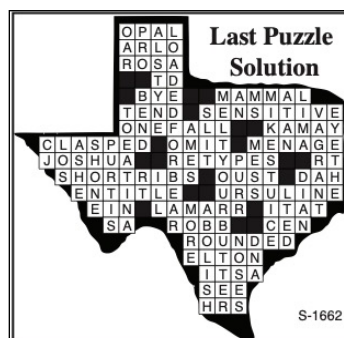
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Aledo competes in Arlington

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Staff Report
The Community News

Facing some tough Classes 5A and 6A opponents, the Aledo Ladycats and Bearcats competed in the Arlington Invitational this past weekend.

"I was happy with how well our kids performed and look forward to watching them compete again this week," coach Austin Stockon said.

Results were:

Boys Varsity

215: 2. Bryce Vonasek.

Girls JV

100 pounds: 5. Lillian Carruthers.

107: 3. Michele Stansell

114: 4. Jordan Cliff.

120: 2. Serafina Ceron, 3. Piper Miller, 5. Jayleigh McDonald.

126: 4. Taylor Mouery, 4. (tie) Angelica Colon Ortiz.

138: 2. Margaret Schabel, 3. Gracie Hill.

165: 3. Peyton Lawrence.

Boys JV

113: 3. Noah Chasteen.

120: 2. Dylan Chandler.

126: 2. Oliver Tatro.

132: 1. Grady Saunders.

165: 3. William Reese.

215: 2. Carlos Obregon.

285: 3. Beckett Unterwagner.

FOOTBALL

Nothing up their sleeves

Bearcats make wardrobe adjustment, win bidistrict

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

In an unintentional homage to one of the most famous NFL games ever played, the Aledo Bearcats defeated visiting Killeen Shoemaker 27-6 on Thursday, Nov. 9, at Tim Buchanan Stadium.

Because of a consistent rain and a temperature in the low 50s, many players wore long sleeved cold weather shirts under their jerseys. The only problem, while they are warm, they are also slick.

As a result, the Bearcats (11-0) fumbled the ball five times in the opening two-plus minutes, two of which were recovered by the Grey Wolves (8-3).

However, by cutting the sleeves off, all of sudden the problem was solved. The Bearcats took command of the contest and won a bidistrict game for the 28th consecutive season

"It was affecting ball control. They're meant for cold weather, but not for holding on a football," said first-year head coach Robby Jones, who garnered his first play-off victory at the helm of a team.

With the win, Aledo moves on to the area round and will face Lubbock Cooper (8-3) Friday, Nov. 17, at Memorial Stadium in Wichita Falls. Game time is tentatively set for 7 p.m.



BREILEIGH MAYER/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Hawk Patrick-Daniels (1) flies over a Grey Wolves defender in the bidistrict game on Thursday, Nov. 9.

The Pirates defeated El Paso Parkland 67-7 in bidistrict.

Tight end Tyson Timms is one of the players who made the sleeve adjustment. He said, "No matter how cold it gets, I'm wearing short sleeves."

Taking control

The Bearcats' second fumble gave Shoemaker the ball at the Aledo 27-yard line. However, third-and-7 Aledo's Chris Johnson intercepted a pass at the 8 and returned it to the 35-yard line.

From there, now able to hold onto the football, the Bearcats

went 65 yards in 12 plays, using almost five minutes off the clock before Davhon Keys scored from a yard out.

The Bearcats went on to outgain the Grey Wolves by over 200 total yards and by halftime had a 21-0 lead. They would add three more rushing touchdowns, two by quarterback Hauss Hejny on runs of 8 and 13 yards, along with a 6-yard score from running back Hawk Patrick-Daniels.

Daniels' touchdown was set up after Aledo's Boogie Owens recovered a pooch kick to give the

Bearcats the ball at the Shoemaker 30.

Aledo led 27-0 before the Grey Wolves got on the board late, ironically after another turnover, but this time an interception of a pass that was deflected high in the air.

Familiar role

After rushing for over 1,400 yards and 21 touchdowns in 2022 as the Bearcats' premier running back, Patrick-Daniels made a move to wide receiver this season, with the understanding that he

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BASKETBALL

Aledo teams drop home openers



RYAN WADE / THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Brooklyn Dempsey shoots a basket with a Tenaha defender during the Aledo Ladycats' season opener on Tuesday, Nov. 14.

Tenaha, Chisholm Trail come to town

By Ryan Wade
The Community News

Varsity hoops action returned to the Aledo High School gymnasium for the first time in the 2023-24 basketball season on Tuesday, Nov. 14.

The Ladycats dropped their home opener to the Tenaha Lady Tigers, ranked fifth in the state in Class 2A, 60-38. In the nightcap, Chisholm Trail got the better of the Bearcats in a back-and-forth battle, 64-56.

Chisholm Trail's ability to score from long range kept the Bearcats on their hip throughout the contest. Though they came up empty often on the visiting end of the floor, time and again as Aledo closed the gap on the scoreboard, a timely three-pointer gave the Rangers the breathing room they needed to hold off the Bearcat advance.

In total, the visiting team hit nine shots from beyond the arc during the 32 minutes of action.

At the home end of the floor, the guard play from Joaquin Pacheco and Jackson Todd was exceptional, given Tuesday night's contest was the first of the season for the Bearcats. In his first varsity start, Pacheco led

Aledo's offense with 20 points. Todd accounted for another 18 points, with half of his scoring coming from three-pointers.

Down in the paint was where the Aledo offense struggled. What are typically high-percentage shots down in the post would not fall in the opener. Aledo's bigs battled all game down low, but just did not have the combination right to get the lid off the bucket.

Chisholm Trail opened the game by knocking down their first three-pointer of the night less than a minute into the contest. Aledo trailed ever so slightly until Pacheco knocked down a jumper from a dozen feet out with 3:41 left in the opening stanza to tie the game at 6-6.

The tie was short-lived, however, as the Rangers closed out the first quarter with an 11-6 run that put the home team down by a score of 17-12 when the opening frame ended.

Aledo rallied in the second quarter before taking their first lead of the game with 3:10 left in the half after Pacheco put one in from close range to make it a 22-21 affair.

Chisholm Trail answered back with a three-ball to go up by a tally of 24-22 with 3:05 left on the

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Joaquin Pacheco elevates over a Chisholm Trail defender Tuesday, Nov. 14. Pacheco led the Bearcats in scoring with 20 points in his varsity debut.

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FOOTBALL ADVANCE

Bearcats to face 'Aledo of Lubbock area'

Guillory expected back in limited capacity

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

Lubbock Cooper does not have the championship pedigree of the Aledo Bearcats, but they do have something in common. If it's playoff season, odds are both teams are still playing.

And once again, indeed they are as they prepare to meet at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 17 at Memorial Stadium in Wichita Falls.

"They're the Aledo of the Lubbock area. Good football players end up coming to them," Bearcats head coach Robby Jones said. "If you're a good football player coming into the area, you're probably going to play for them, just like a lot of players here."

Both teams also have a long history of postseason success. Aledo has reached the playoffs every season since 1996 and has won 28 consecutive first-round playoff games. Cooper's streak, while not as long, 11 times since 2010 the Pirates have reached at least the second round, with semifinals appearances in 2019 and 2021 and quarterfinals appearances in 2018 and 2020.

Since 2013, including this season, Cooper's record is 110-29 overall and 19-10 in the



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Quarterback Hauss Hejny (8) runs with the ball. Hejny had two rushing touchdowns, on runs of 8 and 13 yards.

playoffs. During that same stretch, Aledo is 156-9 overall and 54-3 in the playoffs with seven state championships.

"Our kids play harder than most every team we play. Cooper can match that," Jones said. "They have a great program that knows how to win."

Guillory expected to return

After missing the past couple of games with a sprained knee,

sophomore running back Ray Guillory is expected to be back this week for Aledo - albeit in a limited role, Jones said.

Guillory also experienced an ankle injury in a 60-14 win at The Colony on Sept. 29. After he returned from that, he injured his knee in a 25-19 win over Denton Ryan in Aledo on Oct. 20.

"Ray's been practicing. He'll get several carries, but he won't be on the field for the entire game," Jones said. "Really, he hasn't had any type of conditioning other than

the (stationary) bicycle since late September."

Hawk Patrick-Daniels, who played running back all of last season and rushed for over 1,400 yards, took the majority of carries in a 27-6 bidistrict win at home over Killen Shoemaker. He rushed 23 times for 137 yards and a touchdown.

"Hawk will still get the majority of the carries," Jones said. "We're not going to re-injure that thing, Turn to BEARCATS, page 13

OPENER

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clock, forcing the Bearcats to use a timeout.

In the final three minutes of the first half, the two teams would take turns holding the paper-thin advantage as the lead changed hands three times down the stretch. By the time the buzzer sounded to signal the end of the first half, the Rangers held onto a one-point lead, 29-28.

Coming out of the break the two teams took turns trading blows reminiscent of a heavyweight slugfest until the four-minute mark in the third. Midway through the third quarter, Chisholm Trail was able to get some separation on the scoreboard as they closed out the quarter with a 14-8 run to take their biggest lead to that point in the game.

Trailing by seven points to start the fourth quarter, Aledo was

outscored 15-14 in the final eight minutes of action as the Rangers went on to cruise to an eight-point victory.

Ladycats work to find their way

Hoops season can get off to a rough start when the school is as successful at volleyball as Aledo is. Starting the season missing several members of the squad still competing in their fall sports season and then struggling to find time in a busy competition schedule to build team chemistry once volleyball ends is just a fact of life for Ladycats head basketball coach Nikki Hyles.

Presently, that's where the Ladycats find themselves. In the season opener against Bridgeport, Aledo had just six players suit up for the game due to other playoff or state level

competitions. After finally getting the full team together at the end of volleyball season a week ago, Aledo has had just two practices with all hands on deck.

Generally speaking, that's a tough row to hoe during any game this early in the season. But, when facing a top five team in the state, it's an arduous task just finding a way to be competitive for four quarters.

The Lady Tigers took control of the game early, using their athleticism and team continuity to run roughshod over an Aledo squad still trying to get their bearings. Tenaha outscored Aledo 17-9 in the opening quarter, and 17-10 in the second as they went into the half leading by a score of

34-19. The third quarter was all Tenaha, as the Lady Tigers outpaced the hosting Ladycats 22-9

to take a 56-28 advantage into the final quarter of action.

Aledo continued to battle in the fourth quarter in spite of Tenaha working to melt away the clock. The Ladycats outscored the visiting team, 10-4, for the first time all night as the Lady Tigers went on to win by 22.

Bearcats vs. Chisholm Trail - Nov. 14

Aledo	12	16	6	14	56
Chisholm Trail	17	12	20	15	60

Aledo scoring: Joaquin Pacheco 20, Jackson Todd 18, Jack Sawyer 10, Kaden LoBaugh 4, Owen Peterson 4.

Ladycats vs. Tenaha - Nov. 14

Aledo	9	10	9	10	38
Lipan	17	17	22	4	60

Aledo scoring: Caroline Browning 16, Ella Isbell 6, Kate Jackson 4, Elizabeth Griffin 4, Natalie Anderson 3, Kinley Elms 3, Brooklyn Dempsey 2.



GIRLS BASKETBALL

Ladycats freshmen win three

Twice in tourney

Staff Report
The Community News

The Aledo Ladycats freshmen defeated Springtown, followed by success in the Krum Tournament. Game scores were:

Aledo freshmen 54, Springtown freshmen 26
Aledo scoring: Nealee Parsons 11, Sarah Edwards 8, Braylin Wiggins 8, Autumn Gudel 7, Macie Laidley 7, Hayden Spoon 7, Ashlynn Jenkins 2, Blake Graff 2, Journee Shackelford 2.

Krum Tournament Aledo freshmen 52, Grapevine freshmen 36
Aledo scoring: Gudel 21, Edwards 14, Spoon 5, Parsons 4, Wiggins 4, Ruby Tarrant 4.

Aledo freshmen 48 - Grapevine Red 13
Aledo scoring: Edwards 10, Tarrant 8, Gudel 6, Wiggins 6, Spoon 6, Parsons 4, Isla Revard 4, Blake Graff 2, Marlee Carter 2.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

AMS sweeps McAnally

Both teams open season

Staff Report
The Community News

In the season-opening games for both teams, Aledo Middle School defeated McAnally Monday, Nov. 13. Game scores were:

Seventh-grade: A teams, AMS 49, McAnally 18; B teams, AMS 33, McAnally 1; C teams, AMS 39, McAnally 5.

Eighth-grade: A teams, AMS 29, McAnally 27; B teams, AMS 35, McAnally 5; C teams, AMS 39, McAnally 9.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Ladycats JV edge Decatur

Evans leads way

Staff Report
The Community News

The Aledo Ladycats junior varsity slipped past Decatur's JV in a close contest, 39-36, on Nov. 8. Karsyn Evans led the scoring for Aledo with 16 points.



Also scoring for the Ladycats were Breleigh Mayer, 7; Jenna Haeussler, 5; Jaylee Owens, 4; Mesoma Emeka-Okoye, Lily Heckathorn, Coral Slough with 2 each; and Savannah Salas with 1.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Krum JV Tournament

Ladycats win title

Staff Report
The Community News

The Aledo Ladycats junior varsity basketball team won the championship of the Krum Tournament this past weekend. The Ladycats JV went 4-0 overall in the tournament. Game scores were:



Aledo JV 48, Fossil Ridge JV 8

Aledo scoring: Karsyn Evans 14, Kaelee Berkley 11, Jaylee Owens 9, Mesoma Emeka-Okoye 3, Jenna Haeussler 2, Coral Slough 2, Natalie Browning 2, Savannah Salas 2, Lily Heckathorn 2.

Aledo JV 49, Grapevine JV 34

Aledo scoring: Owens 12, Evans 10, Haeussler: 10, Heckathorn 6, Breleigh Mayer 5, Browning 3, Salas 2, Emeka-Okoye 1.

Aledo JV 54, Krum JV 45

Aledo scoring: Evans 18, Browning 12, Mayer 8, Owens 4, Kennedy Cardenas 4, Heckathorn 4, Haeussler 2, Salas 2.

Aledo JV 40, Decatur 39

Aledo scoring: Cardenas 9, Haeussler 8, Emeka-Okoye 6, Heckathorn 6, Evans 2, Browning 2, Salas 2, Mayer 2, Coral Slough 2, Owens 1.

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but Ray being back will definitely help us."

Despite some absence this season, Guillory leads the Bearcats in rushing yards (773) and touchdowns scored with 15 (11 rushing, 4 receiving).

Reunion

One player on the field Friday night can speak of being a part of both programs. Pirates senior wide receiver Jayden Kennard was in the Aledo program as a freshman and sophomore before his family moved to Lubbock, where he now plays for the Pirates.

"Our kids know Jayden. They keep up with Lubbock Cooper," Jones said. "He'd be a good contributor to our program if we was still here. He can be dangerous."

"They know Cooper is a good program with good athletes."

Head-to-head

This will be the third meeting between the Bearcats and Pirates, with Aledo having won both. Along with last season's 45-21 second-round win, Aledo defeated Cooper 28-21 in the 2019 state semifinals.

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would still see some time at his old position.

With starting running back Ray Guillory missing a second straight game with a knee sprain, Patrick-Daniels carried the brunt of the rushing load against Shoemaker. He responded by rushing 23 times for 137 yards and the aforementioned touchdown.

"It felt good. It was cold, but we got warmed up," Patrick-Daniels said. "But I couldn't have done it without my O-line."

Offensive lineman Djay Williams said it was great seeing his teammate have a night reminiscent of when he played the position last year.

"He had an amazing night. He hit the holes and didn't try to cut outside when he didn't have to, but when he did cut he was fantastic," he said.

"Me, personally, I like the rain, but we couldn't pass as much and had to run more. But that didn't matter the way Hawk was running."

Another record extended

One has to go back to 1988 to find the last time the Bearcats lost a first-round playoff game. They fell 38-22 to Decatur.

In both seasons, the Bearcats went on to win a state championship.

College connection

Cooper is known for its large offensive line. They are coached by former Texas Tech assistant Lee Hays.

"He had kids in school in Lubbock and didn't want to move," Jones said.

During his time at Tech from 2013-17, Hays was a part of a program that had one of the nation's most prolific offenses under head coach Kliff Kingsbury. The team featured quarterback Patrick Mahomes, two-time Super Bowl champion with the Kansas City Chiefs.



Misleading record

Jones advised folks looking at Cooper's record not to be fooled because the Pirates have three losses. Those three setbacks were by a total of five points to teams that are still in the playoffs.

The Pirates lost 35-34 at Wolfforth Frenship (9-2), 35-34 at home to Abilene Wylie (9-2) and 38-35 at Abilene (9-2) in a game that decided the District 2-5A Division I championship.

"We were one play away from playing Abilene this week," Jones said.

Meanwhile, Cooper has outscored its eight other opponents by a margin of 366-89. The Pirates defeated El Paso Parkland 67-7 in bidistrict.

Looking ahead

The winner of Friday's game will face the winner between Red Oak (11-0) and Amarillo (6-5) next week. Also playing in Region I this week are Amarillo Tascosa (5-6) against Justin Northwest (9-2) and Abilene against Denton Ryan (8-2).

Northwest and Ryan are in District 3-5A Division I alongside the Bearcats. The lone loss for the league in bidistrict was by Burleson Centennial to Red Oak, 35-32. Northwest topped Midlothian 40-37 and Ryan defeated Lake Belton 38-13.

Last season two teams from 3-5A Division I met in the regional final as Aledo downed Centennial 42-21.

"I think every game we're going to play is going to be a tough game," Jones said. "We've got a lot of tough teams in this region, including several from our own district we might face again."

The Bearcats would not return to the playoffs until 1996. They defeated Clifton 24-14 and started a streak that is now 28 seasons long.

"It's an amazing feeling, carrying on a legacy," Patrick-Daniels said.

"It's kind of the standard around here. It's amazing to be a part of a tradition like this," Timms said.

As for second-round games, the Bearcats have quite an impressive record in those since 1996 as well, posting a 23-4 record heading into the game against Cooper.

About that historical NFL game

In a game that was played long before probably even most of the grandparents of players on the Aledo Bearcats football roster were born, the New York Giants defeated the Chicago Bears in the famous Sneakers Game.



Before the game, played at The Polo Grounds in New York in 1934, rain made the field icy. Giants tight end Ray Flaherty remarked to head coach Steve Owen that sneakers would work better on the slippery surface, and that's exactly what they did - changed to sneakers, scoring 27 points in the fourth quarter for a come-from-behind win.

Owen sent a friend to Manhattan College to borrow

some sneakers from the basketball team. When they arrived the Giants trailed 10-3 before scoring what is still an NFL record for fourth-quarter points in a championship game and winning 30-13.

The defending champion Bears came into the game 13-0 and riding an 18-game winning streak. The Giants finished 9-5 after the legendary win.

BEARCATS 27, GREY WOLVES 6

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Aledo 7 14 6 0 - 27
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Statistics Team

First downs: Shoemaker 9, Aledo 23.
Rushes-yards: Shoemaker 30-101, Aledo 52-263.
Passing yards: Shoemaker 56, Aledo 96.
Caught-thrown-intercepted: Shoemaker 7-21-1, Aledo 10-15-1.

Game at a glance

Aledo Bearcats (11-0, 8-0 champions of District 3-5A Division I) vs. Lubbock Cooper Pirates (8-3, 5-1 runners-up in District 2-5A Division I).

When/where: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Memorial Stadium, Wichita Falls.

Returning starters: Aledo 7 offense/5 defense, Cooper 4 offensive/3 defensive.

Last week: Aledo defeated Killeen Shoemaker 27-6, Cooper defeated El Paso Parkland 67-7.

Last season: Aledo, 14-2, 5A Division I state champions. Cooper, 9-3, lost in second round of playoffs to Aledo, 45-21, in Sweetwater.

Aledo offensive players to watch: RB Ray Guillory (773 yards, 11 TD rushing; 10 catches, 175 yards, 4 TD receiving), WR Kaydon Finley (22 catches, 279 yards, 2 TD), Hawk Patrick-Daniels (434 yards, 7 TD rushing; 23-338, 3 TD receiving).

Cooper offensive players to watch (no stats available): RB/WR Jackson Austin, WR Michael Dever, RB Jayden Hibbler (move-in from Lubbock Monterrey where he was district MVP), WR Jayden Kennard.

Aledo defensive players to watch: S Jake Gillespie (41.5 tackles, 4 for loss, kick return threat), DE Cooper Kohan (18.5 tackles, 7.5 for loss, 1 sack), LB Ben McElree (32.5 tackles, 6 for loss, 1 sack).

Cooper defensive players to watch (no stats available): DB Cole Kotara, DB Callan Ritz, DL Sione Vaea, DE Cade Hays.

Fumbles-lost: Shoemaker 1-0, Aledo 5-3.
Punts-average: Shoemaker 6-22.8, Aledo 1-65.
Penalties-yards: Shoemaker 5-53, Aledo 9-90.
Third-down conversions: Shoemaker 2-9, Aledo 3-8.
Individual
Rushing
Shoemaker: Hicks 9 carries, 44 yards, TD; Tyriek Wade 11-34; Anderson Beasley 1-7; Dequinton Lynn-Huey 3-6; X'Zavion Smith 4-5; Isaiiah Butler-Tanner 1-3; Johnathan Pompey 1-2.
Aledo: Patrick-Daniels 23-137, TD; Hejny 5-37, 2 TD; Keys 6-34; Kaden Winkfield 8-31; RJ Blake 9-25; Blake Burdine 1(-1).
Passing
Shoemaker: Wade 7-21-1, 56 yards.
Aledo: Hejny 10-14-0, 96 yards; Gavin Beard 0-1-1.
Receiving
Shoemaker: Maurice Starr 2-26, Johnathan Lahmann 2-18, Brandon Brown Jr. 2-10, Hicks 1-2, Butler-Tanner 1-0.
Aledo: Kaydon Finley 3-48, Tyson Timms 3-17, Trace Clarkson 2-16, Patrick-Daniels 1-8, Burdine 1-7.
Aledo interception: Chris Johnson 1, returned 29 yards.
Aledo sack: Keys.
Aledo tackle leaders: Keys 9, Jake Gillespie 7.
Aledo tackle for loss: Keys 3, Gillespie 1, Carson Dempsey 1, Jaxon Richter 0.5.

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LADYCAT OF THE WEEK



Kenrie Pruitt
Volleyball


In the Ladycats' final match of the season, a third-round playoff loss to Colleyville Heritage, she posted a team-high in digs with 19 and tied for the team high in serves returned with 16.

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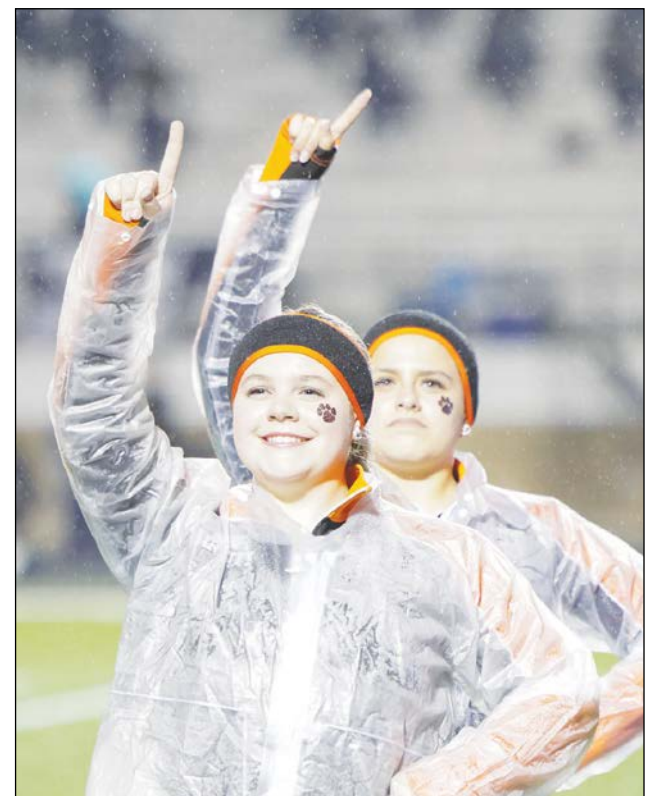
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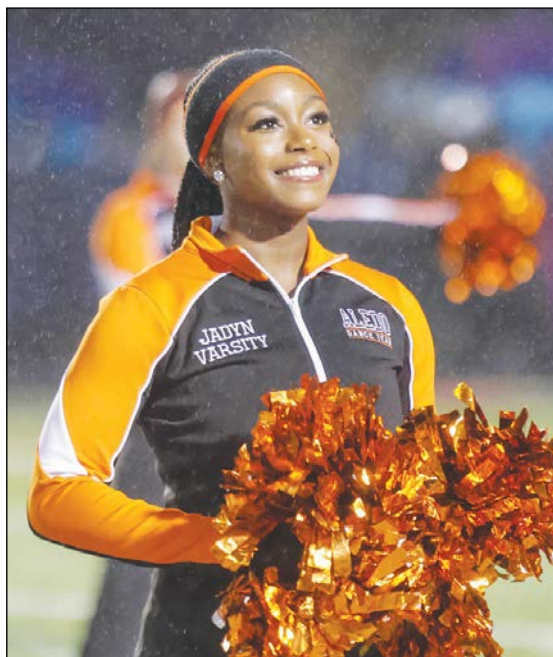
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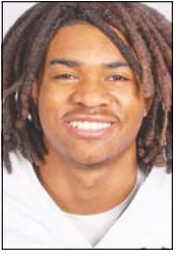
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Hawk Patrick Daniels
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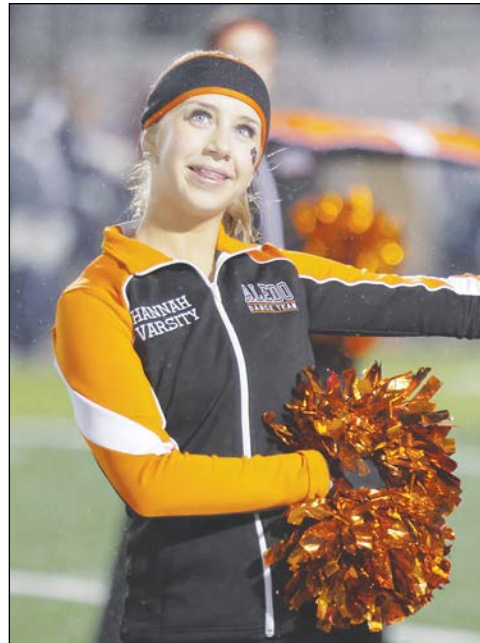


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SWIMMING

Aledo squads compete in elite meet



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Corah Satterfield take a breath during her butterfly swim at the Non-TISCA Invitational.

Boys sixth, girls eighth

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

The Aledo Ladycats and Bearcats faced some of the best competition in the state this past Saturday in the Non-Texas Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association Invitational at the Mansfield Natatorium.

The meet, which featured 13 of the top teams from around Texas - including Aledo. It was a prelude to this weekend's TISCA Meet in Lewisville Friday and Saturday. The meet in Lewisville will also be the first of the season featuring preliminaries and finals in which Aledo will have competed.

The Aledo boys placed sixth and the girls finished eighth.

"We had some outstanding swims that bode well for championship season," Aledo coach Meghan Roberson said.

Cade Catlin of the Bearcats had the top individual finishes, placing fourth in one event and fifth in another. He also swam of a fourth-place relay.

The leading individual finish for the Ladycats was Corah Satterfield, who was eighth in two events. She was also on a seventh-place relay.

Non-TISCA Invitational at Mansfield Natatorium Aledo individual results (Distances in yards)

- Girls**
 200 Medley Relay: 7. Avery Faulkner, Addie Speed, Corah Satterfield, Tila Moeller, 2:14.65.
 100 Butterfly: 8. Satterfield, 1:12.35.
 200 Freestyle Relay: 8. Satterfield, Speed, Moeller, Faulkner, 2:02.07.

- 100 Backstroke: 9. Satterfield, 1:12.18; 10. Faulkner, 1:12.68.
 100 Breaststroke: 9. Speed, 1:31.55

Boys

- 200 Medley Relay: 7. Cade Catlin, Ian Perez, Evan Bradley, Alexander Pomaes, 1:56.54.
 200 Individual Medley: 5. Catlin, 2:20.73.
 50 Freestyle: 7. Tyler Jackson, 24.99.
 100 Butterfly: 7. Brayden DeBoer, 1:02.75; 9. Bradley, 1:04.07.
 200 Freestyle Relay: 4 Aledo A, Catlin, Jackson, Pomaes, Perez, 1:43.50; 7. Aledo B, DeBoer, Hunter Gregory, Bradyn Baughman, Evan Bradley, 1:48.52.
 100 Backstroke: 4. Catlin, 1:03.96; 9. Gregory, 1:09.37.
 100 Breaststroke: 7. Jackson, 1:13.44; 9. DeBoer, 1:14.48.



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Tila Moeller gets set on the block before her event on Nov. 11.



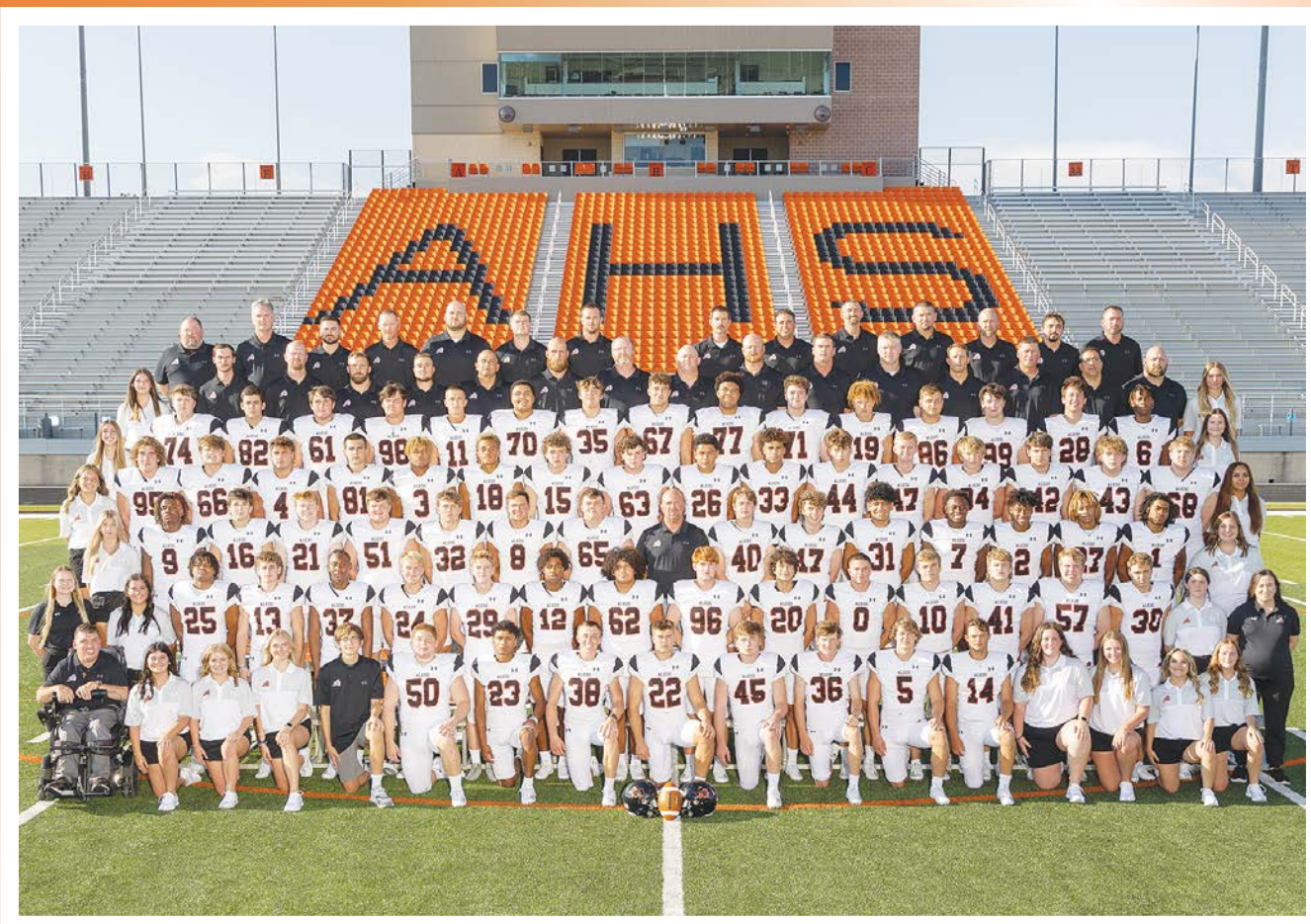
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Ian Perez swimming the breaststroke leg of the 200 medley relay.

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