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# A WORD FROM THE PUBLISHER

**T**he Christmas season is a very special time of year. It is a season at times of contrasts: from bright lights, candy canes, and carols to quiet, candle-lit observances of the holiday.

It is also a season of service. Numerous community organizations, who lend their hands all year, make an even greater effort during this season to make sure all are provided for and remembered.

In this guide, you can read all about the bright lights and celebrations, and you will also find plenty of information about where you can “plug in” with opportunities to give in the spirit of the season.

We hope your holiday season is filled with love, laughter, joy, fulfillment, and meaning.

- *Randy Keck*  
*Publisher*

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# Hudson Oaks prepares for holiday activities

By Jim Zimmermann  
The Community News

Hudson Oaks is a place to be this holiday season - and there is plenty to enjoy.

It all starts on Friday, Dec. 6 with the tree lighting and an evening of special events from 5:30-8 p.m.

And it's free, brought to you by Texas Bank, Jerry's Cadillac, Home Zone and Texas Health Willow Park. Visitors can enjoy activities in Santa's Workshop and snap a picture with Santa himself, take a ride on the COHO Express, enjoy activities at com-

munity booths, watch local stage performances and more.

"This is a great time, not only for the citizens of Hudson Oaks but also for anyone wanting to come and experience all the wonderful things we have to offer all families," Hudson Oaks City Secretary Shelly Scazzero said.

The COHO (City of Hudson Oaks) tree lightning will take place at 6 p.m. Plan on staying the evening for a jolly good time that will include:

- Santa's Workshop
- Community Booths
- Train Rides
- Snow Hill & Obstacle Inflatables
- Pictures with Santa
- Stage Performances: Austin Elementary at 5:30, p.m.; Weatherford High School Blue Belles, 6 p.m.; The Rock Dance PAC, 6:30 p.m.; Mary Martin Elementary, 7 p.m.

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Santa's Workshop vendors include The Swim Lesson People, H-E-B, Sports Clips, CareNow, Divine Mercy, Home Zone, All This Hair, Chick-fil-A, Club Pilates, The Rock, NBT Bank, Change Lee's Taekwondo, Film Alley and First Baptist Church Weatherford.

Chairs, blankets and coolers are welcome. However, do not bring any glass objects.

### Corridor of Lights

The fun continues beyond the big tree lighting day as the always popular Corridor of Lights will be available to walk through from Saturday, Dec. 7 through New Years Day, each day from 6-9 p.m.

The COHO Christmas Corridor is a free light display synced to music at Gene Voyles Park, brought to you by Texas Bank, Jerry's Cadillac, & Nextlink.

Visitors can stroll around the park under tunnels of lights and displays with over 75,000 lights. Children and adults alike will enjoy.

Wednesday nights at the Corridor will be Sensory Friendly Nights - the lights will be on but not flashing.

### Christmas Movie Night

Bring lawn chairs, blankets and perhaps some hot chocolate as you bundle up to enjoy a holiday movie at Genr Voyles Coolers are welcome, but no glass is allowed.

The event will be on Dec. 19 from 6-8 p.m. The movie, presented by Film Alley in Weatherford, will be "The Christmas Chronicles," starring Kurt Russell.

What's a movie without popcorn? The evening will include the tasty treat provided by Film Alley. For those wishing for something different, horse and carriage rides are available for \$7 per person, ages 2 and under free, cash only.

Lights from the Corridor will be on but not flashing during the movie.

For more information about all of the city's holiday events, check out the city's Facebook page.



RANDY KECK/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

TOP: A giant walk-through snowman is one of the experiences on a walk through Gene Voyles Park during the Christmas season. | BOTTOM: Eric and Shelby Moore and their dog Luna pose for a photo with Santa.

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# Willow Park planning big night

By Rick Mauch  
The Community News

On Dec. 3, Willow Park will usher in the Christmas season with a tree lighting and more.

Activities will start at 6 p.m. and go until roughly 7:30, Willow Park Communications Director Rose Hoffman said. In addition to lighting the tree, there will be food trucks with a variety of treats, a Christmas bounce house/inflatable area, and goodies for the kids.

“We are also excited to welcome the McCall Elementary School choir this year to perform!” Hoffman said excitedly.

“There’s something magical about a tree lighting as an official welcome to the holiday season. Watching our local kiddos last year enjoy that moment was really special for me personally, and us as a city,” she

continued. “It’s also a testament to how far we’ve come that we are able to have a tree our residents and businesses can be proud of – something they can point to and say, “that’s MY home. That’s MY city.”

This is the third year for the city to have this event, and the second time at the city hall location at 120 El Chico Tr.

“It’s difficult to predict turnout because of the event continuing to grow each season, but last year we had a couple hundred people,” Hoffman said. “Given the amazing turnout at our National Night Out Event, I’m expecting the turnout to be quite a bit higher this year.”

And yes, a special guest will be there. Hint, it’s Santa Clause.

“He sure will!” Hoffman said. “We will have

a special area for photos with Santa and he’s got some gifts for the children.”

Willow Park is growing at a rapid rate. The population of just under 5,000 in 2020 is now more than 7,100 in 2024. With that growth comes more folks wanting more celebrating, and the city is more than happy to do all they can do to accommodate.

So, what’s ahead?

“Hopefully more of the same good things,” Hoffman said. “The tree will stay at the city hall location and we hope to welcome more and more of our local families each year to enjoy an evening together.

“Much like the contents of the naughty/nice list, we are going to keep our ideas a secret for now. But we have some really fun things we are considering for the future.”



RANDY KECK/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

LEFT: The 2023 Willow Park Christmas tree. | RIGHT: Rhett Hill warily approaches Santa for a candy cane.



# Make spirits bright with festivals and lights

**By Christopher Amos**  
The Community News

**W**eatherford has large projects on the horizon as the city moves through the Christmas holidays and the end of the year. The projects are reflective of the population growth the city has experienced.

In October, the Weatherford City Council approved the final land plat for a proposed new Chamber of Commerce facility on Highland Lake Drive south of Sante Fe Drive. Durant Hall, a new 116 resident dormitory on the northeast corner of the Weatherford College campus, opened its

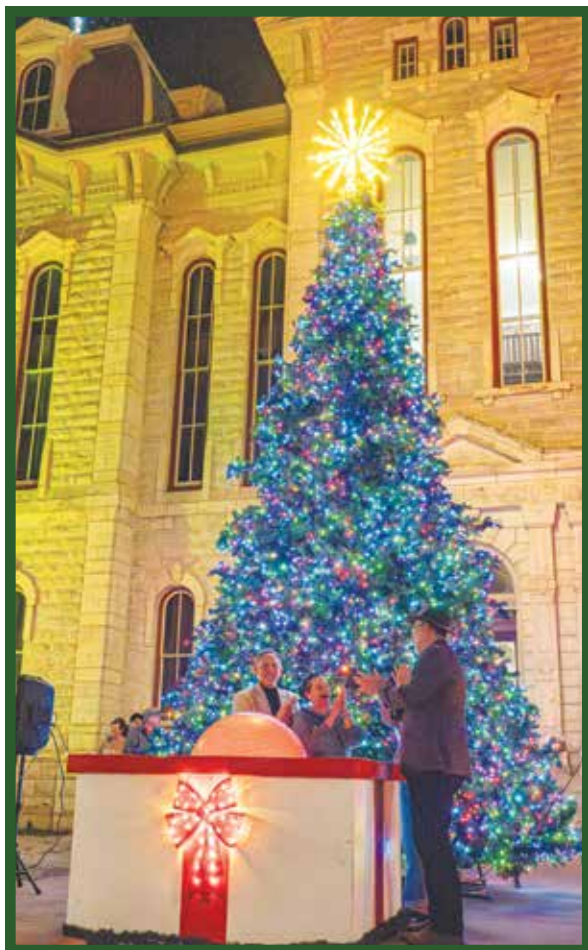
doors in August. Doss Heritage Center is planning a massive expansion in the future with the Murphey Western Institute, which will include a research library, learning center and theater.

Weatherford Mayor Paul Paschall said the city's preparedness for business and population growth is what makes Weatherford and Parker County such an attractive place to live and do business.

"What Weatherford is doing to prepare for this is expanding and strengthening

our public safety and improving our infrastructure," the mayor said. "We're seeing residential growth, growth in our schools both public and private, we're seeing retail growth, and our downtown businesses are healthy and growing."

Weatherford hosts large events, like the Parker County Peach Festival, Parker County Sheriff's Posse Rodeos, and the Pioneer Heritage Festival, but Christmas time holds a special place in Paschall's heart.







RYAN WADE/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Photos from the 2023 holiday parade and tree lighting.

## WEATHERFORD

“One of the special things about Weatherford Texas is we still celebrate Christmas,” Paschall said. “Christmas is a time of family, it is a time of faith, it’s a time of hope and of renewed inspiration for the future because the end of the year is so close. What I am so excited about with this community is that it still values Christmas so strongly.”

### Celebrate dates

A giant live spruce has been chosen for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting in Heritage

Park, 503 Santa Fe Dr. from 6-9:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 25. The festivities will culminate with a holiday themed drone show and the lighting of the Christmas tree. The tree, with the Pathway of Lights, will remain lit through December.

Weatherford Parks and Recreation Director Jaycob Kirkpatrick said the occasion is always an impressive way to start the holiday.

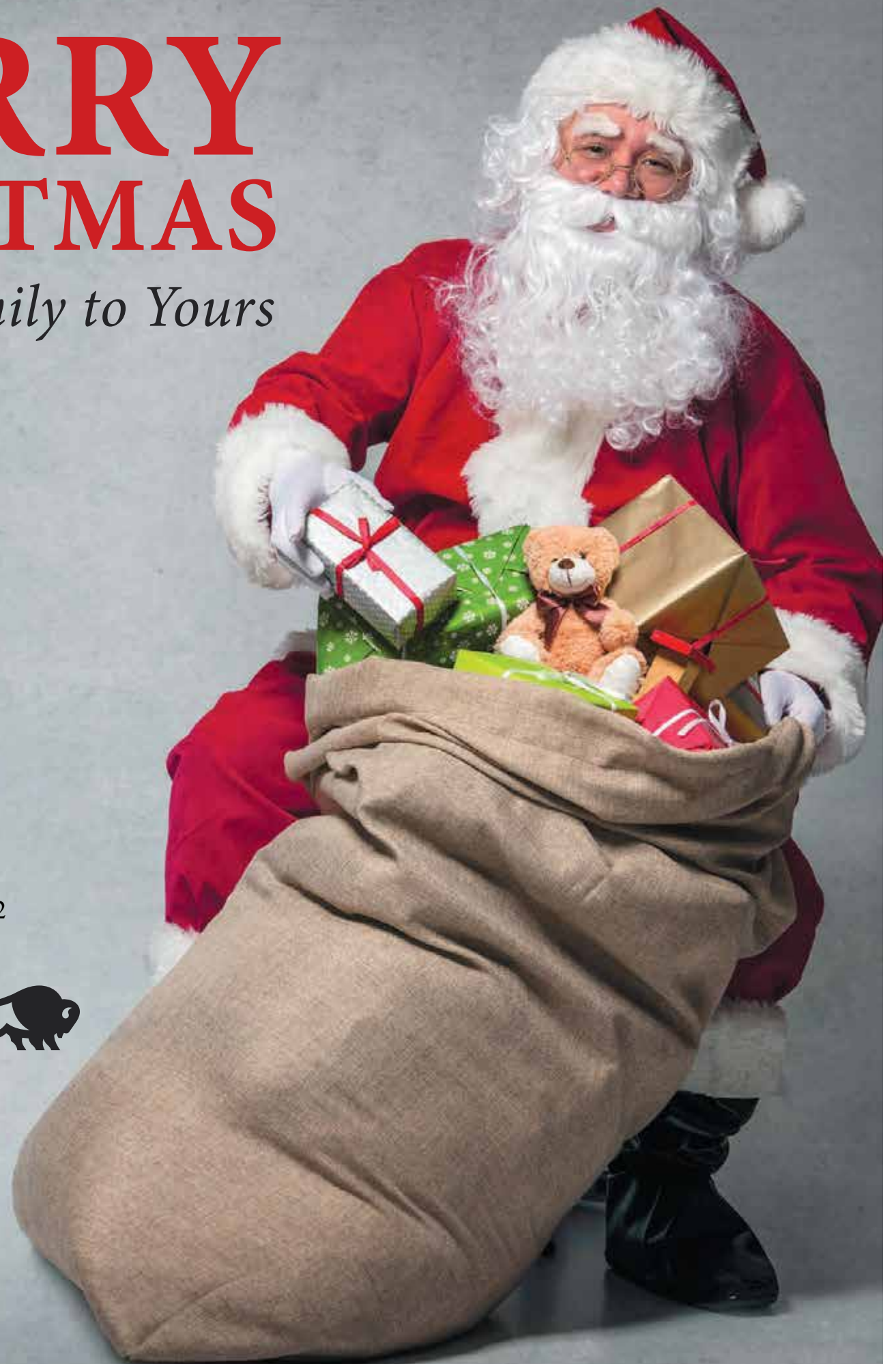
“It is a sight to see. We will have the drone show and then it is time for the countdown and throw the switch to light the tree,” Kirkpatrick said.

**The Weatherford Lights the Night Celebration and Parade**, sponsored by Weatherford Chamber of Commerce, is Saturday, December 7. Festivities begin at 10 a.m. on the courthouse square with live music and food. The annual holiday parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. from the Ninth-Grade Center, 1007 S. Main, and travel north on South Main to the courthouse.

The Texas Pythian Home, 1825 E. Bankhead Hwy., will be decorated for the season and host Christmas at the Castle 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14. The free open house will provide photo opportunities, tours of the castle, vendors, and photos with Santa (\$15).

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# Christmas Tyme in Aledo gets icy

By Ryan Wade  
The Community News

The unseasonably warm temperatures have done a fantastic job of concealing the fact that the holidays are upon us. As we all begin to embrace our favorite traditions, the City of Aledo is set to embark upon one of the community's most cherished traditions, the 47th Annual Christmas Tyme in Aledo Festival.

This year the festivities will start a day early with Christmas Tyme in Aledo on Ice. On Friday, Dec. 6, residents from all over Aledo will have the opportunity to lace up a pair of ice skates and work their way around a real ice rink located at city hall. For just \$15 per person, folks will be able to reserve skates online at [aledotx.gov/skate](http://aledotx.gov/skate) or rent a pair on a first-come, first-serve basis at the rink.

Christmas Tyme in Aledo on Ice will run daily through Jan. 5, except for Christmas Day when the rink will be closed. Patrons of the rink will have the opportunity to take in the festive atmo-

sphere, while also indulging in a bevy of holiday happenings.

They can witness professional ice skaters showcasing their talents, partaking of festive offerings for adults and children alike courtesy of Vinoco, spot visitors from the North Pole throughout the month, and sample some tasty treats to help get them into the spirit of the holidays. Local businesses will have sponsorship opportunities related to the rink, and private parties are also available.

## Deck the downtown

After scuffing up the ice on opening night, residents will want to return to downtown Aledo on Saturday, Dec. 7, to take in all the splendor of the Christmas Tyme in Aledo Festival.

The day will start early with the annual craft fair running from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Church at the Crossing Gymnasium on 128 Elm St. Admission will be free to the public, but prices will

vary on the treasures found within the craft fair.

As the sun begins to set, the Festival will get underway at 5 p.m. Friends and families will be able to enjoy live music, delicious holiday fare, check out the vendor booths, and sample the wares at the local businesses along downtown Aledo.

Visitors from the North Pole will stop in to celebrate the Christmas season, take one last opportunity to confirm that pesky "naughty or nice" list, and take time for a quick photo op.

At 6:30 p.m., the evening will hit a crescendo with Mayor Nick Stanley performing the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony.

The festivities will be fun for all ages, and continue until 9 p.m.

For more information surrounding all that Christmas Tyme in Aledo will have to offer, go to [www.aledotx.gov/ChristmasTyme](http://www.aledotx.gov/ChristmasTyme). For questions, email Whitney Walters at [wwalters@aledotx.gov](mailto:wwalters@aledotx.gov).

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**TOP:** Christina Bailey, Elizabeth Bailey and Rugh Lindly pose for a group picture at the ALEDO display. | **MIDDLE:** Three-year-old Julieta Busby delights in a snowflake she caught on the end of her finger. | **BOTTOM:** Riley and Rusty Reese met a new friend at the Layla Horse Rescue tent.



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CHRISTOPHER AMOS/ THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Two Christmas villages, each with about 45 settings, plus a contemporary village Mercedes Mayer calls “Restaurant Row” join five lit trees to stimulate the spirit of the holidays at the Mayer home.

## Christmas comes alive with miniature models

By Christopher Amos  
The Community News

You can almost feel a chill and hear footsteps crunching in the snow in the Mayer household. Classic Christmas villages have been making spirits bright with a family holiday project spanning 20 years.

Children in snowball fights, shoppers carrying armfuls of presents, and churches, homes and shops brightly lit are part of the merriment in three detailed miniature villages in different parts of the house. Classic scenes from Christmas movies such as “It’s a Wonderful Life,” “A Christmas Story,” “The Nightmare Before

Christmas” and even weird Cousin Eddie from “National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation” are frozen in time in familiar famous poses.

Mercedes Mayer said the detail of each building is uncannily detailed.

“There is a lot going on here,” Mayer said. “We really like dogs, so you will see a lot of dogs running around. Somewhere in there is a hidden bigfoot and sasquatch, but I haven’t found them yet.”

If you are an Aledo Bearcat fan you may already be familiar with two of the fami-

ly members. Aledo High School student Breleigh Mayer is a photographer for “The Community News” and provides photos for the spirit page each week, and mother Mercedes is the public Information director for Aledo ISD, and you can hear her as part of the radio broadcast team of Bearcat games.

So how do you turn on and off hundreds of lights in three Christmas villages plus a thousand lights on five Christmas trees? Mercedes shows how easy it is.

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# EVENTS

## NOVEMBER 30

### MERRY WELLS CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL & LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE

Merry Wells season starts the Saturday after Thanksgiving with an all-day Christmas Festival on Saturday, Nov. 30 from 10am-5 pm. As you stroll downtown Mineral Wells, you'll find a food truck park, lots of artisan-made goods, activities for the kiddos and live performances from local music and dance troops.

At 6 p.m. the Merry Wells Lighted Christmas parade is a spectacular event that will delight even the scrooge-iest of on-lookers. Locals go all out to make this a parade you won't soon forget.



## NOV. 25-DEC. 31

Take a magical journey through an enchanting pathway at the Heritage Park Amphitheater between 6-9:30 p.m. Immerse yourself in the festive spirit as you wander through the crisp night air, captivated by the majestic 46-foot live tree, a dazzling 20-foot animated tree, and an array of delightful holiday exhibits. There will also be food vendors.



## DECEMBER 3

### Willow Park Christmas Tree Lighting

Join the City of Willow Park at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, December 3rd for the City of Willow Park Christmas Tree Lighting! Food, music, twinkling lights, and of course an appearance by the big guy in the red suit!



## DECEMBER 5

### 2nd Annual "It's A Bearcat Christmas"

Come join us for a night of celebrating two of our favorite things, Christmas and our Bearcats from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, December 5 at Aledo High School/Daniel Ninth Grade Campus. Come see Santa himself and get a professional family photo during a scheduled time frame. Tickets: <https://aledoef.networkforgood.com/events/77502-it-s-a-merry-bearcat-christmas>

## DECEMBER 6

### COHO Christmas Tree Lighting

Join us for the lighting of the COHO tree and an evening of FREE holiday fun Friday, December 6 from 5:30 - 8 p.m. Enjoy activities in Santa's Workshop and snap a picture with Santa himself. Take a ride on the COHO Express, enjoy activities at community booths, watch local stage performances and more.

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## DECEMBER 7

### Christmas on the Square

Join us in celebrating the holiday season at Christmas on the Square, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7. The Weatherford Lights the Night Parade 2024 begins at 6:30 pm (Long route) Historic Downtown Weatherford, TX It is a cherished tradition that brings the community together for a day filled with festive cheer, local vendors, live entertainment, children's activities and more! The festivities will conclude with the award winning, "Weatherford Lights the Night Parade", lighting up the evening with holiday magic



### Christmas Tyme in Aledo

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year and Christmas Tyme in Aledo is the perfect way to start your holiday season! Enjoy the day with good music, great food, endless shopping and special visitors from the North Pole, on Saturday, December 7, 2024  
 Craft Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Church at the Crossing Gymnasium @ 128 Elm Street Aledo, TX 76008  
 & Festival - Downtown Aledo at 104 Maverick Street, Aledo, TX 76008  
 Festival - 5 to 9 p.m. Admission FREE!

## DECEMBER 14

### Candle Light Tour of Homes

This year we are featuring six historical homes which will be on the Parker County Heritage Society 41st Candlelight Tour of Homes. The tour is December 14th from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. The tour also includes admission to Chandor Garden, the Court House on the Square, the Doss Heritage and Cultural Center and Prince Memorial Church. Tickets for the tour are \$20.00 for adults and \$12.00 for children 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased at Doss Cultural Center, the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce (cash only) or on the PCHS website <https://parker-countyheritagesociety.com>



### Christmas at the Castle

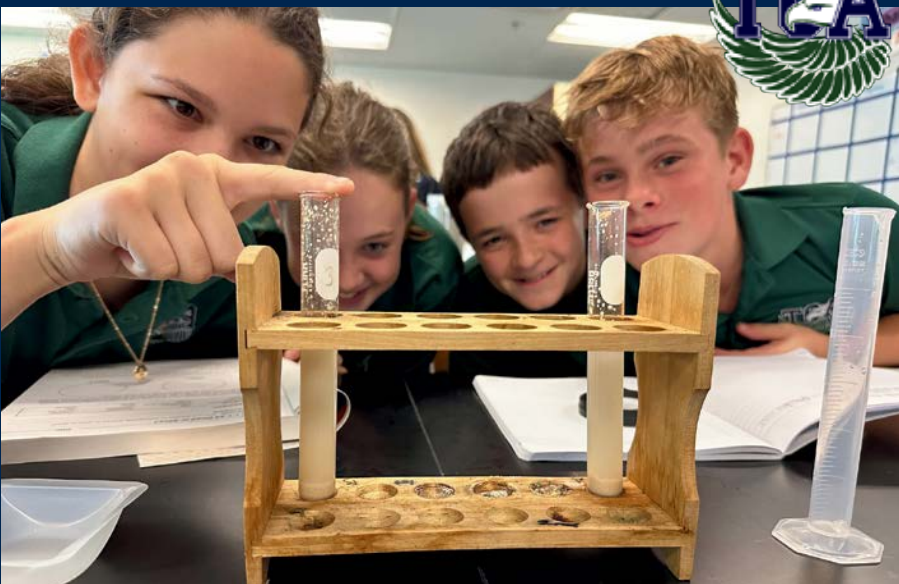
Christmas at the Castle 2024 is from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Saturday, December 14 at the Texas Pythian Home, Inc. 1825 E Bankhead Dr, Weatherford, TX, United States, Texas 76086  
 Come and tour our beautiful castle while it is decorated with Christmas Spirit. This event is free and great for the whole family. Donations are always welcome!

This is a FREE event - no tickets are sold.

### 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.

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## **Aledo Children's AdvoCats**

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**Angel Project:** a collaborative effort between AdvoCats, AISD, and the community. The school counselors identify students who may benefit from Christmas gifts and holiday meals. AdvoCats collects wish lists and assigns community volunteer shoppers to purchase gifts, and AdvoCats collects and distributes the gifts.

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Visit [bthccaledo.org](http://bthccaledo.org) or on social media, Branch to Hope.



## **CASA**

When children enter the child welfare system due to allegations of abuse or neglect, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) are appointed by a judge to advocate for the child. CASA volunteers are community members working collaboratively to support children and families involved in the foster care system.

**How you can help:** Monetary donations and volunteers. For more information, visit <https://casahopeforchildren.org/>.

Phone: 817-599-6224  
305 South Rusk St.  
Weatherford, TX 76086



## Children's Advocacy Center

The Mission of the Children's Advocacy Center of Parker County is to end the cycle of abuse by giving the children of Parker County a voice.

The CAC will coordinate the collaborative efforts between Child Protective Services, law enforcement, and prosecution, in the investigation of child abuse cases by providing specialized forensic interviews, therapeutic recovery services for the victim and their families, medical evaluations, and victim support and advocacy. They will also provide education for schools and communities on child abuse.

**How you can help:** Monetary donations. For more information, visit <https://www.cacparkercounty.org/> or call 682-615-1992.

Children's Advocacy Center  
of Parker County  
1224 Clear Lake Road  
Weatherford, TX 76086



## East Parker County Library

The mission of the East Parker County Library is to encourage a love of reading, promote lifelong learning, and broaden informational, educational, recreational, and cultural enrichment opportunities for its patrons.

**How you can help:** Monetary donations and volunteers. For more information, visit [epclibrary.com](http://epclibrary.com) or call 817-441-6545.

East Parker County Library  
201 FM 1187 N  
Aledo, TX 76008



## Freedom House

Freedom House is a domestic violence and sexual assault service provider in Parker County. They provide a wide variety of services including emergency shelter, counseling, therapy, legal counseling, and transportation.

**How you can help:** Monetary donations and volunteers. For more information, visit

[www.freedomhousepc.org](http://www.freedomhousepc.org) or call 817-596-7543 or the Domestic Violence Hotline: 817-596-8922.

Freedom House  
1149 Fort Worth Hwy.  
Weatherford, TX 76086



## Gathering Hope

Gathering Hope is an organization that exists to passionately advocate for survivors of miscarriage and infant loss; allow for a safe place to grieve, share, and celebrate babies; use their pain as a delivery system to reach others who may not know Christ; and build safe and meaningful relationships.

**How you can help:** Monetary donations. For more information, visit [gatheringhope.net](http://gatheringhope.net).

Gathering Hope  
P.O. Box 1631  
Aledo, TX 76008



**JOY TO THE WORLD**

*Candlelight service*  
DEC 22nd | 5:30pm

**Christmas**  
AT THE WELL CHURCH

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY  
DEC 8TH | 6PM - 9PM

WELL KIDS CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE *with Santa pictures*  
DEC 15TH | 10:00AM

NO SUNDAY SERVICE  
DEC 29TH

IN-PERSON SERVICE RESUMES  
JAN 5TH, 2025 | 10:00AM

**the well CHURCH**  
700 Willow Crossing East  
Willow Park, TX 76008

@thewellaledo  
withthewell.com

## Grace House

Grace House Ministries is a faith-based pregnancy resource center located in Weatherford. Founded in 1993, Grace House Ministries strives to promote hope, life, and knowledge in the community through Options Clinic, Grace House Pregnancy Center, and Pure Truth in-school training program.

Grace House  
919 Eureka  
Weatherford, TX 76086



## HALO for Freedom

The HALO for Freedom Warrior Foundation® is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in Willow Park that is dedicated to our wounded warriors. Its mission is to provide support for wounded warriors as they face the many challenges encountered during their rehabilitation, reintegration and healing process.

**How you can help:** Monetary donations and sponsorships. For more information, visit [haloforfreedom.org](http://haloforfreedom.org).



## Hayden's Corner

Hayden's Corner was created by Brad Hunstable in remembrance of his son Hayden Hunstable. It raises awareness about youth struggling with mental health issues and to advocate for legislative change to mandate resilience classes as part of the core curriculum for K-12 schools nationally. Hayden's Corner is also aimed at educating parents on responsible gaming and oversight from parents and the gaming industry.

For more information and to join Hayden's Corner for updates on how we are making a change visit [www.haydenscorner.org](http://www.haydenscorner.org)



## Hemispherectomy Foundation

The Hemispherectomy Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, was founded to provide emotional, financial, and educational support to individuals and their families who have undergone, or will undergo, a hemispherectomy or similar brain surgery. They provide help which includes, but is not limited to: college scholarships, trade school scholarships, camp fees, life-aid equipment, travel expenses, and other aid as approved by the officers.

**How you can help:** Monetary donations, donations of coloring books, crayons, stuffed animals, board games, new toys, gas cards, gift cards, airline miles. For more information, visit <http://hemifoundation.homestead.com/welcome.html>

Hemispherectomy Foundation  
P.O. Box 1239  
Aledo, TX 76008



## Manna Storehouse

Manna Storehouse is a non-profit organization operated completely by volunteers and supported by 11 churches and multiple businesses within Weatherford and Parker County. Its mission is to assist those in need to sustain a dignified life which hopefully leads to an improved life style, thereby improving confidence and independence.

**How you can help:** Donations of food, money, clothing, furniture, baby items, kitchen supplies, and other items. For more information, visit [www.mannastorehouse.org](http://www.mannastorehouse.org) or call 817-599-6569.

Manna Storehouse  
129 E. Spring Street  
P.O. Box 9  
Weatherford, TX 76086



## Miracle League of Parker County

The mission at the Miracle League of Parker County is to provide a safe and

fun environment where those with special needs can play baseball in a stadium of their own; where the rules are limited, the love unconditional, and the joy infectious.

**How you can help:** Monetary donations, sponsorships, and volunteers. For more information, visit [www.miracleleagueparkercounty.com](http://www.miracleleagueparkercounty.com) or call 817-614-6261.

Miracle League Field  
is located at 2308 Tin Top  
Road in Weatherford.



## Parker County Center of Hope

Through more than 23 years of service, Center of Hope has learned that while addressing the material aspects of poverty is important, true rehabilitation and restoration are only achieved through long-term solutions. It focuses its work on an integrated service model that addresses the holistic needs of individuals and leads them to a path of economic independence and improved quality of life.

**How you can help:** Monetary donations, food donations, or donate items for the Hope Chest resale store. For more information, visit [centerofhopetx.com/](http://centerofhopetx.com/) or [www.thehopechestresale.com](http://www.thehopechestresale.com), or call 817-594-0266.

Parker County Center of Hope  
1318 Clear Lake Road  
Weatherford, TX 76086



## Parker County Committee on Aging

The mission of Parker County Committee on Aging, Inc., is to identify and assess the needs of homebound older adults in Parker County and to provide life-sustaining services which allow them to live in the comfort of their homes. A further mission of the 501(c)(3) nonprofit is the operation of Parker County's Senior Center that serves persons aged 60 and older with nutritional, educational, recreational, and social programs and the Meals on Wheels program in the county.

## Parker County Committee on Aging

**How you can help:** Monetary donations, food donations, volunteers. For more information, visit [www.pcco.org](http://www.pcco.org), call 817-596-4640, or email [info@pcco.org](mailto:info@pcco.org).

Come to Jingle & Mingle from 6-9 on Dec. 2! You can also “Stuff the Stocking” with \$20 and a caring message to a local senior.

Parker County  
Committee on Aging  
1225 Holland Lake Drive  
Weatherford, TX 76086



## Parker County Health Foundation

The Parker County Health Foundation enhances health and well-being by providing services through partnerships for Parker County residents who otherwise could not seek treatments.

Boots & Bling featuring Josh Weathers will begin at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15, at River Ranch Stockyards!

**How you can help:** Monetary donations. For more information, visit [www.parkercounty-healthfoundation.org](http://www.parkercounty-healthfoundation.org).



## Parker County Pets Alive

Parker County Pets Alive partners with the Weatherford Parker County Animal Shelter and Riverstone Companion Animal Clinic in Brock to provide life-saving treatment for heartworm-positive dogs adopted from the Weatherford Parker County Animal Shelter.

**How you can help:** Monetary donations (heartworm treatment is very expensive and without treatment, heartworm positive dogs will die a slow, painful death) and volunteers. For more information, visit <https://parkercountypetsalive.org/donate/>.



## Pure Adventure

The mission of Pure Adventure is to help dads and sons connect, with Christ at the center of their relationship. It provides one-day events that are designed to bring dad and son together through activities, messages, and one-on-one time to create a bond that lasts a lifetime.

**How you can help:** Monetary donations, host an event. For more information, visit [pureadventure.com](http://pureadventure.com).



## Pythian Home

Texas Pythian Home, Inc., is a Christian-based residential child care program with a rich history of more than 100 years of serving children from families in need.

Christmas at the Castle is from 10-6 on Dec. 14, 2024

**How you can help:** Monetary donations and volunteers. For more information, visit <https://pythianhome.org/>.

Texas Pythian Home  
1825 E. Bankhead Hwy.  
Weatherford, Texas 76086  
817-594-4465



## Sanctified Hope

Sanctified Hope empowers and guides formerly incarcerated women through a Christ-based ministry to inspire lifelong changes and become successful citizens of the community.



## Seeds of Life

Seeds of Life is a non-medical 501 (c)3 non-profit organization located in Parker County. Flourishing Tree of Life is a faith-based, life-affirming pregnancy and family center that provides resources, mentoring, and education for life skills.

How you can help: Monetary donations and volunteers. For more information, visit [friendsofseedsoflife.org](http://friendsofseedsoflife.org).



## Tarrant Area Food Bank

The Tarrant Area Food Bank, including its new Parker County facility, distributes food and provides education for people in need of food assistance. TAFB serves 13 counties in north Texas: Tarrant, Bosque, Cooke, Denton, Erath, Hamilton, Hill, Hood, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell, and Wise.

**How you can help:** Monetary donations and volunteers; start a food drive; become a sponsor. For more information, visit [tab.org](http://tab.org).



## Thanksgiving Trot

The Thanksgiving Trot is an annual 5k and 1 mile run designed to assist a local family each year that has had to endure catastrophic medical expenses. The 2024 recipient is Derek Vierling.

**How you can help:** Monetary donations: visit [www.aledo-thanksgivingtrot.com](http://www.aledo-thanksgivingtrot.com)



## Theatre Off the Square

Parker County Fine Arts Association DBA Theatre Off The Square is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation managed by a Board of Directors who donate their time, effort, and resources to benefit this theatre and this community.

**How you can help:** Monetary donations and volunteers. For more information, visit [www.theatreoffthesquare.org](http://www.theatreoffthesquare.org).

Theatre Off the Square  
114 N Denton  
Weatherford, Texas 76086  
817-341-8687



## United Way of Parker County

United Way brings residents, business leaders, and representatives from our local community together to identify and address shared community concerns. Its goal is to engage people to understand the issues most important to them and their families - including the ability to access a quality education, obtain good jobs, and to live healthy lives.

**How you can help:** Monetary donations and volunteers. For more information visit <https://www.unitedwayparkercounty.org> or call 817-596-5986.



## Weatherford Parker County Animal Shelter

The Weatherford Parker County Animal Shelter provides animal adoption services, spay and neuter for stray dogs and cats, and shelter for lost or stray animals.

**How you can help:** Adopt an animal from the shelter, provide foster care for a dog, or donate crates to house animals at the shelter.

For more information, visit [www.weatherfordtx.gov/15/Animal-Services](http://www.weatherfordtx.gov/15/Animal-Services)

Weatherford Parker County Animal Shelter  
403 Hickory Lane  
Weatherford, Texas 76086.



## Weatherford Wags

Weatherford Wags is a small, foster home-based dog rescue in Weatherford, dedicated to saving urgent dogs at animal shelters in and near Parker County. They also attempt to help strays and unwanted dogs to keep them out of shelters and get them into loving homes.

**How you can help:** Agree to provide a foster home to a dog, adopt a dog, provide monetary donations, or volunteer.

For more information visit [www.weatherfordwags.org](http://www.weatherfordwags.org) or email [Weatherfordwags@gmail.com](mailto:Weatherfordwags@gmail.com).



## Weatherford Whiskers

Weatherford Whiskers is an all volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit animal rescue. We rescue high risk cats and kittens from our local shelters. Once rescued, we place them in experienced foster homes where

they receive love, are socialized for family life and given top notch vet care including vaccinations and are spayed/neutered, before being placed up for adoption in to a furever home. In addition, our highly trained volunteers can also assist you with Trap/Neuter/Vaccinate/Return of feral cats to their colonies.

**How you can help:** Donate Today! Become a foster, a monthly donor or help shop our Amazon Wishlist.

[www.weatherfordwhiskers.org](http://www.weatherfordwhiskers.org)



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