

THE COMMUNITY NEWS

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

RODEO

Cowboy up for PCSP Frontier Days

By Christopher Amos
The Community News

Get your cowboy on and bring the herd to Frontier Days and the 77th Annual Frontier Days Rodeo when Weatherford comes alive for the week-long celebration with cowboy skills and music June 1-8.

Ingrained in their heritage, the opening of the 1947 Parker County Sheriff's Posse charter encourages members, "...in keeping alive the true traditions of the Old West, sacred heritage of all Texans," and the organization delivers in grand style.

Early risers can witness a cattle drive coming into Weatherford Saturday, June 1 on W. Hwy. 180 from Millsap to the Parker County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo Grounds, 2251 Mineral Wells Hwy. U.S. 180. Sheriff's Posse riders and cattle start moseying at 7 a.m. and reach the rodeo grounds around 8 a.m.

Gather along S. Main Street that evening at 6:30 for the grand Frontier Days Rodeo Parade. The night will end with a street dance in downtown Weatherford starting at 7:30 with Tyler Bond, followed by Leon Payne, performing.

Rodeo memories

Mallory Morris competed at the famed rodeo as a member of the Weatherford High School Rodeo Team. "I rodeoed for most of my life," the 2019 WHS graduate recalled. "It was really fun competing, and the rodeo team would also help at the parade. It was so exciting seeing those big crowds."

Morris works in the Cadillac division of Jerry's Buick GMC, which is a longtime sponsor of Frontier Days and Rodeo.

The rodeo begins Tuesday, June 4 with bull riding, sponsored by Chick-fil-A, when 40 bulls will take on hopeful cowboys in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association events.

Tickets

Tickets are available at the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce 401 Fort Worth Hwy., and at the arena box office. Gates open at 6 p.m.

Wednesday through Saturday continues more PRCA action with bronco riding, steer wrestling, calf roping, team roping, ladies break-away roping, barrel racing and mutton busting. Wednesday will also feature the Exceptional Rodeo with adults and students with physical or mental disabilities competing in traditional rodeo events.

Each rodeo will include music performances from: Rowdy Decker, June 4; Jacob Stelly, June 5; Slade Coulter, June 6; Tyler Halverson, June 7; and Silverada, June 8.

Visit pcsp.net for event times.



SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS

The Parker County Sheriff's Posse annual Frontier Days week (June 1-8) will begin with the annual cattle drive from Millsap to the PCSP grounds the morning of the first day.

HUDSON OAKS

Improvements to water/wastewater services could lead to rate increases

By Melissa Winn
The Community News

Due to recent changes in wholesale water and wastewater providers, the City of Hudson Oaks recently gave notice to issue combination tax and revenue certificates of obligation for the purpose of paying for improvements to the water, sewer and stormwater utility systems to the tune of \$12 million.

But what exactly does that mean for its residents?

At a recent city council meeting, two separate presentations - one from City Administrator Sterling Naron and one from representatives of NewGen and SAMCO

Turn to **RATE**, page 3

MONTHLY BILL IMPACTS

3/4" Residential -
9,000 Gallons Water & 6,000 Gallons Wastewater



PHOTO COURTESY CITY OF HUDSON OAKS

A slide from a presentation by NewGen Strategies at a recent Hudson Oaks City Council meeting highlights what the average customer could pay if water/wastewater rates are increased by recommended amounts.

WEATHERFORD ISD

TEA approves teacher incentive program

By Melissa Winn
The Community News

The Weatherford Independent School District got welcome news recently when it received word from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) that one of its programs has been validated and approved.

The Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) designation system was created by the 86th Texas Legislature to assist districts with recruiting, supporting and retaining "highly effective teachers" in all schools as part of House Bill 3. When passed, a special emphasis on high-needs and rural schools was one of the goals.

"I am so proud of our staff for their perseverance throughout Weatherford ISD's three-year process to become a TIA designated district," said Dr. Beau Rees,

Superintendent of Schools at Weatherford ISD. "While all Texas school districts have the option to participate in the TIA, it is not a requirement."

A total of 79 teachers earned a designation through WISD's TIA system. Designations are awarded for five years and noted on the teacher's certificate. The amount of funding a designated teacher earns varies by campus based on their designation and the socioeconomic needs of the teacher's campus.

"[We are] honored to receive this validation and approval from TEA," Rees said. "It is great to receive additional compensation for educators, fully paid for by the State of Texas, for going above and beyond to help our students grow academically."

TIA funding is a Tier 1 allotment through the Foundation School Program, the system the state provides funding to districts with that is grounded in the Texas Education Code, and has no cap.

The allotment for Weatherford ISD TIA designees will range from \$3,354 to \$18,131, according to TEA's allotment formula for the 2023-2024 school year. The formula takes three factors into account: teacher designation level, campus socioeconomic level and campus rural status. Teacher designations each have a base allotment amount and a multiplier rate that may result in a higher allotment for the district.

By mid-May, TEA will notify the school district and teachers that have been identified as

earning one of three designations: recognized, master or exemplary.

"[This] validation advances the district's commitment to recruit, reward and retain teachers who provide an exceptional learning environment for our students," said Mike Guest, President of the WISD Board of Trustees.

Districts are required to spend 90 percent or more of the allotment on teacher compensation at the campus where the designated teacher works. Up to 10 percent may be used to support teachers in earning designations.

In addition, instructional staff at campuses with a designated teacher will also benefit from this allotment. Based on the approved WISD spending plan, TIA allotment funds will be distributed to those who qualify on the June 25 paycheck.



First Bank ★ Texas

Banking That Builds Communities.

That's My Bank!



GET MORE OUT OF BANKING BY FOLLOWING US ON SOCIAL



14 LOCATIONS PLUS 2 ATM LOCATIONS ACROSS TEXAS

go2fbt.com



WEATHERFORD ISD

Jenkins, Martin receive top awards

Teacher of the Year honored from each campus

By Randy Keck
The Community News

The Weatherford ISD recently honored its top teachers at its annual Campus Teacher of the Year Awards held at the Emerging Technologies Building at Weatherford College.

Tiel Jenkins, Teacher of the Year at Weatherford High School, was named the district's Secondary Teacher of the Year. Curtis Elementary School teacher Tonya Martin received the district's Elementary Teacher of the Year award.

The event began with a welcome from Superintendent Dr. Beau Rees. Van Houser and Dave Cowley, both former presidents of the Weatherford ISD Education Foundation, provided the opening prayer and served as master of ceremonies, respectively.

Campus honorees were in most cases introduced by their principals.

Donna Stubblefield was named Austin Elementary School Campus Teacher of the Year. She was introduced by Principal Kendall Berry.

"This individual goes beyond the call of duty to inspire and empower her students, fostering a positive learning environment where every child can thrive," Berry said of Stubblefield. Her impact extends far beyond the classroom, leaving a lasting impression on students, colleagues, and the community.

The Crockett Elementary School Campus Teacher of the Year was Kevin Morgan.

"Stephen Covey once said in the great literature of all progressive societies 'love' is a verb," Principal Tra Hall said in introducing Morgan. "Reactive people make it a feeling; proactive people make love a verb. Love is something you do — the sacrifices you make, the giving of self, and our teacher there this year is a gentleman who gives of himself each and every day."

When Tonya Martin was introduced, Principal Lorie Bratcher said "she's a real go getter and she has been ever since she first came to Curtis in 2018. Her unwavering commitment to excellence, creativity, and teaching and dedication to each child's growth, development, and success truly makes her a beacon of inspiration for the staff and students at Curtis Elementary."

Laura Montelongo was named Ikard Elementary School Campus Teacher of the Year.

"She is an emergent bilingual teacher at IZARD Elementary, which is a pre-K through fifth grade bilingual campus," Principal Christy Burton said. "She does an amazing job. She welcomes our families. She's our ELPAC (English language proficiency test) coordinator. We have numerous newcomers this year that she has helped not just in the classroom or the campus, but in the community"

Principal Mitzy Myall introduced Summer Graves, Martin Elementary School Campus Teacher of the Year.

"She truly exemplifies the highest standards of excellence," Myall said. "Her dedication to her students is above any that I have seen in a long, long time. And her passion for education is outstanding and excellent as well. She has gone above and



RANDY CUTSHALL PHOTOGRAPHY

Tiel Jenkins, center, was named the Weatherford ISD Secondary Teacher of the Year. She is shown with Superintendent Dr. Beau Rees and Donna Dickenson with Jerry's Auto Group, who presented a \$1,500 award.



RANDY CUTSHALL PHOTOGRAPHY

Tonya Martin, center, was named the Weatherford ISD Elementary Teacher of the Year. She is shown with Superintendent Dr. Beau Rees and Tim Mitchell of Texas Bank, who presented a \$1,500 award.



Donna Stubblefield, center, was named Austin Elementary School Campus Teacher of the Year. She is shown with Assistant Principal Belinda Fincher and Principal Kendall Berry.



Kevin Morgan, center, was named Crockett Elementary School Campus Teacher of the Year. Also shown are Assistant Principal Jennifer Rhoades and Principal Tra Hall.



Laura Montelongo, center, was named Ikard Elementary School Campus Teacher of the Year. Also shown are Principal Christy Burton and Assistant Principal Jennifer Tyson.



Summer Graves, center, was named Martin Elementary School Campus Teacher of the Year. Also shown are Assistant Principal Malorie Blanco and Principal Mitzy Myall.



Tiffany Montgomery, center, was named Campus Teacher of the Year for Seguin Elementary School. Also shown are Assistant Principal Jeina Dunn and Principal Michelle Stapp.



Lauren Hollier, center, was named Campus Teacher of the Year at Wright Elementary School. Also shown are Assistant Principal Cynthia Childers and Principal April Lepla.



John Moody, left, was named Campus Teacher of the Year for Hall Middle School. Also shown is Principal Sean Kenny.



Kristin Perkins (left) was named Campus Teacher of the Year for Tison Middle School. Also shown is Principal Leslie Ghiglieri.



Justin Gaines (left) was named Campus Teacher of the Year for the Ninth Grade Center. Also shown is Principal Jessica Duenez.



Rori Travis, left, was named Campus Teacher of the Year for the Bridge Academy. Also shown is Joey Hobbs, Bridge Academy Coordinator.

beyond to create a fun environment of learning for our students and the relationships she builds with students is phenomenal."

The Seguin Elementary School Campus Teacher of the Year was Tiffany Montgomery.

Principal Michelle Stapp said "our Teacher of the Year exemplifies what it means to be an educator. She loves her students. Math comes

to life in her room, and if you've ever been in there, you don't want to leave."

Lauren Hollier was named Campus Teacher of the Year at Wright Elementary School.

"Our second grade teacher not only builds relationships with her students, she takes it to another level," said Principal April Lepla. "They cry when she cries. They

laugh when she laughs and they hope that she comes back if she's absent. Our second grade teacher of the year is not only the most amazing relationship builder I have ever seen, she's also inspiring to other teachers. She mentors others."

Principal Sean Kenny introduced Hall Middle School Teacher of the Year, John Moody.

"I'm honored to recognize Mr. John Moody, our eighth grade algebra teacher, the STEM department chair, and dedicated coach as our teacher of the year, Kenny said. "Coach Moody's commitment to academic excellence extends beyond the classroom, where he excels at making complex mathematical

Turn to AWARDS, page 3

705 N FM 1187
P.O. Box 967
Aledo, Texas 76008
www.DoyleMoss.com
817-441-9053
Fax 817-441-7145

AUTO - HOME - LIFE - HEALTH
COMMERCIAL AUTO - BUSINESS
WORKERS COMP - RENTERS
COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Moss INSURANCE GROUP

WE REPRESENT:

- Allstate
- Mercury
- Germania
- The Hartford
- Progressive
- Safeco
- State Auto
- Zurich
- Travelers
- And many others

Doyle Moss Linda Moss Megan Hendricks
doyle@doylemoss.com linda@doylemoss.com Megan@doylemoss.com

Serving Parker County and all of Texas since 1972.

THE COMMUNITY NEWS

1015 Champions Dr. • Aledo • 817-441-7661
community-news.com

AWARDS

from page 2

concepts exciting to middle school kids. As a data-driven teacher, he ensures every student feels valued and empowered to excel. His leadership also extends to athletics, where he instills values of teamwork and discipline in our student athletes."

The Tison Middle School Campus Teacher of the Year was Kristin Perkins.

"She is our eighth grade math and algebra teacher," Principal Leslie Ghiglieri said. Ms. Perkins creates magic; the magic that allows a diverse group of students to respect their teacher and each other by tackling the struggles of learning something new. Every day she makes sure the students know she believes in them and in turn, they believe in themselves. This is what she does every day."

Justin Gaines was named Campus Teacher of the Year for the Ninth Grade Center.

"Mr. Justin Gaines works in our GRID department with our welding students," said Principal Jessica Duenez. "I really listened closely to the message from all of our teachers over the years and what I'm hearing is a theme of relationships, and that is absolutely a strength of Mr. Gaines. He's gonna leave straight from here today and go to Camp Brady spruce to hang out with some awesome elementary students. But that is who he is. He is a relationship person, whether it's his own children or our ninth graders."

WISD Assistant Superintendent of Student Services Dr. Kady Donaghey introduced Weatherford High School Campus Teacher of the Year Tiel Jenkins.

"From the time I met her I knew she was an advocate for all kids," Donaghey said. "Her enrollment in food science has grown tremendously over the past three years. Kids don't have to take her class — they choose her class. They choose to be with her every day; they choose to learn from her every day — her excitement for the program as well as her excitement for what she's teaching them to better prepare them for life after high school."

Rori Travis was named Campus Teacher of the Year for the Bridge Academy. Also shown is Joey Hobbs, Bridge Academy Coordinator.

"She's fierce. She's passionate," said Bridge Academy Coordinator Joey Hobbs. "Anyone that's met her knows these two things. The light in her eyes and the smile on her face when she when a kid is successful is pretty awesome."



WEATHERFORD

Court Administrator earns Municipal Court Achievement

By Jolee Skinner
Contributing Writer

City of Weatherford Court Administrator Tiffany Bagwell earned the level three Certified Municipal Court Clerk designation.

On April 9, 2024 Jennifer Bozorgnia, who is the director of court services of the Texas Court Clerks Association, presented Bagwell with the milestone.

"This achievement is not merely a testament to her expertise, but also a reflection of the dedication and commitment required to serve our communities with excellence," Bozorgnia said.

Bagwell joins an elite group of just 145 individuals across Texas who have earned the level three designation.

The award was given to Bagwell at the April 9 Weatherford City Council meeting and was presented by the mayor of Weatherford plus city council members. Bagwell said a few words and thanked her court.

"This certification wouldn't have done much good if I hadn't been able to take the knowledge and experience and come back and put that into practice at court," Bagwell said. "We had a phenomenal court before, but I think in the

last couple of years we have really knocked it out of the park."

Weatherford Mayor Paul Paschall said a couple of nice words about Bagwell and why she deserved the award.

"You may be one of 145 to have this designation, but to us you are number one of 145," Mayor Paschall said.

To receive this particular certification, one must go through a level three course of study which includes two phases of study. Phase one requires 28 hours of reading and education and takes one year to complete. Phase two requires court observation and journaling, which can take up to one to two years to complete.

Then the person must pass the level three exam which is in three parts that you must pay and register for. Finally, a person must attend a 24-hour assessment clinic and may only be done once.

The purpose of the assessment clinic is to build confidence in performance of one's management duties and become prepared for providing effective oversight of court operations.

For more information on Weatherford city council meetings, visit www.weatherfordtx.gov.



CHRISTOPHER AMOS/THE COMMUNITY NEWS
Aledo ag science students Shawn Pallanes, Randy Dixon, Greg Baack and Aidan Dobbs listen to Universal Technical Institute instructor Kyle Malone present a demonstration on motorcycle and auto maintenance. UTI instructors occasionally conduct educational programs at public schools.

RATE

from page 1

Capital - answered that very question.

Currently, the City of Hudson Oaks has a master agreement with the City of Weatherford to treat its wastewater at Weatherford's wastewater treatment plant, but Naron said that agreement will not be continuing after receiving notice from Weatherford.

Needing an alternative, it happens that Willow Park purchased land and is constructing a new, larger facility close to its current site and Hudson Oaks is pursuing a partnership that will benefit both cities.

"[Our engineers] Kimley Horn are currently working on and looking at a couple of alignments," Naron said. "It will be cheaper for us and increase our capacity and give room to grow."

He added that Hudson Oaks would have a 20 percent equity stake to maintain if all goes to plan.

Cost/funding

The project itself would likely cost about \$10 million, but in order

to get funds in place \$12 million was the targeted amount budgeted for in the obligations. Fiscal Year 2024 is where the bulk of the project's expenditures will happen, with \$6.095 million dedicated for the wastewater lines to a shared facility and lift station, \$4 million for the stake in the plant, and \$900,000 for the water line from Lakeshore to Shannon.

The additional \$1 million is projected to take place in FY2027 for an elevated storage tank on the east side.

Ryan Cunningham, managing director with SAMCO Capital, outlined a timeline for council members that would begin in FY2025. The proposed revenue amounts took into consideration a yet-to-be-voted-on rate increase for wastewater based on the NewGen study that was presented earlier in the meeting.

"The interest was calculated at 5 percent to adjust for any fluctuation that could happen, but rates are currently less than that amount," he noted.

Council will consider the ordinance to issue the certificates of

obligations at its regular monthly meeting in June.

Rate increase

However, in order to have a better grasp on the financial impact, water and wastewater rates need to be looked at and likely adjusted since those have not been increased since 2018 and 2008, respectively.

Chris Ekrut, CFO/Director with NewGen Strategies, showed what proposed higher rates would do for the city's revenue and bluntly explained that Hudson Oaks needs to transfer \$433,000 in water funds - \$328,000 that is not currently in the budget - to maintain its current fund balance reserve.

He added that the average annual increase in Consumer Price Index (CPI) for water, sewer and trash providers is 4.38 percent.

"Small, frequent increases are easier to digest," he said, explaining how customers view rate increases. "Every city is different and it's not necessarily an apples-to-apples comparison, but the regulations are the same requirements for all cities."

Council will consider proposed rate changes in the coming months as the budget is considered, but monthly bill impacts for residential customers using 9,000 gallons of water and 6,000 gallons of wastewater are expected to be around \$30 in FY2025, with slight increases annually after that under the plan that was shown to council members.

Due to the time gap from when rates were last raised and the proposed amounts, Ekrut said there was a "hill to climb to execute capital improvements."

"Rate setting is an annual exercise and wholesale providers, i.e. Fort Worth and Weatherford, where Hudson Oaks gets its water from, will go up annually and you have to go up as well or resources will [dwindle]," he concluded.

Councilman Sean Cannon asked about delays in customers paying bills in other cities when prices increase and if there was a larger amount of people not paying or asking for extensions.

"There are some, yes, but customers make choices on payments and the industry as a whole is behind," Ekrut said.

Churches

WORSHIP WITH US AT

ALED0

united methodist church
your church since 1878

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

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

@Oak and Pecan (817) 441 8329

aledoumc.org

COME AS YOU ARE

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

THE CROSSING
Located in Downtown Aledo
www.crossingaledo.com

Sunday Service
10:00 AM

817-901-9455
5050 S Hwy 5
Aledo, TX

PCCCC
PARKER COUNTY COWBOY CHURCH

EVERYONE WELCOME

WWW.PCCOWBOYCHURCH.ORG

HOLY REDEEMER
CATHOLIC PARISH

16250 Old Weatherford Road
Aledo, Texas

For current Mass Times visit our website at:
www.HolyRedeemerAledo.org

For more information contact the Parish Office at 817-441-3500

The Community News



National Newspaper Association and Foundation



West Texas Press Association



Weatherford Chamber of Commerce



North and East Texas Press Association



East Parker County Chamber of Commerce

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

Physical:
1015 Champions Drive, Aledo, TX

Phone:
817-441-7661

Web:
www.community-news.com

PUBLISHER/EDITOR

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

DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

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

CIRCULATION

Reagan Tomlin
business@community-news.com

PAGE AND AD DESIGN

Laura Finer
production@community-news.com

AISD INTERN

Tate Shepherd

EDITORIAL STAFF AND CONTRIBUTORS

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

CONTACT POINTS

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

Ad Design Materials
production@community-news.com

Purchase Advertising
sales@community-news.com

Legal Notices
legal@community-news.com

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

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

Content Submission Policy

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

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

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

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

Capital Highlights

Flood victims urged caution upon returning home



Gary Borders
gborders@texaspress.com

As East Texas residents return to clean up their homes and businesses after extensive flooding earlier this month, the Texas Department of State Health Services urged residents and business owners to exercise caution. Among the recommendations:

- Never use gasoline-powered generators or charcoal grills indoors. Keep them outside, at least 20 feet from homes to avoid possible carbon monoxide poisoning. Direct generator engine exhaust away from windows and doors
- Never mix bleach with products that contain ammonia. Toxic fumes could be created.
- Disinfect household surfaces, woodwork and toys in homes that have flooded, using a solution of one cup bleach to five gallons of water.
- Wash hands often during property cleanup to avoid contaminating areas that have already been cleaned.

A large swath of East Texas recorded very heavy rainfall between April 28 and May 7. More than 25 inches fell in parts of San Jacinto, Walker, Polk, and Trinity counties. Downtown Livingston flooded. Excess water in Lake Livingston, fed by the Trinity River, exceeded amounts recorded during Hurricane Harvey in 2017.

Phelan issues priorities for next session — if he is speaker

Texas House Speaker Dade Phelan, R-Beaumont, has issued his legislative priorities for the next legislative session in January, while facing a tough re-election battle and an impending May 28 runoff election.

Phelan directed his committee leaders to take a look at the use of school vouchers in other

states and also consider new ways to further reduce property tax bills for homeowners, *The Texas Tribune* reported.

Attempts to pass a voucher program backed by Gov. Greg Abbott failed several times in past legislative sessions, leading to largely successful attempts to defeat voucher opponents in the March Republican primary. Phelan faces challenger David Covey, backed by Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and other of his political foes, in the runoff.

As is customary with House speakers, Phelan did not cast a vote either way for the various voucher proposals but later said he would have supported a scaled-down version of vouchers.

During the last sessions, Phelan and his House allies backed a proposal to cut the cap on annual property taxes from 10% to 5%, which was opposed by Patrick. The lieutenant governor favored an increase in the homestead exemption instead and ultimately prevailed.

Moving forward, Phelan has directed the House Ways & Means Committee to explore "whether to further reduce the limit on appraised value of homesteads."

Board approves new teacher residency certificate

The State Board of Education recently approved a new certificate — the enhanced standard certificate — for aspiring teachers who complete a residency on their way to earning a teaching license in Texas, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported.

The board hopes such year-long programs will create better trained first-year teachers and improve teacher retention — a major issue for Texas public schools.

"The residency prep route creates a path to the classroom that's akin to the medical model for preparing doctors," said Emily Garcia, associate commissioner for educator certification and enforcement at the Texas Education Agency.

Student teaching is common among college-based teaching programs, but the residency is

longer and more intensive, Garcia said. The residency has a 750-hour minimum requirement, while a typical student teaching program usually involves a minimum of 490 hours in the classroom.

One out of eight Texas public school teachers left their jobs during the last school year, according to TEA, while just 58% of entry-level teachers hired in Texas five years ago are still working in public education.

Bill would reimburse ranchers for unborn calves killed in disasters

Two Texas GOP lawmakers are proposing legislation to compensate ranchers who lose unborn calves during a disaster, such as the recent Panhandle wildfires, the *Texas Standard* reported. U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz and U.S. Rep. Ronny Jackson — both Republicans — are sponsoring the legislation.

Approximately 15,000 cattle, including pregnant cows, died during the Panhandle wildfires.

The proposal expands a program that is part of the farm bill called the Livestock Indemnity Program, according to David Anderson, a professor and extension specialist in livestock and food product marketing at Texas A&M. As now structured, the program is not set up to compensate ranchers for the loss of unborn calves, he said.

"We have record high cattle prices right now," he said. "So, you got some help on the value of the cow, but not on this calf that you were going to sell in the fall for a record high amount of money."

Border landowners can be compensated for migrant damages

Landowners along the Texas-Mexico border are now eligible for compensation for damage to their land and property caused by migrants, smugglers and drug traffickers, *The Tribune* reported.

The Legislature during the last session approved \$18 million for

the compensation fund, administered by the Texas attorney general's office. Landowners have up to 90 days after an incident to file a claim and must have a written police report documenting the damage. The state will compensate up to \$75,000 for damage to property such as a barn or a fence, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton's office said.

The damage must have occurred after Sept. 1, 2023, *The Tribune* reported. That is when the law took effect.

Governors oppose transferring guard members to Space Force

All 50 governors have joined 140 House lawmakers, U.S. senators and five U.S. territories in opposing a proposal to move several hundred members of the Air Force Guard to the federal Space Force, where they would be full-time enlisted personnel.

Rose Thayer, an Austin-based reporter for Stars and Stripes told the *Texas Standard* that part of the reason for creating the Space Force nearly five years ago was to "take all of the military's space assets and units that exist in all the service branches and co-locate them under the Space Force."

Thayer said the biggest objection is that members of the National Guard have a "dual-hatted role" in that they serve the federal U.S. military but also serve their states, particularly in times of natural disaster or civil unrest.

"And this proposal from the Air Force is asking to move these units without asking permission of the governors," she said.

The House Armed Services Committee will have the final say over the proposal, according to Thayer.

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches, Lufkin and Cedar Park. Email: gborders@texaspress.com



Idle American

A Texan's View of Touchdown Jesus



Dr. Don Newbury
newbury@speakerdoc.com

This is a backstory of "Touchdown Jesus" on the 50th anniversary of Notre Dame's football faithful making the massive Hesburgh Library's south wall mural better known than the building itself. Ever heard of the Hesburgh Library, or does "Touchdown Jesus" sound more familiar? I thought so.

The artist properly majored on the depiction of Jesus. His arms raised as if to commend the work of teachers, theologians, and doctors gathered around Him.

In 1964 — one year later — Coach Ara Parseghian's Fighting Irish rose to national prominence. With the famous mural looming at 134-feet tall behind the north end zone, fans saw it regularly, framed by goal posts, when touchdowns were scored. Almost immediately, the term "Touchdown Jesus" was born.

In the early 1990s, Notre Dame brain trusts opted to build the library and then expand the nearby stadium, creating "campus crossroads" and earmarking \$400 million for the joint project.

Part of the "price of progress" was a shortened vertical view of the mural from the stadium. When 4,000 seats were installed above the top rim — increasing stadium seating to 62,000 — the horizontal view of Jesus was limited to His waist up.

My brother, Dr. Fred Newbury — the true academician in our family — visited the historic stadium a few years back, returning home with a classic line of his very own. (Okay, so I'm jealous! I, and many others, respect his many contributions to higher education. He has taught economics for more than 50 years at Dallas College and is still at it. Author of several textbooks, he's been elected numerous times to lead Dallas College faculty associations and the Texas Community College Teachers Association.) I fear that he may overshadow my efforts in the "humor business." But, I want to be charitable. His observation at a Notre Dame Stadium game deserves attention in this space in boldface type.

He appears to be highly academic

— think hound's tooth jacket, pipe in clenched teeth and shaggy hair. He often gazes toward the horizon, as if struggling to express thoughts that even I — and other subordinates — might understand.

Down deep, though, he's as country as I am. However, he has traveled worldwide, including his stadium visit after renovation. When the Irish scored, all eyes turned toward "Touchdown Jesus."

Digression aside and pre-amble explained, his comment upon seeing the mural showing Jesus from the "waist up" — His arms clearly raised — deserves to be archived in Notre Dame football lore. Here are his words: "After stadium renovation, Jesus' touchdown signal remains intact, but His signal for pass incompletions can't be seen." Now I've shared his line, including words that can easily be pilfered. (I once attended a conference at Notre Dame and was awed by the mural which was funded to the tune of \$200,000 for the work of art.)

Not so well known is another spiritual symbol in Brownwood, Texas.

Prominently stationed near the Best Western Plus Riata Hotel's entrance is a five-foot-tall granite monument bearing

important biblical instructions. Bigger than most tombstones, it weighs almost one ton.

Inscribed are words from the Holy Bible's TEN COMMANDMENTS, from both Exodus 20:2-17 and Deuteronomy 5:6-12.

Manager Patricia Henry making sure the granite remains spotless, says it draws praise from hundreds of guests monthly.

Criticism, however rare, usually comes from one or two guests monthly who also grump about the pillows, thermostats, or breakfast menu.

Manager there for four years, Henry has long dealt with the public. She feels that most people are friendly, honest and civil. She has operated a food truck, managed concession stands and served in numerous hotel roles before being named manager. Understandably, she's mighty proud of the hotel's 900-plus point rating for the past two years, since 1,000 is a perfect score. Perfection is rarely reached, of course, but like obedience of the Ten Commandments, she's coming close!

Dr. Newbury, longtime university president, writes weekly and speaks regularly. Now in its 23rd year, The Idle American is Texas' long-gestating syndicated column.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW

Football helped former Bearcat soar to degree from Annapolis

By John English
The Community News

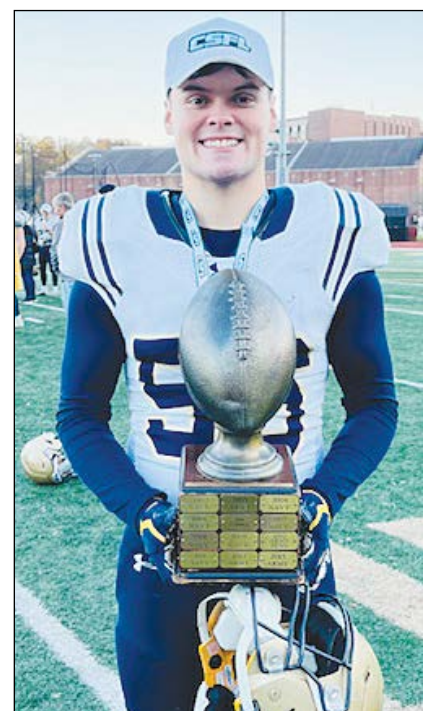
Working hard to achieve great success is a concept that Aledo High School alum Weston Reese understands well.

A 2020 graduate of AHS who played linebacker on three state championship football teams, Reese implemented the work ethic and lessons he learned as a football player into his college career, and it paid off.

On May 24, Reese will graduate from the United States Naval Academy with a degree in aerospace engineering, and he said that attending school and playing football at Aledo High School thoroughly prepared him for the rigors of his stint at the Naval Academy.

"The strenuous schedule I maintained as an Aledo football player prepared me the most for the hectic nature of life at the Academy," Reese said. "At Aledo, during football off-season, I would wake up early for track practice, go to the weight room, then go to five or six periods of classes, and finish out with powerlifting workouts after school. It's not the exact same, but the timing of starting the day to ending the day is almost the exact same as here."

"Furthermore, the AP classes I took in high school made my freshman year (where you take a lot of foundational classes instead of major courses) pretty easy academically. All in all, the intensity of my routine in high school and the lessons I learned regarding working hard in everything you do at Aledo gave me the foundation I needed to get through the Academy."



PHOTOS COURTESY OF WESTON REESE

LEFT: Former Aledo Bearcat Weston Reese is set to graduate from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis on May 24. | **MIDDLE:** Before going to Annapolis and the U.S. Naval Academy, Weston Reese was a force for the Aledo Bearcats, helping them to three state championships. | **RIGHT:** At the U.S. Naval Academy, former Aledo Bearcat Weston Reese continued to play football in the Sprint League.

Dream come true

For Reese, 22, attending a service academy has been a lifelong dream.

At the age of 7, he went to an Air Force/California college football game and was awestruck by the cadets in their uniforms.

"It was then that I decided that was what I wanted to do," Reese said. "As I got older, I gained interest in both the Air Force and the Naval Academy. Ultimately, I fell in love with Annapolis and the people I met during a tour of USNA. I never even finished my application to the Air Force Academy."

It is a long and strenuous application process to the Naval Academy, which includes essays,

requesting letters of recommendation, completing physical tests, passing several medical screenings, and ultimately culminating with an interview with at least one member of Congress and his/her staff.

"The final requirement to be considered for acceptance is a nomination from your district's House representative, a senator, the vice-president, or the president," Reese said. "I received a nomination from my House representative, the Honorable Kay Granger. After receiving the nomination, the hardest part was to just wait and see if the Academy decided to offer an appointment."

Reese did receive an appointment and said that getting accepted

felt like a huge accomplishment, "as if I was taking my first real adult steps outside of Aledo."

Challenges

He also realized that while he may have been accepted, making it through to commissioning would be an entirely new challenge.

"The Academy is designed to be challenging in all aspects," Reese said. "Mixing academics with military and physical requirements creates a very full schedule every day of the week. Whether it's going to briefs, formations, working out to pass the physical readiness test, training for a community's screener, and/or playing for a (NCAA) D1 sports team, there is always

something you need to do accompanied by the feeling of not having enough time to do it."

And there have been other challenges along the way.

His freshman year, for instance, he was hospitalized and lived at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center for the majority of his first semester, recovering from an injury he received.

"Getting to where I could commission and play sports again was easily the hardest and most grueling experience I faced," Reese said. "Fighting through setbacks and trying to recover while still attending engineering classes and developing

Turn to **FOOTBALL**, page 6

Unleash the power of conversation

Signia Integrated Xperience with RealTime Conversation Enhancement

BIG INNOVATION 20 23

Insio IX
Silk Charge&Go IX
Pure Charge&Go IX
Styletto IX

95% of wearers have better speech reception with RealTime Conversation Enhancement than without!

May is Better Hearing Month

At Chappell Hearing Care Center, we wish to thank our customers and suppliers who have donated used hearing aids for our annual mission trips abroad.

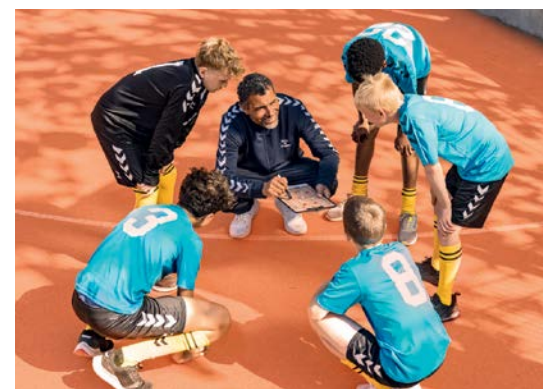
Thanks to their generosity, we have been able to help provide the gift of hearing to others, including our most recent trip to Columbia, through Operation Go Quickly.

The mission of Operation Go Quickly is to fulfill the mandate of Christ found in Luke 14:21 by mobilizing the body of Christ to serve people with disabilities in the less economically developed countries worldwide.

Miguel is 9 and received two super power aids. Hearing better calmed this hyperactive, Asperger spectrum young boy.

With her newfound hearing, little Ceila is more than one miracle. At four she is a cancer survivor with radiation and chemo taking 50% of her hearing. When we turned on the hearing aid her face lit up, from a quiet, even dull demeanor she began to speak happily, wanting to walk around and hug me. Totally changed life. Her aid is a super advanced, automatic that simulates normal hearing. Thank you for our patients who donated this one!

Silvia at 29 has a wonderful life ahead. But jobs were impossible with a severe loss of hearing. Her new aids will bring employment opportunities, and with her infectious attitude who would disagree?



Finally, a hearing aid designed for real conversations

Every conversation is a powerful tool to connect, engage, and bring us closer to realizing our potential. Real conversations do not stand still – they are vibrant, unpredictable, and full of surprises.

Signia Integrated Xperience is built from the ground up with conversation in mind. It is powered by revolutionary technology that helps you get involved and keep up with the conversation, no matter how busy it gets.

Contribute to the conversation with ease, and never miss a beat. With Signia Integrated Xperience, you are not just part of the conversation. You are at its heart.

When the hearing aid was turned on, Daniela's expression is priceless. She began crying tears of joy while hearing her voice, and others, so clearly. She couldn't stop hugging all our staff.

We can help with your hearing issues, too! We invite you to compare our rates and service.

HEARING CARE CENTER
4736 Bryant Irvin Rd., Ste. 702 Fort Worth • Cityview Shopping Centre
• 15 minutes from Aledo • Most insurance accepted

chappell-hearing-aids.com
817-263-1971

Obituaries

Joseph Patrick Davis

Joseph Patrick (Pat) Davis, 66, passed away on April 16, 2024, at his home in Aledo, after a two-year battle with cancer.

Pat was born at Eglin Air Force Base in Valparaiso, Florida on September 25, 1957, to L.E. Holland Davis and John James (Jim) Davis. Soon after, his father was transferred to Carswell AFB in Fort Worth. Pat graduated from Brewer High School in White Settlement in 1976 where he was very active in athletics, excelling in football, baseball, and track. Following graduation, he attended Weatherford College where he studied Farm and Ranch Management.

Pat married his High School Sweetheart, Shelley Perkins, in 1978. They moved to Aledo in 1980 and were married for 45 years, raising two children, Nathan, and Andrea.

Pat was a man of many talents. He owned and operated his own concrete business for several years, sold health and life insurance for Farm and Ranch Healthcare, had his own home remodeling business, worked in the oil and gas industry for Cameron and Schlumberger, and then became a site manager and foreman for a local construction



Joseph Davis

company building convenience stores.

Pat had a deep love and appreciation for the outdoors since childhood. He enjoyed hunting and fishing — especially duck hunting and bass fishing, and later in life he became an avid fly fisherman. He enjoyed all his outdoor pursuits with his son, friends, and family. Pat was always willing to share his interests with others and made so many memories in the outdoors with so many people.

Pat was passionate about music, particularly bluegrass. He was self-taught and played entirely by ear, but brilliantly learned to play the banjo, mandolin, guitar, and bass. He played and sang in different bluegrass bands, was always playing music with friends on the weekend, and there was never a family gathering where he was found without his guitar in hand, singing and making up songs to make everyone laugh.

Above all else, he was a friend to all. Pat never met a stranger and never knew anyone he wasn't willing to help. He embodied what it meant to have a servant's heart, always willing to help friends or family with projects as there was never

anything he couldn't do or fix. He used his skill and humor to help others always putting them before himself. Most importantly, he was a strong man of deep faith. He lived his faith daily by the way he loved and served those around him, and he boldly shared his faith with others leading many to Christ along the way.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jim and L.E. Davis, and his infant son, Joshua Caleb Davis.

He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Shelley Davis; son, Nathan Davis, and wife Julie; daughter, Andrea Knott, and husband Chris; grandchildren, Ellie Davis, and Leighton and Lawson Knott; mother-in-law, Kathryn Sloan; sister, Cathy Podell and husband, Mark; nieces, Stacia Short and husband, Ron, Mindi Orth and husband, Jeff, and Nikki Marquardt-Demen and husband, Roe; nephew, Tyler Marquardt; and countless friends.

Memorial Service and Celebration of Pat's life was Friday, May 10, at South Main Church of Christ in Weatherford.

Memorials: In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Reel Recovery (www.reelrecovery.org), or Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN) (817-607-3540).

The Community News
May 17, 2024

Marvin Monel Glasgow

Marvin Monel Glasgow, 83, of Willow Park, passed away on May 6, 2024.

Marvin was born July 7, 1940 to parents Willie Andrew and Mary Ethel Glasgow in Tyler, Texas. After graduation, he served four years in the U.S. Navy as an Aviation Mechanic until June 1963. Throughout the following years, he worked for NCR, General Dynamics, and Lockheed Martin. Upon retirement, Marvin served the City of Willow Park as Chair for the Planning & Zoning committee, then as a City Councilman before becoming mayor for two terms.

Amongst his many talents and passions, Marvin was a lifelong amateur archaeologist who loved hunting for arrowheads which eventually led to a passionate



Mavin Glasgow

hobby of knapping. He was an active member and officer in various archeology societies including the Texas Archeological Society, Tarrant County Archeological Society and the Doss Heritage Museum & Culture Center. Marvin was proud of helping Boy Scouts earn their archeological badges and ensuring the younger generation learned about local history.

Marvin was generous, kind and above all, a good friend to anyone who needed him. He loved the Lord and his family deeply. He will be missed greatly by his family, friends and community.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Charles. He was previously married to Jenna and later Rebecca (Becky),

both of which have preceded him in death.

He is survived by his loving wife, Dina; daughter, Cynthia Lynn Kasuske and son-in-law, Douglas Allen Kasuske; son, Keith Everett Glasgow and daughter-in-law, Nisha Glasgow; grand-daughter Courtney Burdick and husband Paul Burdick; grand-daughter Melissa Priyanka Glasgow, grand-son Shane Vinay Glasgow and brother David Glasgow.

The Memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, at Cross Timbers Baptist Church, 601 Ranch House Road in Willow Park followed by a Celebration of Life in the fellowship hall.

Should friends desire, donations can be made to the "Benevolence Fund" at Cross Timbers Baptist Church.

The Community News
May 17, 2024

FOOTBALL

from page 5

myself as a future officer felt like an uphill battle, and there was a period of time when I wasn't sure I was going to win."

More football

Reese was a member of the Navy Sprint League team, which, according to the Collegiate Sprint Football League website is a full-contact, intercollegiate, varsity sport and has the same rules as regular college football, except that all players must weigh 178.0 pounds or less.

"Luckily, I had a lot of people who helped me along the way including my family, friends, girlfriend, and teammates that I leaned on and made it to where I am today," Reese said.

Following college, Reese will work as a Surface Warfare Officer in San



PHOTOS COURTESY OF WESTON REESE

Former Aledo Bearcat Weston Reese is set to graduate from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis on May 24.

Diego aboard the USS Mustin. After two years, he will then go to Nuclear Power School in Charleston, SC for 13 months and will then be stationed aboard a carrier "somewhere in the world."

COACH

from page 8

will all football state championship coaches.

Getting started

Buchanan attended Abilene Christian University on a football scholarship for one semester before transferring to Southwest Texas State University where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Education. He received his Masters from Texas A&M in College Station.

He began his coaching career as an assistant in Florence in 1983. He also coached as an assistant at Bastrop, The Colony, Killeen Ellison and A&M Consolidated.

During his tenure at A&M Consolidated, he was the defensive secondary coach on teams that went 58-13-1, including one state semifinals, two state finals and one 4A state championship.

Coming to Aledo

Buchanan arrived in Aledo in 1993, the only place where he was a head coach, and his career record was 281-57-3. Buchanan became the full-time athletic director at Aledo from 2014-18 before returning to the sidelines in 2019 and winning state championships in three of four years after returning.

His other state championships leading the Bearcats came in 1998, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2103 when the Bearcats became the only team at any level to score more than 1,000 points in a season.

Success off the field

Off the field Buchanan has been active in the Texas High School Coaches Association, serving on the Football Advisory Committee from 2004-2007 and on the Board of Directors from 2010-2013. He was recently named one of the Top Ten Football Coaches in Texas by "Dave Campbell's Texas Football" magazine, and he has received many Coach of the Year Awards statewide and in the district.

Buchanan joins his former player, national record-setting running back Jonathan Gray, who played at Aledo from 2008-11 and later for the University of Texas, in the hall. With Gray in the backfield, Buchanan coached the Bearcats to their first state championship three-peat from 2009-11.

"I look back, not just at Aledo, but how I became a head coach and happened to me here, and sometimes I still can't believe it," Buchanan said.

Others being honored

Joining Buchanan and Wilkins in being inducted Saturday and their respective categories are:

- 1969 & Before — Riley Odoms, Corpus Christi West Oso High School.
- 1980s — Brent Duhon, Port Arthur Jefferson High School.
- 1990s — Cory Redding, Houston North Shore High School.
- 2000s — Cedric Benson, Midland Lee High School.
- Dave Campbell Contributor to the Game — Robert Lee Brown, Prairie View Interscholastic League Hall of Honor Chairman.

GREEN DAYS LAWN CARE

Professional Lawn Service at an Affordable Price

- Tree & Shrub Trimming
- General Clean Up
- All Types of Lawn Care
- Commercial & Residential
- Currently Servicing & Taking on New HOAs
- PayPay & Zelle & P2P Payments Accepted

Call Jeff Case
817-565-5444

Locally Owned & Operated

Insured

Check out our businesses for sale at tworld.com

TRANSWORLD

Business Advisors

Business Sales • Franchises • Mergers & Acquisitions

Ginger Adams

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

Pediatric & Adolescent Dentistry

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

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

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

MYSER ORTHODONTICS

Awesomeness. Joy. Community.

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

I-20 ANIMAL HOSPITAL

817-341-3331

OPEN 24 HOURS
DAILY

GENERAL PET WELLNESS HEALTH CARE

- INTERNAL MEDICINE
- SURGERY
- General and Advanced RADIOLOGY
- Digital including dental LASER THERAPY
- Computed Tomography (CT scan)-NEW!

EMERGENCY & CRITICAL CARE

- COMPLETE IN-HOUSE LABORATORY
- DENTAL CARE
- General and Advanced ULTRASONOGRAPHY
- ONCOLOGY
- ENDOSCOPY

3713 Fort Worth Hwy Between Exits 415 and 414
Hudson Oaks, TX 76087

www.I-20animalhospital.com

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

Life insurance can be life- changing

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

Like a good neighbor,
State Farm is there.®

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

More events can be found at www.community-news.com/calendar

MAY 17
TCA High School Graduation
TCA graduation from 7 -8:30 p.m. on Friday, May 17 at Willow Park Baptist.

MAY 18
Aledo Music Academy Block Party
The Aledo Music Academy is celebrating 3 years with a big block party at 12 p.m. on Saturday, May 18th at 118 Marble Ct. Aledo, TX. There will be a STAGE with LIVE music from students and bands, face paint, food truck, free music lessons, free hair tinsel and braiding, fun giveaways, snow-cones, and bounce houses. Bring lawn chairs & coolers out and enjoy the sunshine & live music.

MAY 24
Aledo High School Graduation
AHS graduation will be from 8 - 11 p.m. on May 24 at Tim Buchanan Stadium. Each graduate will receive 15 tickets. Rainout dates: May 25 & May 26 - 8p.m.



JUNE 1
Summer Blast
The City of Aledo is gearing up for the annual Summer Blast event! This FREE community event is scheduled from 6-10 PM. for Saturday, June 1 in Downtown Aledo. Come celebrate the fun, festive, family atmosphere



of Aledo with live music, delicious food, great shopping, interactive games, and more! The night will end with a fantastic fireworks show that you won't want to miss!

MAY 31
EPCL Summer Reading
Patrons of all ages are invited to begin signing up for our summer program on May 14, 2024 (registration is open throughout the summer). We are excited to kick off-summer reading with an Adventure with Magic on Friday, May 31st featuring secret agent James Wand. Visit <https://www.epclibrary.com> for more information.

JUNE 11
Dementia Support Group
Join the Dementia Support Group from 4-5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11



at Harvest of Aledo 1043 Bailey Ranch Rd. We are honored and privileged to care for those affected by dementia. Even more so, we value the efforts of the caregivers, especially the families of our residents. This meeting will take place on the second Tuesday of every month. For more information call 682-209-0643

JULY 13
Parker County Peach Festival
Mark your calendar to come celebrate the 39th Annual Parker County Peach Festival

ACROSS

- Performance Hall in Fort Worth
- TXism: "best I ever wrapped around"
- French explorer in Texas: Sieur _____
- George H. W. to George W.
- LBJ choice for chief Justice of Supreme Court: _____ Fortas
- TXism: "covered like fur _____"
- type of Dr. Pepper
- TXism: "worthless as _____ flush"
- divided by two (2 wds.)
- TXism: "never let _____ you sweat"
- box with perforated top for perfume
- what Christ said on the cross meaning "My God"
- unemployed Texan _____ job
- TXism: "_____ shooting" (certain)
- TXism: "use your head for something besides a _____"
- TX Janis Joplin died of this (abbr.)
- TX Larry McMurtry wrote "_____ Grave"
- cole _____
- Larry, Curly & _____
- TXism: "run it by a _____" (finalize)
- persistence
- entrants at Texas Motor Speedway, e.g.
- TXism: "you're preaching _____ choir"
- "Giant" actress (init.)
- roof overhang
- Gen. Robert _____
- historic "_____ Opera House" in Columbus
- fully grown Texan
- TXism: "busy _____ bartender on pay day"
- Dallas suburb: _____ Colinas
- deer-like animal in West Texas
- TX Jimmy Dean's "Big _____ John"
- TX eatery: "Steak and _____"
- in Hardin County on U.S. 96
- TXism: "don't _____!" (hurry)
- TXism: "thinking _____ doing"
- Jerry got "right _____"
- clause in Emmitt's 1993 contract
- TXism: "_____ hill for a stepper" (doable)
- gold symbol
- content of small Texas stream (2 wds.)
- Fort Worth based _____ Brick company
- chore
- TXism: "_____ dog stink? (yes)"
- TXism: "he's got _____ of arrows in his quiver" (capable)
- relieve again
- good shooter
- what the Texas legislature can enact (2 wds.)
- Gov. Preston (init.)
- "yep" or "si," in France
- coffee container
- TX cowboy Gay & actress Patricia
- fancy appetizer
- read quickly
- dark pub beers
- Tex Ritter hit: "_____ Whiskey"
- TXism: "about as clear as _____ River mud"
- small contribution
- TXism: "playing with a _____ deck" (unlucky)
- fancy "adios" (unlucky)
- in Jasper County on U.S. 96
- flat container for "rot gut"
- extra play for the Mavericks (abbr.)

TEXAS CROSSWORD
by Charley & Guy Orbison
Copyright 2024 by Orbison Bros.



in #WeatherfordTX on Saturday, July 13, 2024! Come enjoy and shop the more than 200 art/craft/food & activity booths as well as the amazing shops, restaurants & boutiques in historic downtown Weatherford. The expanded festival area makes it easy to spread out and enjoy the day! Save the date for this

"peachy" family fun-filled event! Tickets will be available online in June 2024!! \$10.00 for adults \$5.00 children 5-12 Under 5 are free For more information on www.peachfestivaltx.com



games, Bible Stories, crafts and more! For ages 4 years to 6th grade. Children must be 4 years old by July 1st, 2024 and fully potty trained. Nursery is available for Volunteer's children. For more information or to volunteer to help contact Teresa Chisum: Teresa@aledoumc.org

ELITE GREEN
FERTILIZER • WEED CONTROL
817-441-1079
david@elitegreentx.com
ALEDO OWNED AND OPERATED
TX #0868794

Jim Martin - REALTOR®
5189 E. I-20 Service Rd N Suite 106 Willow Park, TX 76087
Office: 817.441.2255 Cell: 817.538.6846
Jim@MartinLandSales.com
Railhead Realty
TX BROKER®
RailheadRealty.com

"Serving every family as part of our own for over 60 years"
Galbreath-Pickard
FUNERAL CHAPEL
913 N. Elm St., Weatherford, TX 76086
817-594-2747 | 800-593-2747
Our newest additional location
Galbreath Pickard Hilltop Chapel
4941 I-20 Frontage Road | Willow Park, TX 76087
www.galbreathpickard.com

M Metal Mart
Proudly serving the great Southwest for 28 years!
THE TRUSTED SOURCE FOR ALL YOUR METAL BUILDING COMPONENT NEEDS!
★ RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL STEEL ROOFING
★ CUSTOM TRIM AND FLASHING ★ PURLIN & TUBING
★ EASY BOLT PRE-FABRICATED STEEL BUILDINGS
★ MINI STORAGE SYSTEMS ★ POWER TOOLS
★ VENTS & SKYLIGHTS ★ HARDWARE & ACCESSORIES
★ SYNTHETIC UNDERLAYMENT ★ INSULATION
★ SEALANTS & CLOSURES ★ CARPORT PACKAGES
GOING GREEN with COOL ROOFING
ENERGY EFFICIENT & LOOKS GREAT! WIND & FIRE RESISTANT
STEEL BUILDINGS AVAILABLE IN MULTIPLE SIZES
817-599-4186 • Fax: 817-599-3326
2100 Burton Street • Weatherford, Texas 76087
www.metalmarts.com

Get your copy of **THE COMMUNITY NEWS** at any one of these locations:
ALEDO
Bearcat Valero 421 N FM 1187
East Parker County Library 201 N FM 1187
CVS 150 Bailey Ranch Road
Shell - Aledo 401 S FM 1187
The Community News 1015 Champions Drive
WILLOW PARK
Brookshire's 5118 E I-20 Service Road S
East Parker County Chamber of Commerce 100 Chuckwagon Trail
Exxon - Tiger Mart 102 E I-20
WEATHERFORD
Weatherford Chamber 401 Fort Worth Hwy.
community-news.com
1015 Champions Dr. Aledo • 817-441-7661

Visit us today at **1911 S. Main St.**
Fort Worth Community CREDIT UNION
You're worth more (to us)
Weatherford's #1 Family Credit Union
(817) 835-5000
www.ftwccu.org
Open to those who live, work, or attend school in Tarrant, Denton, Parker, and Johnson Counties.

ALEDO ISD

Blackburn to coach boys basketball team

Formerly coached at Mansfield Lake Ridge, Boswell

By Mercedes Mayer
Aledo ISD

Brian Blackburn has been named the head varsity boys basketball coach at Aledo High School.



Brian Blackburn

Blackburn has been the varsity boys basketball associate head coach at Mansfield ISD's Lake Ridge High School - a 2023-2024 UIL Class 6A State Semifinalist - for the past year. Prior to that, he served as the head varsity boys basketball coach at Boswell High School for three years, Wall High School for six years, and Whitewright High School for two years.

Blackburn was an assistant varsity boys basketball coach at Flower Mound Marcus High School from 2011 to 2012 and at Bryan High School from 2008 to 2011. He also has 16 years experience teaching English, mostly at the high school level.

"Coach Blackburn has a track record of success that includes being student-focused and dedicated to making his players better on the court, in the classroom, and in their community," Aledo ISD Athletic Director Brandy Belk said. "We are so excited that he and his family are joining the Bearcat family."

In 16 years of high school coaching experience, Blackburn has helped lead his teams to 14 playoff appearances. In 2012, he won a UIL Class 5A state championship as the

Turn to **COACH**, page 11

SOFTBALL

Ladycats walk off against Joshua to clinch regional quarter final title



RYAN WADE/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

The Ladycats celebrate their walk-off win over Joshua to clinch the regional quarter final championship on Thursday, May 9.

By Ryan Wade
The Community News

FORT WORTH - So often at this juncture of the playoffs, the difference between winning and losing comes down to the ability to capitalize on mistakes. That certainly ended up being the case on Thursday, May 9, as the Ladycats walked off in the bottom of the seventh inning against Joshua, 2-1, to capture the Class 5A Regional I quarterfinal championship at Chisholm Trail High School.

Stellar performances by both pitching staffs means runs came at a premium. The first four innings remained scoreless as both pitchers kept opposing hitters off-balance. Joshua scored first with a run in the top of the fifth, but Aledo answered right back with a run of their own in the home-half of the frame.

Still tied at a run apiece in the bottom of the ninth, Ana Flores popped the 2-1 offering high in the air just behind second base.

The ball ricocheted off the infielder's glove on its way to the turf as Flores pulled into first safely.

With one out and the winning run on first base, Ladycats head coach Heather Myers gave Flores the steal sign with the 1-1 pitch to Marina Taveras on the way. Flores made it safely into second as the throw came in to put the winning run in scoring position.

Taveras got a good piece of the 2-1 pitch, driving it foul as Flores returned to second base. On the next pitch, Taveras hit the middle of the softball, sending it right back up the box and into center field for a single. Myer waved Flores home as the throw from the outfield sailed over the catcher, hitting the backstop and Flores crossed the plate to win the game.

Elated, the Ladycats rushed out of the dugout to celebrate the win as they engulfed Taveras for coming up with the clutch base hit.

"We talk about mental toughness at practice," Myers said after

the game. "Last week we talked about discipline at the plate. But, we've also been hitting on manufacturing runs. We know that it's going to be tough, so we know we're going to have to manufacture runs.

"One through nine [in the lineup], we can bunt. I think that's lethal. We have the hard hitters, but our four-hole hitter can put it down for a bunt if we need her to."

Both teams struggled to manufacture runs against stalwart pitching inside the circle. Texas Tech-commit Brenlee Gonzales got the starting nod for the Ladycats. She threw five complete innings of three-hit softball while surrendering a lone run in the top of the fifth.

Taylor McKean came on in relief to start off the sixth inning. McKean struggled with her command more than usual, but battled her way through while

Turn to **SOFTBALL**, page 12

FOOTBALL

Another honor for Buc

Legendary coach entering Texas High School Football HOF

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

When it came to winning high school state championships, every other coach in Texas is in the rear view mirror of Aledo's Tim Buchanan.

Saturday, Buchanan - or Buc, as most who know him call him - will be recognized for his sterling career at the helm of the Aledo Bearcats when he is inducted into the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame. He joins Odessa Permian's John Wilkins in receiving the Eddie Joseph THSFHOF Award.

The event will take place at the Texas Sports Hall of Fame in Waco.

"This is the one I really wanted. This reflects a football career," Buchanan said. "As a coach, to go in, it's really humbling to know we did a good enough job to get me in."

A knack for winning

Few coaches at any level of the game of football knew how to win like Buchanan. He led the Bearcats to eight state championships in 24 seasons on the sidelines before retiring at the end of the 2022 season.

Eleven, if you count three won by the Bearcats under Steve Wood when Buchanan retired for a five-year span to serve as only athletic director.

In fact, no program in Texas history has as many state titles as the Bearcats. They reached a dozen in 2023 when Buchanan disciple Robby Jones guided them to a 16-0 record in his first season at the helm.

Jones, by the way, will also be recognized Saturday night, as

Turn to **COACH**, page 6

Cirra NETWORKS
YOUR INTERNET, OUR PRIORITY

HIGH SPEED INTERNET SPEEDING IS ENCOURAGED

CALL CIRRA NETWORKS TODAY

(817) 259-1100 | www.cirranet.net

CLEAR FORK MATERIALS

Residential & Commercial

"Are you growing with us?"

- Topsoils & Custom Soil Blends
- Compost & Mulches
- Rock & Sand Products

Serving North Texas since 1986

Pick up or Delivery Available

800 OLD ANNETTA ROAD
ALEDO, TEXAS
HOURS: M-F 8-5 • SAT 8-2

817-441-7777
WWW.CLEARFORKMATERIALS.COM

HUB

Serving your business & personal needs with proactive planning so you're *Ready for Tomorrow!*

Employee Benefits | Property & Casualty | Personal Lines | Retirement & Wealth Solutions

MATT MORRIS | Area President
matt.morris@hubinternational.com | 817-675-1316

Aledo Class of '98

Securities offered through LPL Financial, member FINRA/SIPC. Investment advisory services offered through Global Retirement Partners, LLC (GRP), a registered investment advisor. Insurance services offered through HUB International. GRP, HUB International and HUB Retirement and Wealth Management are separate entities from and not affiliated with LPL Financial. HUB Retirement and Wealth Management is the approved name under which LPL Financial business is conducted.

Our family serving your family since 1908.

White's Funeral Home

130 Houston Ave. • Weatherford
817-596-4811
www.whitesfuneral.com

Kid Scoop .com

THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE

Puzzle answers, recipes, videos and more at www.kidscoop.com

© 2024 by Vicki Whiting, Editor Jeff Schinkel, Graphics Vol. 40, No. 24

Kid Scoop Together

Get Caught Reading Poems

Finish each poem to discover where each person likes to read.

When I settle down to read,
I like something soft
To rest my head.
That's why my favorite place
to read
Is in my cozy _____.

It's quiet where I read
And that makes me so merry!
The place I go to read
Is at my local _____.

Reading is fun.
It makes me feel free!
Especially at the park
In the shade of a _____.

Far from the shore,
I read wearing a coat
Because it gets chilly
Reading on our _____.

My favorite books are thrillers
And they can give me quite a
scare.

That's why I keep a very
bright light on
When reading in our easy
_____.

I like to read adventure books.
They're really quite dynamic!
But I kick back to read them
While relaxing in a backyard
_____.

When I read,
I try to sit up straight.
My mom says,
"Please don't slouch."
But it's hard to do that
because I read while sitting
on our fluffy _____.

Standards Link: Identify words from context clues.

FREE DOWNLOAD:
Kid Scoop
Teacher
Activity Pack!

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

kidscoop.com/activity-pages/

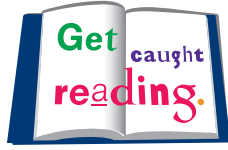
Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word:
CAMPAIGN

The noun **campaign** means a series of activities and messages to reach a goal.

The fourth graders started a **campaign** to pick up all the litter at their school.

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



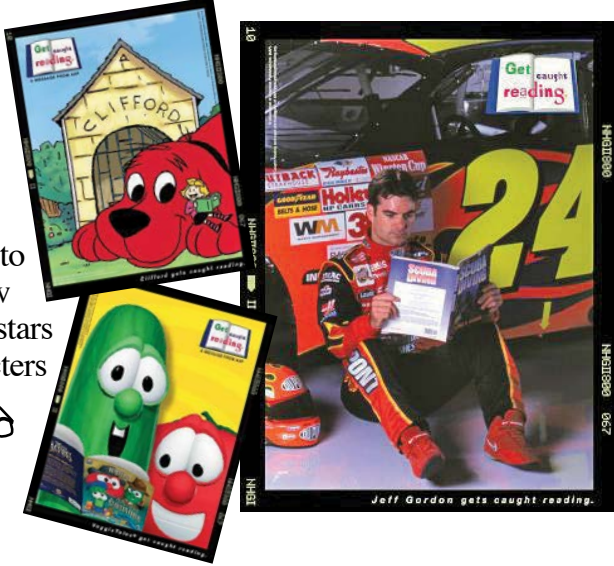
Get Caught Reading

Get Caught Reading is a campaign to promote the fun of reading books!

The Get Caught Reading organization provides posters to schools and libraries that show Olympic stars, entertainment stars and even popular book characters reading for fun.

Can you get caught reading this month?

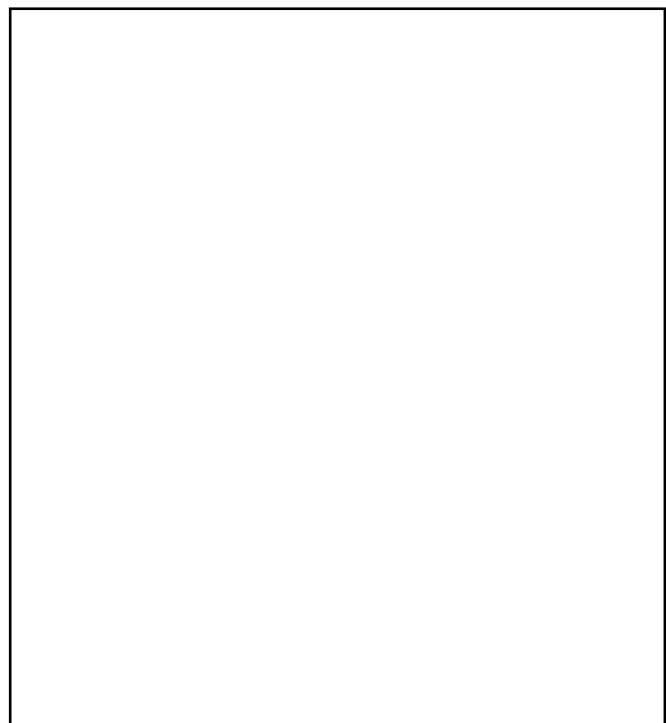
For information on how to get these posters go to getcaughtreading.org



Circle the places where you like to read.



Draw a picture of your favorite kind of book in your favorite place.



Circle the kinds of books you like to read.

SPOOKY STORIES
 ADVENTURE STORIES
 MYSTERIES
 SCIENCE FICTION
 FUNNY STORIES
 HISTORY
 ANIMAL TALES

Color these readers. Then draw what they might be reading about in the thought bubbles.



How many reading glasses can you find on this page?

Reading isn't just for reading books, it is also reading recipes, directions, games, letters and more.

Scrambled Book Titles

Unscramble the titles of these famous books. Have you read any of them? You can find them at your local library.

HAARS, NAPLI DAN LATL
by Patricia MacLachlan

S _ _ _ H
L _ _ _
_ N _ _
_ _ _ L

REWEH HET ADEWSILK SEND
by Shel Silverstein

H _ _ _
_ E _ _
_ _ _ L
_ D _ _

MAJSE NDA HTE TAGIN CHEAP
by Roald Dahl

A _ _ _ M _ _ _
_ _ _ A _ _
_ _ _ A _ _

YARDI FO A PIWYM DKI
by Jeff Kinney

_ _ _ R _ _
_ F _ _
_ I _ _
_ _ _ I _ _

Extra! Extra!

What's black and white and READ all over?

Look at one page of the newspaper. Circle every word you can read in red. Pretty soon your newspaper page will be black and white and red all over—just like the riddle!

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Silly Book Puns

A **pun** is a play on words. Read the book titles below and then draw a line from the book title to the author's name that makes a funny pun. For example: *The Arctic Ocean* by I.C. Waters.

WORLD'S BEST MAGIC TRICKS

HOW TO MAKE A BILLION DOLLARS

SCUBA DIVING FOR BEGINNERS

BACK DOWN THE ROAD

MY JOURNEY TO THE MOON

by Lotta Money

by A. Stronaut

by Abby Cadabera

by Duncan Under

by U. Turner

Double Double Word Search

- CHARACTERS
- READING
- RECIPES
- LETTERS
- CAUGHT
- TITLES
- BOOKS
- WHITE
- PLACE
- MONTH
- GAMES
- PAGE
- PUNS
- WORD
- GET

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



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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Scrambled Stories

Select three articles in the newspaper and cut them out. Cut apart the article from the headlines. Then give to a friend or family member to read each article and find the matching headline.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate info.



What is a librarian's favorite thing to buy at a farmer's market?

ANSWER: Quiet peas.

Write On!

Best Book of the Summer

Summertime is also reading time. What book should other kids read this summer? Why?



**TexSCAN Week of
May 19-25, 2024**

ACREAGE
Affordable Owner Financed Land. We have some of the best in Texas. Hill Country, South Texas, West Texas. 800-876-9720, texasranchland.com.

WATERFRONT LAND SALE June 1st Only. Off of Matagorda Bay, Texas' Newest Waterfront Community, featuring 1-4 Acre Bay Access. Starting at \$59,900. By Appointment Only. 830-310-6195.

Between Austin and Fort Worth - 5 acres, heavily wooded, square-shaped lot, priced below comps, \$68,711. Call or text Bobby, 512-588-0871.

Buy My Hunting Ranch! 50 acres of prime hunting land convenient to San Antonio and Austin. Woods, fields, views - very peaceful. So many trophy deer and turkey - they're like pests! Private gated entrance. Priced to sell at \$280K - way below what other ranches sell for! Call or text Matt: 512-815-0690.

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

ENERGY
Backup power - peace of mind. Get a standard warranty of 7 years, \$849 value. Call 888-925-0261, Briggs & Stratton Energy Solutions.

Prepare for power outages today with a Generac Home Standby Generator. Act now to receive a FREE 5-Year warranty with qualifying purchase. Call 855-704-8579 today to schedule a free quote. It's not just a generator. It's a power move.

TEXAS PRESS STATEWIDE CLASSIFIED NETWORK
200 Participating Texas Newspapers • Regional Ads
Start At \$250 • Email ads@texaspress.com

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

HOME IMPROVEMENT
Jacuzzi Bath Remodel can install a new, custom bath or shower in as little as one day. For a limited time, waving ALL installation costs! (Additional terms apply. Subject to change and vary by dealer. Offer ends 6/30/24.) Call 855-965-0841.

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

DENTAL INSURANCE from Physicians Mutual Insurance Company. Coverage for 400 plus procedures. Real dental insurance - NOT just a discount plan. Do not wait! Call now! Get your FREE Dental Information Kit with all the details! 855-901-0467 www.dental5oplus.com/txpress #6258

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

WATER DAMAGE
WATER DAMAGE CLEANUP & RESTORATION: A small amount of water can lead to major damage in your home. Our trusted professionals do complete repairs to protect your family and your home's value! Call 24/7: 1-877-727-3027. Have zip code of service location ready when you call!

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

JOB LISTINGS

SALES REPRESENTATIVE
2 years in B2B sales and or Retail Sales; Must be able to read a tape measure; Basic Math Skills; Able to read blueprints (will train); Excellent Customer Service Skill; Organizational Skills a must; Eye for design; Lighting experience a plus(but not necessary will train for the right candidate; Knowledge in the building industry a plus(but will train for the right candidate; Hourly rate of \$16.00 hr plus commissions; Email: dana@texas-lighting.com or catherine@thegalleryoflights.com

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

Executive Driver Needed- Part Time

To perform professional driver duties and delivery in a timely and professional manner. We have multiple part-time and full-time shifts available and hours are flexible. Previous delivery experience is not required. The ideal candidate is described as an individual who takes pride in their driving and is dedicated to providing superior customer service. Contact (Lsummers909@gmail.com)

SERVICES

BALLOON DECORATIONS for any Event: Weddings, Corporate, Baby Showers, Grand Openings, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Quinceaneras. CALL Sally 817-484-8353

PAINTING: Let my 50 years experience work for you. We do interior and exterior residential and custom home painting. Bobby McWilliams 817-821-6377

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Zoning Board of Adjustment for the Town of Annetta will conduct a public hearing on May 28, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 450 Thunder Head Lane, Annetta, and will act upon the following request:

1. A Special Exception for 1228 Redbud Lane, a property containing 2.5 acres of land (Abst. 2038, Survey: NEWBY J H) to allow for a 2,000 square foot accessory structure that exceeds the allowed square footage as set forth in Section 8.10.B.2.c of the Town of Annetta Zoning Ordinance 215.
2. A Special Exception to Section 8.10.B.10 of the Town of Annetta Zoning Ordinance 215 for 1228 Redbud Lane, a property containing 2.5 acres of land (Abst. 2038, Survey: NEWBY J H), to allow garage doors on any size accessory structure to face the right-of-way with additional landscaping, exterior materials or colors and ornamental features to ensure compatibility with the neighborhood.
3. A Special Exception to Ordinance 215, Section 2.2.F, regarding maximum height of an accessory building not to exceed the height of the primary structure.

All interested persons are urged to attend.
TO BE PUBLISHED: Friday, May 17, 2024
/s/ Jamee Long, City Secretary/Administrator
Town of Annetta, Texas

community-news.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Zoning Board of Adjustment for the Town of Annetta will conduct a public hearing on May 28, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 450 Thunder Head Lane, Annetta, and will act upon the following request:

1. A Special Exception for 226 Deer Creek Drive, a property containing .673 acres of land (Lot 17, Block 19, Deer Creek Phase VII Subdivision) to allow for a 1,040 square foot accessory structure that exceeds the allowed square footage as set forth in Section 8.10.B.2.c of the Town of Annetta Zoning Ordinance 215.
2. A Special Exception to Section 8.10.B.10 of the Town of Annetta Zoning Ordinance 215 for 226 Deer Creek Drive, a property containing .673 acres of land (Lot 17, Block 19, Deer Creek Phase VII Subdivision), to allow garage doors on any size accessory structure to face the right-of-way with additional landscaping, exterior materials or colors and ornamental features to ensure compatibility with the neighborhood.

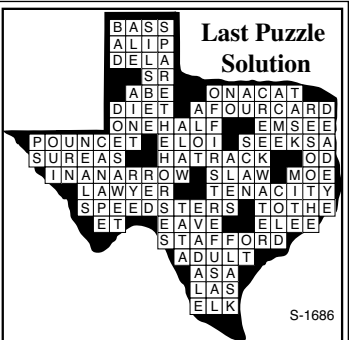
All interested persons are urged to attend.
TO BE PUBLISHED: Friday, May 17, 2024
/s/ Jamee Long, City Secretary/Administrator
Town of Annetta, Texas

ORDINANCE NO. 904-24

AN ORDINANCE REORGANIZING, RENUMBERING, RESTATING AND AMENDING CHAPTER 13, "UTILITIES" OF THE WILLOW PARK CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS GOVERNING UTILITIES: GENERAL PROVISIONS; A PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR; A WATER SYSTEM; A SEWER SYSTEM; SOLID WASTE; PRIVATE WATER WELLS; ON-SITE SEWAGE FACILITIES; IMPACT FEES; POLLUTION CONTROL NEAR PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY WELLS; DROUGHT CONTINGENCY AND EMERGENCY WATER MANAGEMENT; CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL; DRAINAGE; DRAINAGE IMPACT FEES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ORDINANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS DAY 14TH DAY OF MAY, 2024.

CRYSTAL R. DOZIER, TRMC, CMC
CITY SECRETARY
CITY OF WILLOW PARK



NEED EXTRA CASH !!! ???
I BUY RVs & MOBILE HOMES
Travel Trailers • 5th Wheels
Goosenecks • Bumper Pulls
In Any Area!!! Any Condition!!!
Old/New !!! Dirty or Clean !!!
I PAY CASH 956-466-7001
No Title - No Problem - We Can Apply For One
ANR Enterprises

Business Cards

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RACE AIR
Heating & Air Conditioning
47 Years Experience • Sales & Service
JASON SCOTT
LICENSE #TAACL6 63540E 817-269-6027

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

Free Estimates
LANCE NORMAN ROOFING
Locally Owned and Operated
RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL
Insurance Claims Handled
• COMPOSITION SHINGLES
• WOOD SHINGLES
• NEW ROOFS • REROOFS
• REDECKS
CALL (817) 443-0524 • mobile (817) 996-2726

COACH

from page 8

assistant varsity basketball coach at Flower Mound Marcus High school; that team was the Max Preps No. 1-ranked team in the nation. In 2021 at Boswell High School, Blackburn was the District 3-6A Coach of the Year, and he was the 2016 Texas Association of Basketball Coaches Don Coleman State Outstanding Coach Award Winner. Blackburn has also been a head cross country coach during his coaching career, and he's coached JV and freshman basketball, track, and football.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to lead the men's basketball

program at Aledo ISD. I would like to thank Superintendent Dr. Susan Bohn, Athletic Director Brandy Belk and the Aledo ISD school board for entrusting me with this position," Blackburn said. "We will strive for excellence on the court, in the classroom, and in the community while playing a fun brand of basketball.

Aledo ISD is one of the top districts in the state of Texas, and I cannot wait to "grow greatness" with our players, staff and community."

Blackburn has a bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University where he was a three-year varsity letterman on the men's basketball team, which advanced to the Sweet 16 in 2007 while he was a player. Blackburn also has a master's degree from Lamar University.



SOFTBALL

from page 8

finding ways to hit her spots and make quality pitches when she had to.

"[Gonzales and McKean] are nails," Myer commended. "If people want to keep flipping us for one game, they're going to see both pitchers, and they're going to have to adjust to both pitchers. And good luck! That's my advice.

"I'm so proud of them. They don't miss many pitches. They're throwing what I'm calling, and they're hitting their spots."

Aledo's defense in the field was impeccable. In such a tightly contested ballgame where the Ladycats couldn't afford to give Joshua any extra opportunities, they played a clean game in the field. Delaney Rosser capped off the defensive performance with a play of the year candidate in the top of the second inning.

With two away, the Joshua batter smoked a low line drive towards the gap between first and second. Rosser made a diving play for the ball, but the ball had so much

velocity behind it, Rosser's glove was yanked off her hand as she crashed to the turf. Rosser jumped to her feet, barehanded the ball, and threw a strike to Taveras at first to retire the Lady Owls.

With Joshua in the rearview window, Aledo moves on to the regional semifinals Lubbock Monterrey (24-11-3). The best-of-3 series begins on Friday, May 17 at 5:30 p.m., with Game 2 Saturday, May 18 at 11 a.m. If a third game is necessary it will be played 30 minutes after Game 2.

All games will be played at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls.

Class 5A Region I softball quarterfinals Aledo vs. Joshua - Thurs, May 9

	R	H	E
Joshua	000	010	0-134
Ladycats	000	010	1-250

Aledo hitting: Delaney Rosser HBP, BB; Ana Flores 1-for-4, R, RBI, SB; Marina Taveras 1-for-4, RBI; Brenlee Gonzales 1-for-2; Rylee Marx 1-for-3; Austyn Marriage 1-for-1, BB; Jordyn Edington BB, SB.

Aledo pitching: Brenlee Gonzales 5 IP, 3 H, R (earned), BB, 4 K; Taylor McKean 2 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 2 BB, 4 K.

TENNIS

Racquet Cats end season at regionals



CATHY MASON/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Nine members of the Aledo tennis team ended their season by competing in the Class 5A Region I Tournament at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

By Cathy Mason
The Community News

Nine members of the Aledo varsity tennis team traveled to Texas Tech University in Lubbock on May 8 to compete in the 5A Region I Tennis Championships. Two teams made it to Round 2 in the bracket, but none advanced to Day 2 of the competition.

Bryanna Orr competed in Girls Singles and lost to Lubbock 6-3, 6-1. Kenley Germany and Lila

Satterfield battled Argyle in Girls Doubles and were defeated 6-1, 6-1. Craig Mason and Benjamin Farmer competed against Amarillo in Boys Doubles and lost -46, 6-4.

Both Mixed Doubles teams made it past the first round. Jacob Heckathorn and Patrice Loftin defeated South Hills 6-1, 6-3, but fell to the No. 2 seed Abilene Wiley 6-1, 6-1.

Scott Mason and Elli Kate Bussmeir defeated Colleyville

Heritage in three sets (6-2, 3-6, 6-4) to advance to Round 2. The duo then lost a long, close battle with Amarillo, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5.

The regional competition marked the last high school match for seniors Mason, Farmer, Germany and Mason.

The Bearcats ended their spring season with a district championship for both boys and girls varsity and will soon begin training for a new season of team tennis in the fall.

BASEBALL

from page 12

not getting frustrated stranding so many runners on base. We just kept grinding out at-bats and finally broke through. Overall, I am so proud of their grittiness and fight," Barry stated.

A tale of two games

Aledo came out flat in Game 1 of the series. The Bearcats didn't hit the baseball well. They didn't pitch it well. They didn't field it well. Overall, they didn't appear

to be the same team that secured the District 5-5A title against some stalwart competition just weeks before.

The missteps allowed Colleyville Heritage to claim Game 1 with relative ease in a 4-1 victory.

Game 2 was a resurgence for the Bearcats. They looked poised in the batter's box and confident in the field. In seven innings of play, Aledo scored runs in four of them, including the top of the first to put the pressure on the Panthers right away.

The day after racking up just two hits, Aledo strung nine hits

together as they put seven runs across the plate to tie the series up at a game apiece.

Next up

The Bearcats will next face Argyle (25-6-2) in the Region I quarterfinals. The Eagles are ranked No. 7 in the state by the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association. All games are at Southlake Carroll High School.

Game 1 is Thursday, May 16 and Game 2 is Friday, May 17, both at 7:30 p.m. A third game, if necessary, is set for Saturday, May 18 at noon.

MEET OUR

CANCER-FIGHTING ROCK STARS

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

THE CENTERTX

THE CENTER FOR CANCER AND BLOOD DISORDERS

WWW.THECENTERTX.COM | 817.759.7000

Weatherford

FORT WORTH CENTRAL CAMPUS • FORT WORTH SOUTHWEST • ARLINGTON WEATHERFORD • BURLESON • GRANBURY • MINERAL WELLS • STEPHENVILLE

Support Services provided by Careity Foundation

4TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

GATHERINGHOPE.ORG

JUNE 14, 2024

GATHERING HOPE
FAIRWAYS FOR FAMILIES

Supporting survivors of miscarriage, stillbirth & infant loss

SHOTGUN START 8:00 AM, SQUAW CREEK GOLF CLUB

Gathering Hope is a movement to empower women to grieve and celebrate the lives they lost, together with other mothers.

1 in 10

women

will lose a baby in their lifetime

25,000

stillbirths

occur annually in the U.S.

44

miscarriages

occur every minute across the globe

"...there are definite unique features of grief and mourning after a miscarriage.
Lack of community support is one of them."
- Dr. Elisabeth Herz, MD

"Getting to share my story with other women who had also experienced loss was exactly what I needed to help propel me through my healing."
-Stefani H.

PROVIDING RESOURCES & COMMUNITY FOR BABY LOSS SURVIVORS

BASEBALL

Cardiac Cats advance to regional quarterfinals

By Ryan Wade
The Community News

Numerous times this season the Aledo Bearcats baseball team has rallied late in a game or in extra innings to pick up a much-needed win. It's become so commonplace, the name "Cardiac Cats" has become a fitting moniker for this 2024 team.

The Class 5A area (second) round best-of-3 series against Colleyville Heritage ended up being the quintessential "Cardiac Cats" win. Aledo started off the series taking a Game 1 loss, 4-1, on Thursday, May 9. With their backs against the wall heading into Game 2 on Friday, May 10, Aledo bested the Panthers 7-3.

With the series tied at 1-1, Colleyville Heritage had the series all but wrapped up with a 2-1 lead in Game 3 heading into the seventh inning. The "Cardiac Cats" struck again, scoring three runs in the top of the seventh to secure the come-from-behind 4-3 victory, as they now advance to the Region I quarterfinals against Argyle.

"I felt like we came out in Game 1 and played about as bad as I have seen us play all season," said head coach Chad Barry. "We didn't hit, we didn't field well, and we just weren't as sharp with our off-speed stuff on the mound. After that I felt like we really responded well. We have talked about how you respond to adversity; how you bounce back. I felt like we did just that.

"They came out in Game 2 and looked like the team I have been used to seeing all year. They pitched



RYAN WADE/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Boyd Thompson makes a throw across the diamond to nab the Colleyville Heritage runner on the way to first on Thursday, May 9. Aledo lost the series opener, but battled back to win the next two to advance to the regional quarterfinals.

well, played good, solid defense, and hit," he added.

Game 3

As he's done often this season, Brennon Evans displayed his maturation from the 2023 to 2024 seasons to become a quality bat in the lineup for Aledo. The Bearcat backstop started off the top of the

seventh with an infield single to put the tying run on base.

Seeing a lot of pitches and going deep into counts has been a point of emphasis for Barry all season. In a pressure situation, trailing late in a ballgame, it's difficult to remain disciplined standing in the box.

With the tying run on base, Weston Nance was able to do

exactly what he was supposed to do. Rather than becoming overzealous, Nance kept his head, working himself into a full count. Furthermore, He managed to restrain himself from chasing a bad pitch as the payoff pitch sailed wide of the strike zone. With the walk, Aledo quickly went from a desperate situation to a favorable one, with runners on first and second with no outs.

After a pitching change by the Panthers, Barry opted to go with a little more speed on the basepaths, bringing in Jackson Parker and Rhett Spiers to run at second and first, respectively.

Following an attempted bunt that resulted in a pop out to the pitcher, the Bearcats found themselves in a tough situation where a double-play ball could end the game. Luke Trager hit a sharp grounder through the infield into left. Parker scored from second to tie the game up at 2-2, while Spiers and Trager ended up at second and third.

Following the game-tying double by Trager, Blake Burdine battled through an eight-pitch at bat before finally drawing a walk to load the bases for Aledo with only one out.

A 1-1 offering was lined back to the pitcher, who threw home to get the lead runner, ensuring the game stayed knotted up at 2-2.

Still looking for the opportunity to give the Bearcats a lead in Game 3, team captain Boyd Thompson stepped into the box. Thompson took a look at the first-pitch strike before barreling up the second pitch of the at bat. Thompson hit a fly ball

to center field that dropped in for a single as Trager and the younger Burdine came around to score.

Trailing for the first time in the game with their season hanging in the balance, the Panthers came up to bat in the bottom of the seventh determined not to go quietly. A single, a sacrifice bunt, and a pair of walks to start off the bottom of the seventh, and Colleyville Heritage was poised to do some damage of their own with the bases loaded and one out.

Aledo pitcher Luke Sandefur managed to produce a ground ball. Thompson came up with it at short, made the throw to second for out No. 2, but the Bearcats were unable to complete the double-play to end the game. The Panthers scored a run on the fielder's choice, cutting the lead to 4-3 with runners at the corners and two away.

With the tying and go-ahead runs both on base, Sandefur delivered his first pitch to the next hitter. The ball was chopped down the line to Jones at third. Jones fielded the ball cleanly, then made the throw across the diamond in time to record the final out as the Bearcats took their next step in the playoff picture.

"Going into Game 3, I knew we were up against their big lefty. We just said go out and be aggressive at the plate. Put the ball in play and try to keep pressure on them. I thought we hit really well on Saturday. We just couldn't seem to get the big hit we needed early in the game. I thought we did a great job of

Turn to **BASEBALL**, page 11

Congratulations

on a great season

Bearcat & Ladycat Tennis



CATHY MASON/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Nine members of the Aledo tennis team competed in the Class 5A Region I Tournament at Texas Tech University in Lubbock

MORITZ

Chevrolet • Chrysler • Jeep • KIA

Moritz Chevrolet • Chrysler • Jeep

Loop 820 & Hwy 580 (Camp Bowie West) • 817-696-2000

Moritz Kia • 8501 I-30 • 817-560-6000

CASAS LAWN CARE

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



Propane Sales and Service



On the Square in Weatherford

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

TWFG™ CHRISTI JAMES INSURANCE

Our Policy is Caring™

Office: 817-443-9747
Mobile: 254-592-8739
Email: cjames@twfg.com

107 Larson Lane, Suite 300-C
Aledo, TX 76008



BRANCH OWNER

ChristiJamesInsurance.com

Independent agency serving all your home, auto, business and life insurance needs

NO MATTER YOUR NEED, WE HAVE YOU COVERED

CALL ME TODAY FOR A FREE QUOTE!



MEMBER 2024

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION