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## POLITICS

### Olcott, Jones carry local races

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State Rep. Glenn Rogers lost a bid for his third term in the Texas House of Representatives to challenger Michael Olcott in the March 5 Republican primary.

The race for the District 60 seat, which includes Parker, Palo Pinto, and Stephens Counties, went in Olcott's favor 25,238 (63.43%) to 14,550 (36.57%).

In a statement Rogers did not refer to Olcott as his opponent, instead characterizing his opponents as the Republican power establishment in the state, two billionaire Christian Nationalist financiers of his opponent, and a vast amount of money spent by the school voucher lobby.

"The millions of dollars spent spreading lies about my record and the non-stop false impugning of my integrity were just too much to overcome," Rogers wrote. "The real losers in this race are 1) Texas Public Schools; 2) Rural Texas; and 3) Representative Government."

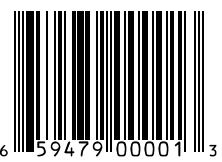
As of press time Olcott had not provided a statement to The Community News, nor had he responded to an SMS message due to his voicemail box being full.

Rogers provoked the ire of Texas Gov. Greg Abbott because of Rogers' opposition to Abbott's push for school vouchers. He was targeted by Ken Paxton because Rogers was one of the votes for Paxton's impeachment.

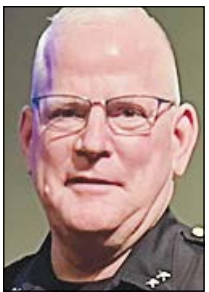
"History will prove Ken Paxton is a corrupt, sophisticated criminal. History will prove vouchers are simply an expensive entitlement program for the wealthy and a get-rich scheme for voucher vendors. History will prove Governor Greg Abbott is a liar," Rogers said. "History will prove that our current state government is the most corrupt ever and is 'bought' by a few radical dominionist billionaires seeking to destroy public education, privatize our public schools, and create a theocracy that is both un-American and un-Texan."

In the Pct. 4 Constable race, incumbent Scott Jones cruised to victory with almost 68% of the vote, defeating Jerry Stockon 5,547 to 2,628.

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Michael Olcott



Scott Jones

## Teamwork



CHRISTOPHER AMOS/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Journey Sistrunk, Asher Childress, Paul Halse, Noah Nottingham, Joel Stoker, and Charlie Crites discuss their Team Overload performance at a recent robotics meet. To read more turn to page 5.

### CORRECTION

In the March 1 story about Trace Mazon, he was referred to as "Amazon" in the second paragraph of the story. We regret the error.

## PARKER COUNTY

### 'I Thought I'd Lost My Little Boy'

#### Paramedics revive 19-month-old from cardiac arrest

By Rick Mauch  
The Community News

Juleah Sessom could not hold back the tears as she thanked the group of paramedics who saved her young son Dax. Were it not for them the tears would have been from sadness instead of joy.

"It was the scariest moment of my life. There were about 10 guys around him. He was just laying there," she recalled of the moment on Jan. 19 when 20-month-old Dax went into cardiac arrest after choking on a pecan.

"We just started praying and praying. We will always be grateful for God's grace, giving us a second chance at life, and to celebrate the heroes here tonight."

Juleah and her wife Dani were at the headquarters of the Parker County Health Services District on Thursday, Feb. 28, to recognize and show gratitude to the members of the PCHD Emergency Services Team who rescued Dax. They presented each with a special medal/coin as a thank you, and Dax gave each a fist bump as they one by one stopped to visit with him in a much more relaxed atmosphere than before.

"Everything you did that day, I can't thank you enough," Juleah said.

#### Typical day, until...

The day was like any other day in the lives of the Sessom family, which also includes Dax's twin siblings Royer and Amberli, both 6, and 17-year-old sister Baillie. The family lives in Willow Park, the twins attend McCall Elementary School in Aledo and Baillie attends Aledo High School and is a member of the wrestling team.

But things became frightening in a hurry, Dani explained. Juleah was at work and she was at home with the three youngest children when Dax came in from outside, coughing and having trouble breathing.

"He threw up twice and during one of those moments he must have inhaled and aspirated," she said. "He was completely blue."

Dax was choking on a piece of pecan.

Dani scooped him up and rushed him to the Parker County EMS station. The paramedics tended to him immediately, after

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## WORLD WAR II

### Veteran haunted by discovery

#### Concentration camp horrors

By Chris Amos  
The Community News

*Editor's note: This article contains depictions of deaths during a concentration camp in World War II.*

Bill Kongable shares his message at events across the United States, most recently at the Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum. He does so whenever he gets an opportunity, which over the years has been a release from what he has seen and experienced.

And he has seen images that have haunted him for the majority of his 95 years on this earth.

Kongable detailed his experiences again at a family

gathering in the Aledo home that has been in the family since 1950. Some of his relatives have not heard his WWII experiences, and for those who have, it is a dramatic refresher course.

The Veteran's life changed in May 1944 when he received his draft notice and reported to Camp Fannin, an Army infantry facility near Tyler. He was later assigned to the 89th Infantry division, 354th Anti-Tank Company.

#### Horrifying discovery

Kongable's weapon was a 57mm anti-tank gun with a long barrel, a big powder charge, and a uranium-weighted projectile designed to penetrate a tank and spew molten metal into its interior.

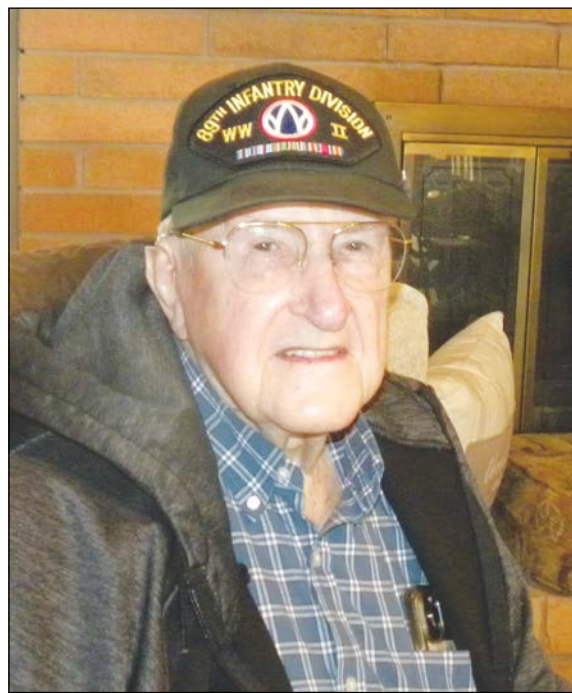
Entering combat in Luxembourg in March of 1945,

Kongable's division was among the troops chasing the faltering Nazi army. Two months later he was in Czechoslovakia assigned to the Fourth Armored Division.

"That shows how fast things were moving," Kongable recalled. "The armored units went blazing like hell through towns, knocking out major resistance, and then the infantry had to come along and if there was any further resistance, they had to take care of it."

In doing so, Kongable's division came upon Camp Ohrdruf, Germany, the first concentration camp liberated by Allied forces. The guards and staff had retreated and left a gruesome scene. Many malnourished and diseased prisoners were left alive at the camp while some

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LEFT: Bill Kongable during basic training, 1944. | RIGHT: Bill Kongable recalls scenes he encountered entering Camp Ohrdruf after the concentration camp was liberated. The World War II veteran shared his memories at a family gathering in the Aledo home that has been in the family since 1950.

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# In & Around Parker County

## Texas Butane turning 66 under family ownership

Although very young, Judy White remembers her father opening Texas Butane 66 years ago — or at least 66 years ago as of April 15.

Her dad had a Humble station at the corner of Bankhead and Fort Worth Highway at the time.

“We lived across the street,” Judy said, “and I would sell Girl Scout cookies at that station. And he made everybody buy them.”

She recalls one night when a truck came in about 10 p.m. with a flat tire. Judy asked the driver if he would buy some Girl Scout cookies and the driver gave her a gruff “no.”

Her dad told the driver it was late and he wasn't going to fix the tire. The truck driver was mad and he went out to his truck.

“When he left daddy said go out there and tell him if he buys two boxes of cookies. I'll change the tire.”

With that type of family support, Judy sold the most Girl Scout cookies in Parker County two years in a row.

Judy's father sold the gas station to get the propane business, and the kind of family support he showed his daughter has made Texas Butane the “go-to” place for fuel more than 65 years now.



In fact, Judy worked in the business in her early years, and now her children and grandchildren work there, making it a five-generation business. Not only that, Judy met her future husband, Morris, when he was working at Texas Butane.

“He says he married the boss's daughter, and all he's ever gotten is hard work,” Judy quipped.

Judy and Morris celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, March 5, and have spent their married life together in the business.

Despite the name, Judy and Morris said they sell more propane than anything these days.

The versatile fuel can operate commercial busses, power home heating, operate generators, and heat your home.

Texas Butane services Parker County and surrounding counties, and counts multi-generational customers along with their multi-generational business.

But the business is more than hooking up and filling propane tanks.

“Safety comes first,” Judy said. “Many a time we don't fill a tank if it's not safe for the people.”

Judy recalls one incident when her driver called making a delivery to a house with a woman and small

children. The driver said there was a leak and Judy instructed him not to fill the tank. Judy called a plumber and sent him to the home. The next morning, the lady called Judy and thanked her.

“You saved our lives,” the woman said. “We had a broken pipe under the house and we wouldn't be here if you had filled that tank.”

“You can go somewhere and get warm,” Judy said. “It was more important to keep them safe.”

Texas Butane is also committed to keeping supply on hand.

“We have 150,000 gallons of storage and we're about to put in more,” Judy said, “so we have the

supply on hand when people need it. In 66 years, we've never been without propane.”

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“We have the greatest employees, they care. They care just like we do,” Judy said. “I feel like it's a family - they turn into our family. We have two granddaughters that work here. Two sons that work here. And a son that does part time work.”

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# PARAMEDIC

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which he was taken by ambulance to Cook Children's Medical Center, where he stayed for three days.

"Her heroic efforts, and it was an act of God the guys were there and not out on call," Juleah said.

Today, Dax is back to bouncing around and enjoying life, no after-effects at all, Dani said, something of a miracle in itself, she said. He went several minutes without oxygen.

"It was due to their fast response that my baby's alive today," Dani said.



RICK MAUCH/COMMUNITY NEWS

## In the minority, thankfully

Skipper Bertrand, a doctor with the PCHD, said an average of 975 people every day suffer a cardiac arrest in the United States. According to the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Foundation around 90 percent of those are fatal.

Thanks to the paramedics on hand that day, Dax is in the 10 percent survival rate.

"It was a tremendous resuscitation and focus by these guys," Bertrand said. "They were jolted from relaxing to jumping into EMS."

Remember, unlike most calls where the paramedics come to the site, Dani took Dax to them.

"It's (cardiac arrest) one of the toughest situations we face, and these guys responded amazingly," Bertrand said. "They truly are heroes."

## Working to save many

Jim Backus, Director of Parker County EMS, pointed to a chart on

Twenty-month-old Dax Sessom with his parents, Dani (left) and Juleah. Dax was rescued by Parker County EMS team members in late January after having a cardiac arrest.

the wall designed to commemorate those who have been rescued from a cardiac arrest. The chart is in the form of a plane, complete with a seating outline. Survivors sign their name on a seat.

Being less than 2 years old, Dax could not, of course, do this alone. With the help of his moms, however, he put his name on there for all to see.

"We always look at that and say, 'That's why we do what we do,'" Backus said.

The reason for the plane design came from an idea out of the mind of Tom Bouthillet, former EMS Director in Hilton Head, South Carolina. He patterned it after Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger and the time he landed his plane on the Hudson River in New York in 2009 after a flock of geese flew into an

engine. His heroics saved the lives of all the passengers and crew onboard.

"Our goal is to fill that plane (on the wall) with survivors," Bertrand said. "If we can fill a plane with cardiac arrest survivors, maybe we can get more attention and save more people."

## Life goes on

Like any toddler, Dax did not want to be still for much of the ceremony. No one bothered much to stop him, though. They were all happy to see him being feisty and having fun.

The alternative and his absence, it's not something anyone chooses to focus on, other than as a reminder that he is still around to love and hold.

"It's a very big reminder of just how precious life is," Dani said. "I thought I'd lost my little boy."

They were naked, skin and bone bodies dusted with lime. They stacked them up like cordwood against the walls of the shed," he said.

## Aftermath

General Dwight D. Eisenhower ordered Camp Ohrdruf to be photographed and documented by the media, and General George S. Patton and Eisenhower also toured the camp.

Eisenhower wanted the atrocities to be witnessed by captured Nazi leaders. He ordered former prison guards and Nazi commanders to tour the facility, stand at the pile of burnt bodies, and walk through the shed of the dead. Emaciated surviving prisoners wearing rags or prison uniforms stood face-to-face with their former captors as a list of the war crimes was read.

Citizens of the town of Ohrdruf were trucked in infantry vehicles to the camp and made to walk among the bodies to see first-hand what they had been denying.

Several graphic vintage films of the aftermath of the Camp

Ohrdruf can be viewed on YouTube, including footage of Nazi leaders reluctantly being forced to enter the shed full of bodies.

The Allies were shocked at what was found at this first concentration camp, and Ohrdruf was only one of an estimated 40,000 concentration camps and ghettos in Europe where similar scenes of mass executions would later be found.

"The fact that these things happened in two countries that were dominated by a single autocratic dictator whose every word was law and there was no opposition allowed is what allowed all these terrible things to happen in both countries," Kongable concluded. "I tell my audiences there are people in this country who want to throw out the constitution, destroy democracy, and create a single-party dictatorship.

"Then I ask the question, 'Could the holocaust happen here?' I tell the people they can be sure that doesn't happen if they use their influence at all levels of the political process, and most of all with their vote."

# Obituaries

## Linda Broesche

Linda Gail Perryman Broesche passed away on February 28, 2024, surrounded by her loving husband and children, after several months of battling cancer.

The fourth of eight children born to Doris and Gerald Perryman, Linda was born October 16, 1951, in Freeport, Texas.

After graduation from Brazosport High School in 1970, she attended Stephen F. Austin State University, where she completed a degree in Home Economics, along with a teaching certificate.

In July of 1974 she wed Allen Broesche and together they raised four children. During their 49 years of marriage, they lived in Virginia, Missouri, Illinois, Mississippi, and Texas.

Linda was an active member of Holy Redeemer Catholic Parish since its inception in 2000, serving as a choir member and part of the baptismal bib ministry. Linda loved sewing, and spent much of her free time making dresses for her three daughters and granddaughters, as well as smocking and quilting. She was a wonderful cook, and spent much time in

the kitchen preparing food for her beloved family, especially for many holidays spent together. She enjoyed yearly vacations with her children and grandchildren and cherished those times immensely. Linda also volunteered at the AdvoCats Clothes Closet for many years.

Linda is survived by her husband, Allen; children, Amy Leonard (Derek), Jennifer Nail (Chris), Pamela Singleton (Jeremy), and Matthew Broesche; along with her siblings, Gerald F. Perryman Jr. (Debbie), Kathleen Roberts (Don), Thomas Perryman (Sandra), Larry Perryman (Lynda), Robert Perryman (Karen), Denise Babb (Buz), and Patrick Perryman (Meg); her grandchildren, Ashleigh Leonard, Michelle Leonard, Taryn Leonard, Caroline Leonard, Meredith Nail, Dylan Nail, Coen Nail, Abigail Singleton, Caleb Singleton, and Tanner Singleton; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A funeral Mass in honor of Linda will begin 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 12, at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Aledo, followed by inurnment at DFW National Cemetery at 3:15 p.m.

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Linda Broesche

# ELECTION

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"I'm honored to continue being the constable," Jones said. "I'll continue to do a good job and provide an efficient service for the taxpayers. I appreciate the support from people I don't even know, both with their votes and financially."

"I just got my butt kicked," Stockon said after the election. Two different groups sent out candidate lists before the election, and Stockon was not picked on either list.

"Everybody went in with one of those handouts. I never made the list," Stockon said.

Incumbent State Board of Education member Pat Hardy was defeated by newcomer Brandon Hall in the Republican primary. Hall will face Democrat Rayna Glasser in November.

## Other races

In the Republican race for U.S. Representative Dist. 12 for the position opened by the retirement of Kay Granger, Clint Dorris and

Craig Goldman will be in a runoff. Dorris garnered 35.7% of the vote and Goldman received 31.9%. The winner of the runoff will face Democrat Trey J. Hunt, who outpolled Sebastian Gehrig in that party's primary.

In the U.S. Representative Dist. 25 race, Roger Williams ran away with the Republican nomination with 88.5% of the vote against two challengers. He is the presumptive winner of the seat since no Democrat filed.

Another runoff is in store for Republicans vying for State Senator in District 30. Jace Yarbrough garnered 44.48% of the vote and Brent Hagenbuch captured 29.36% in a four-person race. Democrats will also have a runoff for the position. In a three-person race, Michael Braxton 40.55% of the vote, and Dale Frey edged out Matthew McGhee for the second spot in the runoff with 31.26%.

In the race for State Senator Dist. 10, Phil King won the Republican nomination unopposed, and he will face Democrat Andy Morris in November. Morris was also unopposed on the Democratic ballot.



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were killed just before the guards fled.

## Describing the scene

"What they left behind was pretty grizzly evidence of the kind of cruelty that the German Nazis practiced on subjects," Kongable said as he lowered his voice and described what he saw. "At the gate of the camp there were 25 fully clad prisoners who had been executed with a bullet to the head. We assume these were people who couldn't, or wouldn't, go with the guards when they abandoned the camp."

In the center of the yard was an area where bodies had been incinerated in a bonfire. Although the fire was extinguished, parts of bodies, skulls and bones were visible in the ashes. Outside the camp was a long, open pit with what Kongable estimates were 3,000 naked skeletal bodies piled on top of each other.

"Inside the camp there was a shed where they'd been storing bodies.

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## Capital Highlights

# Largest wildfire in state history still raging



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A wildfire in the Texas Panhandle has consumed more than 1 million acres and as of Sunday was just 15% contained, according to the Texas A&M Forest Service. It is the largest wildfire in Texas history.

The Smokehouse Creek Fire is by far the most extensive of several blazes, which also include the Grape Vine Creek Fire in Gray County, covering 30,000 acres and 60% contained, and the Windy Deuce Fire in Moore County, which covers 142,000 acres and was 60% contained.

Two deaths have been reported thus far, with hundreds of homes and other structures destroyed and thousands of cattle likely killed, according to Sid Miller, the state's agriculture commissioner. Gov. Greg Abbott issued a disaster declaration for 60 counties, and firefighting crews from across the state have arrived to assist.

The causes of the fires have not been determined, though the Panhandle has been experiencing exceptionally dry and windy weather. The forest service is advising residents and motorists

traveling through the Panhandle to be cautious and not aggravate fire conditions.

"A lot of our fires start from the roadside," Meghan Mahurin, public information officer, said. "Dragging chains, throwing cigarettes, and pulling trucks off into a bar ditch where a hot exhaust can hit tall grass can cause one."

At least one lawsuit has already been filed, blaming downed power lines owned by Xcel Energy for starting a blaze, the *Texas Tribune* reported.

### DPS director testifies before Uvalde grand jury

A Uvalde grand jury considering bringing possible charges against law enforcement officers for the flawed response to the Robb Elementary school shooting heard testimony behind closed doors last week from Texas Department of Public Safety Director Col. Steve McCraw.

The *Austin American-Statesman* reported McCraw flew from Austin on a state plane and was driven to the Uvalde County Fairplex, where the grand jury is meeting. He made no public comments.

The *Statesman* has previously reported that multiple law enforcement officers have been ordered to appear before the grand jury, including from DPS. The responding officers have come under harsh criticism for not confronting the shooter more quickly. He murdered 19 students and two teachers before being killed.

McGraw's agency thus far has refused to release investigative information in the case, despite rulings to do so from a judge in lawsuit brought by the *Statesman* and multiple media outlets. The agency said it is doing so at the request of the Uvalde County District Attorney to protect the grand jury proceedings.

### Supreme Court considers states' social media laws

Laws passed in Texas and Florida to regulate the authority of social media companies over content moderation have been

challenged and are now before the U.S. Supreme Court, the *Statesman* reported.

Trade groups representing Facebook, YouTube, X and Instagram have been joined by the U.S. Justice Department in suing the two states, arguing the laws infringe on the companies' First Amendment right to free speech.

House Bill 20 in Texas passed in 2021. It required social media companies to publicly disclose their content moderation processes and provide recourse for Texans whose posts or accounts are removed or suspended.

The bill's sponsor, state Sen. Bryan Hughes, R-Mineola, held a news conference after the high court hearing laws week.

"They control the new town square," he said of the social media companies. "Everybody understands that that's where people go to hash it out, to exercise their First Amendment rights, to have a discussion."

### Judge pauses survey of Texas bitcoin miners

A federal judge has temporarily halted an effort by the Department of Energy to collect electricity consumption data from cryptocurrency miners, the *Houston Chronicle* reported. Texas bitcoin miners claimed the mandatory survey was a "politically motivated attack on the industry."

The suit was filed by the Texas Blockchain Council and Riot Platforms in Rockdale, the most power-intensive bitcoin mine in the United States. They claimed the DOE sent out the mandatory survey without a public notice and comment period.

Cryptocurrency miners use huge arrays of computers to process data that unlocks cryptocurrency. They consume huge amounts of energy. One estimate claims a single bitcoin transaction uses as much power as the average U.S. household consumes in 37 days.

### Postpartum coverage extended for Medicaid, CHIP recipients.

The state is extending postpartum health coverage from two

to 12 months for eligible Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) recipients, Gov. Greg Abbott announced.

"By extending postpartum Medicaid and CHIP coverage, we will help ensure new mothers and the most vulnerable young Texans receive critical healthcare resources they need to care for their families and thrive," Abbott said.

The change was effective March 1.

### Mitigating impacts of invasive species in Texas

The Texas A&M Forest Service is trying to raise awareness of the damaging effects of invasive species, from displacement of native trees to potentially wiping out entire species.

"Invasive species produce a measurable impact," said Demian Gomez, with the service. "If left unchecked, invasives can threaten native species, biodiversity, ecosystem services, water resources, agricultural and forest production, economies and property values."

Among the invasive species affecting Texas are the emerald ash borer, oak wilt, the Brazilian peppertree and the red bay ambrosia beetle.

"Early detection, rapid assessment and rapid response (EDRR) provides the greatest opportunity for eradication and cost-effective management of invasive species. The EDRR program, a network of traps targeting exotic bark and ambrosia beetles, increases the likelihood that invasive species will be found, contained and eradicated before they become widely established," the news release said.

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## Idle American

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We are among the dwindling few who still answer the doorbell when it chimes between sunup and sunset. (If we don't hear it, we can rely 100% on our new rescue dog, Archie, to "bark" an alert.)

Oh, it's not quite that simple. First, we use the peephole to see who is seeking entry. If the person is exceedingly short, the visitor may be a Girl Scout. I figure I can hold my own with her, knowing her mom is likely nearby, fading into the background after pressing the bell button.

When it rang recently, I was reading details of AT&T's "make it right" email, noticing an option in the small print to "accept all cookies."

Wouldn't you know it? A charming eight-year-old, smartly outfitted in her Girl Scout uniform, was there to lighten her load of Girl Scout cookies. Sure

enough, there was her mother nearby, smiling broadly. Usually, I buy a couple of boxes of Thin-Mints, feeling less guilty when chomping down on a snack with "thin" in its name. However, the AT&T ad kicked in, and I thought of the "accept all cookies" option.

"Why don't I just take one of each flavor?" I suggested. "Great," she replied, "I'll need to get'em from the car." I didn't realize there are a dozen flavors. At \$4 per box, that pretty much uses up a 50-dollar bill.

If you're curious, current flavors in our neck of the woods include Samoas, Thin-Mints, Lemonades, Toffee-Tastic, Caramel Chocolate Chip, Peanut Butter Patties, Dosidos, Adventurefuls, S'mores, Lemon-Ups, Toast-Yay! and Trefoils. (Perhaps the AT&T "make it right" email softens my "budget blow.")

The AT&T apology, if you haven't heard, was offered to customers who may have been inconvenienced by a service breach that spanned but a few hours. Viewed positively, the gesture goes well beyond what might be expected.

When's the last time you recall any reduction in billing by other utilities?

It's not even an "apples and oranges" comparison, but a century or so ago, most utilities--as well as companies of all sizes--gave little thought to token gifts, apologetic or not.

I can't shake the idea that Cross Plains, Texas, bank directors got into a minor scuffle more than a century ago when they argued over whether to provide paper cups for customers who "dipper-dipped" water from the bank lobby bucket. "A dipper and bucket are good enough at home, and they're good enough at the bank," one of the directors is said to have argued, but was later outvoted.

On the subject of "free stuff," that's what Energy Worldnet, Inc. (EWN) is offering to one lucky winner on the Internet. The lone prize is a "mystery box of swag." The contest has minimal requirements, merely asking participants to "follow us"... "like this post"... and "tag a friend."

Hundreds have entered, and entries continue to pour in. (I'm not sure what "swag" is, but the dictionary definition seems clear: "a noun identifying a curtain or piece of fabric fastened so as to hang in a drooping curve.")

For readers who don't know about Energy Worldnet, its website provides detailed information. "The company offers platforms for managing workplaces and accessing information--particularly for employee training, certifications, evaluation data, supply chain management, regulatory compliance, consulting and enterprise management--on a global scale."

That's a mouthful, or perhaps better described, a "paragraphful." And, you, too, can enter. You may be running short on swag, or conversely, may have so much of the stuff that you need a box to put it in. After all, those old cigar boxes we used to store miscellaneous items in are hard to come by.

Whatever, I intend to enter the contest, as well as provide this free column publicity for a firm that seems to be spanning the globe.

Should I win, I'll brag about it--explaining, in detail--exactly what I have won. I can always use additional stuff to hang from drooping curves.

*Dr. Newbury, longtime university president, public speaker and author, has written a weekly column since 2003.*

SPRING FLING

## Inaugural event raises money for AHS sophomore class

By Melissa Winn  
The Community News

With prom season kicking off in schools around North Texas, Aledo High School became a hub for a fashion show filled with dresses, tuxes, flowers, makeup, tanning and more at the inaugural Aledo Spring Fling.

The event, held on Saturday, March 2, also housed vendors selling everything from dessert-themed candles to vibrating pillows that activate on touch to freeze-dried foods.

Mary McLellan, AP Statistics teacher and 2026 class sponsor, said she thought about having the fundraiser after realizing how costly high school celebrations like prom can be.

"It's such an expensive year and this is a way to make deposits on venues or anything that's needed for prom," she said. "I really just wanted to have something that focused on the students."

Though the future of the annual event will benefit the junior class, her current sophomores will benefit from the \$6,000 raised by vendor fees, ticket sales and concessions.

Spanning several areas at the school, more than 130 vendors were set up to sell their unique items to anyone in attendance. The front section featured items tailored toward prom services like makeup, flowers, jewelry and tanning services, to name a few.

The back gym featured tux services and dresses that could be bought or rented.

A fashion show highlighting the available services in action that included lightly used and consignment dresses and rental tuxedos was something McLellan said she wanted to do to make sure students giving up their Saturday could participate in and enjoy.

Daniella Tregelas, an Aledo senior, spent time getting made up by Madison King, owner of Madam Bradley Makeup



MELISSA WINN/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

**TOP:** Aledo resident Aledo Dana Wilson stops by one of the vendor tables that featured skin care, oral care and wellness products being sold by Ana Dowling, left, at the Aledo Spring Fling March 2. | **BOTTOM:** Aledo High School students Jack Sawyer, left, and Daniella Tregelas, show off their fashion show looks at the Spring Fling fashion show.

Artistry, before donning a white spaghetti-strap dress for the fashion show.

"I love getting to share what I do and make everyone more beautiful," King said.

At the fashion show, couples were introduced and a description of what they were wearing as they walked the classroom was given.

It was reiterated that all jewelry, dresses, tuxes and services could be found at the fair.

Aledo resident Dana Wilson, whose daughter attends Aledo High School and was also in the fashion show, stopped by one of the vendor tables that featured skin care, oral care and wellness products.

She delighted in sampling some of the featured products.

"I could use this," Wilson mused as she held one of the products.

For an inaugural event, McLellan said she was happy with the number of vendors who expressed interest and showed up but a little disappointed in the community turnout of only about 350 people despite doing her best to get the word out to the community.

"The amazing, hand-picked, quality vendors put a



lot of work into setting up but did not receive support in return," she said. "I will put this on again next year and make adjustments to attempt to get more people to attend."

ROBOTICS

## Coding and teamwork pay off for Aledo



CHRISTOPHER AMOS/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Jackson Hamner, Finley Van Dyk and Kendal Kordis answer questions from judges at the Aledo Maximum Resistance booth. Judges grill each team with technical questions before they take the floor in competition.

By Christopher Amos  
The Community News

Like most sports, robotics competition uses familiar terms, such as teamwork, coaches, referees and penalties. However, in robotics there are also drivers, coders and mechanics.

The competition combines science, engineering, and electronics to create robots to compete in regulated, disciplined competition.

And at Aledo High School they have one of the best in the state. Team Circuit Breakers will be in the University Interscholastic League state competition in Belton in the 5A Division on March 21.

The team qualified from local competition held at the Don Daniel Ninth Grade Center on Feb. 10. Team Circuit Breakers earned a second place Design award and a third place in Motivate award.

These aren't R2-D2 beep-talking machines, nor are they flame-throwing, destruction gadgets from the television competition BattleBots. They are delicate, erector set-looking multi-functional machines 24 inches or less.

Students in close-knit teams conceive, design and build their units to perform maneuvers both remotely and pre-programmed under the watchful eyes of striped shirt officials.

Students from schools throughout North Texas competed on Feb. 10 in Aledo. Three of the 29 teams



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Noah Byers of Aledo Circuit Breakers discusses strategy with teammates before going into the arena.

were from Aledo at Don Daniel Ninth Grade Center gyms. Aledo had three of the 29 teams competing for area playoffs.

"The playing field includes a stage door, a backstage area, trusses for robots to hang on, and hexagonal-shaped pixels which can be arranged into patterns by color," robotics coach Julia Reynolds explained.

Other Aledo teams are Overload and Maximum Resistance.

Videos of Aledo ISD robotics teams in action can be found on YouTube..

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**MARCH 14**

**Alzheimer's Support Group**  
Carol Skaggs will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Aledo Alzheimer's Support Group. The meeting will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Mar. 14, at Aledo United Methodist Church, 100 Pecan Drive. Skaggs is from Comfort Keepers, and will share information about their services and how they are different from other home health agencies.



**MARCH 16**

**Spring Fling at Chandor Gardens**  
We're ready to fling into spring at Chandor Gardens! Join us for a bloomin' good time at Spring Fling from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday, Mar. 16, at Chandor Gardens in Weatherford. Talented artists will take center stage, showcasing, demonstrating, and selling their one-of-a-kind arts and crafts. The vibes will be as lively as the colors of the flowers, with live music and delicious food. Bring your friends and family for a beautiful day at Chandor Gardens! **ADMISSION:** Adults: \$5 Kids 12 and under: Free

**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](http://RedCrossBlood.org). Enter Weatherford and choose Weatherford Public Library to make an appointment.



**MARCH 23**

**RUN, WALK, OR CRAWL GLOW RUN**  
Aledo Children's AdvoCats will host their 18th Annual Run, Walk, or Crawl Glow Run at 7:15 p.m. on Saturday, Mar. 23, at Buchanan (Bearcat) Stadium in Aledo, TX. Proceeds help to meet unmet needs of children and families in Aledo ISD communities. This family-friendly fun run offers racegoers the choice of a 1K or 5K race. Both races begin and end, and avoid public streets. Light up gear will be provided on the night of the race to allow runners to cross the finish line glow-

ing, not sweating. The fun evening will also feature food trucks and a DJ! 7:15 p.m. Gates Open 7:45 p.m. Opening Ceremony 8:00 p.m. 1K Glow Run 8:30 p.m. 5K Glow Run For more race information or to register, please visit [www.aledoadvocats.com](http://www.aledoadvocats.com). Additional updates will be shared on the Aledo Children's AdvoCats Facebook and Instagram pages leading up to the event.

**MARCH 26**

**Cross Timbers Chapter of the Native Plant Society Meeting**  
The Cross Timbers Chapter of the Native Plant Society meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Mar. 26, at the Mount Pleasant School, 213 Raymond George Way in Weatherford. The meeting is followed by the program at 6:30. The public is always welcome and light refreshments will be available. For a status update on the groundwater in North Texas, geoscientist Jill Garcia of the Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District will speak at the March 26 meeting. The groundwater district covers Parker, Wise, Hood and Montague counties. The goal of the Native Plant Society of Texas is to protect our environment through conservation, research and use of native plants. For more information visit [www.npsot.org](http://www.npsot.org).

**MARCH 28**

**Vandagriff Spring Carnival**  
Mark your calendar! The 2nd Annual Vandagriff

**ACROSS**

- get away!
- lightweight helmet
- TX George H.W. Bush alma mater
- TX Jim Reeves hit: "I Losing You"
- TX Roy Orbison sang Traveling Wilburys tune: "Not Alone \_\_\_ More"
- long, heavy curtains
- Houston Museum of Fine \_\_\_
- "Red River Shootout" award (2 wds.)
- AL West city with Houston & Arlington deeply love
- TXism: "happy as a kid sitting \_\_\_ Claus' lap"
- female sheep
- valuable things
- "painful \_\_\_ in a tight shoe"
- this Floridian Kathy beat TX Zina Garrison in 1984
- first word in "Cowtown" (abbr.)
- TXism: "he's \_\_\_ his own mind" (ego)
- TXism: "\_\_\_ thru the wringer & hung out to dry" (tired)
- I.M. \_\_\_ designed Dallas City Hall
- area beyond suburbia
- TX A.C. Greene or TX Larry L. King
- bolo, e.g. (2 wds.)
- suddenly bright stars
- action needed for "4th and long" in football
- fed. ID no.
- what TX George Foreman did to practice
- TX Stuart Hamblen song: "This \_\_\_ House"
- Hispanic heritage book: "\_\_\_ Texas"
- Rio Grande early name: "Rio \_\_\_ Palmas"
- NBA rim hanger
- golf accessory
- speed measure in inches (abbr.)
- money maker for the Azle News, e.g.
- TXism: "two \_\_\_" (alike)
- TX Gene Tierney 1950 film: "Where the Sidewalk \_\_\_"
- Mule\_\_\_, TX
- TXism: "got as much chance as \_\_\_ a packing plant"
- \_\_\_ Rose, TX
- annual event in Sunset Valley, TX
- COVID advice: "\_\_\_, Treat it. Beat it."
- a carbon copy
- \_\_\_ "Bum" Phillips
- "\_\_\_ is more"
- "tween N and NNE on a compass rose boot camp sgt.
- TXism: "\_\_\_ overcoat" (coffin)
- archaic term for Christmas
- \_\_\_ piece is an opinion column
- TX Jack who created the MPAA film rating system
- actor Warren in Texas-based film "Tough Enough"
- jeans inventor (init.)

**DOWN**

- "Deaf" Smith during the Texas Revolution, e.g.
- TX George H.W., a dir. of this agcy.
- in Cass County on highway 77
- Valley Tex-Mex group: "? and \_\_\_"
- "Hill Country State Natural \_\_\_"
- TXism: "\_\_\_ in the woods?" (yes)
- longtime mayor of Dallas \_\_\_ Thornton

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**MARCH 30**

**Broadway & Breadsticks**  
Parker County Theatre Company  
Join Parker County Theatre Company for an evening

of food and fun from 6-8 p.m. on Saturday, Mar. 30, at Aledo United Methodist Church in the Fellowship Hall. Hear from some amazing singers, as they bring Broadway to Parker County. Ticket includes a three-course dinner. PLUS as an added bonus, we will be revealing our 2024 Season during the evening's event.

**APRIL 13**

**Parker County Master Gardener Association's Annual plant sale** from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Saturday, Apr. 13, at First Monday Trade Days Grounds

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## BOYS BASKETBALL

# Four Bearcats named all-district

By Ryan Wade  
The Community News

The Bearcats had one of the most successful hoops seasons in program history this season. Under the tutelage of head coach, JD Robinson, Aledo experienced a 20-win season for the second time since Robinson was named head coach, and just the third time in the past 25 years.

Capping off such a memorable season, the Bearcats (20-13) brought home a bi-district championship trophy for just the second time in Aledo basketball history.

Success hasn't come easy for Aledo basketball. It's no wonder, then, that four Bearcats were named to the 2023-24 All-District 5-5A Team by the coaches in the league.

In their final year playing at the high school level, three senior Bearcats earned all-district honors. Jack Sawyer was named the



Offensive Player of the Year by the coaching staffs around the district who were able to see first-hand how fierce a competitor he was throughout the season.

Also representing Aledo, junior guard Joaquin Pacheco was named the District 5-5A Newcomer of the Year as he made quite an impression on coaches and players around the district in his first varsity season for his high motor and competitive tenacity.

Senior guard Jackson Todd earned a spot on the all-district first team. Fellow senior guard Owen Peterson was named second-team all-district for the Bearcats.

## POWERLIFTING

# Ladycats qualify record five for state

## Regional meet

Staff Reports  
The Community News

A program-record five members of the Aledo Ladycats powerlifting team have advanced to the Texas High School Women's Powerlifting Association Class 5A State Meet at the Comerica Center March 15-16 in Frisco. They qualified following competing in regionals in Sherman this past weekend, in which the program also set a record with 18 competitors.

Aledo qualifiers are Hannah Clark, first in the 132 weight class; Ari Mathias, first in 148 division; Madison Widmayer, second in 132 division; Bryanna Orr, second in 123 division; and Adrianna Lambert, second in 220 division.

Lambert also qualified in 2023, but she scratched from the competition.

Clark and Mathias each lifted a total of 785 pounds. Widmayer hoisted 715, Orr lifted 685 and Lambert's 830 was the most of any Aledo lifter at the meet.

Charlee Soward and Morgan Sehnem narrowly missed joining them at state. Soward was third in the 123 division with 645 lifted and Sehnem placed fourth in the 114 division with 605 lifted.

As a team, the Ladycats finished third.

"It was a great team meet. The girls came out and started things off the way we needed to on squat and we carried that momentum into bench press. A few of them really had to push themselves and compete as it came down to the end of dead lift," Ladycats coach Josh Morgan said. "They stepped up, performed and we got the most girls we have ever qualified for the state meet."

Also competing for Aledo were:

- 97 pounds, Lilly Carruthers, fifth place, 430 pounds.
- 105, Kylie Dernovich 10th place, 345.
- 114, Zoe LaPram ninth place, 510.
- 132, Stella Kendall, seventh place, 605.
- 148, Breleigh Mayer, seventh place, 645.
- 198, Ally Gilbert, ninth place, 635.

Bearcat lifters competing at regionals

Three Bearcats are competing this weekend at the regional meet at Abilene Wylie High School. Representing Aledo in their respective weight classes are Cory Tilly, 181; Alex Arana, 220; and Raymond Howard, 275.

Qualifiers will move on to the state meet, also in Abilene at the Taylor County Expo Center, March 22-23.



MERCEDES MAYER/ALEDO ISD

The powerlifting team with their third place plaque.



MERCEDES MAYER/ALEDO ISD

Aledo coach Josh Morgan with state qualifiers (from left), Ari Mathias, Bryanna Orr, Adrianna Lambert, Madison Midmayer, Hannah Clark

## BASEBALL

# Bearcats end tournament with mixed results

By Ryan Wade  
The Community News

Aledo's Bearcat baseball team entered the month of March competing in the DFW Clash Tournament hosted by Flower Mound, Eaton, Denton Guyer, and Little Elm High Schools. The Bearcats (7-4-1 overall) ended the weekend with a 3-2-1 record, earning wins over Lubbock Cooper, Haslet Eaton and Frisco Wakeland.

With spring break set to begin on Friday, and the district portion of the schedule looming when spring break concludes, getting as many innings under their belt as possible is the name of the game this early in the season. Playing six games in the span of three days, there was no shortage of innings to go around for the Bearcats.

Aledo got the tournament underway on Thursday, Feb. 29,

with a pair of wins over Lubbock Cooper and V.R. Eaton.

Luke Sandefur tossed a five-inning gem for Aledo before being replaced on the mound by Noah Graham. The Bearcats surrendered a pair of unearned runs late, forcing the game into extra innings. Designated hitter Garrett Rester belted a game-winning, two-run home run in the top of the eighth. Graham shut the door behind him

to earn the win on the bump for the Bearcats.

## Beat in Eaton

In the nightcap on Thursday, Aledo earned the win in a low-scoring affair. V.R. Eaton took an early 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning. The Bearcats took the lead in the top of the second inning as the lineup turned over. Rhett Spiers

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SUBVARSITY TRACK

# Ladycats JV third, Bearcats fourth at Northwest

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The Community News

**Northwest Texan Invitational At Haslet, March 1**

**Aledo results**

**JV girls**

Team score: 110, third place.  
Top individual finishes  
400: 1. Eden Anderson, 1:03.43.  
800: 2. Kjersten Loy, 2:39.52; 4. Sadie Williams, 2:40.51.  
1600: 1. Carley Couch, 5:43.60; 4. Eliza Busick, 6:12.67; 5. Williams, 6:16.13.  
3200: 2. Couch, 12:28.64; 4. Loy, 13:02.40; 6. Sophia Frank, 13:46.98.  
100 hurdles: 3. McKenzie Spain, 18.05.  
4x100 relay: 4. Morgan Estevez, Allie Graham, Anderson, Scarlet Wermuth, 53.49.  
4x200 relay: 4. Wermuth, Hailey Wilson, Jillian Moore, Emaree Gibson, 1:57.76.  
4x400 relay: 3. Moore, Emma Davis, Anderson, Mariyah Freeman, 4:29.86.  
Discus: 6. Nealee Parsons, 73-2.

**JV boys**

Team score: 83.75, fourth place.  
Top individual finishes  
800: 1. Dominick Barrera, 2:07.24.  
1600: 4. Reed Murray, 5:01.37.  
3200: 1. Tyler Connelly, 10:33.51; 5. Ian Robbins, 11:14.32.  
300 hurdles: 4. Gavin Richardson, 45.40.  
4x200 relay: 6. Ben McElree, Bain Martin, Cooper Hull, Lamel Swanson, 1:35.90.  
4x400 relay: 4. Cameron Hall, Rock West, Barrera, Landon Kusich, 3:46.05.  
High jump: 2. Holt Fraiser, 5-8; 4. Hull, 5-4.  
Pole vault: 2. Evan Murdock, 11-6 (tie-breaker); 3. Lukas Green, 11-6.  
Long jump: 3. Jaylen Powell-Willis, 19-8.25.  
Discus: 3. Grant Foreman, 110-6.  
Shot put: 2. Omari Din-Mbuh, 41-0.

CLAY SHOOTING

# Aledo High shooters sweep BDGA Invitational

**Gallaher leads with top performance**

**By Christopher Amos**  
The Community News

Aledo students swept the top three slots in a multi-school BDGA (Business Development Group of Aledo) Clay Shoot tournament. The event was held at Devenders Clay Sport Ranch in Fort Worth Saturday, March 2.

Dean Gallaher hit 47 of 50 clays to win the tournament. Jackson Perdue (44 of 50) took second, Darren Loftin (38 of 50) took third and Grason Basshan (36 of 50) was honorable mention.



Schools participated in the morning and adults competed in the

afternoon. The adults shot a different, more difficult course.

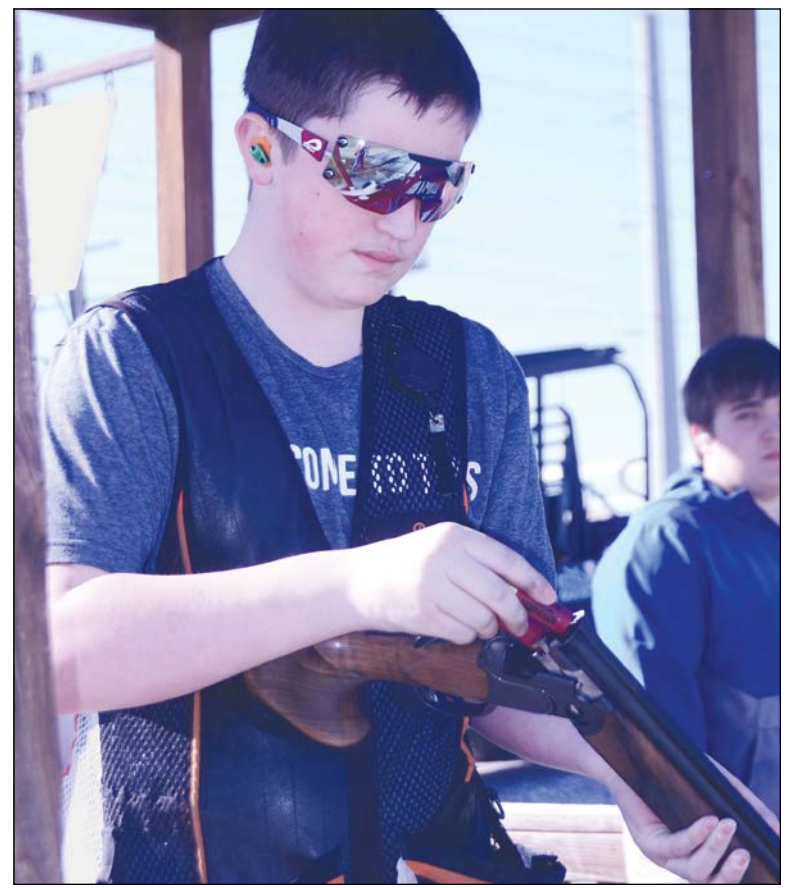
Gallaher joined the adult event and shot 97 of 100 clays to take second place.

Gallaher credits his father, Michael Gallaher, for his interest in clay shooting and early nurturing in the sport.

"I started clay shooting when I was in seventh grade," the student recalled. "My dad started taking me hunting when I was 4."

This is the 15th year the BDGA hosted a clay shoot benefiting Parker County youth organizations. Proceeds from the clay shoots and other fundraisers benefit organizations such as Camp Fire, Young Life, Future Business Leaders of America and Aledo FFA.

For more information about BDGA, visit myaledo.com.



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Dean Gallaher shot 47 of 50 clays to win the Business Development of Aledo Tournament and later in the day shot 97 of 100 to take second place in adult competition

GOLF

# Ladycats second, Bearcats fourth in tourneys

**By Rick Mauch**  
The Community News

The Aledo Ladycats made a second day charge to finish second at the Granbury Lady Pirates Invitational played at Harbor Lakes Golf Club in Granbury on Friday and Saturday, March 1-2.

After an opening round of 349, the Ladycats improved by a dozen strokes on Day 2 to finish at 337 for a two-day total of 686, behind only Mansfield.

Karlee Shaw led the Ladycats, shooting a 164 (83-81), with Emily Crick next at 171 (90-81). Also for Aledo, Reagan Gilliland shot 175 (88-87), Kyla Morales posted a 176 (88-88) and Kennedi Parker shot 186 (99-87), which included the

best single day improvement from Day 1 to Day 2.

The four lowest scores in each round comprise the team score.

"I am proud of the girls for bouncing back on Day 2 after a bad Day 1. Karlee Shaw, a sophomore, played well, and I am glad that she is getting results from the work she is putting in practice," Ladycats coach Brian Mourning said. "With the region that we're in this year, the girls are going to have play great on both days to be able to stay up with those teams that are out there."

"We've shown we can play well, we just need to play well from the get-go and not fall too far behind after Day 1. We have some time

to work on being more consistent with playing well on both days."

The Ladycats' next tournament is the District 5-5A Preview on March 27 at Sugar Tree Golf Club, with the district tournament on the same course April 4-5.

**Bearcats fourth in Glen Rose**

The Bearcats competed in the Dinosaur Classic at Squaw Valley Golf Course in Glen Rose March 1-2. They finished fourth with a two-day total of 593.

The Bearcats opened with a 299 and followed with a 294.

Jett Moore paced the Bearcats with a two-day total of 144 (71-73), followed by Gavin Beard with a

148 (75-73). Braden Stokes came in at 150 (75-75), Helton Mossiello shot 151 (78-73) and Ethan Elmore came in at 158 (81-77).

"Jett had an unfortunate tee ball that on 18 that put him in tough position to finish out Day 1. That led him to lose a couple strokes on Day 1. Helton and Braden played well, but both felt like they left several strokes out there, especially on the greens," Mourning said. "Gavin Beard has been playing well since he came out of football in December and shot in the mid to low 70s in every tournament we have played in. Ethan is starting to come around and be more

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TRACK

# Bearcats win 17th straight meet

## Ladycats narrowly miss title

By Rick Mauch  
The Community News

It was almost a sweep for Aledo's teams at the Northwest Texan Invitational in Haslet on Friday, March 1.

The Bearcats won for a 17th consecutive regular-season meet, while the Ladycats narrowly missed joining them in the winners' category. The Aledo girls scored 164 points, just two behind meet champion Haslet Eaton with 166.

"Eaton is really good. We had to play catch-up," Ladycats coach Michael Pinkerton said.

The Bearcats tallied 157 points to easily outdistance runner-up Eaton with 94 and third-place Northwest with 93. What's more, the Bearcats are still winning despite graduating a core of athletes who were at the heart of this streak.

"Early graduation has taken a toll on the track team. We lost five really fast guys that graduated early for football and are not running this year," Bearcats coach Andrew Clark said. "It has left the JV really depleted, but we have some freshmen running good times and getting faster every week.

"I would also expect our varsity times to start dropping as well, making a few moves and got some additions out of basketball that will be ready to run this week at the Bearcat Relays."

Vincent Luffey, Jack Fink, Evan Thompson and Bradley Campbell won individual gold medals for the Bearcats. The Aledo boys also won the 4x100-meter relay.

Lauren St. Peters won two gold medals in the discus and shot put for the Ladycats, as did Sofia Brandenburg in the 800 and 1600. Also winning gold for the Aledo girls were Addison Smith, Mykel Murry, Molly Garrison and Taylor

Hindman. The Ladycats also won gold in the 4x400 relay.

Aledo was hosting the Bearcat Relays at press time.

### Northwest Texan Invitational Friday, March 1

#### Aledo results Varsity boys

Team score: 157, first place.  
Top individual results (Distances in meters)  
400: 3. Adam Averett, 49.70.  
800: 1. Vincent Luffey, 2:00.15.  
1600: 1. Jack Fink, 4:38.74; 2. Anderson Smith, Aledo 4:38.93; 6. Luke Schabel, 4:44.61.  
3200: 2. Fink, 10:01.76.  
110 hurdles: 1. Evan Thompson, 15.11.  
300 hurdles: 4. Thompson, 41.35.  
4x100 relay: 1. Adrian Fuller, Averett, Jayton Owens, Aven Lawrence, 42.44.  
4x200 relay: 2. Fuller, Lincoln Tubbs, Thompson, Lawrence, 1:31.07.  
4x400 relay: 2. Fuller, Averett, Luffey, Owens, 3:27.12.  
High jump: 2. Averett, 5-10.  
Pole vault: 1. Bradley Campbell, 15-6; 2. Braylon Brown, 15-0; 6. Kantyn Kasich,

12-6.  
Long jump: 2. Owens, 22-1.50.  
Discus: 3. Carson Dempsey, 137-0; 5. Christian Sandoval, 129-5.  
Shot put: 2. Dempsey, 47-11.

#### Varsity girls

100: 2. Addison Smith, 12.23.  
200: 1. Smith, 24.78.  
400: 1. Mykel Murry, 1:01.52; 4. Mayden Mitchell, 1:03.34.  
800: 1. Sofia Brandenburg, 2:17.52; 3. Micah Neal, 2:24.62; 5. Murry, 2:25.72.  
1600: 1. Brandenburg, 5:18.21; 3. Molly Garrison, 5:24.68; 4. Neal, 5:30.20.  
3200: 1. Garrison, 11:22.33; 3. Madison Larsen, 11:43.92.  
4x200 relay: 5. Alexa Plantz, Sarah Edwards, Macie Laidley, Leighton Bratcher, 1:49.49.  
4x400 relay: 1. Murray, Mitchell, Brandenburg, Smith, 4:03.97.  
100 hurdles: 6. Natalie Anderson, 17.06.  
High jump: 2. Taylor McKenzie, 5-0.  
Pole vault: 1. Taylor Hindman, 12-6; 4. Maggie Kilburn, 10-0 (tiebreaker); 5. Austyn Johnson, 10-0.  
Long jump: 4. Natalie Anderson, 15-3.50.  
Triple jump: 4. Victoria Crews, 34-1.75; 5. Savannah Thompson, 33-5.50.  
Discus: 1. Lauren St Peters, 172-4.  
Shot put: 1. St. Peters, 48-1.

TRACK

# Castillo, Dowling win gold

## Weatherford Relays

Staff Reports  
The Community News

The Weatherford Relays were held on Thursday, Feb. 29 at Kangaroo Stadium. Rain forced the cancellation of numerous events.

Among the varsity girls, Rayla Castillo won a gold medal in the 1600-meter run. She clocked a time of 5 minutes, 30.57 seconds, edging teammate Remington Boone at 5:30.74.

Leading the boys results, Asa Dowling took gold in the 110 hurdles. He posted a time of 16.08 seconds.

### Weatherford Relays Weatherford results

**Varsity girls**  
100-meter dash: 3. Jaidah Nieto, Jaidah 12.98.  
1600: 1 Rayla Castillo, 5:30.57; 2. Remington Boone, 5:30.74.  
300 hurdles: 3. Victoria Kourouma, 50.70.  
4x100 relay: 3. Nyashia Thomas, Nieto, Landri Polk, Ava Garrett, 51.50.  
4x200 relay: 3. Thomas, Polk, Chloe Peterson, Nieto, 1:50.31.  
**Varsity boys**  
800: 3. Tristyn Allison, 2:07.42.  
110 hurdles: 1. Asa Dowling, 16.08.  
4x200 relay: 3. James Gray, Jaiden Parker, Wyatt Reeves, Reno McCrory, 1:33.58.

# BASEBALL

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and Lucas Trager came up with key at-bats in the inning, which allowed Rester and Johnny Ruffin to come around to score.

From there it was a pitching duel with Jenson Huffman doing his part to shut out V.R. Eaton in their final six trips to the plate. Huffman tossed a complete game, surrendering just a single run off two hits en route to the win.

### Ready for the weekend

Friday was less kind to the Bearcats than Thursday had been. Aledo started the day with a 6-6 tie against the Pearland Oilers. They ended the night with their first loss of the tournament, 6-4, against the hosting Flower Mound Jaguars.

### Saturday reset

Entering the final day of the tournament with a 2-1-1 record, Aledo rebounded on Saturday with a walk-off win over the Wakeland Wolverines.

Wakeland scored three runs in the top of the sixth to take a late 4-3 lead. In the bottom half of the sixth,

Zeke Garcia singled to drive in the tying run for the Bearcats as the two teams headed into the seventh inning.

Ryan Jones took over on the mound in the seventh inning for Aledo. Jones sat down the three batters he faced in order, giving the Bearcats an opportunity to win it all in the home half of the inning.

With Ruffin and Trager on base in front of him, Jones found a clean patch of grass in the outfield, driving in both runners with a walk-off double to win the game for the Bearcats.

### Little Elm, little score

Eddie Howard took the ball to start the game on the mound for the Bearcats. He started off strong in his first three innings of work. In the fourth inning, however, Little Elm managed to score a pair of earned runs against him to make it a 2-0 ballgame midway through.

Aledo managed to get a run on the board to start off the sixth inning as Lucas Nawrocki drove in Drew Weckel. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough as Little Elm held on to win.

### Up next

The Bearcats will host the Drew Medford Memorial Tournament this weekend before taking some

time off for spring break next week. The tourney started on Thursday, March 7, and will run through Saturday, March 9.

### DFW Clash Tournament

#### Aledo vs. Little Elm - Sat, Mar 2

	R	H	E
Bearcats	000	001	0-170
Little Elm	000	020	x-260

Aledo hitting: Boyd Thompson 2-for-4; Ryan Jones 2-for-3, 2B, BB; Drew Weckel 1-for-3, BB; Jake Bumgardner 1-for-4; Johnny Ruffin BB; Lucas Nawrocki 1-for-3, RBI, 2B; Luke Trager HBP.

Aledo pitching: Eddie Howard 4 IP, 4 H, 2 R (2 earned), 2 BB, 6 K, 2 HBP; Boyd Thompson 2 IP, 2 H, 2 BB, K.

#### Aledo vs. Wakeland - Sat, Mar 2

	R	H	E
Wakeland	000	130	0-461
Bearcats	000	031	2-651

Aledo hitting: Johnny Ruffin 1-for-1, 2B, 2 RBI; Luke Trager 1-for-3; Ryan Jones 1-for-2, 2B, RBI; Luke Sandefur 1-for-3, 3B, N Graham 2 BB; Zeke Garcia 1-for-2, RBI, BB, J Cloke BB.

Aledo pitching: Jake Bumgardner 4.2 IP, 5 H, 4 R (4 earned), 2 BB, 3 K; Ethan Hodo 1.1 IP, H, BB, K; Ryan Jones IP, K.

#### Aledo vs. Flower Mound - Fri, Mar 1

	R	H	E
Bearcats	000	002	2-482
Flower Mound	004	020	x-641

Aledo hitting: Boyd Thompson 3-for-4; Luke Trager 2-for-4, 2 RBI, 2B; Brennan Evans 1-for-3; Ryan Jones 1-for-3, BB; Drew Weckel 1-for-4, 2 RBI, HR.

Aledo pitching: Luke Saunders 4 IP, 3 H, 4 R (3 earned), 3 BB, 4 K; J Paulsen IP, H, 2 R (2 earned), BB; Lucas Nawrocki IP, BB, 2 K.

#### Aledo vs. Pearland - Fri, Mar 1

	R	H	E
Pearland	000	010	5-672
Bearcats	510	000	0-6102

Aledo hitting: Boyd Thompson 3-for-4, RBI 2B; Luke Trager BB; Ryan Jones 2-for-3, BB; Drew Weckel 1-for-4, RBI; Brennan Evans 1-for-3, BB; Garrett Rester 1-for-4, 2 RBI; Weston Nance 1-for-2, RBI, BB; Lucas Nawrocki 1-for-3, RBI, BB.

Aledo pitching: Devin Miller 5 IP, 2 H, R (0 earned), 6 K; Rhett Spiers IP, 4 H, 5 R (4 earned), 2 BB, K; R Haug IP, H.

#### Aledo vs. V.R. Eaton - Thu, Feb 29

	R	H	E
Bearcats	020	000	0-251
Eaton	100	000	0-124

Aledo hitting: Luke Trager 1-for-4, RBI; Ryan Jones 1-for-3, Garrett Rester 0-for-3; Johnny Ruffin 1-for-3; Lucas Nawrocki 2-for-3; Rhett Spiers 0-for-3, RBI.

Aledo pitching: Jenson Huffman 7 IP, 2 H, R (earned), 2 BB, 4 K, HBP.

#### Aledo vs. Lubbock Cooper - Thu, Feb 29

	R	H	E
Bearcats	000	001	12-451
LC	000	002	00-262

Aledo hitting: Boyd Thompson 1-for-3; Luke Trager 1-for-4; Drew Weckel 2-for-4, RBI; Weston Nance 1-for-3; Garrett Rester 2-for-3, HR, 2 RBI; Jake Bumgardner 1-for-4, 2B, RBI.

Aledo pitching: Luke Sandefur 5 IP, 2 H, BB, 8 K; Noah Graham (W) 3 IP, 4 H, 2 R (0 earned), 2 BB, 2 K, HBP.

# SOCCER

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and beat them all three in shootouts in the second half."

Aledo won the coin flip and chose to go first in the shootout. Randriamahefa easily made his shot to put the Bearcats up 1-0 to start the shootout.

Dietz has been huge in the net for the Bearcats the last two shootouts. Tuesday night was no different. On the first shot for the Bears, Dietz dove to his right, getting his left

hand on the ball to keep the Bears off the board in the extra time.

Cole Crawford, Trapper Davis, Ryan Spriggs, and Brody Gill all put their kicks in with ease from there, as Aledo sealed the deal to put away Brewer.

### Ladycats strike late

After the match, Ladycats' head coach Bryan Johnson admitted his squad started off the match more timid than he would've liked against the Lady Bears. After taking nearly 30 minutes of play to work out their jitters, Allyson Weimer scored with

12:31 left in the first half to put the hometown team up 1-0.

While Aledo gained a lead and seemed to settle in, the Lady Bears managed to put in a goal of their own with just over five minutes until the end of the first half to make it 1-1.

As the second half got underway, the Ladycats looked like a team reborn. They dominated possession of the ball, pushed the pace, and had Brewer playing on their heels.

Fifteen minutes into the second half, Aledo's pressure paid off. Bringing the ball down the visiting

side of the field, Georgia Zirbser sent an arching shot into the box hoping to find a teammate who could put a quality shot on the goal. That's exactly what she found, as Katie Cox caught the leaping header clean for a huge goal that put the Ladycats up, 2-1.

Two minutes later Aledo found themselves with a chance to seal the win with another scoring opportunity. Emaree Gibson made a pass to Zirbser in the middle of the field. Zirbser's shot was deflected, but Ainsley Elmore beat her marker and the keeper with pure, old-fashioned

hustle to score the second goal of the half for Aledo.

Elmore's score provided the Ladycats with a much-needed cushion with 23 minutes left to play, as they went on to win 3-1.

"I felt good about what went on tonight," Johnson said after the match. "I felt good about how we played in the second half. We did some things I wanted to do in the second half."

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There will be a non-mandatory pre-submittal conference on March 19, 2024 at 10:00 AM. The pre-submittal conference will be held at Community Center Conference Room, 104 Robinson Court, Aledo, TX 76008.

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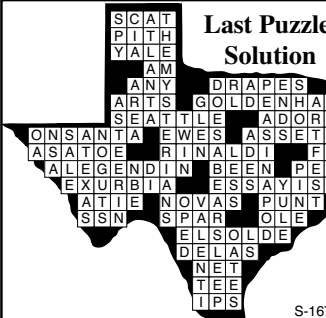
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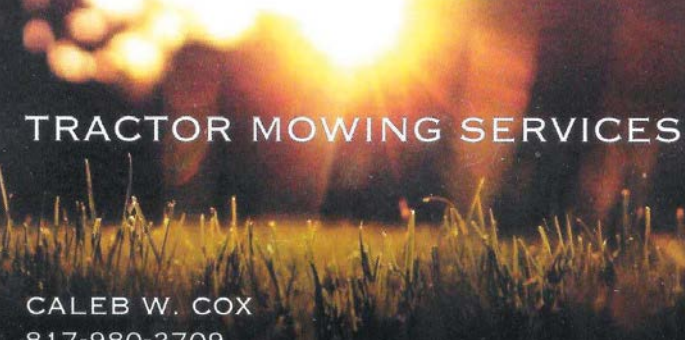
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SOFTBALL

# Rosser leads Ladycats by Rider

District opener

By Ryan Wade  
The Community News

The Ladycats' trip to Wichita Falls Rider on Tuesday, March 5, couldn't have gone any better. Taylor McKean accounted for 14 of the 15 Lady Raiders outs with strikeouts.

While Aledo was raking at the plate, McKean was dealing on the mound. The junior hurler for the Ladycats threw a perfect game, striking out all but one of the Lady Raiders she faced.

Meanwhile, Delaney Rosser hit a home run in the first inning, along with a pair of triples in the later innings to put five runs across the plate for Aledo.

Aledo (16-2 overall, 1-0 in district) took little time getting on the board following the long bus ride to Wichita Falls. In her first at-bat Rosser smashed a solo shot over the fence in center field to give the Ladycats the early advantage.

Following the homer, Ana Flores and Kyleigh Pawlak both picked up a free ticket aboard the basepath. With two runners aboard and two outs, Kennis Marx sent a soaring shot sailing over the left-field fence to give the Ladycats a 4-0 cushion after the top of the first.

The Ladycats added a pair of runs in the top of the second innings after Rosser hit her first triple of the game. They added another in the top of the third to

take a 7-0 lead midway through the contest.

When the top of the fourth inning started, Rosser throttled her third triple of the game, this time to right field.

With Rosser standing on third, Aledo began playing a proverbial game of musical chairs. Five Ladycats drew walks and Maddy Flora earned her way aboard the hard way after being hit by a pitch. Jordan Edington hit a base-clearing double to put the Ladycats up 15-0 through their first four trips to the plate.

Aledo went on to add a pair of extra runs in the top of the fifth before the run rule was put into effect at the conclusion of the fifth inning.

Tuesday's dominant district opener comes on the heels of a 3-0 performance against Whitehouse, Garland, and Mesquite Horn over the weekend in the rain-shortened Mesquite Tournament. While on the road, Aledo outscored opponents 28-2 as they prepared to enter the district portion of their schedule.

The Ladycats return to action on Friday, Mar. 8, when they host the Lady Texans of Northwest at Ladycat Field to start off spring break. First pitch is slated for 6:30 pm.

To view box scores visit: <https://www.community-news.com/stories/rosser-leads-ladycats-by-rider/74513>

SOCCER

# Aledo bounces Brewer

By Ryan Wade  
The Community News

With both teams in the playoff hunt as the 2024 regular season edges ever closer to its inevitable end, Aledo's soccer clubs control their own destinies.

The Ladycats (9-7-2 overall, 6-3-1 in district) scored a pair of second-half goals to pull off the 3-1 win over Brewer in the first match of the evening on Tuesday, March 5. In the nightcap, the Bearcats (11-3-6 overall, 3-3-4 in district) came away with their third win in a row via shootout after ending regulation tied at 2 to retain the fourth-place spot in the district.

Aledo's matchup against the Bears was highly competitive throughout. After nearly 30 minutes and back-and-forth action with neither team able to stake their claim to an advantage, Brewer got their chance to do some damage with 11:15 left in the opening half, scoring on a penalty kick following a collision that sent Aledo goalkeeper Pierce Ling to the bench.

Deagan Dietz, still working his way back from injury, came off the bench to fill in as the Bearcat keeper.

When play resumed in the second half, Aledo pushed the pace in hopes of getting on the board to tie up the match. After Brewer was called for a foul with just over 33 minutes left in the second half, Hunter Waugh stepped up to take the free kick for the home team just inside Brewer territory.

Waugh sent a nice ball into the box hoping for a teammate to get



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Hailey Vandiver celebrates with teammate Katie Cox after Cox scored the go-ahead goal for the Ladycats.

on the other end of it. Much to his surprise, a teammate didn't need to get on the other end of it, as the ball snuck past the visiting keeper to tie the match at 1-1 with 33:15 remaining in regulation.

With the match winding to a close, Brewer managed to score the go-ahead goal with just under 13 minutes left to take a late 2-1 advantage. Try as they might, the Bearcats were unable to find a second scoring opportunity in the moments that followed.

As time melted away with less than five minutes remaining, the Bearcats were to the point of desperation. Fortunately, a late foul by the Bears deep in their own

territory presented Aledo with the opportunity they needed.

Austin Randriamahefa took the free kick from just outside the penalty area for the Bearcats. With 3:40 left on the clock, his free kick found the back of the net, tying the match up at 2-2 with a third consecutive shootout looming for the Bearcats.

"I was a little worried when they went up 2-1," said Aledo head coach Derek Vierling after the match. "What a great free kick Randy had! I thought we deserved to win. I thought we played better than they did. We lost to Saginaw, Northwest, and Brewer in the first half of the district schedule

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