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ALEDO ISD

District receives team leadership award

K-12 education technology leaders,

honored Aledo Independent School District with its 2024 District Team Leadership Award.

CoSN The District Team Leadership Award honors a district lead-

Brooks Moore ership team for its transformative impact on student learning with technology. This award emphasiz-

es CoSN's belief that the district

CoSN, a premier association of leadership team is crucial to digital families. This has led to a set of stantransformation.

"We are honored to earn the CoSN District Team Leadership Award," said Brooks Moore, the Aledo ISD Executive Director of Technology."We take our work to keep our students safe and connected very seriously and believe as a team that we can impact our students' learning daily. Our goal is for our students to have exceptional experiences, and we are proud to be the team behind the scenes ensuring that."

Aledo ISD has taken a holistic approach to improving student learning opportunities and accessibility through technology, gathering input from students, teachers, and

dards and guidelines for technology use which guide the district's work. By working collaboratively, engaging in ongoing professional development and implementing innovative teaching strategies, the team has been able to provide students with new and engaging educational opportunities that would not have been possible without the use of technology.

A video highlighting Aledo ISD's accomplishments can be found at https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=8fpDjKLWJQs.

For more information bout the CoSN2024 awards, visit cosn.org/ about/awards/



CHRISTOPHER AMOS/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Parker County Master Gardener Shelia Butler finds a weed at the Aledo Community Center during a recent work day. The organization maintains the landscaping around the community center as well as other locations around the county. For information about Parker County Master Gardeners, visit https://pcmg-texas.org/.

Aledo ISD Board of Trustees approves bond purchases

By Ryan Wade The Community News

The final stage of grief is acceptance.

When Aledo ISD's Board of Trustees met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday, April 15, it seemed as though the members of the board have come to accept the budgetary shortfalls facing the district and returned to business as usual.

Or at least, as close to business as usual as could be expected, at any rate.

The business element of the meeting primarily focused on updates from the 2023 bond. Chief Facilities and Construction Officer Chris Campbell provided construction updates to the board on the status of Lynn McKinney Elementary School (LMES). At this point in the year the structure has been all dried in, with the project remaining right on schedule. Campbell advised one piece of the project that is ahead of schedule is the installation of the kitchen equipment for the cafeteria, which arrived earlier than expected.

The board approved the purchase of several items as part of the 2023 bond. New security camera video management servers, student Chromebooks. instructional materials for LMES, and a new one-ton dually pickup for the agricultural education program were all approved by the board without opposition.

2024-25 registration

During her superintendent's report at the top of the meeting, Dr. Susan Bohn said registration for the 2024-25 school year is now open. She also stressed the importance of parents getting their students registered as quickly as possible in the wake of the budgetary restrictions facing the district with cuts to programs and staffing looming.

Nice to meet you

With the departure of board members Jessica Brown and Jennifer Loftin, Board of **Trustees President Forrest Collins** announced Jeremy Pruett and Jim Scott will take their respective seats during the next monthly meeting coming up in May.

Along with the new board members, the board of trustees were also

introduced to the new principal of Walsh Elementary School, Lori

Cain. Cain comes to Aledo from

Arlington ISD where she was most recently a vice principal. She will replace Heather Street, who has been named the inaugural principal of LMES when it opens later this year in August.

ENTERTAINMENT

Lights, camera, family

Husband-wife filmmakers premiering documentary

By Rick Mauch The Community News

The husband-wife duo of Brey Browne and Kelsie Key each have more than 200 film credits to their names. However, their latest project holds a special place in their hearts - and their family.

First, it is the inaugural release under the name of their new company, Something From Nothing Productions. Second, the documentary short film titled "Bearcats: We're Still Here" will feature their son and his youth football team.

Oh, and it's premiering at the Dallas International Film Festival



at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 27 at the historic Texas Theatre.

Documenting success

This is also the first project Browne and Key have made with just the two of them. Key said they chose the story of the Tregellas, the team, because it was her son Liam's first year as a starter.

As fate would have it, the season was special for other reasons. They went undefeated and won the championship of the fifth-grade division in the North Central Texas Super Bowl.

"He worked so hard over the summer leading up to the season and we were so proud of him. With permission from the parents and coaches, we initially planned on just capturing some highlight reels of the team, but as the season went on, we were hearing the speeches the coaches were giving to the boys on a daily basis, and we were really inspired," Key said.

So, they documented practices, games, and some interviews and Key said the story came together naturally.

'We were very intentionally acting as flies on the wall so that we weren't a distraction to the boys. This meant capturing audio via the camera - a practice not often done when creating a film - and we also did not have any crew besides just the two of us," she said. "All of the coaches were completely dedicated to this team. They showed up 3-4 days a week no matter the weather or what they had going on in their own lives. We are so grateful they allowed us to document their season."

Browne said that, as someone who did not play football himself, it gave him a whole new perspective on the importance the sport has during the formative years of a child, especially in a place like Aledo, where the high school team has the most state championships (12) in Texas history.

"It can teach them the power of hard work, teamwork, and the

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PHOTO COURTESY OF SOMETHING FROM NOTHING PRODUCTIONS

The documentary short film "Bearcats: We're Still Here" is the first film created by Something From Nothing Productions and will debut at the Dallas International Film Festival at the historic Texas Theatre at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 27.







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10th annual Boots & Bearcats benefits AEF

By Christopher Amos

The Aledo Education Foundation chose a new location for this year's Boots and Bearcats fundraiser, and Stockyard Station on East Exchange Street in Fort Worth came alive Friday, April 5, for the 10th annual gala.

The jamboree began with silent auctions and raffles partnered with country music in a grand ballroom atmosphere. A banquet, live auction and more music by Houston based Dry Water Band finished the evening's festivities.

Major live auction items included luxury vacations in Belize and Tuscany, and a hunting expedition in South Africa.

However, for the price of a golden ticket, guests were entered into a raffle to choose any one of the grand auction items.

Committee chair Claire Holleck said the attendance was about as expected, meeting the event's maximum of 600 guests.

The group's goal is to develop strong foundational literacy skills in Aledo ISD primary grades. Their current goal is to provide kindergarten through second-grade classes with decodable text books and guidance to practice phonics skills and improve reading.

Visit aledoef.org for more information about the Aledo Education Foundation.

PHOTOS BY CHRISTOPHER AMOS/THE COMMUNITY



Preston and Erin Stone pose with Teddy the Texas Longhorn, a massive steer herded into the entry to greet guests. The couple live in Annetta North and own Grounds for Hounds veterinarian clinic in Willow Park.



Education Foundation representatives greeting guests include Chairs Claire Hollekand, Ali Huxel and Executive Director Valerie Kerr.

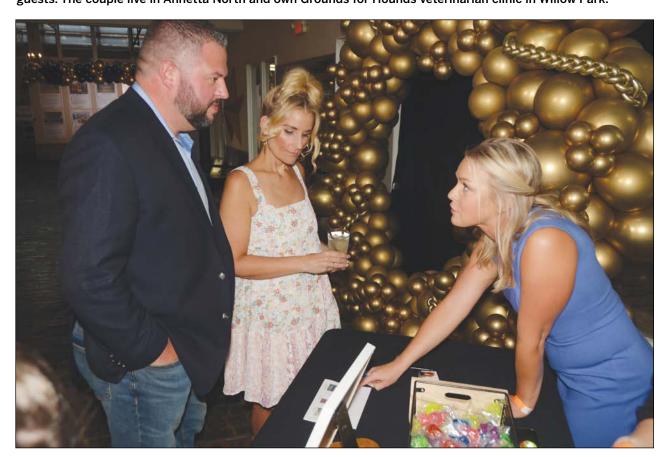


Brooke Howerton, Kendall Smith Sadler and Brittany Hill pose for a souvenir selfie.





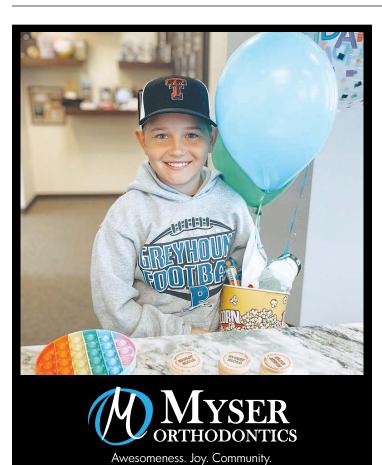
Jerrod Kerr, Brooks Stevens and Ryan Pipkin visit before the banquet.



Amber and Jonathan Williams buy a golden ticket with the hopes of winning one of three grand auction items. Jonathan is the district manager of Brookshire's in Willow Park.



Ray and Diana Cortinas look at silent auction items.



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FILM

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pursuit of a common goal," Browne

Thus, what started as a highlight reel shifted to a documentary as the season progressed.

"We noticed how dedicated the coaches were to making these boys the best team they could be," Browne said. "That was when I started to film more practice speeches and interviews to help showcase how inspiring the volunteers were to the boys."

Creation of a family and company

Browne, 28, and Key, 32, met on the set of Hulu/Freeform's Cruel Summer during the pandemic in 2020. They went on to work several production jobs together, and quickly fell in love.

In 2021, Key accepted a job as the creative director for the Dallasbased nonprofit EarthX & The EarthX Film Festival. During her time working there, she often hired Brey to help edit promotional videos, work on graphic designs, and to create branding for events.

"We collaborated on various campaigns and we always made amazing art together," she said. "It was during this time that we realized we have incredible working synergy together and we often talked about one day starting our own creative and production company."

After documenting the Tregellas' season, they decided to take a leap of faith and start their own business. The name, Something from Nothing Productions, or SNF, comes from learning to be resourceful, and to truly make something out of nothing, Key said.

"Several of our collaborations have come from having very limited resources, but finding a way to make it great," she said. "We love storytelling and hope to continue to

empower brands, people, and just about anyone, to tell their story. No idea is too big or too small for us."

Browne said he and Key have worked in just every position there is in the film industry, from starting out as a production assistant, to art department set dresser, all the way to editor, and director.

Browne said it was during his time in communication studies at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley that he developed his filmmaking abilities. He produced nine short films and a television pilot.

"Most of the short films went on to become very successful in the film festival circuit. When I moved to Dallas I worked primarily in the commercial industry, but also worked on various narrative feature films and shorts," he said. "We both realized it was time to put our years of experience and skills into our own company."

Something From Nothing Productions launched on Feb. 1,

"We love storytelling and hope to continue to empower brands, people, and just about anyone, to tell their story."

Kelsie Kay

Meeting

Key was in the assistant director's department and Browne worked as an art department set dresser on Cruel Summer.

"Meeting for the first time was extremely unique. It was during the pandemic so we all had masks on," Key recalled. "I remember seeing him walk on to the set and all I could see were his bright green eyes. I immediately went and asked a fellow crew member who the cute tall guy in the art department was before walking up and introducing myself. We hit it off right away as

Browne said since the show was shot during the pandemic, he was only able to lock eyes with Key, which in hindsight, was all he needed to know she was the one.

"I was only day-playing, (hopping on to work as needed) but Kelsie was on for the full run of the show. Somehow, even though we had countless mutual friends in the industry, we had never worked together before this show," he said. "I feel like the universe was finally allowing us to meet. After Cruel Summer, we worked job after job together and we both saw the signs, and I quickly knew she was my person."

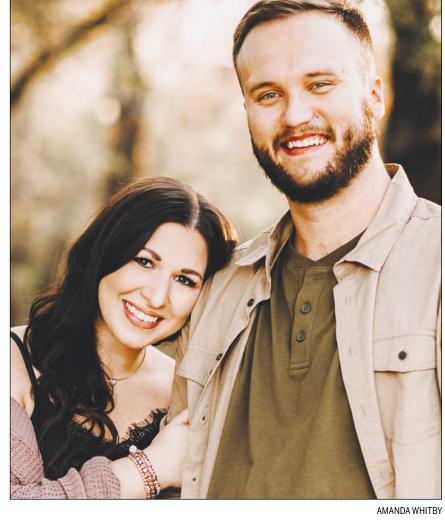
Mission

Browne said the mission of SFN is to focus on every kind of story from documentaries, narratives, commercials, or even social media content. And in doing the telling, they strive to find their own unique vision.

"We love to think outside of the box and try new things. We did this on our Instagram, where we asked our followers to give us movie titles, and we turned them into original movie posters," he said. "It ended up being a really fun way to connect and engage with our new online community."

Key said she loves finding a way to tell impactful stories in creative ways. This includes working with businesses, brands, and/or organizations, branding identities and more.

"From captivating videos to beautiful designs, we're a one-stop



The wife-husband duo of Kelsie Key and Brey Browne created Something From Nothing Productions. Their first release is the documentary short film "Bearcats: We're Still Here."

destination for top-tier video and film production, creative editing, dynamic graphics, as well as social media, and strategic marketing consulting," she said. "I love utilizing both my filmmaking and creative directing backgrounds to have a unique approach."

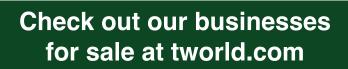
Upcoming projects

Browne and Key are in pre-production stages for a couple of short films and some documentaries, and they currently have a few social media, marketing, and content creation clients. They recently

completed branding/logo designs for a few different clients as well.

Browne noted they are also finishing up post-production editing for a short film for YouTube Originals, which is set to begin its festival run in May.

As for "Bearcats: We're Still Here," they have submitted it to other film festivals across the country and are awaiting selection. In the meantime, Key said folks can follow them on social media and their website https://sfn-productions.com/, which is also where tickets can be purchased for the screening on April 27.





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Capital Highlights

'Aggressive' hurricane forecast for Gulf Coast



Gary Borders

Colorado State University researchers are calling this year's hurricane season forecast "the most aggressive" ever, the Texas Standard reported. They say there is a 54% chance a hurricane will strike the Texas coast, and a 25% chance it will be major.

Justin Ballard, the *Houston* Chronicle's newsroom meteorologist, told the Texas Standard that the last hurricane to make landfall was Nicholas in 2021. The last major hurricane to land was Harvey in 2017, which caused \$125 billion worth of damage.

"These storms are becoming, yes, more common, more intense, but they're also becoming more destructive with the amount of damage that they can cause just because things are more expensive," Ballard said.

Ballard is urging Texas residents, especially those new to the coast who have never experienced a hurricane, to consider gradually stocking up on nonperishable items such as water and canned goods, rather than waiting until a hurricane threatens the Gulf of Mexico.

TPWD sued in attempt to block land swap with SpaceX

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is being sued in an

of 43 acres of Boca Chica State Park to the company in exchange for nearly 500 acres of land that is now privately owned. SpaceX is negotiating to buy the land in order to make the swap with TPWD.

The South Texas Environmental Justice Network, the Carrizo/Comecrudo Tribe of Texas and Save RGV filed the lawsuit in a Travis County district court in early April.

SpaceX wants the land swap in order to expand its launch facility near the state park. The suit alleges TPWD violated statutory requirements to ensure mitigating harm to the land and considering alternatives to giving up park land.

Patrick lists legislative priorities for 2025 session

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick has a to-do list of 57 items for senators in the next legislative session, The Texas Tribune reported, including improving housing affordability, fighting antisemitism on college campuses, and examining charitable bail organizations.

"Come January 2025, the Senate will hit the ground running at the start of the 89th Legislative Session," Patrick said in a statement. "The priorities of the conservative majority of Texans will be accomplished, including school choice, continued property tax relief, and strengthening the power grid."

Patrick said he wants his chamber to recommend how to "reduce regulatory barriers" and "strengthen property rights," that could possibly reduce city land use and zoning rules.

He also wants the criminal attempt to block a land swap deal justice committee to examine with SpaceX in South Texas, kut. the practices of charitable bail org reported. TPWD in March organizations, which pay bonds are beyond impressive and reflect approved pursuing an exchange to release defendants unable to

do so on their own. Additionally, he wants senators to review university policies to ensure they prevent antisemitism while preserving free speech rights, The *Tribune* reported.

Law requiring voter registration in high schools ignored

Texas high schools are required to distribute voter registration forms to teens who turn 18 or are about to do so, but only about a fourth of schools are doing so, according to an estimate from the University of Houston's Election Lab.

The law was passed in 1983, according to The Tribune. but many administrators are unaware of its existence. The state has about 409,000 18-yearold citizens, according to 2022 census data.

The secretary of state's office, which was tasked with creating the instructions to implement the law, does not track compliance. Schools who fail to comply are not penalized.

State oil, gas production his record highs in 2023

The state set new records for oil and gas production last year, according to the Texas Railroad Commission, which regulates the industries and tallies production reports submitted by the state's operators.

In 2023, the state produced 1.92 billion barrels of oil, eclipsing the record set in 2019 of 1.86 billion barrels. Gas production totaled 12.01 trillion cubic feet in 2023, breaking the previous record of 10.61 trillion cubic feet set in 2021.

"These production records how Texas continues to provide reliable domestic production for the nation," said Wei Wang, RRC executive director. "As the state's oil and gas regulator, the RRC is committed to our critical mission supporting Texas' economic growth that benefits Texans. Production taxes collected from the oil and gas industry pay for our schools, highways and the state's Rainy Day Fund."

Senate race will be expensive, reports indicate

Republican U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz and Democratic challenger U.S. Rep. Colin Allred each raised more than \$9 million in campaign contributions during the first quarter of 2024, the Austin American-Statesman reported. Cruz is seeking his third six-year term in the Senate, while Allred

gave up a safe congressional seat to challenge him. He is in his third term in the House.

Both sides touted the fundraising results as proof of the strength

of their respective campaigns. In 2018, Cruz raised about \$50 million while defeating his Democratic opponent, former U.S. Rep. Beto O'Rourke of El Paso, who raised \$80 million.

Correction

An item last week regarding a legislative hearing on the recent Panhandle wildfires misidentified the committee chair. The special committee is chaired by Rep. Ken King, R-Canadian.

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Idle American

On New Year's Resolutions



Dr. Don Newbury newbury@speakerdoc.com

My ancient Uncle Mort is not one to speak negatively of neighbors, unless they live at least three cattleguards away.

He recently "spilled the beans" on a neighbor who lives so deep in the thicket that no one passes his house going to town.

The old guy admitted to Mort recently that he had made a high-bar new year's resolution. A fan of the grape, he vowed to swear off the devll's brew, "except maybe on holidays."

He said he maintained his sobriety until Valentine's Day before uncorking a bottle, or "maybe it was two bottles."

The challenge became daunting. He wasn't sure he could make it until Easter without a drink. Then, he saw a newspaper ad proclaiming March as Ford Truck Month. This--he concluded--allowed him to substantially water down his sobriety pledge for a whole

Mort's neighbor was "king's X" on his resolution for 31 days.

My uncle said he's been making monthly contributions for years to a small seminary back east that has added a new course. He's thinking of cancelling contributions, perhaps even stopping payment on April's \$5

He says the catalog's description of one course is "beyond frivolous." It claims to be "an in-depth study of nightmares, baptisms and the hereafter."

Students already have re-named this course, calling it "bed, bath and beyond."

A big fan of the Texas Rangers, Mort remains giddy about their 2023 World

Series championship. He bragged about the rings distributed recently.

Valued at \$75,000 each, the rings are symbolic of much. They are encrusted with

enough "rocks" to start a landslide, an interchangeable top and--of all things--a secret compartment.

Their weight is about the same as the average baseball.

Players and about 40 other awardees--have gushed endlessly about the rings' beauty, their gratitude and optimism about repeating as champions in the 2024 season.

Mort couldn't believe it that the rings are so heavy.

My uncle is optimistic for the 2024 team, joining other fans whose hope flames eternal. He

admits, however, that he's concerned about bullpen depth.

Manager Bruce Boche and his coaches need to carefully inspect all relief pitchers before they reach the mound, according to Mort. Inspect? Huh?

"Yeah, with them rings being so big, coaches must be certain that reliefers don't wear them on the mound," Mort joked, "If they insist on wearing their bling, they need to be sure it's not on their pitching hands."

Mort went to a tiny high school in East Texas. I never knew it until recently, but he was on the high school baseball squad. Trouble was, he said, there were too many boys in high school--ten.

Since only nine players were needed on the team, he was always the bench-warmer. On the final game of his senior year, the bases were loaded and the game was tied in the home half of the ninth inning. Two batters were out when the coach called his name to pinch-hit, despite Mort's never having played in a

The coach rattled off specific instructions. "Mort, I want you to look that pitcher straight in the eye, crowd the plate and get

Forever the "concept guy" who leaves the details to others, Mort tips his hat to the Werner Ladder Company for its creative advertising in lockstep with the National Collegiate Athletic Association.



Uncle Mort

For 15 years, Werner has manufactured custom ladders for winning "March Madness" teams, both men and women. This year, they turned out 60 ladders for all NCAA tournament divisions. "I made this suggestion decades ago, so I guess the ladder people must have come across some of my old letters, Mort believes.

Werner's contribution has led to numerous illustrations about "climbing the ladder," "reaching new heights" or "making it to the top." Poor Mort. He remains a "concept guy," a legend in his own mind.

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A Memory Grows from loss of child

Non-profit assists grieving families

By John English

On March 12, 2013, Anderson Maxwell Graham, affectionately known as "Max," made DeAndrea Dare a mother.

The former Associate Pastor at Aledo United Methodist Church said she never imagined the ways that Max would change her life her first child, and her only son.

"Never did I know I could feel such a depth of love and such tremendous pain all at the same time," Dare said. "He was so cute and looked mostly like his daddy, but he had my nose. He was absolutely perfect and looked so strong. It still takes my breath away sometimes to look at photos and realize all that should have been."

During an emergency C-section that required a 90 percent placental abruption, Max was stillborn.

"It took seven people's blood products to save me, but they were not able to resuscitate him," Dare said. "Max's life and his death changed us forever."

It was in her grief that Dare, 47, began to look for a way to channel her horrible misfortune into something positive.

She created A Memory Grows, a charitable organization that serves as an outreach to grieving parents, and as a resource to hospitals, clinics, hospice groups, churches, and other nonprofit organizations. It was founded in late 2016 as a legacy of Max, and Dare said it was something she needed to do.

"There are so many emotions that happen when you carry this type of grief that it is sometimes hard to break down one specific feeling because you carry so much all at once," Dare said. "Many of



COURTESY OF A MEMORY GROWS

DeAndrea Dare



those feelings are in tension with one another. I remember when I held Max for the first time I said, 'I've never felt so full. I've never felt so empty.' That was the beginning of my understanding of how we carry so many feelings and emotions together."

Responding to a tragedy

A Memory Grows offers retreats and special events for parents who are grieving the death of their child or children, which are based on either the age of the child at the time of death or the cause of death.

One recent retreat was designed for an event that shocked the

"In 2022, we expanded to offer retreats for parents whose children were murdered," Dare said. "I also knew that eventually, we would respond to a mass shooting. On

May 24 I knew it was time when the news of the Robb Elementary massacre in Uvalde, Texas, came across my phone screen. In partnership with another non-profit based in Fort Worth,

whose director is from Uvalde, we were able to begin to have communication with the 21 families.

"Since then, we have made multiple trips to Uvalde and remain committed to walking beside them as they journey this very complex and multifaceted trauma."

For two years, A Memory Grows has offered a dinner, candlelight service, and reception before Christmas for the families in Uvalde called A Night to Remember.

"Last year, during the week of the anniversary, we traveled to Uvalde to give the families handmade memorial flags and then we held a community candlelight service in Fort Worth on the evening of the anniversary," Dare said.

The organization's retreats are just for parents, but their special events are open to siblings, extended family, and friends.

Special events include a Legacy 5K held in March, an event for fathers in June, the Wave of Light for Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day in October, and their Ceremony of Remembrance held after Thanksgiving in preparation for the holiday season.

Early memory

Dare said she has many wonderful and deeply meaningful memories since A Memory Grows' inception, but said one from the early days stands out.

"At our very first Ceremony of Remembrance, a mom attended to honor and remember her son who had died as a toddler.," Dare said.

"This mom had never had the opportunity to share her child and honestly was never given the space to even grieve. After the candlelight service and release of lanterns, she went to

the reception where she made a token of remembrance to take home to honor her son.

"She was so incredibly proud of that ornament that she walked the to everyone. When she left she said, 'For the first time in 40 years I was able to say the name of my son.' I'll never forget that."

Relatable people

Dare said one of the most important roles that her organization fills is simply providing grieving parents with access to people who can relate to their struggles.

"It is vital," Dare said. "I believe the death of a child is one of the



COURTESY OF A MEMORY GROWS

TOP: Photos and memorabilia help grieving parents remember lost children, part of the process by the non-profit A Memory Grows. |

BOTTOM: Grieving parents gather to remember their lost children as part of an event sponsored by the non-profit A Memory Grows.

loneliest journeys anyone can walk, is forever my son," Dare said. "I was to listen, sit in silence, be present, and offer us the companionship and reminder that we are not alone," Dare said.

A Memory Grows wants potential clients to understand that they "will be here for them whenever they are ready," and that grief has no timeline.

"Love doesn't end, and his (Max's) death did not end the fact that I am forever his mom and he

and in order to find our way, we going down a dark path that was entire reception hall and showed it need to have others who under-filled with anger and yet I also had stand and can come alongside of us so much love, but I didn't know what to do with it because I didn't have my baby in my arms.

> "The world could not see that I was a mom, and yet deep down I knew that I was. And so that is what I decided to focus on and put my energy into - that love, the love that would not let me go even in the midst of the darkness and sadness."

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW

Maloney brothers carry Aledo soccer legacy into coaching

By Ryan Wade
The Community News

It's not uncommon for siblings to have a shared athletic experience in a community like Aledo. It happens with regularity.

An older sibling graduates through the athletic programs of AHS before the proverbial baton is passed on to the next in line to carry forward the mark made with the family name.

For one Aledo family, the legacy of excellence in competition didn't end with the fifth brother concluding his soccer career on the pitch as part of the 2018 state runner-up team. Rather, that legacy continues with four brothers either coaching or getting certified to coach the game they all learned to love in this community.

Sean, Brian, Will, Collin, and Mickey Maloney each spent time under the tutelage of Aledo head soccer coach Derek Vierling. Though they had played soccer since they were small children, it was during their high school years they developed their fiery love of competition.

"Growing up we always played soccer against each other," said Will. "The thing we had in common was playing soccer at Aledo High School. A lot of our conversations were things that revolved around playing soccer under coach Vierling and for Aledo High School, because that was one thing we all had in common. Playing high school soccer was usually the main thing and the most fun thing we talked about."

Individual success as Bearcats

Each of the boys earned their own accolades during their respective years playing for the Bearcats. Sean lettered on varsity three times before graduating in 2008. Brian was a four-year varsity player before graduating two years later in 2010. Will started on varsity all four years of high school while picking up all-state honors three of those years prior to graduating in 2013.

Collin, AHS class of 2015, had an excellent career of his own on the pitch before pursuing a law degree. Meanwhile, the youngest of the crew, Mickey, capped off his career with the Bearcats as part of the state runner-up Bearcats in 2018.

"Most athletes have the goal – especially at Aledo – of playing in a state championship," Will stated. "That's what we all wanted. Ironically, it was my youngest brother Mickey in 2018 who went to state with the Aledo soccer team. I was fortunate enough to be a student teacher under coach Vierling, and so I got to coach as well that year, which was really fun."

Coaching careers

With their respective playing careers behind them, four of the brothers have turned their attention to coaching.

Sean currently leads the girls team at Fort Worth Country Day. In 2024 under his instruction, the fledgling program ended the season with a 5-5-2 overall record while going 1-3-2 in Southwest Preparatory Conference Division I.

Brian currently resides in Springtown where he is tasked with elevating the Porcupines as their head coach.

Will has experienced the greatest success from the coach's box, thus far.
After leaving Aledo in 2018, he took

After leaving Aledo in 2018, he took over as the head coach just up the road in Azle. After getting married he moved with his new bride back to the Austin area to be closer to her family.

Vierling reached out to a friend at Lake Travis to provide a reference

for Will, and the rest, as they say, is history.

As an assistant coach for the boys' team at Lake Travis in 2022, Will finally achieved the goal he and his brothers always had as players: To win the whole thing.

"We only lost one game that season heading into the playoffs," Maloney recalled. "We beat The Woodlands 3-0 [in the semifinals]. It was just crazy in the state championship against Plano. North Texas is dominant in soccer. It was a backand-forth match.

"There were a ton of Lake Travis fans, because the game was in Georgetown. We had a ton of support. It was so loud you couldn't hear anything. It was just an awe-some experience. It came down to a penalty shootout. Our keeper made the last save, and it was just incredible."

Stepping up

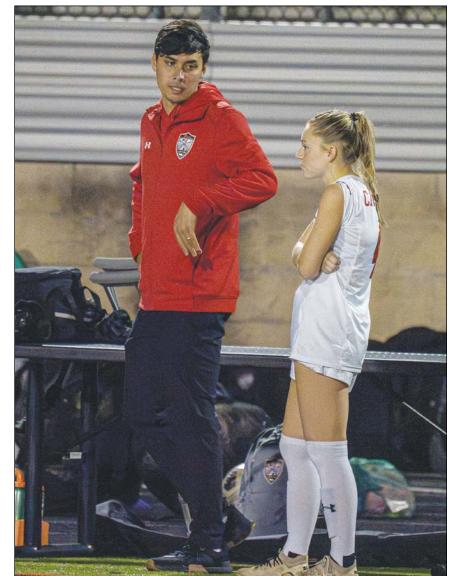
Following the state championship win as an assistant coach, Will was asked to take over a highly successful girls' team at Lake Travis – a far cry from being the captain of the ship in a program like Azle.

"It's been a challenge," he remarked candidly. "It's fun though! At Lake Travis you're expected to win, so there's a good deal of added pressure. There's a ton of talent in the Lake Travis area.

"They expect greatness.

It's very similar to Aledo in that respect. It's been fun coming in with that added pressure of knowing you're competing for a state championship every year – or at least that's the goal."

In his first season as the head Lady Cavalier, Will led them to a 15-5-3 record (13-1-2 in District 26-6A) in 2023, which earned a second seed in the playoffs. This past season, the Lady Cavs captured a second seed playoff berth again



RYAN WADE/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Aledo native Will Maloney imparts some wisdom to one of the Lady Cavs players during the Lake Travis match against the Ladycats earlier this season.

after going 16-7-1 (11-4-1 in District 26-6A).

Rebuilding a team mired in underperformance is one thing. A new coach tasked with continuing a high level of success in the absence of a predecessor is a completely different animal.

"What comes in on Day One are the expectations and the discipline of the program," Will stated regarding his philosophy to meeting the expectations placed upon the program at Lake Travis. "The athletes know when they're coming in that the expectations are here, and if you don't meet them, then you're probably not going to be successful in the program.

"We push every single day. They know that. They want that. So it creates a really competitive environment for everyone."

Just like the environment he and his brothers grew up in.

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The following Federal Programs, authorized by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, may be available for eligible students attending private schools: Title 1 Part A-Improving Academic Achievement, Title II Part A – Professional Learning, Title III Part A-English Language Acquisition, Title IV Part A-Student Support, and IDEA – Special Education. Private Schools interested in learning more about these services are invited to attend an informational meeting on Monday, May 6, 2024 @ 1:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Aledo ISD Administration Building at 1008 Bailey Ranch Rd. Schools that choose to access these funds must comply with all requisite federal policies and procedures. For more information, contact Candace Summerhill or Karen Odom at Aledo ISD by email, csummerhill@aledoisd.org or kodom@aledoisd.org. A packet of information concerning these federal requirements will be available at the meeting.

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APRIL 18

The 15th annual Taste of Parker County will be held from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 18, at Weatherford's Heritage

This food-tasting fundraiser benefits the Weatherford College Foundation.

More than 20 vendors, including local restaurants, caterers, bakeries, coffee shops, and breweries, will offer sample-sized tastings of their most popular offerings in an "all-you-can-eat" format.

Individual tickets are \$40 through April 17 and \$45 on April 18.

In addition, musicians from the WC Jazz Studies Department will provide live music on two stages. Tickets are available online at wc.edu/taste. For more information, email Sodek at ssodek@wc.edu or call 817-598-8924.

APRIL 23

Native Plant Society of Texas

"Wilding" with Terri Walker will be the program at the next meeting of the Cross **Timbers Chapter of the** Native Plant Society of Texas. The meeting with light refreshments will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23, at the Mount Pleasant School, 213 Raymond George Way, in Weatherford.

Walker will explain what is a wildscape, why a wildscape is needed, and how to build a wildscape that could collectively help save our planet. For more information, visit http://www.npsot.org/ chapters/cross-timbers/.

APRIL 27

Willow Park Palooza + **Car Show**

Get ready for some serious family fun because The Shops at Willow Park are back with their annual event, Willow Park Palooza from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, Apr. 27. It is FREE to the public.

The event promises to be a blast for parents and kids alike, with live music, face painting, balloon artists, food trucks, local vendors, and even a car show! It



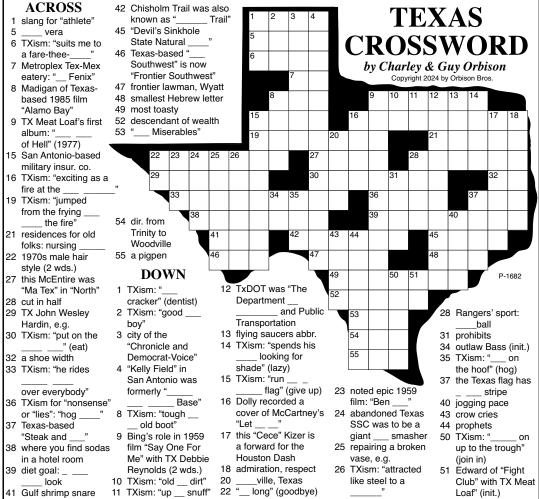
will be an unforgettable day filled with fun and excitement, so don't miss out on this spectacular event! Visit the Willow Park Palooza page on our website for more information and a schedule of events.



MAY 3

Texas Pythian Home Garage Sale

Texas Pythian Home, Inc is holding the Annual Garage Sale from 8a.m. - 3p.m., on Friday May 3, and Saturday May 4, at 1825 E Bankhead Dr, Weatherford, Texas. Come shop and see what all we have in our sale. All proceeds go towards **Summer Activities for the** Children. Cash/Check only. Clothing, toys, books, home decor, holiday decor, furniture, and more.



AVISO DE ELECCIÓN GENERAL/ESPECIAL PARA OTRAS SUBDIVISIONES POLÍTICAS Y MUNICIPIOS

NOTICE OF GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION

FOR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND MUNICIPALITIES

To the registered voters of the County of Parker, Texas: (A los votantes registradoes del Condado de

Parker, Texas):

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00am -7:00pm, May 4, 2024 for voting. (Notifíquese por la presente, que los sitios de votación citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 4 de mayo de 2024 para votar.)

The following political subdivisions will be holding a General Election: (Las siguientes subdivisions politicas celebraran elecciones generals:)

Parker County Appraisal District, City of Azle, City of Springtown, City of Reno, Azle Independent School District, Peaster Independent School District, Springtown Independent School District, Millsap Independent School District, Walnut Creek Special Utility District

The following political subdivisions will be holding a Special Election: (Las siguientes subdivisions politicas celebraran una eleccion especial:)

Emergency Service District 6 (ESD 6), City of Ft. Worth, Cresson Crossroads Municipal Utility District 2, Granbury Independent School District, Millsap Independent School District

Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:

La votacion anticipada en persona se llevara a cabo todos dias de la semana en: **Parker County Courthouse Annex** Annex Kitchen

1112 Santa Fe Dr Weatherford, 76086

Aledo ISD Admin Building Louden Room 1008 Bailev Ranch Rd

Aledo, 76008 PCT 3 County Barn Break Room

1111 FM RD 1189 Brock, 76087

Springtown Senior Center Community Room 1070 N Main St Springtown, 76082 **Hudson Oaks Public Safety Building** Azle City Hall Training Room 150 N Oakridge Dr

Hudson Oaks, 76087 **Millsap Community Center** Building 104 Fannin St.

Peaster ISD Rock Gym Back Room of Gym 8512 FM RD 920 Peaster, 76088 Community Room 505 W Main St Azle, 76020

Millsap, 76066 Regular Early Voting Hours and Days (Horas y dias regulares de votacion anticipada)

Monday, April 22, 2024 (Lunes 22 de abril de 2024) 8:00AM-5:00PM Tuesday, April 23, 2024 (Martes 23 de abril de 2024) 8:00AM-5:00PM Wednesday, April 24, 2024 (Miercols 24 de abril de 2024) 8:00AM-5:00PM Thursday, April 25, 2024 (Jueves 25 de abril de 2024) 8:00AM-5:00PM Friday, April 26, 2024 (Viernes 26 de abril de 2024) 8:00AM-5:00PM Saturday, April 27, 2024 (Sabado 27 de abril de 2024) CLOSED (CERRADA) Sunday, April 28, 2024 (Domingo 28 de abril de 2024) CLOSED (CERRADA) Monday, April 29, 2024 (Lunes 29 de abril de 2024) 7:00AM-7:00PM 7:00AM-7:00PM Tuesday, April 30, 2024 (Martes 30 de abril de 2024)

ELECTION DAY SITES: (SITIOS DEL DIA DE LAS ELECCIONES:)

Parker County Courthouse Annex

1112 Santa Fe Dr Weatherford, 76086 Annex Kitchen

Springtown Senior Center Community Room

1070 N Main St Springtown, 76082 **Hudson Oaks Public Safety Building**

Training Room 150 N. Oakridge Dr Hudson Oaks, 76087

Walsh Athletic Club Movement Studio 13757 Assembly Park Dr Fort Worth, 76008

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Reno City Hall Council Room 195 W Reno Rd Azle, 76020

Applications for Ballot by Mail may be obtained by calling (817) 598-6185 Applications for ballots by mail must be received by the Early Voting Clerk NO later than the close of business day on Tuesday April 23, 2024 Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

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Weatherford, TX 76086

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024

AVISO DE ELECCIÓN EXTRAORDINARIA SÁBADO, 4 DE MAYO DE 2024

PARKER COUNTY CITY OF FORT WORTH VOTERS (VOTANTES DE LA CIUDAD DE FORT WORTH EN EL CONDADO DE PARKER)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places indicated in "Exhibit A-1" will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on Saturday, May 4, 2024, for voting in a special election to authorize the Fort Worth convention center as a venue project and to impose a new venue hotel occupancy tax not to exceed two percent (2%) as listed in the measure attached as "Exhibit A-3."

Por medio del presente se les informa que las casillas indicados en el "Anexo A-1" abrirán de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. el día sábado, 4 de mayo de 2024, para la votación en una elección extraordinaria a fin de autorizar el centro de convenciones de Fort Worth como un provecto de sitio y de imponer un impuesto de ocupación hotelera por el nuevo lugar que no exceda del 2% (dos por ciento) como se indica en la medida adjunta como "Anexo A-3".

EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE will be conducted each weekday at locations and during the times listed in "Exhibit A-2":

LA VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA EN PERSONA se realizará entre semana, en los lugares y horarios indicados en el "Anexo A-2".

Applications for a Ballot by Mail must be received between January 1, 2024 and April 23, 2024 by mail fax or email to:

Las solicitudes de boletas por correo deberán recibirse entre el 1.º de enero y el 23 de abril de 2024, vía correo postal, fax o correo electrónico, en:

Early Voting Clerk, P. O. Box 639, Weatherford, Texas 76086

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Fax: 817-598-6183: Email: s.brvan@parkercountvtx.com

Websites (sitios web): https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/citysecretary/elections; https:// www.parkercountytx.com/118/Elections

EXHIBIT A-1 (ANEXO A-1)

PARKER COUNTY/CONDADO DE PARKER

Countywide Polling Place/Lugar de Votación del Condado For Polling Locations, Visit/Para los Lugares de Votación, Visite:

https://www.parkercountytx.com/118/Elections

https://www.parkercountytx.com/DocumentCenter/View/10825/EV-ED-Sites-May-4-2024?bidId=

EXHIBIT A-2 (ANEXO A-2)

PARKER COUNTY/CONDADO DE PARKER

EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE DAYS AND HOURS (DÍAS Y HORAS DE VOTACIÓN TEMPRANO POR APARICIÓN PERSONAL)

For Early Voting Polling Locations, Visit/Para Lugares de Votación Temprano, Visite https://www.parkercountytx.com/118/Elections

https://www.parkercountytx.com/DocumentCenter/View/10825/EV-ED-Sites-May-4-2024?bidId= EXHIBIT A-3 (ANEXO A-3) CITY OF FORT WORTH MEASURE A

Shall the City of Fort Worth, Texas be authorized to provide for the planning, acquisition, establishment, development, construction, and renovation of the Fort Worth Convention Center and related infrastructure (the "Venue Project") as a sports and community venue project of the type described and defined in Section 334.001(4)(B) of and permitted by Chapter 334, Texas Local Government Code (the "Act"), designated by City Council Resolution No. 5866-01-2024, and described in summary form as the Fort Worth Convention Center and related infrastructure, as defined in Chapter 334, Texas Local Government Code, and to impose a new venue hotel occupancy tax on the price paid for a room in a hotel, at a rate not to exceed two percent (2%) of the price of the hotel room, for the purpose of financing the venue project, as and to the extent permitted by Subchapter H of Act, with such tax to be in addition to the tax imposed under Chapter 351 of the Texas Tax Code and with the combined hotel occupancy tax rate imposed from all sources not to exceed seventeen percent (17%) of the price paid for a room in a hotel?

MEDIDA "A" DE LA CIUDAD DE FORT WORTH

En caso de que la Ciudad de Fort Worth, Texas, reciba la autorización para disponer la planificación, adquisición, establecimiento, desarrollo, construcción y renovación del Centro de Convenciones de Fort Worth e infraestructura relacionada (el "Proyecto de Espacio") como un proyecto de espacio deportivo y comunitario del tipo que se describe y se define en la Sección 334.001(4)(B) del Capítulo 334 del Código de Gobierno Local de Texas (la "Ley"), y permitido por este, designado por la Resolución N.º 5866-01-2024 del Ayuntamiento, y que se describe de manera sucinta como Centro de Convenciones de Fort Worth e infraestructura relacionada, según se define en el Capítulo 334 del Código de Gobierno Local de Texas, y establecer un nuevo impuesto de ocupación hotelera sobre el precio que se pague por una habitación de hotel, a una tasa que no será superior al dos por ciento (2 %) del precio de la habitación de hotel, con el objetivo de financiar el proyecto de espacio, en la medida permitida por el apartado H de la Ley. Dicho impuesto será adicional al impuesto establecido conforme al Capítulo 351 del Código Fiscal de Texas y junto con la tasa del impuesto de ocupación hotelera establecido para todas las fuentes, no deberá ser superior al diecisiete por ciento (17 %) del precio que se pague por una habitación en un hotel.

Sports

BASEBALL

Bearcats win in extras to remain unbeaten in district play

By Ryan Wade

It's taken a myriad of clutch moments for the Aledo Bearcats baseball team to reach the 9-0 mark in District 5-5A. Their 7-3 win over the hosting Azle Hornets on Tuesday, April 16, was no exception.

The win moved the Bearcats, who have already clinched a playoff berth, to within one victory of wrapping up the district championship.

Aledo (19-8-1 overall) and Azle concluded the seventh inning tied at 3-3, headed for extra innings. Both teams made it through the first inning of free baseball unscathed on their way to the top of the ninth.

Then it clicked.

With the nine-one-two hitters coming up in the top of the ninth, the Bearcats were able to dial into that clutch gene they've had all season. Luke Trager led off the inning with a single to center field to give the Bearcats an all-important

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ALEDO BEARCAT BASEBALL

Aledo pitcher Luke Sandefur is congratulated by his team after the Bearcats' win over the Azle Hornets, on Tuesday, Apr. 16.

BOYS GOLF

Stokes qualifies for state, Bearcats fourth at regionals

By Rick Mauch

The Community News

For a third consecutive year the Aledo Bearcats will be represented at the Class 5A State Golf Tournament. Sophomore Braden Stokes qualified individually from the Region I Tournament Monday and Tuesday, April 15-16 at Hillcrest Golf Course in Lubbock.

Stokes put together rounds of 75 and 76 for a 151 two-day total. He qualified as the second of three players not on one of the three qualifying teams, Burleson Centennial (610), Argyle (610) and Amarillo Tascosa (619).

The low medalist for the tournament was Argyle's Ethan Payne with a 147 (72-75).

Overall, Stokes was sixth individually. After Monday's round he was tied for ninth.

The 5A Boys State Tournament is April 29-30 at Legacy Hills Golf Club in Georgetown.

The Bearcats narrowly missed qualifying as a complete team for the first time since 2022. Their two-day total of 624 (310-314) was fourth.

The tournament featured good conditions on Monday, but Tuesday golfers had to battle winds of 35-plus miles per hour.

"We played better today than we did yesterday," Bearcats coach Brian Mourning said on Tuesday. "We had a couple of struggling scores yesterday, but kids fought back today to get within five (strokes) of going.

"Braden played really well both days. Glad to see him getting rewarded for his hard work."

Senior Jett Moore, who was tied for first after the opening day with

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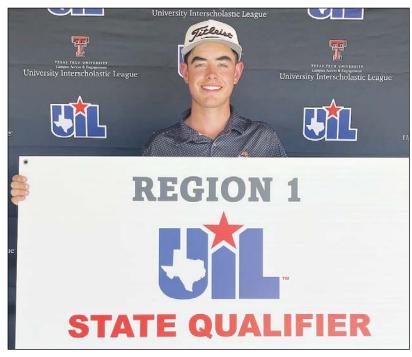


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Braden Stokes of the Aledo Bearcats has qualified for the Class 5A State Tournament at Legacy Hills Golf Club in Georgetown April 29-30.

TRACK AND FIELD

Aledo teams sweep area meets

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

Ladycats track coach Mike Pinkerton said his team was inspired by a memory - and one from not so long ago - at the 5/6-5A Area Meet at Clark Stadium in Fort Worth on April 12.

"The girls were disappointed with losing district – especially by one point," he said.

Pinkerton was referring to the District 5-5A Meet on the Ladycats' own turf on April 3-4, which Northwest won with 175 points to runner-up Aledo's 174. This time, however, it was the Ladycats who came away with the championship as they scored 146 points to second place Northwest's 124.

Meanwhile, the Bearcats followed their district championship by running away - no pun intended

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ACADEMIC ALL-STATE

Aledo athletes receive honors

Staff Reports

Several area athletes received academic all-state accolades from the Texas High School Coaches and the Texas Girls Coaches Association recently.

THSCA honors for girls basketball included Natalie Anderson, first team, and Caroline Browning as honorable mention. The duo also received accolades from the TGCA.

Four players from Weatherford were honored by the THSCA in girls basketball. They are Bonnie Jones, elite team; Emma Melven, first team; and Kaylie Perez and Baylea Ragle, honorable mentions.









TRACK

- with the area title as well. Aledo scored 140 points to 87 for the next closest, Fort Worth Arlington Heights.

"At Area, we had some outstanding performances, leading to the area championship. We are now taking 13 girls to regionals, which will be yet another step up in competition," Pinkerton said. "I know our girls will compete hard and give it their all."

The Bearcats will be sending 15 athletes. The top two finishers in each event qualify for state at the University of Texas in Austin May 2-4, along with the best third-place finisher from across all four regions in each event as a wild card.

Leading all qualifiers for Aledo is Adam Averett, who advanced in four events.

Addison Smith and Sofia Brandenburg each qualified in three events for the Ladycats, including a pair of gold medals for Brandenburg in the 800 and as part of the 4x400-meter relay with Smith, Mykel Murry and Mayden Mitchell. Lauren St. Peters also won two gold medals in the shot put and discus.

Taylor Hindman led a first, third and fourth-place finish in the pole vault with a gold medal performance. Likewise, Brad Campbell won the boys pole vault, which had a first, second and fourth showing by the Bearcats.

The Bearcats' other gold medal was won by Vincent Luffey in the

"Area went great, I still think we have some spots to shave some time off. It's that time of year to start running our best times of the year," Bearcats coach Andrew Clark said. "We have several really good opportunities to qualify for state, just need to show up and compete like I know

"Looks like some nasty weather in Lubbock this weekend and anything can happen."

Class 5/6-5A Area Meet at Clark Stadium, Fort Worth

Top four finishers in each event qualify for Class 5A Region I Meet in Lubbock April 19-20.

Aledo results

Running events in meters, field events in feet and inches.

Varsity girls

Team score: 146 points, first place (Northwest 124, second) Ton finishers

100: 2. Addison Smith, 11.94. 200: 3. Smith, 24.69.

800: 1. Sofia Brandenburg, 2:17.83; 2. Mykel Murry, 2:20.42; 4. Micah Neal, 2:25.66. 1600: 2. Brandenburg, 5:13.47; 3. Molly Garrison, 5:20.66; 4. Neal, 5:25.40. 3200: 2. Garrison, 11:43.02; 3. Kjersten Loy,

12:43.85; 4. Carley Couch, 12:51.59. 100 hurdles: 5. Savannah Thompson, 16.14. 4x200 relay: 5. Alexa Plantz, Sarah Edwards, Macie Laidley, Leighton Bratcher,

1:46.95. 4x400 relay: 1. Murry, Mayden Mitchell, Brandenburg, Smith, 3:57.20. High jump: 2. Taylor McKenzie, 5-2.

Pole vault: 1. Taylor Hindman, 12-0; 3. Maggie Kilburn, 11-6; 4. Claire Campbell, 9-6. Shot put: 1. Lauren St. Peters, 48-9.75; 7. Adrianna Lambert, 31-11,25. Discus: 1. St. Peters, 145-2.

Varsity boys Team score: 140 points, first place

(Arlington Heights 87, second) Top finishers 200: 4. Aven Lawrence, 22.12; 6. Adrian

Fuller, 22.60. 400: 3. Adam Averett, 49.54; 5. Trey Warner, 50.50.

800: 2. Vincent Luffey, 2:00.76; 3. Anderson Smith, 2:03.25; 5. Dominick Barrera, 2:05.95.

1600: 1. Luffey, 4:26.24; 3. Jack Fink, 4:31.44.

3200: 3. Fink, 9:53.09.

110 hurdles: 3. Evan Thompson, 15.45; 4. Lincoln Tubbs, 15.57.

300 hurdles: 3. Tubbs, 40.03; 4. Thompson, 41.29. 4x100 relay: 3. Fuller, Averett, Boogie Owens, Kaydon Finley, 41.67. 4x400 relay: 3. Warner, Averett, Owens,

Lawrence, 3:23.79. High jump: 2. Averett, 6-5. Pole vault: 1. Brad Campbell, 14-0 (tie-

breaker); 2. Braylon Brown, 14-0; 4. Kantyn Kasich. 13-0. Long jump: 2. Averett, 21-9.

Shot put: 3. Carson Dempsey, 48-2.75. Discus: 6. Christian Sandoval, 126-7; 7. Dempsey, 121-2.

GOLF

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an even-par 72, came close to joining Stokes at state. He tied for the third medalist not on a qualifying team with a 153 after shooting 81

"Heartbreaking for him to end his high school career. He has a great future ahead of him at Weatherford (College)," Mourning said or Moore.

Moore will be joining his former Aledo teammate Braylon Mahanay, a freshman this season with the Coyotes. Mahanay qualified for state individually last season and both were on the 2022 squad that competed in Austin.

Rounding out the Aledo scoring were junior Ethan Elmore, 158 (76-82); sophomore canceled the state tournament, but Gavin Beard, 166 (90-76); and junior Helton Mosiello, 168 (87-81).

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

To qualify for the regional tournament, the Bearcats won the District 5-5A championship at Sugar Tree Golf Club by 23 strokes over Northwest.

Ladycats seeking return

The Aledo Ladycats were playing in the 5A Region I Tournament at Lake Ridge Country Club in Lubbock at press time. Like the Bearcats, they are coming off yet another district

> championship, winning the 5-5A title by 55 strokes over runner-up Granbury.

The Ladycats are playing for a fourth consecutive trip to state as a team and their 11th in 13 seasons - discounting 2020 when COVID-19

the Ladycats were projected top three in the state.

TRACK AND FIELD

TCA teams second in district

Staff reports

The Willow Park Trinity Christian Academy (TCA) track teams each finished second at the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools District 1-4A Meet recently on April 11 at Lake Country Christian School in Fort Worth.

Winning gold medals for the Lady Eagles were Emma Saadeh in the 3200-meter run, McKenna Kellev in the 100 hurdles and Gracee Whiteaker in the 400. Winning gold for the Eagles were Braxton Smith in the 110 hurdles, Landry Crumpler in the 300 hurdles and Kadin James in the shot put. Also, the Eagles' 4x400 relay won gold.

TAPPS District 1-4A

Meet

Willow Park Trinity Christian results Running events in meters, field events in feet and inches Varsity girls Team score: 128 points, second place (Arlington Pantego Christian first, 156) Top finishers 3200: 1. Emma Saadeh, 12:54.75. 4x100 relay: 3rd, 52.81, 100 hurdles: 1. McKenna Kelley, 17.20.

100: 2. Olivia Quinn, 13.20. 400: 1. Gracee Whiteaker, 58.78. 300 hurdles: 2. Kelley, 50.35. 1600: 3. Saadeh, 6:03.01. 4x400 relay: 2nd, 4:22.60. Triple jump: 3. Quinn, 31-5.5. Discus: 2. Ella Cockrum, 131-2.

4. Cockrum, 31-7.25. 200: 2. Whiteaker, 25.55.

Varsity boys

Team score: 143 points, second place (Lubbock Trinity Christian first, 235.5) Top finishers: 3rd, 44.84.

110 hurdles: 1. Braxton Smith, 15.27; 2. Owen Coates, 15.40; 3. Landry Crumpler, 15,42.

100: 4. Canaan Kaznowski, 11.19. 4x200 relay: 3rd, 1:33.51. 300 hurdles: 1. Crumpler, 41.05; 3. Smith, 41.76; 4. Coates, 42.03.

4x400 relay: 1st, 3:32.87. High jump: 4. Kosta Luecker, 5-4. Triple jump: 3. Garrett Gough, 41-2.5. Discus: 3. Kadin James, 122-1. Shot put: 1. James, 45-1.5.200: 2.

Shot put: 2. Addison Shoppach, 34-7.5; 200: 4. Toby Thomes, 22.90.

Whiteaker, 25.55.

TRACK AND FIELD

AMS sweeps middle school titles

Staff Reports The Community News

Middle School District Championship

In Fort Worth, April 8 Aledo and McAnally Middle School

Running distances in meters, field events in feet and inches

Seventh-grade girls

Team scores: Aledo 160, first place; McAnally 78, fifth place. Top finishers

2400: 2. McKinley Walton, McAnally, 9:44.70; 3 Ashley Lawernce, Aledo, 10:02.51.

800: 1. Kerrington Johnston, McAnally, 2:35.29; 2. Abigail Rivas, McAnally,

100 hurdles: 1. Chloe Salling, Aledo, 18.13; 2. Violet Salling, Aledo, 18.53. 4x200 relay: 3. Aledo, 1:58.42.

300 hurdles: 1. Chloe Salling, Aledo, 53.37; 3. Kinsley Tipton, Aledo, 56.60. 200: 3. Catherine Cole, Aledo, 29.56. 1600: 1. McKinley Walton, McAnally, 6:08.94.

4x400 relay: 3. Aledo, 4:47.64. Discus: 2. Audrey Barns, McAnally, 70-9. High jump: 2. Katelyn Tatarevich, Aledo,

Pole vault: 2. Savannah Shackelford, Aledo, 6-6.

Shot put: 3. Layel Swanson, McAnally, Triple jump: 1. Charlie Herndon, Aledo,

31-3.75; 2. Elsie Reed, Aledo, 30-1; 3. Channing Green, Aledo, 30-0.

Seventh-grade boys

Team scores: Aledo 187, first place; McAnally 74, fifth place. Top finishers

2400: 1. Maddox Murry, McAnally, 8:27.76; 2. Charles Anderson, Aledo, 8:30.70; 3. Jonah Clary, Aledo, 8:30.99.

4x100 relay: 1. Aledo, 47.91. 800: 3. Walker Shelton, Aledo, 2:25.47. 100 hurdles: 1. Colin Overstreet, Aledo, 19.00; 3. Preston Tubbs, McAnally, 19.40. 100: 1. Wyatt Dorsey, Aledo, 12.33.

4x200 relay: 2. Aledo, 1:44.03. 300 hurdles: 1. Colin Overstreet, Aledo, 48.34; 2. Preston Tubbs, McAnally, 49.71. 200: 1. Sawyer Smith, Aledo, 24.79; 2. Zaiden Keys, McAnally, 26.08. 1600: 1. Maddox Murry, McAnally,

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BASEBALL

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baserunner to start off the frame as the lineup turned over.

Brooks Burdine laid down an attempted sacrifice bunt to move Trager over to second, but Burdine beat out the throw to first turning the sacrifice attempt into an infield single as Trager advanced to second. With a pair of runners on

and no outs, Boyd Thompson laid down a bunt of his own. A throwing error by the pitcher trying to get Trager with the force out at third allowed the go-ahead run to score as Trager crossed the plate. Burdine and Thompson advanced a base on the play putting both runners in scoring position.

Ryan Jones drew a walk to load the bases as Drew Weckel strolled to the plate with no outs. Weckel did his job, hitting a deep fly ball to center for the sac fly as Trager trotted home from third to put the Bearcats up 4-3.

With a pair of runners still on the basepath, Brennon Evans clubbed a line drive to center as both Burdine and Thompson wheeled around the bases to score. Aledo enjoyed a 6-3 lead with just one out in the inning.

Weston Nance kept the rally going with a fly ball to left field. The ball was caught for the second out, but was hit deep enough to score the final run of the evening for the Bearcats. Luke Sandefur came out for

his fourth inning of work with the Bearcats looking to him to shut the door on the Hornets. He did exactly what the team needed, as he closed out Azle without a hitch. Aledo will close out their two-

game set with Azle on Friday, April 19, when the Hornets come to town. First pitch for that game is scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

Then, following a home non-district game with Mansfield Lake Ridge at noon on Saturday, April 20, they have a home-andhome series with Wichita Falls Rider to end the regular season. The Raiders come to Aledo on Tuesday, April 23 and the Bearcats go to Wichita Falls on Friday, April 26, both games starting at 6:30

Aledo vs. Azle - Tues, **April 16**

RHE

Bearcats 101 001 004 - 7 9 2 000 030 000 - 3 4 5

Aledo hitting: Brooks Burdine 2-for-2, 2 BB, 3 R, RBI; Boyd Thompson 2-for-5, R; Ryan Jones 1-for-4, SB, BB, R; Drew Weckel 1-for-4, HBP, RBI; Brennon Evans 1-for-5, 2 RBI, SB; Johnny Ruflin BB, R; Lucas Nawrocki 1-for-3, 2B, BB; Luke Trager Aledo pitching: Luke Saunders 4.2 IP, 3 H, 3 R (3

earned), 2 BB, 9 K; Luke Sandefur 4.1 IP, H, 0 R,

Aledo vs. Euless Trinity - Sat, April 13

RHE000 050 0-580

Trinity Bearcats 001 600 x - 773 Aledo hitting: Thompson 2-for-2, 2 SB, 2 R, RBI, BB; Weston Nance 2 BB, R, RBI; Jones 2-for-4, 2B, SB, 3 RBI; Jake Bumgardner 1-for-1, BB; Saunders 1-for-2, R; Jake Huffman 1-for-3, R, RBI.

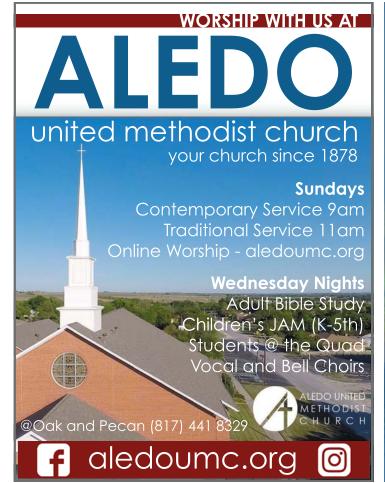
Aledo pitching: Eddie Howard 1 IP, K; R Haug 1 IP, K; Bumgardner 1 IP, BB, K; Jones 1 IP, 2 H; Ryan Spiers 0.1 IP, 4 H, 5 R (4 earned), 2 BB, K; Ethan Hodo 0.2 IP; Jake Paulsen 1 IP, H; Jack Kimsey 1 IP, H, BB, K.

Aledo vs. Northwest -Fri, April 12

Bearcats 400 000 0-452 Northwest 200 001 0 - 3 2 2 Aledo hitting: Br. Burdine 2 BB, R; Thompson 1-for-3, R; Jones 1-for-3, BB, R; Weckel 2 RBI, R; Nance

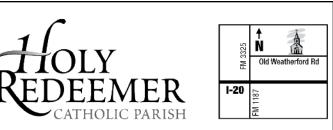
2-for-3, RBI; Ruflin 1-for-2, RBI; Trager BB. Aledo pitching: Devin Miller 6 IP, 2 H, 3 R (1 earned), BB, K; Sandefur 1 IP, BB, K.

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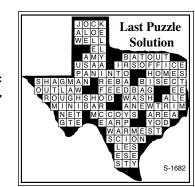
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Standards Link: Life Science:

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This week's word: WELL

The noun **well** means a hole dug in the ground to reach water below the surface.

I used a bucket on a rope to pull up water from the well at my aunt's farm.

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

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Community Heroes

Rotarians are community heroes. Look through the newspaper for stories about people in your community who are helping others. Make a list of the kinds of problems they are helping solve. Share the list with a family member.

Standards Link: Write to express an opinion.



Write On! 🚄 **Kids Care About** the Earth

What are ways you and your friends take care of our planet?

Standards Link: Language Arts: Write

SOFTBALL

McKean leads Ladycats over Azle

By Ryan Wade

Another stellar pitching performance by Taylor McKean ended up being the difference in the Aledo Ladycats' 4-3 road win in Azle on Tuesday, April 16.

McKean struck out 14 while not allowing a single earned run in the affair to keep Aledo's District 5-5A record unblemished at 11-0 (26-2 overall) with just a single game left on the regular season schedule.

Not many teams in District 5-5A have given the Ladycats softball team, ranked third in the state, much competition. Aledo's gone the distance in a district game just once prior to Tuesday night.

The Lady Hornets did something no one else in District 5-5A has figured out how to accomplish, including themselves. When the Lady Hornets came to Aledo on March 22, the Ladycats won via run rule, 10-0.

On Tuesday, the Lady Hornets did the unthinkable, holding Aledo to just four runs.

Uncharacteristic errors by the Ladycat defense helped the home team make it a one-run game with an opportunity to steal a win from the top seed in District 5-5A in the bottom of the seventh.

With ice water in her veins, McKean toed the rubber in the bottom of the seventh with the game on the line. As she's done so many times this year, she struck out the side, bringing the dramatics to an end in the process.

Under pressure

When Brewer came to town on Friday, April 12, the Lady Bears coaching staff stressed making the Ladycats feel pressure as the crux of their game plan. That worked for all of about an inning-and-a-half.

Behind a two-home run night by Ana Flores, the Ladycats put their offensive prowess on full display as they sent Brewer home on the heels of a 15-1 loss.

A single and a defensive error allowed the Lady Bears to tie the game up at 1-1 in the top of the second. As much as Brewer talked about pressure to that point, Ladycat hurler Brenlee Gonzales began to turn up the pressure on the Lady Bears.

For the next three innings, Gonzales tormented the Brewer batters. Leaning on her fast-ball-changeup combination, the Aledo southpaw kept the Lady Bears off balance like a table with a broken leg. Batters were consistently way behind her fastball, or way out in front of her changeup, resulting in her accumulating 10 strikeouts in just five innings of work.

At the plate, it was a completely different story for Aledo. The Ladycats collected a dozen hits in the game, with seven of those hits going for extra bases.

Flores hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the second inning, lifting the Ladycats to a 4-1 lead at that point. She repeated the feat in the bottom of the third inning, as Aledo jumped out to a commanding 9-1 lead to put Brewer in danger of



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Ana Flores is hoisted into the air by her teammates in celebration of the first of her two home runs in the Ladycats' 15-1 rout over Brewer on Friday, Apr. 12.

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being closed out early. A six-run bottom of the fourth solidified the win for Aledo, as the Lady Bears were left to lick their wounds on the way home.

The Ladycats close out their regular season schedule on Friday, April 19, when Granbury's Lady Pirates come to town on Senior Night. First pitch for that game is scheduled for 5 p.m.

Aledo vs. Azle – Tues, April 16

Ladycats 003 001 0-452 Azle 000 003 0-313 Aledo hitting: Addie Perry 1-for-4, R, 2 BB; Marina Taveras 1-for-4, SB; Kennis Marx 1-for-3, HBP; Maddy Flora 1-for-3, R; Brenlee Gonzales 1-for-2, R. SB. BB: Jordan Edineton BB.

Aledo pitching: Taylor McKean 7 IP, H, 3 R (0 earned), 3 BB, 14 K.

Aledo vs. Brewer – Fri, April 12

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Aledo hitting: Perry 2-for-4, 2B, SB, 4 R, 3 RBI;
Delaney Rosser R, RBI; Ana Flores 2-for-3, 2 HR,
2 R, 6 RBI; Taveras 3-for-4, R, RBI, SB; Kyleigh
Pawlak 2-for-3, 3B, 2B, R, RBI; Gonzales 1-for-2,
BB, RBI, 3B; Austyn Marriage 1-for-2, 2 R, RBI;
Edington 1-for-2, 2 R, BB, 3B.

Aledo pitching: Gonzales 5 IP, 2 H, R (0 earned) 0 BB, 10 K.

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5:26.96; 2. Jonah Clary, Aledo, 5:28.19; 3. Charles Anderson, Aledo, 5:33.37. 4x400 relay: 2. Aledo, 4:03.05. Discus: 2. Sawyer Smith, Aledo, 106-2. High jump: 2. Ty Gardner, Aledo, 4-10. Pole vault: 3. Aiden Ivie, Aledo, 8-0. Triple jump: 2. Blaze Harter, Aledo, 34-7.50.

Eighth-grade girls

Team scores: Aledo 217, first place; McAnally 147, second place.
Top finishers

2400: 2. Hadleigh Walton, McAnally, 9:30.85; 3. Cecilia Frank, Aledo, 9:31.00. 4x100 relay: 2. Aledo, 52.49; 3. McAnally, 52.49.

800: 1. Jules Avery, Aledo, 2:38.83; 2. Cheyenne Craig, McAnally, 2:42.31. 100 hurdles: 2. Hailey Wuenstel, Aledo, 18.02; 3. Blakely Spain, Aledo, 18.66. 100: 2. Avery Pipkins, Aledo, 13.68.

4x200 relay: 1. Aledo, 1:49.61; 2. McAnally, 1:49.69.

400: 2. Cecilia Frank, Aledo, 1:06.59; 3. Kendall Holcomb, Aledo, 1:06.62. 300 hurdles: 1. Sawyer Voight, McAnally,

50.01; 3. Blakely Spain, Aledo, 53.26. 200: 1. Avery Sands, Aledo, 27.56; 2. Jordan Wright, McAnally, 28.45; 3. Jules Avery, Aledo, 28.64.

1600: 2. Hadleigh Walton, McAnally, 6:08.09.

4x400 relay: 1. McAnally, 4:29.01; 2. Aledo, 4:33.72.

Discus: 1. Lily Morris, Aledo, 87-1; 2. Bailey Martin, Aledo, 85-8.

Long jump: 1. Sawyer Voight, McAnally, 17-1; 3. Avery Pipkins, Aledo, 15-9.25.

Pole vault: 2. Addison Fields, McAnally, 9-0; 3. Elizabeth Gamez, Aledo, 7-0. Shot put: 1. Katelyn Lowe, Aledo, 35-11.75; 2. Charlotte Gartner. McAnally. 34-0.75.

2. Charlotte Gartner, McAnally, 34-0.75. Triple jump: 1. Avery Pipkins, Aledo, 32-11.50.

Eighth-grade boys

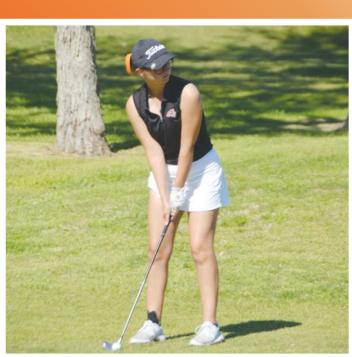
Team scores: Aledo 194, first place; McAnally 146, second place.

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