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EDUCATION

Aledo ISD names new principal

Street will lead new Lynn McKinney Elementary School

By Mercedes Mayer
Aledo ISD

Aledo ISD has named Heather Street as principal at the new Lynn McKinney Elementary School, AISD's seventh, that will open in the fall of 2024. McKinney Elementary is being built as a part of the Aledo Bond program that passed in May of 2023; it is the largest single project in the 2023 bond program.



Heather Street

Merrett and Western Hills elementary schools (2006-2009).

"We are excited to have Mrs. Street open Lynn McKinney Elementary and also that she will continue to be a valued part of our Bearcat Leadership team," Superintendent Dr. Susan Bohn said. "While I know it will be hard for her to step away from Walsh at the end of this school year, we are grateful that she came to us to express interest in this opportunity to grow her leadership through the opening of this new campus."

Street has a Bachelor of Science from Texas Christian University and a master's in Education from Tarleton State University. Previously, Street was a Teacher of the Year at Western Hills Elementary (2007-2008) and also at Luella Merrett Elementary (2008-2009), and she was nominated for Aledo ISD's IDEA award in 2016, 2017 and 2018 and for the Aledo ISD Don Daniel Administrator of the Year award in 2016 and 2017.

"The chance to open a new school - especially one named after Mrs. McKinney - is an opportunity I couldn't pass up," Street said. "I am thrilled to be given this opportunity and can't wait to build an incredible community of McKinney Elementary Bearcats next school year!"

"I am so proud of what we have built together and accomplished at Walsh, and I can't wait to see the continued success of the students and staff at Walsh," Street said.

Bi-District Champs



ALEDO ISD

The Aledo Bearcat basketball team won the bi-district game against Arlington Heights on Tuesday, Feb. 20 in Cleburne. To read more turn to Page 12.

ALEDO ISD

Budgetary concerns weigh heavy

Primary election looms

By Ryan Wade
The Community News

After months of discussion and pleas to Aledo's state representatives in Austin for school funding, the reality of the monetary burden facing Aledo ISD and schools across the state loomed as a dark cloud over the Aledo ISD Board

of Trustees meeting on Monday, Feb. 19.

"Because schools across the state didn't get additional funding from the state legislature in 2023, it's very serious," warned Aledo superintendent Dr. Susan Bohn. "I've told the staff - and I've talked to every single one of them - to say that I would love to tell you that we're going to take care of it all up here, that they don't have to

worry about it, and they can tend to the important work they do with children every day. But the truth is, that it's serious and it's dire."

Heading into the 2023 legislative session the state of Texas held approximately a \$38 billion surplus. Roughly 10 percent of that surplus was earmarked to increase funding for public education

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WILLOW PARK

Council approves billboard contract

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

Now, whether going east or west, whatever message is posted on the billboard near Willow Park City Hall, you can be sure it has the city's seal of approval.

That's because it came from the city, which now has control over both sides of the billboard.

Following up on previous action in which they leased the eastbound side of the billboard, at its meeting on Feb. 13 city council approved leasing the westbound side as well after Lamar Advertising Company informed them the prior occupants were not going to renew their lease. It was originally believed the lease on the eastbound side would be extended by the now former



PHOTO COURTESY OF MICHAEL BURROUGHS

The City of Willow Park posted this message on the eastbound side a billboard near City Hall recently. As of the Feb. 13 council meeting, the city has now also leased the westbound side.

client, but when that changed the council capitalized on that opportunity as well in a previous decision.

The billboard is located on the southeast corner of City Hall, which is at 120 El Chico Tr.

Just as with the eastbound side, the city will use hotel occupancy tax to pay for the one-year

rental. Cost to rent per side is \$31,680 on an annual basis, billed in four 13-week installments, including the initial cost of \$480 for artwork and any changes by the city thereafter.

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ANNETTA

Kotlinski recognized for decade of service

By Jim Zimmerman
The Community News

The Town of Annetta held their city council meeting Thursday, Feb. 15, and it was a very special meeting for one of its most tenured staff members.

Diana Kotlinski was recognized for 10 years of outstanding service. Her recognized greeting, "It's a great day in Annetta", has been received by every citizen, patron, and contractor that has called over the last 10 years.

Kotlinski was given a standing ovation by all in attendance and presented with a 10-year service plaque by Mayor Sandy Roberts.

Upon presenting the plaque, Roberts reminded folks how Kotlinski started out part-time for a couple years before going full-time. She noted Kotlinski is a great asset and everyone that calls up loves to talk to her, calling her a wonderful representative for the town of Annetta.

In other business

Poison Prevention Week: The council proclaimed March 17-23 as Poison Prevention Week. This is a week to heighten awareness of the simple items around everyone's household that can be easily consumed by smaller children that can be hazardous and cause injury if not properly stored and put in a safe place.

Generators: The council approved purchasing a Generac 100 KW generator for The Lakes of Aledo and for water plant No. 4, pursuant to the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality's requirements. Each generator will cost \$35,089.

Nextlink: Council authorized Mayor Roberts to sign a lease agreement with Nextlink to be the city's internet provider.

The Town of Annetta holds its meetings at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be March 21.



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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Rowls makes Aledo history

First black councilman

By Ryan Wade
The Community News

Legacy. It's a word we don't use much anymore, but it's something the ancients thought of incessantly.

Perhaps it's something we all should think of more. After all, we'll all leave one.

Choosing to leave a legacy of purpose and accomplishment has the ability to fill posterity with confidence and guide them as they strive to etch out a positive legacy of their own. A life lived haphazardly or destructively can often leave generations yet unborn to carry the burden of disappointment and shame.

Nelson Rowls has sought to live his life as an example from the time he was a young man - an example to his children, an example to his future grandchildren, and an example to any young people in need of one as they seek their own path in life.

He's a man who is intentional about the example he lives out for others to see. He is also a man who cares deeply for the legacy he will one day leave behind.

More than his own legacy

He doesn't just care about his own legacy. He cares about the legacy of Aledo as well.

Making news headlines around the DFW metroplex and across the Lone Star State is nothing new for Aledo. Bearcat football's prowess is known far and wide. But in April 2021, Aledo made national news for all the wrong reasons.

A group of students at the Daniel Ninth Grade center decided one fateful evening to host a "slave auction" on Snapchat where their peers could "bid" on several

of their black classmates. It was a terrible act that undermined the humanity of those students who were victimized by the horrendous actions of a few of their classmates, for sure.

While that event was not the reason Rowls ultimately decided to throw his hat in the ring for city council in 2022, it certainly was a reason.

"I remember saying at the time, 'The actions of a few, young teenagers is not how Aledo is,'" Rowls recounted. "One reason I wanted to get involved is because I don't want people to put a slant on our city like that. Our city is not what the actions of a few immature teenagers did one night at the computer."

"I think me being an African American, sitting on the park board and getting elected as a city councilman, that should show people - not just in Parker County and Tarrant County and all around - that isn't the case. I like my city. I want to be here forever. I just don't want people thinking that's what we're about, because it's not."

Historical vote

When the time came months later, Rowls' name appeared on the ballot for city council in this small, yet proud North Texas town. In May of 2022 when all the ballots had been collected and all the votes tallied, he became the first black city councilman in Aledo history. Then, last July he made history again when he was unanimously named the first black mayor pro tem in Aledo by his fellow council members.

"Nelson and I were elected at the same time to serve the City of Aledo and it has been a pleasure to work with him throughout the years," Mayor Nick Stanley extolled. "Nelson's election to city



SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Aledo councilman Nelson Rowls.

council in May of 2022 and later mayor pro tem in July of 2023 was a historical occasion as he was the first African American to hold a place on the Aledo City Council.

"I believe diversity creates an environment that encourages success, and I was glad to see this diversity achieved in our last city council election. Nelson is a true pillar of this community who embodies positivity and is a dedicated public servant who takes the time to support the city we both call home and the people who live here. He and I both value the 'Aledo Way of Life', which puts family, friends, neighbors, and our city's rich history first. I look forward to continuing in service with him to bring only the best to our residents and visitors," Stanley continued.

Life before

While Rowls isn't a native Aledoan, he is a local. Born and raised in Fort Worth by his mother, he's spent the majority of his life right here in the Metroplex. After graduating from high school in Fort Worth, Nelson headed a couple hours east in pursuit of

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Willow Springs Cemetery

African American burial ground rich in history

By Christopher Amos
The Community News

The struggle for equal treatment for all people continues, but there was a time segregation was once not only the norm in the U.S., but also the law.

In many places, African Americans were told where they could and could not sit, eat, work, live, and even where to be laid to rest.

A fence separates the east and west portions of Willow Springs Cemetery in Willow Park at the northeast corner of FM 5 Mikus Road and the I-20 service road. The barrier separates white and black families, and it is this smaller African American section where some rich Parker County history lies.

Parker County settlers established Elm Grove Methodist Church in 1854, a white congregation in present day south Willow Park. The cemetery was an offshoot of the church. The building is long gone, but the cemetery and its history remains.

A Texas Historical Commission marker stands sentinel at the grave site of freed slave Lawson D. Gratz. It recognizes his service in the Civil War as a first sergeant in the 114th U.S. Colored Infantry, his involvement in the battles of Petersburg and Richmond, Virginia and his presence at the Appomattox Courthouse to witness the surrender of General Robert E. Lee.

Name change

After his service in the Civil War, Gratz continued with the 10th U.S. Cavalry and served until 1872. He, his wife Rosa, and nine children moved from Albany, Texas to Annetta in 1892.

Joe Gratts, who heads volunteer upkeep in the black section of



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Jeff Brazzell stands at the grave of his great great grandfather, John W. Brazzell, who arrived on Annetta in a covered wagon.

the cemetery, explained the original Gratz family name came from slave owner Benjamin Gratz. It was misspelled Grats when the soldier joined the 10th Cavalry, which was not uncommon in handwritten records in those days. The extra T unexplainably appeared in the family name later.

Gratts found an 1897 record declaring owner David Yeary sold the property for \$50. The deed reads, "To the colored citizens of the Annetta community for the purpose of giving a place for the burial of their dead."

Search continues for the burial site of another of his ancestors, Lewis Swan, who Gratts believes is lost in Willow Springs Cemetery.

"My great great grandfather, Lewis Swan, started buying in Annetta and donated five acres to the black community for a church, which was also used as school for the kids during the week and then church on Sundays," Gratts said.

Swan School

In time, the school burned, Swan died, and the land changed hands.

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Reckless Driving



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I was headed home on FM5 recently on a clear, normal day. Then one of those split-second moments when time seems to cease, occurred.

A vehicle driving in the opposing lane began a slow but steady drift into my lane, head-on. I remember thinking, "I am going to have to veer right, off the road, through some fences, and hope my car comes to a halt."

I was beginning to make that move when the other vehicle swerved sharply back into his lane.

I was able to abort the desperate move and slowly pulled back on the road from the shoulder.

I still can't believe how close I was to a head-on collision.

If I had to make the move, my car would have been damaged and some fences and other property would have been destroyed. But somehow I remembered a lesson from driver's education — avoid head-on collisions at all costs.

I remember seeing a young man behind the wheel staring down at what must have been his phone. He had to know he was a

split second from death. Had he missed me, he was headed off the road himself.

Is it as dangerous to text and drive as it is to drive while intoxicated?

According to a Car and Driver magazine article published years ago, it may be worse to text while driving. (<https://www.caranddriver.com/features/a16580948/texting-while-driving-how-dangerous-is-it/>)

Some readers may remember that I wrote about this article a few years ago. My recent experience has caused me to revisit it.

How many times have we driven down the highway, overtaking a slow vehicle weaving from side to side?

Then you get along beside them and they are staring down at their phone.

I suggest reading the Car and Driver article. The difference in reaction times from a drunk driver were astounding. The texting drivers had a much slower reactions. Car and Driver conducted a controlled test on a former U.S. Air Force runway.

I confess I have texted while driving in the past but, I do not now after learning the dangers.

A lot of people think that they are immune, that it won't happen to them —until it does, or worse, maybe their child.

I haven't yet put a bumper sticker that I saw that says "Hang Up and Drive!" on my car. But I am thinking about it.

Your Views

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Abbott's revenge tour

Governor Greg Abbott has lost his mind over the obsession with school vouchers, the private school entitlement program (so called "school choice").

Currently he's on a revenge tour against all sixteen mostly rural Republicans who voted against a voucher program, with Representative Glenn Rogers being one of them. Abbott should understand that Glenn Rogers

voted for his district, to protect Aledo ISD against an eventual financial drain, due to a costly unregulated voucher system that would expand the current bureaucracy (TEA). Aledo teachers, parents, and Republican voters should stand uniform against this threat to Aledo ISD and vote for Glenn Rogers for Texas House District 60.

-Robert Cox
Aledo, TX

LAW

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Computers now scoring STAAR essays

Written responses on the state's performance exam will most likely be scored by a computer, *The News* reported. The Texas Education Agency rolled out a new model for evaluating student answers on the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STARR) in December, saying three-quarters of written responses are graded by an "automated scoring engine."

The automated scoring engine is "programmed by humans, overseen by humans, and is analyzed at the end by humans," said Jose Rios, director of the student assessment division for TEA, told *The News*.

TEA officials said the new test format, which includes essays at every grade level, would require four to five times the number of human scorers and cost up to \$20 million more. Under the new format, only one in four student essays will be scored by a human.

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GRILL

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dawn on me what "WiFi-equipped" portends. I'm afraid it means there's a good chance it involves my smartphone, and at the moment, we are not "speaking." The grill handbook says I can—with my phone—control grilling from my easy chair or from other time zones. Truth to tell, I just want to master the art in "present tense," smelling the aroma and seeing the flames that may need squirting.

Almost forgot . On one end, there's a small butane burner, suggesting that I can cook two things at once. Again, a challenge looms.

I headed for Lowe's, not noticing that I parked within a few feet of the Blue Rhino display that includes dozens—if not hundreds—of cannisters of butane, or maybe it's propane, or maybe they're the same thing.

Inside the store, I asked a couple of "associates" about the location of those butane "thingamajigs," since "cannister" was a term I'd hear later in the visit. One employee directed me to lawn/garden, and another suggested aisle eight. I decided to visit customer service for specific directions.

The gracious woman answered, "They're outside, since they can't legally be brought inside the store. Pay for it at the register, and someone will accompany you to the Blue Rhino display."

All went well. I paid, and a lady showed up with a key to unlock the bin containing stacks of cannisters, each splashed with big letters: "FLAMMABLE." (This made me ponder whether there's a difference between "flammable" and "inflammable," but such discourse is for another time.)

Before leaving, I noticed that Lowe's offers free tire inflation adjacent to the Blue Rhino display. Hmmm, maybe there's a reason I've never seen anyone getting air there. Some may fear a malfunctioning air hose—or errant cars moving within a few feet of the display—could cause an explosion. Who knows? My immediate concern was mastering safe use of butane at one end of my grill and electrically-ignited charcoal pellets at the other.

Later, I thought of the old joke about a parachutist whose chute didn't open and the old couple who replaced their woodstove with a butane replacement they didn't know how to ignite.

They met in midair, him going downward as the couple soared upward. "Know anything about parachutes?" the former frantically asked.

"No," one oldster responded, "Do you know anything about butane stoves?"

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POLITICS

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You may or may not remember that the head of Defend Texas Liberty was Jonathan Stickland, who, in addition to being the only contributor to the "Concerned Parents of Aledo PAC" that opposed the last school bond election, was also caught meeting with Nick Fuentes, a Nazi sympathizer, on the same day that Texas GOP Chair Matt Rinaldi also just happened to stop by.

Oops. Defend Texas Liberty became a toxic brand, and now they are "Texans United for a Conservative Majority PAC."

Their major funding comes from West Texas billionaires Tim Dunn and Farris Wilks, who apparently own the Texas Senate and are now on their way to buying the House of Representatives.

Their goal, aside from dismantling public education, is to have Texas be ruled according to their version of Christianity, which condones lying and utilizing misleading messages to gain their political

aims, and supports morally reprehensible office holders as long as they are sufficiently "conservative."

The flyer from EmpowerTexans/Defend Texas Liberty/Texans United... again used the now tired photo of Nancy Pelosi, attempting to associate Rogers with someone who has absolutely no political overlap,

They also added photos of California Rep. Adam Schiff and Senator Mitt Romney, which I guess passes for creativity among these folks.

I also received a mailer accusing Rogers of allowing seven million illegal immigrants to cross the border since he took office. Again, I kid you not.

In terms of the mailers polluting my mailbox, I have saved the worst for last.

A mailer arrived with the blaring headline "WE DON'T WANT SHARIA LAW IN TEXAS."

The other side of the mailer accused Rogers of wanting tax dollars to go to celebrate Muslim holidays.

There is so much wrong with this mailer I don't know where to start. Republicans around the

state rightly condemned the mailer, which also attacked Republicans in other parts of the state. It was factually false, it was misleading, and it was insulting to the intelligence of anyone who received it.

But wait, there's more. The mailer was sent by "Texas Family Project," which is run by Brady Gray, who prides himself on the fact he worked for Stickland's organization. Gray is also chairman of the Republican Party of Parker County!

Last time I checked, taking sides was not an appropriate role for a county chair.

Although early voting has begun, I'm sure the attacks will continue, and we will probably learn that Glenn Rogers eats babies and steals lunch money from orphans.

You may be reading this thinking I am advocating to vote for Rogers, but I'm not. You should vote based on who you think would best represent you in the Texas House of Representatives.

But you should not vote based on the character assassination of a good man.

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Dinner, auction, music gala benefits TCA education

Legacy Dinner exceeds expectation

By Christopher Amos
The Community News

Trinity Christian Academy's major fundraiser, the Boots and Pearls Legacy Dinner, sold out long before the Friday, Feb. 9 event. The dinner, auction, and music gala was at The Brooks event facility on Lake Weatherford.

"The goal for this Legacy Dinner event was \$125,000. We crushed that goal with over \$154,000," said Nicole Reynolds, development coordinator for the school.

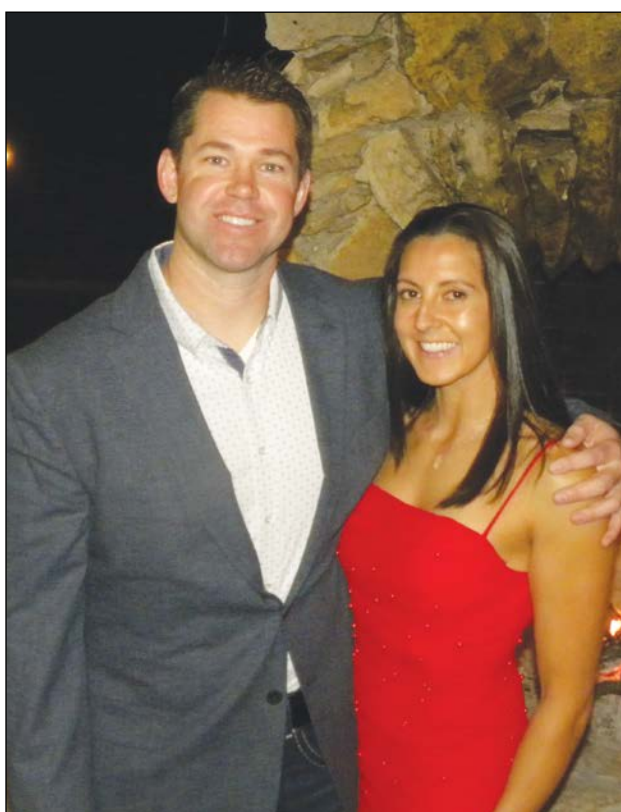
The apex raffle item was a 2023 Onward Club golf cart, a four passenger golf and multi-purpose cart valued at \$15,600. Vacation packages, a Pat Green autographed guitar, and high-end custom boots

and hats were among items in the auctions. The Onward Club cart was won by Ashley Healey.

"It was incredible to see the room filled with so many people supporting what we do here at Trinity Christian," Reynolds added. "It was the most successful Legacy Dinner we have had, and it was also special having live entertainment."

A concert by recording artist Josh Weathers followed the dinner and auction. Weathers has released two albums, Wild Ones and Love Like You Mean It, and his next local public appearance will be Friday, March 22, at Billy Bob's Texas. Weathers' music can be heard on many music streaming platforms and interviews and performances from The Texas Music Scene can be found on Youtube.

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Charles and Natalie Paul warmed up in front of the fireplace at The Brooks.



Dusty and Megan Speaks pose for a portrait outside The Brooks banquet hall.



Josh Weathers provided the after-dinner entertainment.



Roger and Adrea Dagley are shown with TCA music director Chris Dorrell and wife Maggie.



Jennifer Dickerson and Shanen Palmer are shown with a live auction bidder card.



James and Pam Dorrell admire items in the TCA Legacy Banquet silent auction.



Dru and Stefan Altheide, and Jana and Lyle Bremmeyer turned out for the western-themed occasion.



TCA school board president Bert Thompson speaks with Scott Johnson.

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BOARD

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across the state for the next two years, allowing the Republican-led legislature in both the State House and Senate to pass sweeping property tax reform.

While between \$4-\$6 billion was earmarked by the legislature for additional public education funding, the legislative session came and went without the legislature passing any laws to distribute those funds to schools across the Lone Star state.

With funding still tied up in Austin, Governor Greg Abbott called four special sessions before the Christmas holiday to provide more time for the legislature to pass a law. However, school funding ended up being held hostage by the State House in order to force an up vote on a school choice voucher program as part of Abbott's agenda. Without the additional funding, schools across the state are forced to operate in 2024 and 2025 on 2017 funds.

"It's a bi-annual budget, which means it's two years before we might see relief," Bohn explained to a room full of Aledo ISD parents. "It's completely due to the fact that we did not receive additional funding from the state to run our schools. It's very, very hard for us. It's difficult. We know what you all expect for your children to have. We know the exceptional experiences that we want to give.

"I am a parent too, as we all are up here. And there's just no way

that those will not be impacted by what's about to happen."

What is about to happen, is the administration is having to find ways to cut back the cost associated with operating the district. The board has already made the unsavory decision to adopt a deficit budget. However, as costs continue to rise as record-high inflation impacts the Lone Star State, difficult decisions lay ahead as the administration is forced to cut funding to a number of programs across the district.

The district has already cut \$1.1 million from the current 2023-24 school year budget utilizing a sweeping 10 percent reduction in non-staff operating costs. With the district experiencing 188.95 percent increase in fuel costs, a 55.53 percent increase in utility bills, and a staggering 329.43 percent increase in insurance costs due to inflation since the 2019-20 school year, cuts to non-staff related items is no longer enough when 80 percent of the budgetary costs are staff related.

While no decisions have been made as of yet, according to a district-wide email sent out by the board on Tuesday, Feb. 20, the administration must find another \$3.8 million in cuts before the start of the 2024-25 school year. Items outlined as potential cuts include:

- Deeper cuts to department and operating budgets
- Larger class sizes on average

- Reducing staffing through attrition
- Reducing instructional support for teachers
- Reducing academic supports/interventions and extensions for students
- Altering transportation services
- Reducing professional learning opportunities for staff
- Reducing staff travel for student activities and staff development
- Freezing staff salaries
- Reducing staff work calendars
- Reducing contests, events, competitions, and student travel
- Reducing the number of academic and extracurricular programs

"If you've been here the last couple of years, you know that we've added things like art at the elementary schools. We've added girls powerlifting, and wrestling. We've added dance. We've added a lot of opportunities for children at school," Bohn lamented. "We're going to have to stop adding. We will not be able to afford to ensure that we can continue to add those things as places for students to fit in, find what they love to do, and excel at school.

"You'll be getting communication from us. Our staff will be getting communication from us. That way you'll know how your student might be impacted along with you all, and our staff in the coming years.

"It's a direct result of who represents us in Austin. We have a

voice. We don't vote like we should in the primary elections. So, we are asking you to do that - to make sure that there are people in Austin who are willing to fund your Aledo schools so that the experiences that your kids have there can continue."

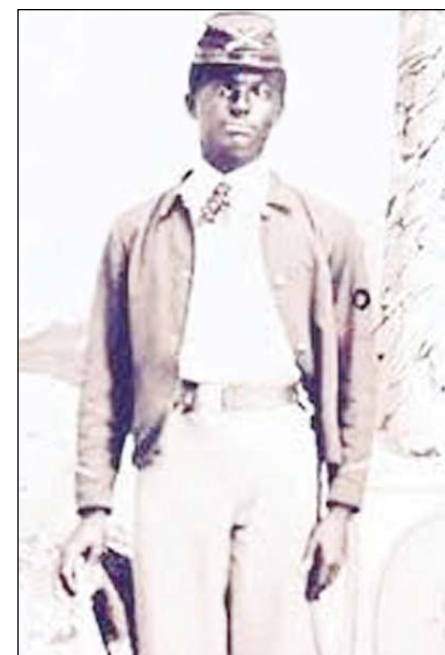
Oh, irony

On a night of cautionary warnings related to looming budget cuts that may potentially impact extracurricular programs across the district, several Aledo High School students were in attendance for the board meeting to recognize Aledo's strategic partners for their support. Students representing Bearcat football, Ladycat softball, FFA, photography, and yearbook among others took the opportunity to thank the partners for all their efforts to support these programs.

2023 bond election update

A pair of significant updates involving Lynn McKinney Elementary School were also made during the meeting. The first of which was related to the completion of the roof of the building coming over the next few days.

The second announcement was to acknowledge Heather Street as the new principal for LMES when it opens in August 2024. Currently the principal at Walsh Elementary, the search for Street's successor will begin in short order.



SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Annetta settler Lawson D. Gratz is honored in Willow Springs Cemetery, on the African American Civil War Monument in Washington, D.C. and a star on the Fort Worth Stockyard Walk of Fame.

WILLOW

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Some members of the Brazzell family attended Swan School. Jeff Brazzell, a founding member of Parker County NAACP, recalls his mother, Mae Brazzell, and her siblings attended the colored school, which Jeff describes as being off FM 5 in what is now a housing development, Stone Creek Farms Estate, west of McDavid Estates.

His great great grandfather, John Brazzell, was a settler who came to the area on a covered wagon with his large family. The Brazzells settled in the land of what is now Annetta North and started a farm.

"He was a very astute farmer," Brazzell recalled with a smile. "I remember him sitting on his porch with a cigar in his mouth relaxing after a hard day's work. He was respected at the public market. He had land, a nice house with a cellar, a smokehouse, and a windmill."

Much of the Brazzell family is buried in the black section of Willow Springs, and Jeff said he will be there in time as well.

Joe Gratts feels the same way. His father, Josef Gratts, organized volunteers to keep the hallowed grounds tidy and researched the history of families buried there. After he passed away, he passed those obligations on to his son.

"I am honoring my family for their existence and hard work to overcome the powers that were against them, especially back in those days and times they were born in," Gratts added.

"I have three generations there and I will probably end up there, and I want to be buried with them."

HISTORY

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a college education, which he received at Texas College in Tyler.

Upon graduating in 1993, he returned to Fort Worth, taking his first job with the parks and recreation department for the City of Fort Worth. At that time, the parks and recreation department started a new late night program designed to be an intervention and prevention for at-risk youth.

He fell in love with the work in his first year on the job. Then he decided to stay for 28 more years before retiring in 2022 as the program director.

Family man

A chance meeting while in traffic on his way to purchase a new pair of basketball shoes at DSW on Hulen changed Rowls' life for the best. While sitting in the passenger seat of his friend Robert's car at a red light, he noticed a beautiful woman

driving the car in the next lane. As it turned out, Robert knew the young lady and helped persuade her to pull into the parking lot at The Container Store so that Rowls could ask her out.

A year later Rowls proposed. He and his wife Lisa will celebrate their 22nd wedding anniversary later on this year.

Shortly after getting married, the couple celebrated the birth of their first daughter. Four years later, a second daughter was born.

The family lived on Carswell Military base for 10 years while Lisa worked for the Federal Bureau of Prisons. After her 10-year stint as the unit manager ended, the family began looking around the outskirts of the Metro for a smaller community to call home. They began driving around smaller towns like Haslet, Millsap, Willow Park, and Hudson Oaks in search of a smaller community that was family oriented.

After a short drive through Aledo, it was clear where they

wanted to be. Eight years ago the Rowls family joined the Aledo community, and hopes to call Aledo home for the foreseeable future.

Their oldest daughter graduated from Aledo High School in 2022. Their youngest is a sophomore at AHS, and is on the school dance team.

After retiring from the City of Fort Worth in 2022, Rowls is a basketball coach at Harvest Christian School in Keller. He spends a lot of time in Weatherford visiting his mother, who has been diagnosed with dementia, cherishing what time they have left. And in his free time, he's an avid fisherman.

It's a life well-lived, and it didn't happen by mistake. It happened by faith, belief, and intention with an eye towards being the example future generations could follow.

"Regardless of what society wants you to believe about ethnicity or culture, anything is possible,"

Rowls said. "You can do whatever you set your mind to. If you want to be the captain of the Navy, the president, or the head coach of the Dallas Cowboys, you can do whatever you set your sights on. I want to be that example for them. I hate to say it, but everything in our society today is about your political affiliation, skin color, if you're short, fat, or tall.

"I just want my kids, grandkids, and kids in general to know you can put all that aside, look up to the sky, do the best you can, and let the chips fall where they may. If you keep a positive attitude, things will work out for you.

"Hold yourself accountable to the best you can do. So many times we want to hold everybody else accountable to a high standard, but not ourselves. I want them to know, if you'll hold yourself accountable, there's no dream you can't reach."



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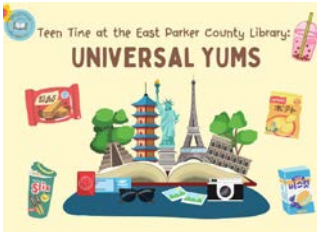
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FEBRUARY 24

Annetta Clean-up Day
The Town of Annetta will hold its annual Clean-Up Day from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Feb. 24. Meet at Town Hall, located at 450 Thunder Head Ln. in Annetta. Lunch will be provided to volunteers. For more information, call the city at 817-441-5770 or visit www.annettatx.org.



FEBRUARY 26

Teen Time at the library
Middle and High Schoolers are invited to Teen Time at the Library at 5 p.m. on Monday, Feb 26 at that East Parker County Library. Come for around the world (with snacks) and make strawberry boba tea.



FEBRUARY 27

Aledo Middle School Cheer Tryout Meeting
Interested in trying out for the Aledo Middle School

Cheer team for 2024-2025 school year the tryout meeting is being held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 27 at the Aledo MS Bearcats Den. Come learn about tryouts and more at the MANDATORY informational meeting. Cheer candidates and a parent or guardian are required to attend.



MARCH 2

Aledo Spring Fling
Aledo Spring Fling is a Craft Fair and Prom Expo on Saturday, Mar. 2 at 9 a.m. at Aledo High School. It is a fundraiser for the Junior Class to raise money for their Senior Prom.

MARCH 4

Gardening Workshop
Spring is just around the corner and it is time to start thinking about your summer garden! On Monday Mar. 4 at 6 p.m. at the ag building join Aledo FFA, students and parents for a slow and peaceful session on caring for a seedling and growing your own plants. The Master Gardners will be present for their assistance. For more information contact jclark@aledoisd.org.



MARCH 5

Book Club at the East Parker County Library!
Join the East Parker County Library on Tuesday, March 5th at 9 a.m. as we discuss "The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny, and Murder" by journalist David Grann (author of the best seller "Killers of the Flower Moon") This book is a mesmerizing non-fiction selection of shipwreck, survival, and savagery! The book is available through the PCLA system and Overdrive/Libby.



MARCH 18

American Red Cross Blood Drive
Make a difference and donate blood to save lives! The American Red Cross is holding a blood drive from 12 - 5 p.m. on Monday, March 18, at the Weatherford Public Library Auditorium. To register, go to RedCrossBlood.org. Enter Weatherford and choose Weatherford Public Library to make an appointment

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- hangs down
- in Concho County on U.S. 83 & 87
- TXism: "___ _ lick" (none)
- TXism: "tame as ___ dog"
- TX Kenny Rogers sang "___ I Can Make It on My Own"
- J.R. was shot in the final ___ of "Dallas" season 3
- "hose" in Mexico
- TXism: "still wet ___ ears" (inexperienced)
- TX Nolan pitched seven ___-hitters
- rattling sound heard by a stethoscope
- Clyde High class fill 'er up (2 wds)
- Highlands Mansion in Marlin has a stained-___ in the great hall
- TX Tom Kite won ___ Open in 1992
- this David was leader of Waco's Branch Davidians
- Humble Oil once had Esso and this brand name
- rep for TX Matthew McConaughy
- county west of Sabine (2 wds.)
- Nacogdoches old road: "La Calle del ___"
- boycott, e.g.

DOWN

- where TX Ted Cruz serves
- this Rangers' Garcia hit 5 home runs against Astros in 2023 ALCS
- "Whoopie ti yi yo, ___ little dogies"
- TXism: "___ beans" (in a pod)
- TX Banks who was "Mr. Cub" (init.)
- TX A.C. Greene book: "A ___ Country"
- TXism: "hard ___ nails"
- wedding cake layer
- Eagles & Giants to the Cowboys
- sought to influence Texan in 1-down
- dir. to New Boston from Mount Pleasant
- Texas cosmetics queen, Mary Kay
- Texas pecan desserts
- "___ jungle" (city)
- TX Trini sang "If ___ a Hammer"
- farm storage tower
- "___ band" (solo performance)
- Duryea of 1954 "Ride Clear of Diablo" with TX Audie Murphy (init.)
- Love Field arr. guess
- TX wheeler-dealer: Billy ___
- legend has it that Texas "Enchanted Rock" is this
- this bunny gives gifts
- Kennedy of film "Creepshow 2" with TX Lois Chiles
- TXism: "mobile mouse ___" (cat)
- film categories, e.g.
- TXism: "busy ___ - ___-armed paper hanger"
- this Denny won 1930 "Texas Open"
- Texas fire ___
- ___-fi, like "Avatar"
- braggart, like some Texans
- a Great Lake
- state ___ is topaz
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- the gullet
- a Gulf fish
- this will prohibit a Texan from a jury
- TX Drown started noted Hotel ___-Air
- ___ text (communicated)
- farm machines

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SWIMMING

Bearcats at state again



MEGHAN ROBerson

(From left) Avery Faulkner, Victoria Crews, Porter Lane, Julia Gordy and Haley Roberson will be competing for Aledo at this weekend's UIL Class 5A Swimming and Diving Meet in Austin.

Ninth straight year

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

Aledo and Austin aren't that far apart it seems, especially if you go by way of water.

For a ninth straight season the program will have competitors in the University Interscholastic League Class 5A State Swimming and Diving Meet at the Lee & Jo Jamail Texas Swimming Center at the University of Texas Feb. 23-24.

This season there will be five representing Aledo, including three returners. Juniors Haley Roberson and Victoria Crews are back for a third time and senior Porter Lane is there for a second consecutive year.

Roberson qualified in three events, including two individually. She won the 200-yard individual medley at the Region II Meet with yet another school-record time of 2 minutes, 5.57 seconds, besting her own previous mark. She also took first in the 500 freestyle, clocking a 5:07.38.

Roberson and Crews will join junior Avery Faulkner and sophomore Julia Gordy on the regional

champion 400 free relay, which also set a school record in 3:50.90.

Lane won two individual events at regionals, posting a time of 50.14 in the 100 butterfly and a 59.32 in the 100 breaststroke. His time of 59.11 seconds in the 100 breaststroke prelims set a school record.

Multiple peaks

Aledo coach Meghan Roberson said timing peak performances is challenging, but so far her swimmers have risen to the challenge twice and she believes they are ready for one more push.

"With the competitive gauntlet of district - two weeks - regionals - two weeks - state, it's difficult to time the athletes' peaks," she said. "And while we might aim for one to peak at district to aim for regionals, some we know will make it out of district easily, so we aim to peak at regionals to shoot for state."

"Then we have the third category that we are confident will make it out of regionals easily and we aim to peak at state. Our state team crosses that spectrum, but I believe we have the time we need to get them as prepared as

possible for performance at this next level."

Previous experience a boost

While two of the quintet are newcomers to state, coach Roberson is counting on the previous experience of the returning trio to boost the entire team. Roberson, Crews and Lane have a combined five years of previous competition at state.

"I'm relying on their leadership in the water, especially when we get to UT - the pool has quirks that are best navigated through experience," coach Roberson said. "With these three able to help the newcomers acclimate, they'll have a leg up over those that don't race there as often."

The coach also noted that while Faulkner is a new competitor this year, she was a part of the 2023 state team as an alternate. Last year Corah Satterfield went as a swimmer and will be the alternate this season.

"Julia Gordy is our only true newcomer to the team, and I suspect we'll see her on future state teams," coach Roberson said.

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FOOTBALL

TSWA All-State

Six Bearcats honored

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

Led by quarterback Hauss Hejny and linebacker Davhon Keys, six senior members of the Class 5A Division I state champion Aledo Bearcats were named to the Texas Sports Writers Association Class 5A All-State Team.

Hejny was selected as the Offensive Player of the Year and Keys was named Defensive Player of the Year. Hejny has signed to play for TCU and Keys signed with LSU.

Also honored were wide/receiver running back Hawk Patrick-Daniels, first-team all-purpose player; defensive back Jake Gillespie, first-team defense; tackle Djay Williams, first-team offense; and defensive back Jaden Allen, second-team defense.

The group led the Bearcats to a 16-0 season for their second straight state title, extending their state record with 12 total championships.

Hejny accounted for over 3,700 yards of offense (1,026 rushing on 131 carries; 2,701 passing) and 40 touchdowns (27 passing, 13 rushing). He completed 64% of his passes, had nine interceptions and just one fumble.

A highlight of Hejny's season came against Denton Ryan in the ninth game at home. Down 19-17 in the closing moments and his team facing a third-and-11 on their own 43, the Bearcats' 117-game district winning streak was on the line before Hejny broke free for the winning 57-yard touchdown run.

Keys posted 110.5 tackles, of which 99 were solo and 19 were for a loss. He also had four sacks and three interceptions, returning one for a touchdown.

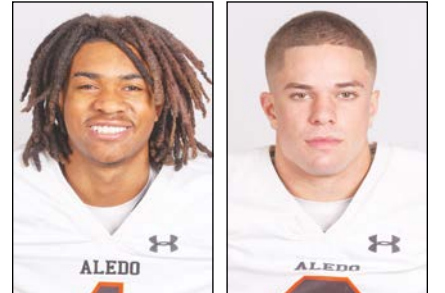
In his final game as a Bearcat, Keys was named the Defensive MVP in Aledo's 51-8 win over Comal Smithson Valley at AT&T Stadium in December. He registered 11.5 tackles, including 11 solo, a sack and two tackles for loss.

Keys also had some standout moments on offense. Running out of the Raider package, where he



Hauss Hejny

Davhon Keys



Hawk Patrick-Daniels

Jake Gillespie



Djay Williams

Jaden Allen

took direct snaps, he scored 16 touchdowns, including 11 in the postseason.

"I think Hauss and Davhon are both very much deserving of the MVP honors. They were the leaders of our offense and defense the last couple of years winning state championships," Aledo coach Robby Jones said.

"Hawk showed in the playoffs playing both running back and receiver that he was a great all-purpose player. Gillespie was a physical presence in our secondary that had offensive players looking out for him. Djay and Jaden are also very deserving of all-state recognition, being the best at their positions."

Patrick-Daniels, who has committed to play at Tyler Junior College, rushed for 948 yards and 15 touchdowns on 142 carries, along

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Continuing another tradition

The season-ending tradition is more than just competing in Austin, coach Roberson noted.

"As this has become a part of our end of season, we've developed a few traditions that we're excited to introduce Julia to: The pre-state stop at Bucee's, the hole in the wall best bagel place, and the team atmosphere," coach Roberson said. "There's nothing like a travel competition to bring a team together. It's as much about the competition as it is about making these high school memories together."

"They won't call each other in 10 years to re-hash the races, but they will talk about the shared experiences."

Earning their way in more ways than one

While it does ultimately come down to their performance in the water, swimmers from Aledo face a challenge competitors in other places do not. Most notably, they do not have a natatorium in their backyard, so they have to travel to Fort Worth each morning for practice before the school day begins.

"Swimmers at most schools just practice in the pool next to or down the road from their high school. Without an appropriate competition pool in Parker County, when my swimmers make the choice to take part in Aledo swimming, they are agreeing to wake up and meet the bus in the parking lot at 5:30 in the morning," coach Roberson said. "We have a 30-minute commute to the Wilkerson Greines Activity Center in Fort Worth where they practice for between one and a half to two hours, then they get ready for school and get back on the bus at 8:30 to make it back in time for second period."

"Then we have swimmers like Avery Faulkner, who is also heavily involved with the Leodian and is

taking two AP math courses this year, which doesn't allow her the swim period. Avery wakes up as early as the rest, drives herself the 25-plus miles into practice most days of the week, then heads back to school in time for the first period of the day."

Coach Roberson said that many team members will also head to back to the same pool to practice club from 5-7 p.m. In all, they spend close to 20 hours in the water each week, she said.

Additionally, most of the swimmers carry an intense academic load of advanced/preAP, AP and OnRamps courses, working on homework late into the night, only to wake up and do it all over again.

"These high schoolers and their parents take on an intense schedule and are incredibly dedicated to the sport to be as successful as they are," she said. "And while I'm sure they'd all love to enjoy a typical teenager sleep-in - or even just a regular school day - there are rarely complaints over anything but how cold the bus is in the morning."

Seedings

Roberson comes into the state meet seeded No. 3 in the 200 IM and No. 6 in the 500 free. Lane is No. 5 in the 100 butterfly and 14th in the 100 breaststroke.

The girls 400 free relay is seeded 22nd.

The top eight in preliminaries advance to the A finals on Saturday, with spots 9-16 making B finals.

"This group of swimmers are incredible athletes, but they're also students that Aledo should be proud to have represent us. They feel the support of the community behind them and are going to fight to put forth their best performances yet on this huge stage," coach Roberson said. "We speak about the examples they are for our younger Bearcats and the ripple effect of their successes to help build this program into a better version year over year, they're excited to show what they can do."

GOLF

Buzzy Open

Aledo Orange teams second, third in Azle

Staff Reports
 The Community News

The Aledo Bearcats and Ladycats Orange teams competed in the Buzzy Open at Azle's Cross Timbers Golf Course on Wednesday, Feb. 14. The Bearcats finished second among the boys and the Ladycats were third among the girls.

The Bearcats posted a team score of 334, behind Benbrook's 324. The Ladycats shot a 408, while Plano was first with a 368.

Leading the Bearcats was Coavin Beard with a 78. Reagan Gilliland paced the Ladycats, shooting a 91.

Also for the Aledo boys, Brian Yarbrough shot 81, Tyler Anderson posted an 84, Johnnie Reed came in at 91 and Cade Moore had a 94. Rounding out the girls' scoring were Catherine Haney, 101; Addison Russ, 108; Kylie Kirkland, 108; and Abby Gray, 111.

The four lowest individual scores comprise the team score.

All Aledo teams will be in action in the Bearcat Brawl Friday and Saturday, Feb. 23-24 at Squaw Creek and Split Rail courses.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Area playoffs

Timberview ends Ladycats' season

By Ryan Wade
 The Community News

Ladycat head coach Nikki Hyles knew heading into the area matchup against the No. 1 ranked team in Texas was going to be tough sledding. With just a pair of seniors on the roster, her young team exceeded expectations this season, compiling a 28-10 record and securing second place in District 5-5A with a 10-2 league record.

On Thursday, Feb. 15, when Aledo met up with Mansfield Timberview in Cleburne, the Ladycats took a massive step up in competition. The Lady Wolves proved their top ranking as they ended Aledo's playoff run and their season with a 70-32 victory.

As they've done all season, the Ladycats poured their hearts out on the floor. Facing a stalwart opponent that had virtually every advantage a team could have in the game of basketball, Aledo put forth their best effort in their attempt to fell a giant.

August Carlone came off the bench for Aledo to lead her team in scoring with a season-high 12 points. Unfortunately, the Lady

Wolves had scouted the rest of the Ladycats well, keeping the rest of the team out of double-digit scoring in the game.

Timberview started off the game like they were shot out of a cannon. The Lady Wolves put up 16 first-quarter points to take a commanding lead over Aledo early in the game.

Heading into the second quarter trailing by nine, the Ladycats continued to battle against a superior opponent. By halftime, Timberview had doubled up Aledo's production while taking a 34-15 lead into the break.

The second half was just as bleak as the first half. The Lady Wolves outpaced Aledo 36-17 in what would be the final 16 minutes of the Ladycat season and the last moments in the high school careers of Caroline Browning and Natalie Anderson.

Ladycats vs. Mansfield Timberview - Feb. 15 Class 5A Area playoff at Cleburne High School

Aledo	7	8	8	9	32
Timberview	16	18	16	20	30

Aledo scoring: August Carlone 12, Kinley Elms 8, Natalie Anderson 5, Caroline Browning 4, Brooklyn Dempsey 3.

TSWA

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with catching 28 passes for 390 yards and three scores.

It was in the state championship game where Patrick-Daniels had his best game of the season. He rushed for 184 yards and three TD in being named the Offensive MVP.

Gillespie posted 58.5 tackles, including 4.5 for a loss. He has committed to play for Stephen F. Austin.

Williams has signed to play for the University of Louisiana. He anchored an offensive line that helped the Bearcats average more

than 460 yards and 49.8 points per game.

Allen has committed to Arkansas. He posted 32 tackles and an interception.

PADILLA ALL-STATE

Five Bearcats were honored by coaches in being named to the Padilla Class 5A Division I All-State Team.

Williams, Allen and Gillespie were honored on this team, all on the first team. Also on the first team offense are senior tight end Tyson Timms and senior wide receiver Trace Clarkson. Senior defensive

back Chris Johnson was named to the first-team defense.

Clarkson, who bounced back strong after missing his entire junior season with an injury, caught a team-high 50 passes for 963 yards and seven touchdowns. He has signed to play for West Texas A&M University.

Timms, who has committed to play for Colorado School of Mines, had 28 catches for 360 yards and three touchdowns.

Johnson will next play for Arizona State University. He had 44 tackles, 3.5 for a loss, and a pair of interceptions.

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Bid # PW-2024-005
CITY OF ALEDO - SEWER LIFT STATION CLEANING SERVICES

City Staff will begin reading the bids at 2:01 p.m.
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Bid documents may be obtained without charge at the City of Aledo City Hall, 104 Maverick Street, Aledo, Texas 76008. Bid documents will be ready for pickup on and after **February 16, 2024**. Request for Bid documents may also be downloaded at www.aledotx.gov.

The City of Aledo website will be updated with addenda, additional reports or other information relevant to bidding the services. It is the sole responsibility of all plan holders, whether they have received digital downloads or paper copies of the plans and specifications, to periodically check for Addenda which may have been posted on the City of Aledo website.

There will be a non-mandatory pre-bid conference on February 27, 2024 at 11:00 AM. The Pre-Bid Conference will be held at Community Center Conference Room, 104 Robinson Court, Aledo, TX 76008.

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12:00 Noon, Friday March 15th, 2024

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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 3 Entry Feature & Screen Wall 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.

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Any person who commits an offense under this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each offense. Each day any such violation shall be allowed to continue shall constitute a separate offense.

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PASSED AND APPROVED on this 15th day of February, 2024.

(s) Sandy Roberts
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 (s) Jamee Long
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The City of Aledo is pleased to issue this Request for Statements of Qualifications to identify a firm or joint venture for materials testing services to support construction of the City of Aledo Municipal Complex.

The City is requesting Statements of Qualification's (SOQ) regarding construction materials testing.

Submittals will only be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 8, 2024.

Bid # PW-2024-004

CITY OF ALEDO MUNICIPAL COMPLEX - CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TESTING

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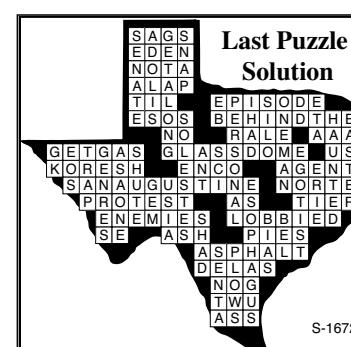
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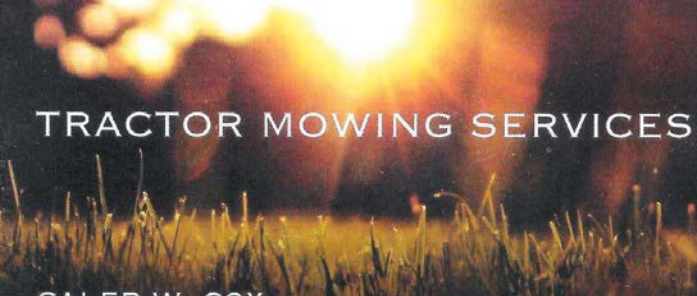
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The Science of Oobleck

Replace the missing words.

FLOW SHAPED RUNNY
HARDENS WATER LARGE

The corn flour doesn't dissolve in the _____. Instead, it becomes "suspended" in the water.

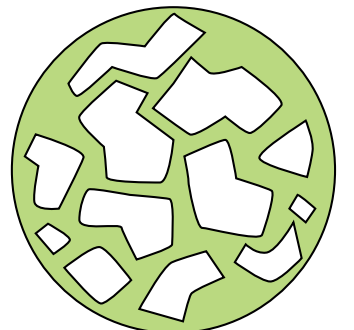
Corn flour is made up of billions of tiny, irregularly _____ grains of starch.

When water is added, the liquid flows around each grain of starch, and the little grains _____ around each other.

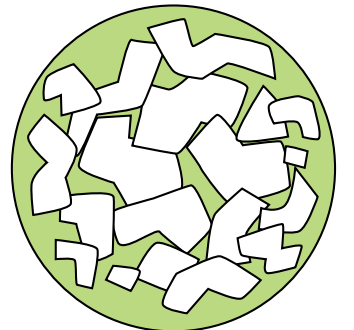
This makes your mixture runny as particles slip over and around each other.

When a sudden _____ force is applied, the starch particles lock together, and the mixture _____ and acts like a solid.

As soon as the force is removed, the water surrounds each of the grains again, and the mixture becomes _____ once more.



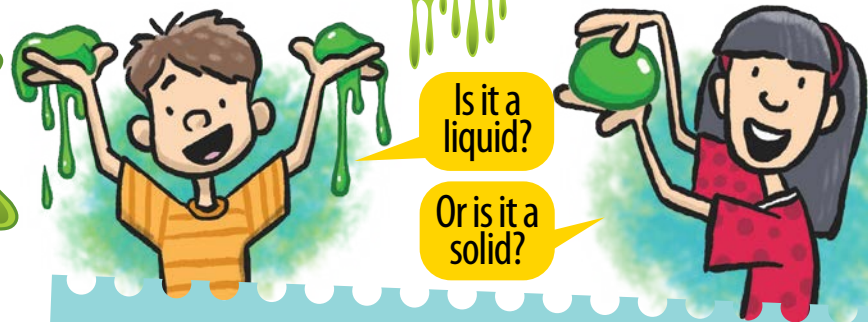
Particles without force.



Particles when Oobleck is squeezed together.

OOBLECK

Oobleck acts like both a liquid *and* a solid! Make some yourself and feel this crazy substance!



Scientist's Notebook Make Goey Oobleck

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:

- 1 cup of cornstarch
- ½ cup of water
- Food coloring (just for fun)
- A bowl
- Your hands

DIRECTIONS:

1. Measure ½ cup of water and pour into a bowl. If you have food coloring, add a few drops to the water.
2. Measure 1 cup of cornstarch. Pour into your bowl.
3. Mix the water and cornstarch for 10 minutes to make it just right. You might want to take turns with a partner.

Standards Link: Conduct simple science experiments; understand suspensions.

Scientist's Notebook

What to do with your goo?

TRY THIS:

After your Oobleck is well mixed, gently feel the top.

What does it feel like?

Next, pick up a handful of Oobleck and squeeze it into a ball. What does it feel like now?

Can you pick up any other liquids and make them into a solid ball?

Open your hand with the Oobleck ball sitting on your palm. What happens?

Can you find your way through this slimey Oobleck maze?



It's raining Oobleck!
Can you find at least 10 differences between these two pictures?

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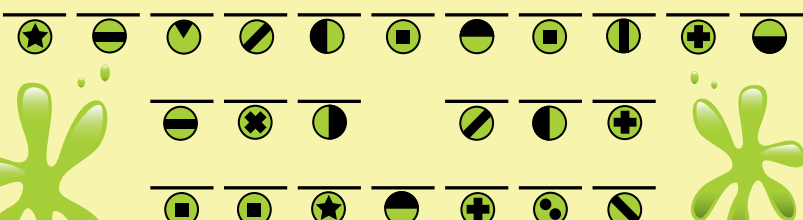
Look for an advertisement in the newspaper that you like. Rewrite the advertisement to make an ad to sell Oobleck.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Write persuasively.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Oobleck gets its name from a book by Dr. Seuss. In the book, sticky green gobs of goo fall from the sky. They call it Oobleck.

Use the code to discover the name of the book.



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| A = | E = | M = | R = |
| B = | H = | N = | S = |
| C = | K = | O = | T = |
| D = | L = | P = | W = |

Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- ACTS
- BALL
- BOWL
- CRAZY
- CUP
- DROPS
- FEEL
- HAND
- LIQUID
- MIX
- OOBLECK
- OPEN
- POUR
- SOLID
- 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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Where does Oobleck fit?

Make a two-column chart. Title one column LIQUID and the other SOLID. Look through the newspaper and find things that are a liquid and a solid. Write the names of things you found in the column where it belongs.

Standards Link: Conduct simple research; sort items by qualities.



Write On! Frozen Findings

Frozen Findings

Using all five senses, write a description of ice.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Write using descriptive details.

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It took **force** to open the door on a windy day.

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

GIRLS BASKETBALL

TCA advances



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The Willow Park Trinity Christian Lady Eagles have advanced to the TAPPS Class 4A Region I finals.

Regional finals next

Staff Reports
The Community News

Fueled by a tenacious defense, the Willow Park Trinity Christian Academy Lady Eagles won 48-31 at No. 1 seed Dallas Christian in a TAPPS Class 4A playoff game, Tuesday Feb 20.

Sadie Gough led the Lady Eagles with 21 points and Emily Ickert scored 20. Ella Cockrum scored four and Berlynn Kaznowski added three.

Cockrum and Carolyn Thompson were praised for their rebounding, while Kaznowski was praised for adding a spark to the offense and defense. Ava Luecker was also lauded for her play.

TCA was 19-of-25 at the free throw line and hit more 3-point baskets (7) than 2-pointers (4). Ickert hit four treys and Gough made three.

The Lady Eagles will play Lake Country Christian School in the regional finals Friday, Feb. 23 at 6:30 p.m. at Azle High School.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Bearcats buzz Arlington Heights

Second bi-district win ever

By Ryan Wade
The Community News

For just the second time in program history, the Aledo Bearcats basketball team won a bi-district title.

The Bearcats (20-12), who finished fourth in District 5-5A, edged out 6-5A champion Arlington Heights, 48-46, at Cleburne High School on Tuesday, Feb. 20, to advance to the area round for the first time since the 2001-02 season. The Bearcats were playing Colleyville Heritage (27-6) at press time.

Aledo leaned heavily on their perimeter play early on to establish a comfortable lead. Jackson Todd, Owen Peterson, and Joaquin Pacheco accounted for 14 of the Bearcats' 16 first-quarter points, all while shooting from outside the paint.

Starting off the second quarter with a nine-point cushion, Pacheco went to work. The junior guard put in a couple of buckets, drained a three-pointer, and knocked down a pair of free throws for nine of Aledo's 13 points in the frame.

With Arlington Heights settling into their offense in the second quarter while doing equal damage, Aledo headed into the break at halftime still holding onto a nine-point advantage.

The second half became about survivability for the Bearcats. The Hornets worked out the kinks in



ALEDO ISD

The Aledo Bearcat basketball team celebrates with their bi-district champion trophy after defeating AHHS on Tuesday, Feb. 20 in Cleburne.

their offense that held them to just seven points in the first quarter, and were chipping away at Aledo's lead in the third quarter. Arlington Heights outpaced the Bearcats 12-9 in the third stanza, cutting the Bearcat lead to just six points with a quarter left to play.

Within striking distance with the game winding to a close, the Hornets threw everything they had left in the tank at Aledo in the fourth quarter. They outscored the Bearcats once more, 14-10, in

the final quarter. Coming close to punching their ticket for free basketball in overtime, Aledo did just enough to hold off the Hornets.

Class 5A bidistrict boys basketball Bearcats vs. Arlington Heights - Feb. 20

Aledo	16	13	9	10	- 48
AHHS	7	13	12	14	- 46

Aledo scoring: Joaquin Pacheco 18, Jackson Todd 10, Jack Sawyer 9, Owen Peterson 5, Cohen Christie 5, Kaydon Finley 1.

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Kangaroo Relays

Aledo teams open strong

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

The Aledo Bearcats and Ladycats are - if you'll pardon the pun! - are once again expected to go far this track and field season. However, this past week they only traveled a few miles down the road to compete in the Weatherford Kangaroo Relays on Thursday, Feb. 15.

The Bearcats won the boys competition with 178 points, easily outdistancing runner-up Eules Trinity with 95 and third-place Weatherford with 91. The Ladycats had a bit closer of a battle, but still took the top spot with 135 points, followed by Trinity with 129.25.

For the Bearcats it was their 15th consecutive team championship in a regular-season meet dating to the 2021 season.

The Ladycats were led by Sofia Brandenburg with a pair of individual gold medals in the 800-meter and 1600 runs, while Savannah Thompson won gold in the 100 hurdles. The Ladycats also won the 400 relay with Mykel Murry, Mayden Mitchell, Brandenburg and Addison Smith.

Lauren St. Peters doubled up on gold in the shot put and discus, Taylor McKenzie won the high jump and the Ladycats went 1-2-3 in the pole vault with Taylor Hindman, Maggie Kilburn and Claire Campbell.

The Bearcats won two relays, the 400 with Adrian Adam Averett, Jayton Owens and Aven Lawrence, and the 1600 with the same foursome. Bradley Campbell and Evan Murdock finished third and third in the pole vault and Carson Dempsey won the discus.

The Bearcats and Ladycats will compete in the Keller Falcon Fast Invitational in Keller on Feb. 24.

Top Aledo results

- Boys**
Team
135 points, first place.
Top individual finishes
100-meter dash: 6. Leighton Bratcher, 12.98.
400: 3. Mykel Murry, 1:01.17; 4. Addison Smith, 1:02.01; 6. Mayden Mitchell, 1:04.40.
800: 1. Sofia Brandenburg, 2:18.67; 3. Murry, 2:22.86.
1600: 1. Brandenburg, 5:15.23; 5. Molly Garrison, 5:25.50.
3200: 2. Garrison, 11:43.00; 6. Madison Larsen, 12:02.93.
100 Hurdles: 1. Savannah Thompson, 17.29; 3. Ainsley Elmore, 18.14.
300 Hurdles: 6. Elmore, 51.70.
4x100 Relay: 6. Allie Graham, Sarah Edwards, Macie Laidley, Amely Bischof, 53.36.
4x200 Relay: 5. Thompson, Emma Davis, Edwards, Laidley, 1:51.20.
4x400 Relay: 1. Murry, Mitchell, Brandenburg, Smith, 4:04.01.
High Jump: 1. Taylor McKenzie, 5-05.
Pole Vault: 1. Taylor Hindman, 12-07; 2. Maggie Kilburn, 11-06; 3. Claire Campbell, 10-00.
Long Jump: 3. Elmore, 16-0; 6. Laidley, 14-07.
Triple Jump: 2. Thompson, 33-09; 5. Laidley, 31-02.
Shot Put: 1. Lauren St Peters, 47-01.
Discus: 1. St Peters, 159-06.
- Girls**
Team
178 points, first place.
Top individual finishes
400: 2. Trey Warner, 50.99.
800: 4. Anderson Smith, 2:04.64; 6. Warner, 2:06.15.
1600: 5. Jack Fink, 4:43.45; 6. Smith, 4:45.47.
3200: 3. Fink, 10:19.48; 6. Tyler Connelly, 10:32.34.
110 Hurdles: 2. Evan Thompson, 15.16.
300 Hurdles: 3. Thompson, 42.23; 4. Lincoln Tubbs, 42.30.
4x100 Relay: 1. Adrian Fuller, Adam Averett, Jayton Owens, Aven Lawrence, 42.49.
4x200 Relay: 4. Fuller, Ben McElree, Tubbs, Kai Taylor, 1:32.49.
4x400 Relay: 1. Averett, Owens, Fuller, Lawrence, 3:27.15.
High Jump: 4. Averett, 6-00.
Pole Vault: 1. Bradley Campbell, 14-03; 3. Evan Murdock, 11-06.
Long Jump: 4. Averett, 22-05; 5. Taylor, 22-03.
Shot Put: 2. Carson Dempsey, 45-03;

5. Cody Cartwright, 42-02.
Discus: 1. Dempsey, 136-00.

Top Weatherford results

- Boys**
Team
91 points, third place.
Top individual finishes
400: 6. Wyatt Reeves, 51.98.
1600: 4. Gal Josh, 4:43.32.
110 Hurdles: 6. Asa Dowling, 16.08.
4x100 Relay: 4. Cory Pantoja, Jaiden Parker, James Gray, Colton McClure, 43.08.
4x200 Relay: 3. Gray, Reno McCrory, Parker, McClure, 1:31.96.
4x400 Relay: 5. Kaden Axel, Reeves, McCrory, McClure, 3:34.31.
High Jump: 6. Robert Taylor, 5-10.
Long Jump: 2. Dayton Kreipe, 22-10.50.
Shot Put: 1. Liam Riley, 45-05.50.

Girls

- Team
48.25 points, fourth place
Top individual finishes
400: 5. Lucy Kentner, 1:03.62.
800: 4. Rayla Castillo, 2:26.48.
1600: 4. Castillo, 5:19.69.
3200: 4. Remington Boone, 11:48.66.
100 Hurdles: 2. Victoria Kourouma, 17.62.
300 Hurdles: 3. Amelia Whittle, 50.67; 4. Kourouma, 51.31.
4x100 Relay: 3. Nyashia Thomas, Jaidah Nieto, Landri Polk, Ava Garrett, 50.76.
4x200 Relay: 4. Thomas, Whittle, Nieto, Chloe Peterson, 1:50.12.
4x400 Relay: 6. Kentner, Kourouma, Whittle, Peterson, 4:23.62.
High Jump: 2. Jodie Kreipe, 5-02.
Pole Vault: 5. Ashley Garner, 9-00; 6. Hailey McDaniel, 8-08.
Long Jump: 4. Thomas, 15-02.50.
Triple Jump: 4. Kourouma, 31-07.
Discus: 2. Braelee Gilbert, 113-09.

Aledo JV results

- Girls**
Team
110 points, second place (Eules Trinity first with 114)
Top individual finishes
100-Meters: 3. Alexa Plants, 13.35.
200: 1. Plants, 27.25.
400: 5. Sadie Williams, 1:08.94.
800: 2. Carley Couch, 2:44.23; 3. Kjersten Loy, 2:45.36.
1600: 1. Couch, 5:55.10.
3200: 1. Couch, 12:45.86.
100 Hurdles: 6. Braylin Wiggins, 19.05.
300 Hurdles: 5. Wiggins, 54.97.
4x100 Relay: 6. Morgan Estevez, Hannah Hubley, Trinity Hindman, Eden Anderson, 53.68.
4x200 Relay: 4. Jillian Moore, Hailey Wilson, Taelynn Price, Plants, 1:54.87.
4x400 Relay: 3. Moore, Eden Anderson, Mariah Freeman, Price, 4:36.80.
Pole Vault: 1. Austyn Johnson, 10-00; 2. Kara Overstreet, 9-06; 4. Kaitlyn Walker, 8-06.
Long Jump: 6. Hindman, 14-03.
Triple Jump: 3. Estevez, 30-05.
Discus: 4. Nealee Parsons, 71-07.50.

Boys

- Team
171 points, first place (Trinity second with 86)
Top individual finishes
200: 2. Lamel Swanson, 23.73.
400: 1. Vincent Luffey, 52.15.
800: 1. Luke Schabel, 2:06.81.
1600: 1. Schabel, 4:48.70; 4. Bo Merrill, 4:59.41.
3200: 1. Merrill, 10:36.47; 4. Ian Robbins, 11:00.26; 5. Reed Murray, 11:08.88.
110 Hurdles: 1. Isaac Brooks, 16.93.
300 Hurdles: 2. Briley Perkins, 45.93; 6. Brooks, 46.45.
4x100 Relay: 1. Jeremiah Johnson, Cash Martin, Bayne Martin, Kutter Harrel, 45.16.
4x200 Relay: 1. Johnson, C. Martin, B. Martin, Rock West, 1:35.00.
4x400 Relay: 1. C. Martin, B. Martin, Harrel, Kane Kusich, 3:42.75.
High Jump: 4. Brooks, 5-04.
Pole Vault: 1. Lukas Green, 11-06; 4. Jace Schull, 10-06; 5. Landon Kusich, 10-06.
Long Jump: 1. C. Martin, 19-04.50.
Shot Put: 1. Omari Din-Mbuh, 37-10; 6. Decker Sanders, 34-08.50.

ALEDO FFA

Area youths scramble to wins at stock show

Two Aledo FFA members and one Weatherford FFA member caught calves at the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo, earning each a \$500 purchase certificate for a show heifer and the chance for up to \$16,000 in scholarship awards.

On Jan. 29, Aledo FFA member Ellie Walters caught her calf. Walters's parents are Tracey Easley and Brett Walters. Her award was sponsored by Kristen and Jonathan Deweese.

On Feb 2, Weatherford FFA member Maddox Redford caught a calf. Tedford's parents are Amber and Jason Tedford. His award was sponsored by Dillard Feed of Weatherford.

Aledo FFA member Ella Isabel caught a calf. Isbell's parents are April and Glenn Isbell. Her award was sponsored by Worthington Bank.

One of the Stock Show's most iconic and popular events, the calf scramble gives 20 students an opportunity to catch 10 calves during one of 22 performances of the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo held Jan. 12 through Feb. 3. Those not catching calves receive a pair of Justin Boots courtesy of the western footwear maker. Justin Boots and Texas Mutual Insurance Company are overall underwriters for the calf scramble Program.

Since the Fort Worth Calf Scramble began in 1987, more than 7,600 4-H and FFA members were able to catch a calf in the rodeo arena for a combined \$4.1 million in heifer purchase certificates. Each student will use the purchase certificate toward the cost of a heifer that he or she will raise and exhibit at next year's stock show. Exhibitors that submit monthly reports and a final essay may be eligible for scholarship awards that can range between \$500 and \$16,000. Thanks to the efforts of the calf scramble sponsors and committee members, 1,478 of those winners received a combined total of \$2.94 million in scholarships.



SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Ellie Walters won a \$500 purchase certificate toward a heifer for a 4-H or FFA project for exhibition at next year's Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo. The certificate, presented by Stock Show Calf Scramble Committee Chairman, Paxton Motheral, was sponsored by Kristen and Jonathan Deweese.



SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Ella Isabel won a \$500 purchase certificate toward a heifer for a 4-H or FFA project for exhibition at next year's Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo. The certificate, presented by Stock Show Calf Scramble Committee Chairman, Paxton Motheral, was sponsored by Worthington Bank.



SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Maddox Tedford won a \$500 purchase certificate toward a heifer for a 4-H or FFA project for exhibition at next year's Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo. The certificate, presented by Stock Show Calf Scramble Committee Chairman, Paxton Motheral, was sponsored by Dillard Feed of Weatherford.

SOFTBALL

Ladycats off to solid start

Mansfield Tournament this weekend

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The Aledo Ladycats softball team is off to a 5-2 start this season. Their most recent victory was 2-0 at home over Waco Midway. Taylor McKean pitched a one-hitter and struck out 13.

Feb. 13 Aledo 9, Waxahachie 2

Aledo leading hitters: Ana Flores 2 H, 2B, RBI; Kyleigh Pawlak 2 H, 2B, 2 RBI; Marina Tavares 2B, HP, RBI; Austyn Marriage 2B, BB; Brenlee Gonzales 2B, 2BB.
Aledo pitching: Gonzales 5 IP, 2 H 2 ER, 8 K, 3 BB; Taylor McKean 2 IP, 1 H, 3 K, 0 BB.

Forney Tournament - Feb. 15-17

Aledo 7, Keller 2

Aledo leading hitters: Delaney Rosser 3 H, 2 HR, 6 RBI; Addie Perry 2 H; Pawlak 2 H; Kennis Marx 3 H, 2B, RBI.
Aledo pitching: McKean 6 IP, 2 H, 2 ER, 12 K, 1 BB.

Aledo 8, Prosper 1

Aledo leading hitters: Perry 3 H, HR, RBI; Gonzales 2 H; Tavares 2 H, HR, 4 RBI.
Aledo pitching: Gonzales 5 IP, 2 H, 0 ER, 7 K, 2 BB.

Mansfield Lake Ridge 5, Aledo 0

Aledo leading hitter: Flores 1 H.
Aledo pitching: Rylee Marx 5.1 IP, 3 H, 0 ER, 1 K, 5 BB.

Aledo 6, Hallsville 0

Aledo leading hitters: Gonzales 3 H, 2B, HR, 2 RBI; Rosser 2B; Pawlak 2B, RBI.

Aledo pitching: Gonzales 6 IP, 4 H, 4K, 0 BB.

Melissa 11, Aledo 2

Aledo leading hitter: Marriage HR, 2 RBI.

Aledo pitching: McKean 3.2 IP, 6 H, 4 ER, 4 K, 5 BB; R. Marx 0.1 IP, 2 H, 3 ER, 1 K, 3 BB.

Feb. 20

Aledo 2, Waco Midway 0

Aledo leading hitters: Perry 2 H, BB, RBI; K. Marx 2 H, 2B; Flores 2B.

Aledo pitching: McKean 7 IP, 1 H, 13 K, 2 BB.

A great way to start the day!

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