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MOVIES

Aledo filmmaker found wife with latest project

'God's Here' screening Nov. 2 in Granbury

By John English
The Community News

When Bill McAdams, Jr., made his most recent film, "God's Here," he had no idea that he would ultimately fall in love with his future wife.

The movie stars McAdams, Kevin Sorbo and Sarah Reeves, a Christian Pop singer and actress, who played McAdams' wife Mary Gilmore in the film.

Now Reeves is the Aledo man's wife in real life.

"The scene where we fell in love in the movie made it," McAdams said. "It's one of my favorite scenes."

"God's Here" premieres on Nov. 2 at Cinergy Cinemas and Brazos Drive-In Theater.

The film will be streaming on all platforms in Mid-November.

McAdams, whose father passed away in April at the age of 84, said it started with a lunch meeting at Bob's in Granbury and was sealed with the couple's first kiss that same night.

"It was so magical and it was not supposed to happen," McAdams said. "It was so innocent. Then I had an idea. I had used her song 'Christmas Feels Different This Year,' which is a sad Christmas song about being alone for your first Christmas. It kind of hit with me being the first Christmas away from my dad, and I thought I need to have a dance sequence where she gets her spirit.

"I walked by the Granbury Live (theater) and I imagined her name was in lights, like 'Only tonight,' and I walk in and she is on the stage, performing to no one and looking beautiful."

McAdams and Reeves then had what the filmmaker described as an "old school

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SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Aledo filmmaker Bill McAdams met his wife, Sarah Reeves, who was his co-star in McAdams' new movie "God's Here," which will have a special screening Nov. 2 in Granbury.



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Fall Festival Season



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TOP: Jenna Seeley prepares to take a family photo in front of the Aledo Fest sign. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Joey Sandoval enjoys a slide down one of the inflatables | **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Broxton Pemberton shoots an arrow while playing a carnival game at Aledo Fest on Saturday, Oct. 19.

WILLOW PARK

Town hall set for Oct. 29

Citizens can voice ideas, give feedback

City of Willow Park

The City of Willow Park is hosting a town hall at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 29, immediately following the parks board meeting at 6 p.m.

The town hall will feature a discussion on concept planning for the city parks and invite community feedback on future ideas for the parks system. The public is encouraged to attend and participate.

"We have been given a fantastic 'wish list' from the planners who work with us on parks, but before we make any moves forward, it's important to both council and staff that we seek input from our stakeholders," said Willow Park Communications and Marketing Director Rose Hoffman.

"Realistically, we are going have to make some choices about what's most important on the wish list, and we don't want to make that decision in a silo."

Possible plans for Kings Gate Park include multi-purpose courts, a dog park, trail expansion, and/or pavilions. The city hopes to identify priorities through the town hall and public surveys.

The City of Willow Park is working with FlashVote to engage the community and gather valuable input from residents to inform their decisions.

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WEATHERFORD COLLEGE

WC, UTA explore expanded partnership

Presidents meet to discuss agreement

Courtesy Weatherford College

Weatherford College President Tod Allen Farmer hosted University of Texas at Arlington President Jennifer Cowley and key leadership from both institutions on Friday, Oct. 18 to discuss expanding their partnership in light of UTA's planned expansion into Parker County with UTA West.

This was the second visit for Cowley and her delegation on the WC campus and the third time the two presidents have met recently about partnerships. Discussions focused on strengthening the existing relationship between WC and UTA to better serve students in Parker County and the surrounding areas.

"We were honored to host UTA President Cowley and

her leadership team," Farmer said. "Together, we built on the existing WC nursing bachelor's degree to UTA's nursing master's degree transfer agreement in preparation for a massive UTA West partnership."

In early 2023, WC and UTA signed a transfer agreement benefiting WC's Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree graduates into the Master of Science in Nursing program at UTA.

During this meeting, officials discussed a potential new transfer agreement for graduates of WC's upcoming Bachelor of Computer Science Degree program into UTA's master's program in computer science, pending final accreditation approval of WC's fifth bachelor's degree.

They also discussed a partnership to expand WC's engineering technology



PHOTO COURTESY OF WEATHERFORD COLLEGE

Weatherford College President Tod Allen Farmer and University of Texas Arlington President Jennifer Cowley met to discuss expanding their schools' partnership.

program with matriculation into UTA's College of Engineering. "Weatherford College and UT Arlington are dedicated partners in advancing nursing education and addressing our state's nursing shortage," Cowley said. "The development

of our UTA West campus will strengthen our collaboration and commitment to enhancing educational opportunities and addressing our region's pressing needs in health care and beyond."

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Go West



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Payton Massingill attempts to sink her shot at the bean bag toss during the Go West event at Founders Park in Walsh on Thursday, Oct. 10.

Weatherford Monster Bash



Abby and Shane Wallace go into character.



Rachel Hamelton painting a pumpkin.

The annual Weatherford Monster Bash drew thousands of characters to Heritage Park for live music, food, and a spooky walk through a haunted forest.



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The Members Only band play classic rock and metal for the crowd.



Michael "Colonel Sanders" Howard is the event manager of the 2024 Monster Bash.



Court jester Aubrey McAlister

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film dance," with absolutely no rehearsal.

"The camera work was great, the lighting was great," McAdams said. "Everything just fell into place. When we ended the first take, the whole crew was crying behind the monitor. It wasn't supposed to be that magical, but in the film, it just breaks your heart. We watch it now and still get emotional."

Tribute to brother

For McAdams, the movie was a tribute of sorts for his brother, John, who was killed in a motor vehicle accident 12 years ago by a distracted driver.

The film revolves around a personal tragedy that occurs just before Christmas and the protagonist Jack Gilmore's journey towards forgiveness.

"I wrote this probably about eight years ago," McAdams said. "It was kind of a rough draft or first idea about texting and driving and loss. Then, ironically, I lost my brother in 2012 in a motorcycle

accident, and my mother forgave the driver and actually invited her and her family to the funeral 10 days later."

At the time, McAdams was dumbfounded.

"I was in shock," McAdams said. "But today, I think about the ultimate forgiveness and being able to accept the fact that it was a terrible accident and this poor girl has to live with this the rest of her life. That was enough. To try to prosecute or sue for money didn't make sense. So with that in mind, it was just trying to work through my brother's death again through another film. 'Gallow's Road' was the first one that I did."

McAdams' other works include such films as "Bully High" and "The Truth Hurts."

Making "God's Here" was especially cathartic for McAdams because it helped him to process grief.

"When you hold trauma, it's not good for you," he said. "Through the trauma of making this film, I met the most wonderful person in my life. That is my now wife, Sarah Reeves, who plays my wife in the film. Not even a year ago I met her,

and now we are already married. We both have had trauma in our past, and we just came together on this film.

"She wrote the score for me. Her song in the trailer of the movie is going to be released as a single. So I think in working through trauma, you can really find some good light and joy. Now all I have is joy, all I do is laugh in knowing that my dad and John are together and in having a woman that I love."

Why Granbury?

Granbury was selected as the filming location because McAdams loves the ambiance around the holiday season.

"The town was the perfect backdrop," he said. "It's beautiful over there around Christmas time. They're very festive."

McAdams said he would like for people to take away two messages from the movie.

"The big one is not to text and drive, which is huge with everybody," McAdams said. "I think it's called 'End the Streak,' where someone's died on Texas highways every day since 2000, and they're

trying to end the streak. So any kind of awareness I can bring to the to anti-texting and driving I will. We all do it and we're used to doing it, but it's something that can change your life in a second.

"The other thing is that it's okay to grieve. When you lose somebody, it's okay to be sad. It's okay to work through things, but you've got to work through them. And in the end, it's forgiving whoever harmed you and I think this movie is about the ultimate in forgiveness."

Saturday, Nov. 2 schedule

12:30-1:45 pm: Red Carpet event at Cinergy Cinemas, 1201 Waters Edge Dr. in Granbury.

2-3:30 pm: Invite-only movie screening. Dress is Hollywood chic.

6 pm: Red carpet event at Brazos Drive In, 1800 W. Pearl St. in Granbury; doors open at 5:30 pm.

7:15-8:45 pm: Public movie screening. Dress is casual.

Tickets: Drive-in screening, \$20 per carload and \$10 per single. Purchase at www.brazos-drivein.com.

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The city encourages residents to sign up at www.flashvote.com/willowparktx or call 775-235-2240 to participate by phone or text only. Signing up takes less than one minute and your input is always kept anonymous.

Personal or demographic information collected by FlashVote is never shared with the city or anyone else.

When residents sign up, they can determine how surveys are received - whether by email, text or phone call. They will receive a notification whenever there is a new survey, and they will have 48 hours to participate before voting closes.

Once a survey is closed, everyone who participated will automatically receive a summary of the overall results and be able to see how their responses compare to the group.

"This process allows us to gain a scientific sampling of public sentiment by surveying the many, not just the noisy," Hoffman said. "We want to try to gain as full an understanding as possible of what our community really wants and needs from their city."

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ACADEMICS

Aledo HS earns prestigious College Board AP distinctions

94 students earn College Board Scholar awards

By Mercedes Mayer
Aledo ISD

Aledo High School was recently honored with two awards from the College Board for its strong Advanced Placement test results as well as for a commitment to equitable access to advanced placement (AP) courses. The campus also had 94 students earn 110 scholar recognitions from the College Board.



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College Board Advanced Placement Awards

AHS earned a silver designation on the 2024 Advanced Placement School Honor Roll and was acknowledged as an AP Access award winner by the College Board. The school earned both of these designations last year, as well.

Nearly 1,800 AP exams were given to nearly 1,050 students at Aledo High School/Daniel Ninth-Grade Campus in the 2023-2024 school year, and 66% of those tested earned a 3 or higher on their AP exams, which is required for college credit.

"Making sure all of our students have an opportunity and are encouraged to take advanced courses has been a huge focus for our district, and we are proud to have earned these very important distinctions for the second year in a row," said Angie Wilkinson, Aledo ISD Director of Advanced Academics and CTE in the AISD.

"The fact that 66 percent of our students are earning college credit from those classes makes it even better. Class of 2024 Aledo High School seniors and their families alone saved more than \$1 million

This group of Aledo students were recently honored by the College Board.

because of these AP college credits. These opportunities open doors for our students, and we couldn't be more proud," Wilkinson said.

The AP School Honor Roll recognizes schools whose AP programs are delivering results for students while broadening access. Schools can earn this recognition annually based on criteria that reflect a commitment to increasing college-going culture, providing opportunities for students to earn college credit, and maximizing college readiness.

Schools on the AP School Honor Roll may also earn the AP Access Award if the percentage of AP Exam takers who are underrepresented minority and/or low-income students mirrors the school's overall student demographics.

College Board National Recognition Awards

Aledo High School had 94 students earn 110 recognitions as College Board National

Recognition Program Scholars this year. This program recognizes the academic achievements of rural area/small town, African American/Black, Hispanic/Latino, Indigenous/Native American, and (new in 2024) first-generation students.

Students who earn these recognitions are in the top 10% of test takers of the Fall 2023 PSAT (10th or 11th) from their award program in their state, earn a 3+ on two or more AP exams in the ninth and/or 10th grade, earn a cumulative GPA of B-plus or higher by the time of submission, and identify as first-generation, black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, Indigenous or Native and/or attend school in a rural area or small town.

- Congratulations to the following students who were recognized:
- African American Scholars: Laila Abu Tobeh, Mesoma Emeka-Okoye and Morgan Estevez.
 - First Generation Scholars: Laila Abu Tobeh, Madison Allen, Anthony Berman, Kadence Bliss, Arianna Calderon,

Victoria Crews, Hudson Fay, Jay Garcia, Joseph Gibbons, Madlyn Jennings, Madison Larsen, Arianne Mathias, Chau Nguyen, Lydon Olenjack, Ashlyn Singletary and Elliot Smith.

- Hispanic Scholars: Sebastian Barberena, Sofia Brandenburg, Kaiya Cabello, Arianna Calderon, Victoria Crews, Dahlia Egge, Morgan Estevez, Autumn Hood, Elizabeth Kehrt, Madison Larsen, Patricia Loftin, Marcos Mateo, Marley Parker and Tanner Tovar.
- Indigenous Scholar: Blake Griffith.
- Rural or Small Town Scholar: Jackson Arnold, Sebastian Barberena, Brett Barclay, Addison Bean, Anthony Berman, Sofia Brandenburg, Kaitlin Brummer, Amelia Buck, Avery Busick, Elli Kate Bussmeir, Aslyn Byers, Calvin Byrd, Kade Callaway, Zachary Cannell, Victoria Crews, Grace Dougherty, Lincoln Durnil, Ethan Elmore, Mesoma Emeka-Okoye, Avery Faulkner, Jackson Fergus, Jacob Fergus,

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Capital Highlights

5th Circuit Court removes judge from foster care suit



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The federal judge who has repeatedly found Texas in contempt for not fixing its foster care system has been removed by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals after a three-judge panel faulting U.S. District Judge Janis Jack's "highly antagonistic demeanor," *The Texas Tribune* reported. The three also reversed the \$100,000 daily fine against the state's defendants — the Texas Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Family and Protective Services, which runs the foster care system.

"We are pleased that the 5th Circuit recognized the significant efforts DFPS and HHSC have invested in serving the children and families of our state," according to a shared statement from the health commission and social services agency.

About 9,000 children are permanent wards of the state after being removed from their homes because of neglect or abuse. Jack has been hearing that case since 2011. More than \$200 million has been spent in attempts to improve the state's foster care system since the case was filed.

A lawyer for the plaintiffs said an appeal is planned.

"Frankly, this is a sad day for Texas children," attorney Paul Yetter said in a statement Friday. "For over a decade, Judge Jack pushed the state to fix its broken system. She deserves a medal for what she's done. We will keep fighting to ensure these children are safe."

Cruz, Allred face off in debate

Republican incumbent Ted Cruz and Democratic challenger Colin Allred debated abortion, immigration and other contentious issues in their only scheduled debate last Tuesday, just days before early voting began on Monday.

The Austin American-Statesman reported Allred aggressively attacked Cruz for supporting the repeal of Roe vs. Wade, overturning that landmark abortion decision, while Cruz defended allowing the state's right to determine abortion policy. Cruz repeatedly sidestepped a question of whether rape or incest should be exceptions to the state's abortion ban, while Allred said he supports a federal law to essentially reinstate Roe.

The two also fought over immigration, with Cruz claiming Allred has voted against funding a border wall three times. Allred in turn slammed Cruz for helping kill a bipartisan border security bill that GOP nominee Donald Trump urged Republicans to reject for political reasons.

The Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol also was a point of contention. Allred, a former NFL linebacker who is now a three-term congressman, said he "took off my suit jacket" to prepare to defend the House from the mob.

"When the mob came, Senator Cruz was hiding in a supply closet," he said.

Tool helps students learn which universities will accept them

Texas high school students can now see which of the state's public universities would accept them based on their academic information, using a new tool called Direct Admissions, according to the *Texas Standard*. The tool is meant to streamline the college application process and let students quickly know which

participating Texas public universities will accept them based on their class rank, grade point average, and test scores.

"Direct Admissions has the potential to reduce time, boost confidence, and increase transparency, encouraging Texans who might not otherwise consider college to take the next step," Interim Commissioner of Higher Education Sarah Keyton said in a press release.

A total of 31 public universities in the state are using the new tool.

Meanwhile, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board is extending the state financial aid application priority deadline a month to Feb. 15 for the 2025-2026 application cycle because of continued delays with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which slowed applications last school year.

The state's priority deadline is intended to encourage students to complete their application promptly in order to raise the likelihood of receiving state funding.

Report: Purge of non-citizens from voter rolls likely inflated

An investigation by ProPublica and *The Tribune* found that of the more than 6,500 voters taken from the state's rolls because they were deemed noncitizens, many likely were removed because they did not respond to letters about their citizenship. Gov. Greg Abbott recently said that more than 1 million ineligible voters were stricken from the state's rolls, though a number of election experts said the culling is routine to remove people who have died or moved.

While Abbott touted the 6,500 figure, the secretary of state's office identified 580 people as noncitizens in a report it gave Abbott in late August.

Both Abbott and Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton

have pushed claims that noncitizens are seeking to vote in the November election. Many election officials have said there is little to no evidence that is the case.

Early vaccinations urged as flu season arrives

The Texas Department of State Health Services is urging Texans to get vaccinated against flu as soon as possible, as cases traditionally begin to rise this time of year. It takes about two weeks for the body to make flu antibodies after getting the shot.

"We recommend everyone ages six months and older get a flu shot as soon as possible," said DSHS Commissioner Jennifer Shuford.

People with the flu are most contagious in the first three days of illness, with the virus being spread through droplets. Vaccines for other respiratory illnesses, such as VOCI-19 and RSV, are also available and can be taken at the same time as a flu shot, depending on advice from one's health-care provider.

State's latest population estimates are in

The state's estimated population as of Jan. 1, 2024 was 30,749,519, according to the Texas Demographic Center. That is an increase of 1.6 million since the 2020 census count — or 5.5%.

The two fastest-growing counties in terms of percentage increase are Kaufman, up 26.7% since 2020, and Rockwall, up 25% for the same time period.

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Idle American

Hope, highways and byways



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Bob Hope, beloved humanitarian, comedian and patriot, may have been America's best ambassador of international goodwill—ever. He was able to "localize" his jokes and stories no matter where he appeared.

Always on the road, this British-born icon became a naturalized American at age four. He spent some 80 of his 100 years starring in vaudeville, on Broadway, in movies with Bing Crosby, and on both radio and TV. Little wonder that he received more than 2,000 significant awards, including 54 honorary doctoral degrees from universities, but—sadly—never an Oscar.

He spent most Christmases on the road entertaining military personnel, often in war-torn places. Remembrances of this masterful entertainer make us smile. We are thankful for the memories

Hope was a frequent visitor to Texas, where he always had jokes—new, clean, clever and localized. He once said of West Texas: "Miles and miles of nothing but miles and miles."

He joked that if the snow ever melted in Alaska, Texas would again be the biggest state.

My guess is that he (and his writers) keenly watched for joke ideas. They probably even took notes from the many Burma-Shave sign ditties once nailed to fenceposts across the nation. Maybe they also found material on iconic Route 66, America's "main street." We so need Hope in these strife-pocked times.

We could use some Burma-Shave signs, too. And, how about some clean TV ads, like the late Clara Peller taking Wendy's to task about the beef location?

Instead, we get smutty innuendo ads, some by national companies that should know better.

What little humor remains often is found on bumper stickers. Some have religious overtones, including one spotted on a rear bumper in heavy traffic. In small lettering, it asked, "Are You This Close to Jesus?" Another on a "five o'clock freeway" said: "Jesus Would Let Me Merge."

Admittedly, some are at the other end of the propriety spectrum. A couple appeared on trucks hauling sewage.

One identified its company, "Duty Calls." The other warned: "Back Off. We Ain't Haulin' Whipped Cream."

Then, there are real life situations involving churches AND, uh, sewage, in want of a better word.

I learned about one recently while addressing a senior adult luncheon in Bono, a tiny Johnson County community few people pass through on the way to town.

Parishioners defused a recent "duck problem," and are at the ready to take on a nearby buffalo



should it decide to storm a fence, looking for greener grass on the other side.

A while back, ducks owned by a grandmotherly lady nearby took to meandering on the church yard.

Some days, uh, "duty" called, leaving church grounds untidy, fouled by the fowls. Bono folks practiced The Golden Rule concerning the issue. The duck owner was immediately sympathetic, positively responding in a manner akin to Granny on *The Beverly Hillbillies*.

She cut to the chase, issuing terse instructions in a note on the front door of the church should the annoyance continue: "Shoot 'em." This little church, serving a picturesque rural area since 1876, is now "duckless," and no shots have been fired. Spotting the buffalo on my drive home, I sang, "Oh give me a home, where the buffalo roam, and the deer and the antelope play."

Now, with the election at hand, let's all exhale. Look for reasons to smile, even if we have to watch old Bob Hope re-runs, chuckle at dozens of old Burma-Shave ditties on its website or simply think of "what ifs," such as ducks learning hard lessons about trespassing.

Still another "what if" concerns Valley Ranch, home of the Dallas Cowboys, where there is said to be a buck that moves about aimlessly, but never stops.

It was Dallas columnist/author/speaker Dave Lieber's line: "God absolutely does NOT answer every prayer. Jerry Jones still owns the Dallas Cowboys."

Dr. Newbury, longtime university president, continues to speak and write. The Idle American, begun in 2003, is one of the nation's longest-running syndicated humor columns. Contact: 817-447-3872. Email: newbury@speakerdoc.com. Website: www.speakerdoc.com.

Obituaries

Johnnie Lovell Goforth

It is with deep sorrow and much love that we mourn the passing of Johnnie Lovell Goforth (nee Hallford), of Cresson, Tx on Sunday, October 13 at the age of 89 years. Johnnie is survived by her loving spouse of 57 years, John Goforth, her stepson Greg Goforth and his two children and four grandchildren, her son Rex Koontz and his wife Daniela and their two sons, her daughter Holley White (nee Koontz) and her husband Marc White and their three children, and her son John L. Goforth and his wife Kimberly and their two children.

Johnnie was predeceased by her parents, Andy and Lorea Hallford, as well as her brother Tommy and Forrest and her sister Goldie. She is survived by her brothers Ben and David.

Johnnie was an excellent student throughout her childhood and into her high school career, where she was valedictorian



Johnnie Goforth

of her class. She cultivated a love of books, travel, and classic movies in her own life and in those of her children. A well-turned phrase or a proper grammatical construction was always appreciated. Johnnie was a person of faith from an early age and church had always been an important and meaningful part of her life. She also loved the outdoors and could spend hours walking or driving through her beloved countryside on the ranch. More than anything, perhaps, was her love for her grandchildren, who all benefitted from her care and attention. Her family feasts were warm with that attention and the good food that only she knew how to make in such variety and quantity.

A graveside funeral service will be held on Saturday Oct. 19th at 2:00 pm at Brown's Cemetery in Aledo.

In lieu of flowers please donate to St. Jude Hospital.

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Leland DuWayne Walker, Sr.

The year 1956 was known for two very important reasons: the mega hit, 'Heartbreak Hotel' and the birth of Leland DuWayne Walker. Born on New Year's Eve, December 31, 1956, Leland blessed the Walker family and the small town of Grandfalls, Texas with his timely presence and unbeknownst to them, many future, 'New Years' full of laughter - and lots of it.

Leland began life as a loving brother to seven siblings, the kind of son one can only hope for, and a gentle soul known for his notoriously witty mind and incredibly long legs that would eventually land him a coveted spot on a college track team.

Known for his die-hard dedication to the Dallas Cowboys, he was a super fan his entire life and although he wasn't able to see them win very often, he stayed true to the positive outlook and happy demeanor he was known for by supporting them to the end - no matter what. He was also proud to call himself a Texas Rangers fan and may have shed a tear or two when they finally won the big one.

He loved to fish, worked harder than most - most of his life - and was one of the best dang gardeners around. He dedicated much of his time - as well as his proteges' - to watching his various plants grow...



Leland Walker

tomato plants, bean plants and that good ole' green stuff that accidentally showed up in his garden one day.

Leland was good at a lot of things, but if you asked him, the one thing he was most proud of was being called Dad by his two beloved children, LeeAnna Nicole Parsons and Leland (Bubba) Walker. He raised them with a compassion and love that anyone would envy and they were both blessed with his humor and kind nature.

Leland found one of his many gifts on the sidelines as a kind and patient coach for both his daughter's and his son's softball and baseball teams. Incredibly knowledgeable about the game and equally as fair, he was both loved and respected by the referees, his players and their parents and known to always keep a level head and make sure to keep it fun.

Although Leland was incredibly kind, it was his humor and endless wit that really set him apart from others. Never one to pass on reciting a joke or retelling a good story, he always managed to have those around him gasping for air due to laughter from the rapid-fire stream of hilarious comments and comebacks that never seemed to end.

Leland was proud to grow up as a Grandfalls Cowboy, then cheered for his kids that were Monahans Loboes. He was a proud Aggie and Bearcat

Grandpa, and a true state of Texas sports fan.

In his later life, he was blessed to enjoy his retirement on Lake Proctor with his daily cup of coffee, fishing for hours on the lake, and being with friends and family as often as possible.

He said goodbye to this earth on October 20th, 2024 but his life and legacy is one that will never be forgotten, and cherished always.

Leland is preceded in death by his father, Claudie Lee Walker; and his father, Louie Hanson; his mother, Velma Hanson; his brother, Stevie Walker; his sister, Betty Sue Rowe; his sister-in-law, Rickie Ann Walker; his brother, Eddie Royce Walker; and his beloved nephew, Stevie Lee Walker.

Survived by his daughter, LeeAnna Parsons and husband, Chris Parsons, of Aledo, Texas; and his two granddaughters, Taylor Parsons, a student at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas, and Nealee Parsons of Aledo, Texas; his son, Leland "Bubba" Walker of Monahans, Texas; his brother, Bobby Walker of Spring, Texas; his sisters, Claudine Robinett of Lubbock, Texas, Gloria Sprouse of Monahans, Texas, and Joann Todd of Savannah, Missouri.

Memorial Celebration of Life for Leland Walker will be held at Ward County Event Center, on Sunday, October 27th, 2024 at 1:00 P.M., family, food and friends sharing memories.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29 September	30 September	1 OCTOBER	2	3	4	5
13	14 Holiday Indigenous Peoples' Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Early* VOTING Begins (In Person)	22	23	24	25 Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (In Person)	26 EARLY* WEEKEND VOTING (In Person)
27 EARLY* WEEKEND VOTING (In Person)	28	29	30	31	Nov. 1st Early VOTING ENDS (In Person)	Nov. 2nd NO Voting
Nov. 3rd NO Voting	Nov. 4th NO Voting	Nov. 5th Election Day II 7am - 7pm				

For details on each date/deadline go to <https://www.votetexas.gov/>

and The Shops at Willow Park for the second annual Fall Fest. This family-friendly event is free to the public.

Mayor Roberts' Second Annual Seed Ball Event
Town of Annetta will host the Seed Ball Event from 9a.m. - 12 p.m. on Saturday, October 26, at Annetta Town Hall, 450 Thunder Head Lane, Annetta. Join us in making milkweed seed balls to help "grow" the population of the Monarch Butterflies. Your seeds will grow next spring and help nourish the butterflies during their migration next year. Bring your family and meet your neighbors! Call (817)441-5770 or email info@annettatx.gov to RSVP. A box lunch for participants will be provided. Take home the seed balls that you make to plant in your gardens prior to Halloween.

Trunk or Treat Pawty
Mark your calendars for a spook-tacular day at the shelter! Join us on October 26, 2024, for a fang-tastic Trunk or Treat event filled with fun for the whole family! Candy galore, bounce house fun, kids' costume contest, and of course, all the animal cuteness and wet kisses you can handle! Help us make this event a howling success by spreading the word — tell everyone you know!

NOVEMBER 2
13th annual TCA Gift Market
The Market will be from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 2 at Trinity Christian Academy - Willow Park 4954 East I-20 Service

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- TXism: "jumpy as ___ on ice"
- an Astro evading a tag at second base in Fort Worth: "___ Carter Museum of American Art"
- late TX Swayze film: "___ of Kin" (1989)
- in Amarillo: "___ & ___"
- George W. to TX George H.W. sunglasses that go to the sides too
- Willie Nelson's "___ the Road Again"
- praise in public
- TXism: "wouldn't cut warm ___" (dull)
- a Christmas game uses ___ & ___
- TX Dennis Quaid 2023 film: "On a ___ and a Prayer"
- TX Christopher Rich sitcom (2001-07)
- dir. from Seymour to Dublin, TX
- singing under the window of a girl
- Drake of 1953 film "Down Laredo Way"
- org. for one country music award show
- TXism: "___ _ whipped pup"
- Dak knows how to ___ a football
- TXism: "___ to" (intend)
- symptoms of people with the flu (2 wds.)
- TXism: "he's new to these ___"
- TXism: "worn ___ frazzle" (tired)
- TX Sam Rayburn was in Congress 48 ___
- country singer, Hill 44
- TXism: "blister ___" (handle)
- drink slowly
- Buna and Linden, e.g.
- TXism: "that ___ float"
- (disagree)
- Duncanville MLB pitcher, David
- TXism: "___ enjoyed all this I can stand"
- Shrimp catcher
- negative vote
- in El Paso County on I-10
- Caribbean island
- tiny bit
- TXism: "he's lower than a snake's belly in a wheel ___"
- Texas "Monkee," Michael
- TX Roy Orbison's "In ___" (1963)
- first Texas Lottery Commission director, Nora
- TX Strait's "Gone ___ a Girl Can Get"
- TXism: "it ain't ___ in cement"
- Greek given name
- TV controller
- TXism: "she could talk the legs off ___ stove"
- "___-washy"
- TX Perot who twice ran for president
- New Orleans Saints, "Who ___?"
- movie chewies
- transports for amateur golfers
- historic Port Aransas hotel (2 wds.)
- song written by TX Rodney Crowell: "___ Living Long Like This"
- TX "Burn" Phillips real first name
- least valuable chess piece
- Tex-Mex, e.g.
- Baylor basketball "___" Carter
- TXism: "___ holler" (call me)

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The Parker County Mayors' Food Drive
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Clark Gardens Pumpkin Patch will be open daily Monday - Saturday from 8 - 5 p.m. and Sunday 10-5 p.m. Our Pumpkin Patch is the perfect place for a cozy,

NOVEMBER 12

Dementia Support Group
Join the Dementia Support Group from 4-5 p.m. at Harvest of Aleo 1043 Bailey Ranch Rd. 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

NOVEMBER 14

Alzheimer's Group
The East Parker County Alzheimer's Group meets from 1-3 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at Aleo United Methodist

Church, 100 Pecan. Drive. For more information, call 817-441-8329.

DECEMBER 14

Jingle All The Way
There will be a Fun Run/Walk benefiting Meals on Wheels & Senior Center on Saturday, December 14, 1225 Holland Lake Dr. Weatherford, TX 76086. Live music, s'mores, Santa and more following the event. It is \$25 per person or a team of 5 for \$100. For more information or to register, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/mr3bfp8>.
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FOOTBALL

Bearcats facing another state-ranked foe

Richland coming to town Friday

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

Defending the throne is something the Aledo Bearcats have gotten quite used to over the years. In fact, they've sat at the helm of their district every season since 2008.

So, while they've clinched a post-season berth, with all due respect to all other playoff teams, that's become as common as a heat wave in August to folks in these parts. District championships - nay, state championships - are the measuring stick in Aledo.

Friday night at 7 p.m. at Tim Buchanan Stadium, the Richland Royals (7-1, 5-1 in District 3-5A Division I) assume their place as the next in line to try and knock Aledo (6-1, 5-0) off its perch. Their goal is to end the Bearcats' 124-game district winning streak, a record that dates to 2007.

If the Bearcats extend that streak, they would be a victory at Azle from clinching yet another title. If, however, the Royals pull off the upset, it would leave four teams (Aledo, Richland, Denton Ryan, Azle) tied atop the league standings with a single loss with two weeks left in the regular season.

"They're a good solid football team," Aledo head coach Robby Jones said of Richland. "They're the type of team you'd normally meet in Round 3 or 4 of the playoffs."

Ironically, the only previous meeting between the teams was in 2017, when the Bearcats defeated the Royals 43-7 in the state quarterfinals (fourth round).

Tiebreaking

District 3-5A's tiebreaking procedure works off of positive points, then head-to-head. If Aledo wins Friday and again at Azle, it's a moot point where the Bearcats are concerned.

However, if they were to get upset in either of those games, the tiebreaking plan will include them.

At the moment, despite their loss to Aledo, Ryan holds the tiebreak advantage with a plus-25 points by virtue of their 44-19 win over Richland. The Bearcats are next at plus 15 after defeating Ryan 42-27.

Richland and Azle are at zero on the scale.

In the case of a three-way tie (a four-way tie is unlikely since Azle and Richland have yet to play), after the district champion is decided the rest comes down to head-to-head.

"If we lose, we could end up in third place," Jones said.

The solution? Just keep winning, like the Bearcats have done for 17 years.

Coming off bye week

Each of the past two seasons the Bearcats' bye week was after the

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The Aledo Ladycats and Bearcats are both returning their entire teams to the Class 5A State Cross Country Meet for a second straight season.

CROSS COUNTRY

Aledo girls, boys teams returning to state

Ladycats repeat as regional champs

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

It's hard to imagine the Aledo cross country program finding new ways to succeed, but it happened again at the Class 5A Region I Meet at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock.

The Ladycats and Bearcats are both returning to state - something that happened for

the first time in 2023. However, this year, both teams earned a spot on the medal stand as the Ladycats repeated as regional champions and the Bearcats finished third.

Last season's Bearcats squad, while advancing to state, placed fourth in the region. Only the top three get medals, though.

"It was fantastic, just an amazing day," Aledo coach Mike Pinkerton said. "Getting the boys up there with the girls just made for a very special day."

Individually, Molly Garrison of the Ladycats finished second with a time of 18 minutes, 22.40 seconds over the 5K course. Two other Aledo girls placed in the top 10, Micah Neal was seventh in 19:18.70 and Mykel Murry was eighth in 19:19.80.

Two Bearcats broke into the top 10 with Tyler Connelly taking fifth with a clocking of 16:14.50 and Jack Fink placing sixth in 16:17.90.

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VOLLEYBALL

Ladycats continue district decimation

Clinch league title

By Geoff Heppes
The Community News

AZLE - The Aledo Ladycats volleyball team faced a tough challenge in its second match against the Azle Lady Hornets as the visitors. After a slow start in a tight first set, though, the Ladycats surged through the next two sets to secure their 10th sweep in as many district contests. Aledo secured the victory by a final score of 25-23, 25-14 and 25-16.

With the victory, Aledo (28-7, 9-0) grew its win streak to 17 in a row. The first-set victory over Azle was the stiffest competition Aledo has faced to this point in the district portion of their season.

Furthermore, Aledo wrapped up the top spot in District 5-5A Region I with the win.

Star junior Alyssa Todd led the charge with 22 kills, 13 digs and two blocks. Meanwhile, senior middle Haley Lowe was impressive up front with nine



RYAN WADE PHOTOGRAPHY

Logyn Denbow, Sophia Frank, and Ali Lobaugh celebrate a point during the Ladycats decisive win over Fossil Ridge on Tuesday, Oct. 22..

kills and three blocks while fellow seniors Kinley Elms and Morgan Estevez had six kills apiece and each had a block. Estevez also registered seven digs.

On the back line, Ella Meador and Kenrie Pruitt each recorded 16 digs while Logyn Denbow

added eight. Setters Ava Reding (18 assists, 11 digs) and Sophie Frank (22 assists, eight digs) distributed the ball well while helping anchor the back line defense. Reding also served two aces while Ella Isbell had three blocks in the match.

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BASEBALL

Mazon headed to Coastal Carolina

Aledo alum Trace Mazon has committed to play for Coastal Carolina following his time with the Weatherford College Coyotes. As a freshman infielder with the Coyotes in 2023, Mazon batted .339 with three home runs, 65 runs batted in and 51 runs scored in 55 games.

CROSS COUNTRY

AMS runners compete at district

Aledo Middle School had three teams finish second in the district cross country meet held recently.

Seventh-grade girls

Team second

Top individuals: 1. Austyn Wiatrek, 5. Avery Williams, 6. Piper Sweeney, 17. Jewel Mayes.

Seventh-grade boys

Team second

Top individuals: 4. Levi Lund, 6. Jayden Smith, 8. Maxwell Truong, 15. Isaac Gideon, 16. Ethan Miller.

Eighth-grade girls

Team second

Top individuals: 1. Holland Gladchuk, 3. Ashley Lawrence, 13. Stella Lamb, 17. Karson Green.

Eighth-grade boys

Team sixth

Top individuals: 2. Jonah Clary, 4. Brody Bruno, 20. Nathan Hubley.

FISHING

Anglers second at Granbury

The Aledo Anglers fishing team finished second out of 163 teams at the Lake Granbury Tournament recently. They were led by top-10 finishes by the teams of Mark Cerja/Miller Hill (third) and Aidan Bristow/Mason Nutt (eighth).

FOOTBALL

Aledo freshmen

A and B won over Granbury, 24-6 and 35-7, respectively.

Aledo JV

A Team won 57-0 over Granbury, while JV B defeated Stephenville 28-0.

Aledo Middle School vs. Bursleson Kerr

Seventh grade: A Team lost 31-18, B Team won 8-0, C Team won 24-0.

Eighth grade: A Team won 47-19, B Team lost 25-12.

Weatherford freshmen

The Kangaroos Blue Team defeated North Crowley 8-6. Players of the Game are Aiden Halbert and Haidyn Olson.

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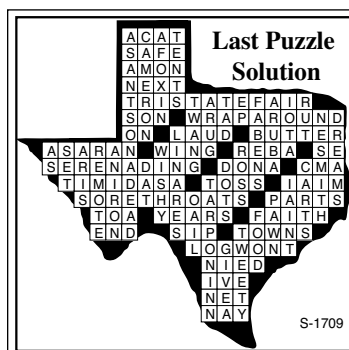
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First Public Hearing: Planning and Zoning Commission
 Location: Aledo Community Center, 104 Robinson Court, Aledo, Texas 76008
 Date: Thursday, November 14, 2024
 Time: 6:00 P.M.

The purpose of the hearings is to receive input regarding consideration the following:

- 1) Public Hearing to consider and recommend amendment to Landscaping and Screening standards in the City of Aledo, Unified Development Code (UDC).
- 2) Public Hearing to consider and recommend amendment to Article 4 Signage standards in the City of Aledo, Unified Development Code (UDC)

For further information or questions regarding these public hearings, please contact the City of Aledo at (817)441-7016.

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Staci L. King, City Secretary

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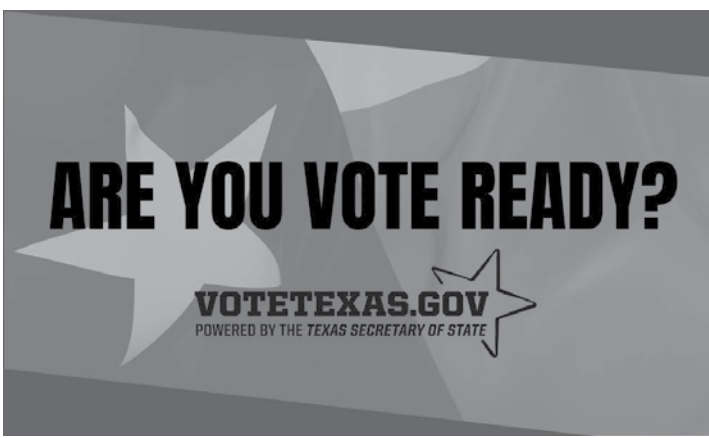
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SPORTS BRIEFS

FOOTBALL

Weatherford freshmen

The White Team also won 26-20 over North Crowley. Players of the Game are Caiden Guerra, Hunter Ferguson and Nick Soto.

The Gray Team won 34-6 over Paschal. Players of the Game: Jonathan Griggs, defense, and Taiten Powell, offense.

Weatherford Tison vs. Granbury Acton

Seventh grade: A Team won 32-6. B Team lost 15-8.

Players of the Game: Levi Canales, Dillon Stone, Kason Younger.

Weatherford Hall vs. Cleburne Wheat

Seventh grade: A Team won 16-14. Player of the Game is Noah Burke.

Eighth grade: A Team won 30-8. Players of the Game: Kasen McQuiston, offense; Snyder Garcia, defense. B Team won 18-0. Player of the Game: Christian Andrews.

GOLF

Mahanay leads Coyotes in New Mexico

The Weatherford College men's golf team competed against universities and top two-year colleges in the Herb Wimberly Memorial in Las Cruces, New Mexico. The tournament was held Oct. 14-15 at the New Mexico State University Golf Course. Aledo's Braylan Mahanay and Giovanni Vezza and WC's top finishers, tied for 23rd place out of 84 golfers at two over par over three rounds. Vezza (71-74-70) recorded five birdies in his final round Tuesday, climbing nine spots up the leaderboard for a strong finish. Mahanay's best round was his first, carding four birdies. He shot 71-72-72.

As a team, WC finished in 12th place, turning in their best scores in the third round. After starting with a 291 in the first round and a 302 in the second, the Coyotes made a 15-stroke improvement in the final round at 287.

Host NMSU won the tournament,

followed by Midland College, Texas A&M University-Commerce and University of the Incarnate Word.

The Coyotes are playing in the NJCAA National Preview at Sand Creek Station Golf Course in Newton, Kansas this weekend.

Stowe wins on NTPGA Junior Tour

Graham Stowe of Aledo won first place in the Boys 11-12 division at the Northern Texas PGA Junior Golf Tour stop at Texas 9 in Fort Worth. He had a score of 45 over nine holes.

Ladycat/Bearcat fundraiser

The 21st Annual Ladycat/Bearcat Fundraiser will be played Sunday, Oct. 27 at Split Rail Links and Golf Club. The event will feature lunch at 11:30 a.m. and a 1 p.m. shotgun start.

Contact Aledohsgolf@gmail.com.

Weatherford varsity girls

The Lady Roos placed fourth at Squaw Valley Golf Club in Glen Rose. They were led by freshman Ava Cordary, who was fourth individually with an 80.

Weatherford JV boys

The Kangaroos finished second at the Roo Invitational at Canyon West Golf. Logan Henn placed second individually.

The team also included Daniel Picasio, Mario Muniz, Jackson Lawless and Mason Johnston.

RODEO

WC's Graf win at Clarendon

Jacee Graff brought home first place in goat tying for the Weatherford College rodeo team recently at the Clarendon College Rodeo. She placed first in both rounds with a 6.2 and a 6.1.

Catcher Gasperson finished second in steer roping with an 11.3.

Payton Andrus placed second in breakaway roping with a 5.1 on two while teammates Kaydence Tindal finished seventh and Kadi Fretwell 10th.

In team roping, Hunter Helton and Ryan Gorham's 5.5 and 7.5 were good for second place. Cason

Ritchie and Beldon Cox finished sixth and Cole Smith and Cashton Weidenbener placed eighth overall. Jacoby Campbell finished eighth in bareback riding with 127 on two.

TENNIS

Weatherford Tison

Tison defeated Brock. Players of the Match are Harper Millar and Anna Casey.

VOLLEYBALL

Aledo Middle School vs. Mansfield McKinzey

Seventh grade: A Team won 25-22, 25-17, placed second in zone; B Team won 26-24, 25-20, first in zone; C Team won 25-11, 25-20, first in zone.

Eighth grade: A Team lost 25-23, 26-24, fourth in zone; B Team won 25-23, 25-9, first in zone; C Team won 25-13, 26-24, first in zone.

Weatherford freshmen vs. North Crowley

A Team won 2-0. Player of the Match: Natalie Griffen. B Team won 2-0. Player of the Match; Brighton Decker.

Weatherford Hall vs. Cleburne

Seventh grade: A Team won 25-12, 25-16. Players of the Match: Vivian Scarbro, Bailee Sullins; B Team won 25-19, 25-11. Players of the Match: Whole team.

Eighth grade: A Team won 25-22, 26-24. Players of the Match: Joy Versola, Izzy Hixson; B Team lost 21-25, 25-20, 28-26. Players of the Match: Blakleigh Hilburn, Kylie Davis.

Weatherford Tison vs. Granbury Acton

Seventh grade: A Team lost 25-19, 25-10. Player of the Match: Presley Ramirez; B Team lost 25-23, 22-25, 15-11. Player of the Match: Camryn Perkins.

Eighth grade: A Team won 25-22, 25-18. Player of the Match: Whole team; B Team lost 28-26, 11-25, 25-18. Player of the Match; Allie Johnson.

Editor's note: If you have a sports note and/or game results, please send to sports@community-news.com.

GOLF

Bearcats win at Granbury

Ladycats fourth

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

Led by Braden Stokes, the Aledo Bearcats won the championship of the Granbury Fall Classic played at DeCordova Bend Country Club and Harbor Lakes Golf Course on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 18-19.

Stokes posted a two-day total of 4-over-par 146 to finish second individually. As a team, the Bearcats shot a 628 to edge runner-up Argyle with a 631, third-place Grapevine at 634 and fourth-place Granbury 2 at 635.

Among the girls, the Ladycats placed fourth with a 684. Southlake Carroll won with a 655, Lovejoy Black was second with a 662 and Grapevine was third with a 671.

Emily Crick led Aledo with a 161 over two days. She was ninth individually in the tournament.

"The boys played well both days. They played two different types of courses and made the adjustments to win the tournament," Aledo coach Brian Mourning said.

"Really proud of those guys to finish and win the tournament."

Harbor Lakes is a wide-open course, while DeCordova is more traditional with trees, etc.

The Ladycats improved from an opening-day 356 at Harbor Lakes to a second-day score of 328 at DeCordova.

"Girls played a lot better on Day 2. Day 1 for them was not what we expected, but they bounced back at DeCordova to put them in a place to be in the top three. I'm proud of them for fighting back."

Also for the Bearcats, Tyler Anderson, 161; Logan Lund, 161; Maddox Jessup, 162; and Ethan Elmore, 167.

Also for the Ladycats, Reagan Gilliland, 170; Harper Price, 176; Addison Russ, 177; and Sydney Purdon, 195.

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

The Bearcats and Ladycats were playing in the District 5-5A Preview at Cross Timbers Golf Course in Azle on Oct. 22.

LADYCATS

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On the subvarsity level, the ninth grade B team (25-11 and 25-6), ninth grade A team (25-18 and 25-16) and the junior varsity squad (25-15 and 25-19) each defeated Azle in straight sets.

The Ladycats returned home and were hosting Keller Fossil Ridge at press time.

Aledo 3, Saginaw 0

The Ladycats continued their consistent, dominant ways with another convincing sweep. The Ladycats walked away with a resounding victory by a final score of 25-16, 25-9 and 25-9 at Saginaw on Oct. 15.

Star junior Alyssa Todd, who recently made a verbal commitment

to Division I Abilene Christian University, led the charge with a game-high 13 kills to go with 10 digs, three aces and two blocks.

Senior middle Kinley Elms tallied 12 kills while senior middle Haley Lowe added six kills and two blocks. Ella Isbell registered a team-high three blocks, while setters Ava Reding and Sophie Frank combined for 30 assists. Ella Meador anchored the back line with 13 digs while Logyn Denbow and Kenrie Pruitt finished with 10 and seven digs, respectively. Meador also served two aces while Kailey Hamilton had one ace.

Furthermore, the subvarsity squad also took care of business. The ninth grade B team swept Saginaw (25-22 and 25-18) while the junior varsity team also won in straight sets (25-7 and 25-16).

FOOTBALL

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ninth game, so they had the league title sewn up. This year, however, it came a little earlier.

Jones said he's fine with the timing, though.

"It's about the right time of the year, getting a bit of a break before those last few games and the playoffs."

Richland's bye week comes after this contest before ending the regular season at home against Azle on Nov. 8.

Accurate QBs

It's not likely the football will be dropped often in Friday's contest. Both teams have some of the most accurate quarterbacks around.

The Royals feature Drew Kates, who is completing 72% of his passes for 2,087 yards. He has 22 touchdown passes opposite a pair of interceptions.

Meanwhile, Aledo's Gavin Beard is completing 68% of his passes for 992 yards despite missing two games with an injury. He has 15 TD and three picks.

The backups are pretty accurate as well. For Richland, Brook Kates has six TD with a single interception. For Aledo, Nash McElree is 25-of-35 for 361 yards with five touchdowns and two interceptions.

Shifting attack

The Royals had to make some serious offensive adjustments when all-everything running back

Michael Turner went down with an injury after only two games. Turner accounted for almost 1,800 yards and 24 TD last season in helping the Royals reach the third round of the postseason.

However, the Royals have relied on 13 different runners to average 119 yards rushing per game. Drew Kates leads that contingent with 65 carries for 350 yards and five TD.

"They run the quarterback more than if they had Turner," Jones said. "They have three or four guys who rotate in, they put their slots in motion and pitch to them - which is technically a pass - but it's not like they are without a running game."

Aledo, likewise, features a plethora of backs able to break for yardage. The crew is led by Raycine Guillory, who has accounted for 799 yards and 14 TD (735 yards, 13 TD rushing).

The Bearcats are averaging 6.4 yards per carry, including six players who are averaging 6 yards or more with each tote.

Secondaries to be tested

The secondaries of both teams are in for a test as both teams have receivers who can get open and score in the blink of an eye.

Richland is led by Xavier Johnson (34 catches, 832 yards, 9 TD) and Deon Jones (26 catches, 574 yards, 5 TD). However, the Royals have 14 players who have caught a pass this season, with four having 18 or more receptions.

"This is going to be one of the bigger tests for them," Jones said

of his defensive backs who came into the season as least experienced part of the team. "They have grown throughout the season.

"Their receivers can take it to the house any time. We've got to make sure if there a catch that we are good tacklers."

Aledo's passing attack features Kaydon Finley (43 catches, 696 yards, 11 TD, who has only two drops in 60 targets. Five different Bearcats have caught a TD pass this season.

To counter, the Aledo defense has five interceptions and Richland defenders have eight.

"They have a good secondary. Gavin's going to have be smart with the football and make the decisions he's been making recently, getting the ball in the hands of our playmakers."

Pass rush

Aledo would appear to have an advantage here as the Bearcats' defensive line is the most experienced part of their squad.

The Bearcats have 33 tackles for loss, led by linebacker Chase Wilburn with 7.5 and defensive end Cooper Cyphers with 4.5. They also have nine sacks, again paced by Cyphers with 3.5.

Royals linebacker Roddrick Roberts leads his team with four of their five sacks and 14 of their 28 tackles for loss.

"We've got to get a good push up front. We rotate those guys so they're fresh," Jones said. "We have to keep him (Kates) contained in the pocket. He does a lot of damage out of the pocket and their

receivers are good at coming off their routes and getting open."

Turnovers/takeaways

Both teams are winning the turnover/takeaway battle this season. Through eight games the Royals have forced 13 turnovers (8 interceptions, 5 fumbles), while giving the ball up just six times (3 interceptions, 3 fumbles).

The Bearcats have taken the ball away eight times (5 interceptions, 3 fumbles) and given it up seven times (5 interceptions, 2 fumbles).

District 3-5A Division I

	District	Overall	Points for-against
Aledo	5-0	6-1	348-99
Richland	5-1	7-1	384-177
Azle	4-1	6-1	314-245
Denton Ryan	4-1	6-1	322-142
Birdville	2-4	3-5	218-346
Fossil Ridge	2-4	2-6	178-359
Brewer	1-4	2-5	252-252
Denton	0-5	1-6	108-302
Granbury	0-5	1-6	98-262

Last week's results

Richland 51, Granbury 14
Ryan 62, Azle 20
Fossil Ridge 42, Denton 40
Brewer 53, Birdville 21
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LADYCAT OF THE WEEK



Ava Reding
Volleyball

The senior posted a total of 30 assists and 16 digs, while serving two aces and even coming up with a kill as the Ladycats clinched the District 5-5A championship with a pair of 3-0 sweeps at Saginaw and Azle.

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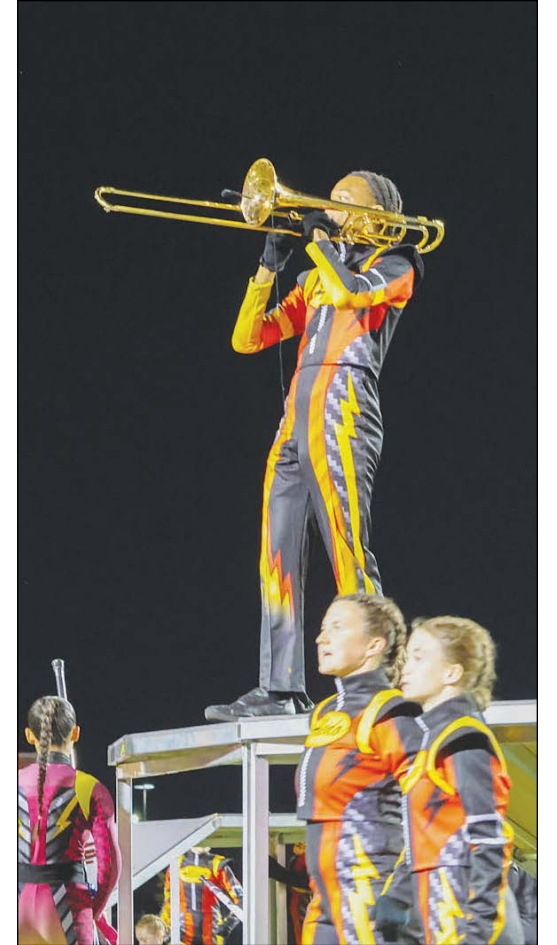
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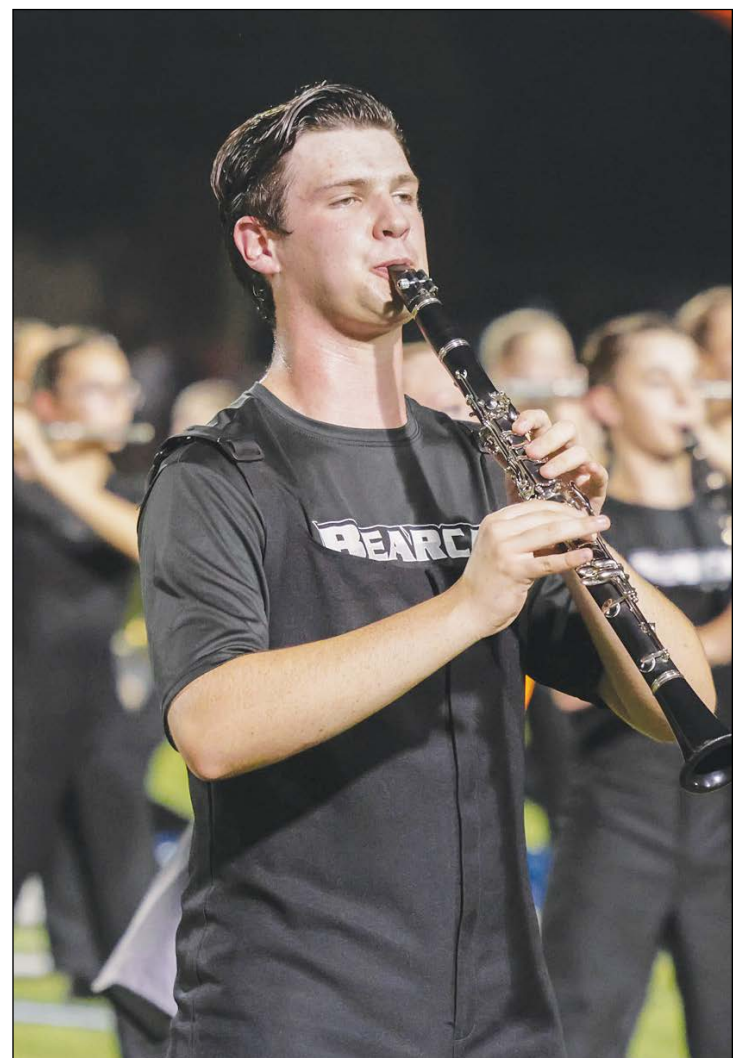
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BEARCAT OF THE WEEK



Braden Stokes
Golf

The junior posted a two-round total of 146 in the Granbury Fall Classic at DeCordova Bend Country Club and Harbor Lakes Golf Course to place second individually. He led the Bearcats to the team title with a 628 score.

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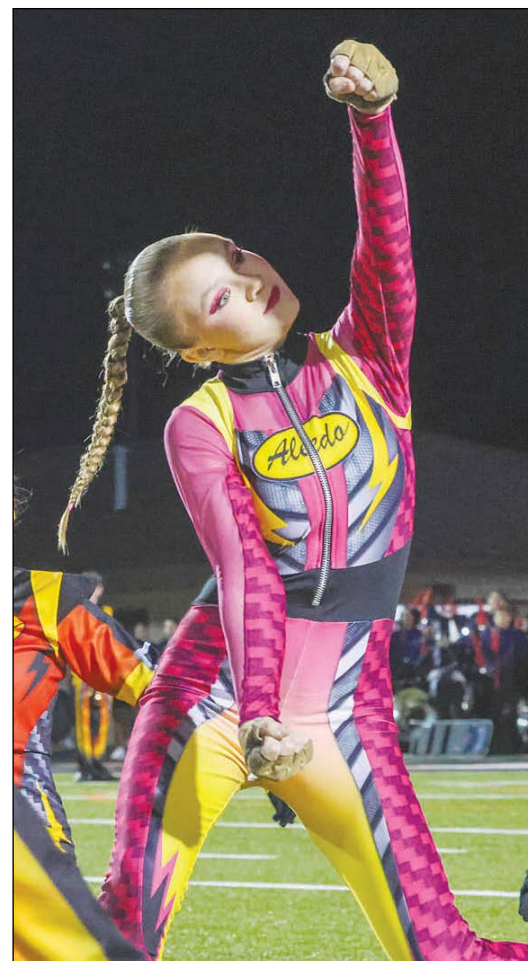


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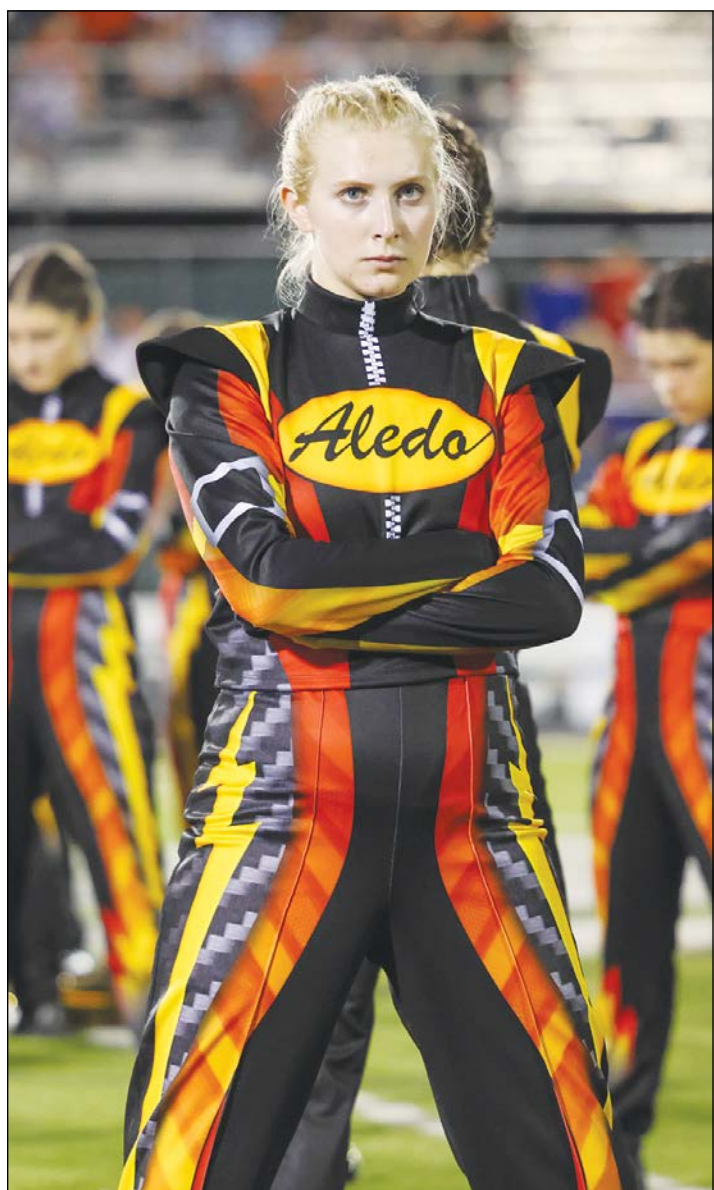


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TENNIS

Racquet Cats' enjoy another strong season

Win district, advance in playoffs

By Kelly Dishman
Special to The Community News

The Aledo Racquet Cats' tennis season came to an end in the Class 5A Region I quarterfinals with an 11-1 loss to Argyle High School recently at Haslet Eaton High School. They ended the season with a 15-4 overall record and won the District 5-5A championship with a 6-0 record.

They advanced to the third round of the playoffs, defeating Birdville 11-6 in bidistrict and winning 10-1 over Burleson in the area round. The loss to Argyle ended an 11-match winning streak.

Despite the loss to Argyle, the match featured several games that came down to deuces and tiebreakers.

The one posted win for Aledo was at line 2 boys doubles duo of Ben Kurth/Casen Freeland, 3-6, 6-2, 10-6.

There was an additional mixed doubles match played by Alex Vozeh/Gracie Heydman, which was a win for Aledo at Line 2 (8-6) that does not count towards the official playoff match score.

The area match against Burleson was played at Granbury High School on Oct. 10. Two of the boys' doubles teams won. Line 2 Freeland/ Kurth won 6-0, 6-3,

and Line 3 Noah Nottingham/Tom Ruminsky at 6-3, 6-3.

All lines of girls doubles were winners. Line 1 Elli Kate Bussmeir/Sydney Byrd won 6-0, 6-0; Line 2 McKinley Hayes/Lila Satterfield won 6-0, 6-2; and Line 3 Eleanor Jack/Patrice Loftin won 2-0, 6-2.

Mixed doubles played by Natalie Nawrocki/Paxton Pscencik posted a win at 6-1, 6-1.

The team began singles play needing four wins to grab the title. Victories were posted by boys Line 6 Pscencik 6-1, 6-0. The girls singles wins were Line 1 Satterfield 6-0, 6-0; Line Bussmeir 6-2, 2-1 and Line 3 Byrd 6-0, 6-1.



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Aledo Racquet Cats seniors Francois Britz, Elli Kate Bussmeir, Gracie Heydman, Eleanor Jack, Patrice Loftin and Jacob Heckathorn.

CROSS COUNTRY

Lady Roo qualifies for state

Boone advances to Round Rock

Staff Reports
The Community News

Sophomore Remington Boone of the Weatherford Lady Kangaroos cross country team qualified for the state meet with a 14th-place individual finish at the Class 6A Region I Meet at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock on Monday, Oct. 21.

The top four teams and the top 10 individuals not on a qualifying team advance to the 6A State Meet at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock on Nov. 1.

It will be Boone's first appearance at state following

her second regionals appearance for the Lady Roos. She clocked a time of 18 minutes, 51 seconds over the 5K course.

As a team, the Lady Roos finished 11th. Other individuals competing for Weatherford were:

- 66. Paige Blake, 20:20.30.
- 77. Nayelli Ordonez, 20:44.10.
- 79. Ivy Scott, 20:45.20.
- 119. Macayla Kopacz, 21:53.80.
- 125. Gianna Buchfink, 22:00.00.
- 137. Sofia White, 22:36.60.



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For Fink, it will be his fourth consecutive season to compete at state. He has qualified with the entire Bearcats team three times and individually as a sophomore.

The Ladycats entered regional competition as the top seed, while the Bearcats were seeded fifth. The top four teams and top 10 individuals not on those teams qualified for state at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock on Nov. 2.

The Ladycats, who had a team total of 51 points, will be joined in Round Rock by runner-up Colleyville Heritage (85 points), Abilene (101) and Grapevine (148). Joining the Bearcats, who scored 149 points, will be regional champion Grapevine (88), runner-up Colleyville Heritage

(114) and fourth-place El Paso Burges (158).

Last season the Ladycats finished second at state behind Lovejoy, which has won multiple state championships.

"Lovejoy is like a broken record and I'm ready to go break that record," Pinkerton said.

Rounding out individual results for the Ladycats are Sofia Brandenburg, 13th, 19:49.10; Madison Larsen, 26th, 20:18.90; and Mayden Mitchell, 30th, 20:33.00. Kjersten Loy did not finish.

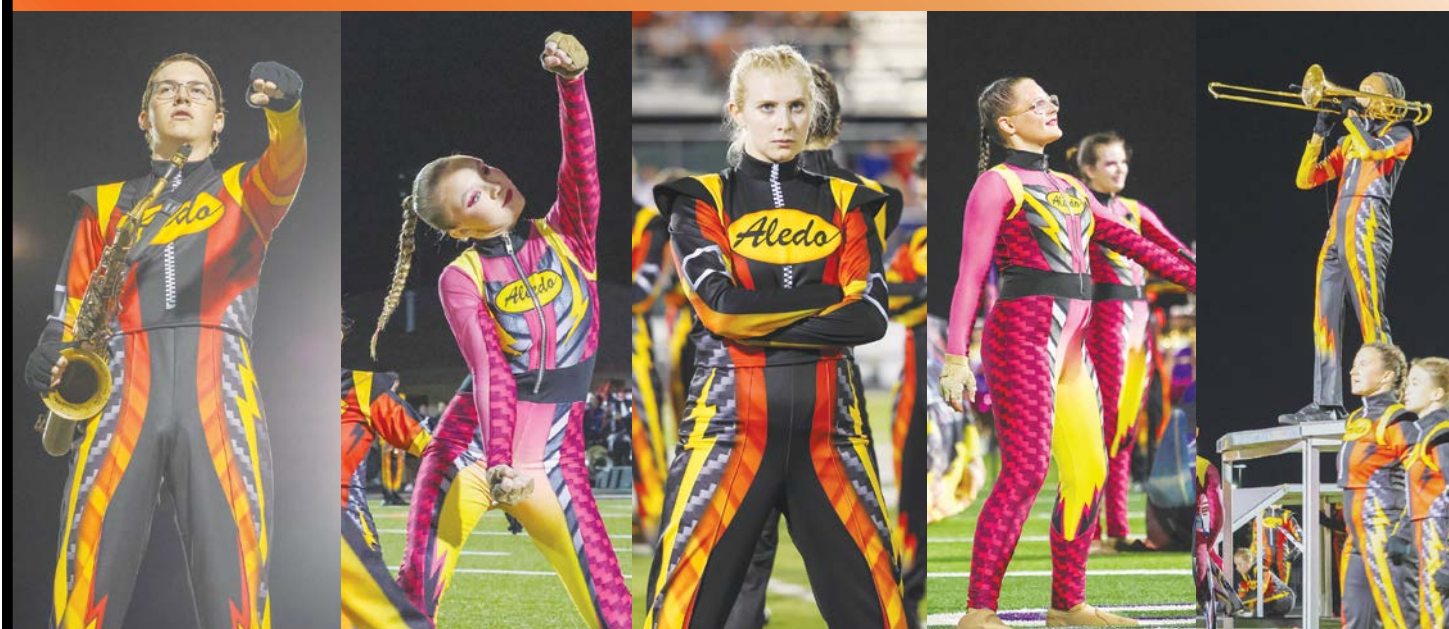
Rounding out the Bearcats' individuals are Ian Robbins, 44th, 17:26.50; Luke Schabel, 48th, 17:31.00; Landon Eaton, 66th, 17:51.80; Dominick Barrera, 75th, 17:59.00; and Thatcher Pettit, 84th, 18:05.10.

At state, the Aledo girls will compete at 10:45 a.m. on Nov. 2, followed by the boys at 11:25 a.m.



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