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## Tiger Woods course spotlight of new elite community

**Good friend J.J. Henry on board with project**

By Rick Mauch  
The Community News

In perhaps the understatement of all time, Tiger Woods knows a thing or two about golf and winning. And if ever a community has endeared itself to the concept of success, it would be Aledo.

So, it should come as no surprise that Woods, a 15-time majors winner in the world of professional golf and hailed by many to be the greatest golfer of all time, has chosen the Aledo area as the site for his latest golf course design. Bluejack Ranch is slated to open in early 2026.

The private course will be the centerpiece of a private club community set on a 914-acre working ranch located at Hwy. 377 and Kelly Road. Backing the project are Fort Worth's Andy Mitchell and his wife,

Kristin, the same developers who built Bluejack National, which opened near Houston in 2016. Bluejack National was Woods' first U.S. course design and his only other one in Texas.

"I wake up every day excited, energized and humbled to help push this project along," said former PGA Tour player J.J. Henry, a Fort Worth resident who is on the development team and who competed against and with Woods.

The duo played together on the 2006 U.S. Ryder Cup Team.

Woods will collaborate on the course with his TGR Design partner Beau Welling. Also advising on the project is Mark Brooks, a former PGA player from Fort Worth who played in the most tour events ever (803), and Michael Bennett, executive partner and CEO of architecture firm Bennett Partners.

Brooks is also helping with the development center at the course.

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KATIE PARK

Looking over plans for the new Bluejack Ranch Golf Course are (from left) Bluejack Co-Chairman Andy Mitchell, development team member J.J. Henry, Beau Welling (president of Beau Welling Design), Tiger Woods, and Byron Bell (president of Tiger Woods Design).



RANDY KECK/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Louie Lu shows his latest project, Aledo Medical Plaza on Bailey Ranch Road.

BUSINESS

## Care close to home

**Cook Children's, Goodwin Dental anchor new Aledo Medical Plaza**

By Randy Keck  
The Community News

Some might say that one path to success is finding a thing you do really well and specialize in that.

For Louie Lu, who has had a number of successful business ventures, that one specialty would be building high-quality medical facilities.

From his first project about 16 years ago, which still houses Baylor Family Medicine in Weatherford, Lu has projects all over the metroplex, but his heart is here in his hometown.

He completed two medical buildings, one 14,000 square feet and another 12,000 square feet along Crowne Point in Willow Park a few

years ago, and also built the Baylor Rehab building in Aledo.

On adjacent property just past the Tri-County Electric building in Aledo, his latest project is a two-building medical plaza in Aledo.

Three tenants are already booked to anchor the plaza: Goodwin Dental, Cook Children's Pediatrics, and Clover Oxygen Hyperbarics & Wound Care.

Cook recently vacated their office in Willow Park, and is operating temporarily at the Walsh location while their new space is finished out. Goodwin and Clover are already operating at the new location.

The steel-structured building is separated from Tri-County by a new retaining wall. Lu quipped that "the Chinese have been building walls for 5,000 years - we know how to build a wall!"

The modern-themed facility also has artificial grass as a water-saving measure in the summer.

Only two spaces remain in the plaza — one is 3,267 square feet and one is 4,551 square feet. Lu is hoping to find perhaps a primary care provider or an urgent care facility to round out the tenants.

## IT'S TIME TO LOOK BACK ON ALL THAT HAPPENED IN 2024



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Willow Park's Finest prepare to watch the eclipse. From left are Officer Quincy Hamilton, Officer Jaclin Ramirez, and Chief Daniel Franklin at Toyal Eclipse of the Park, co-hosted by the City of Willow Park and Parker County Chamber of Commerce.



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Ladycat goalkeeper, Ava Fennell maneuvers around teammate Baylee Velarde to defend the net during a Midlothian corner kick in the area playoff match on March 28. Midlothian took 21 shots on goal during the match with Fennell collecting 15 saves.

**APRIL 5, 2024**

The Aledo City Council took a stand against Texas Senate Bill 2038, which allows landowners to easily remove their property from a city's extraterritorial jurisdiction.

The City of Willow Park and the Parker County Chamber of Commerce prepared to host

an event for viewing the total eclipse on April 8.

Aledo High School graduate Cody Bradford started the major league baseball strong, earning a roster spot with the Texas Rangers.

Charles Roberson's passion for German music began as a high school student in the 1950s. He continues to enjoy playing at 85.

The Aledo varsity tennis team came back from spring break to earn medals in nine divisions at the tournament hosted by Waxahachie High School on March 28.

Eight athletes from Aledo High School competed in the Texas Relays in Austin. Ladycat Lauren St. Peters led all Aledo performers with a second place silver medal finish in the girls shot put.

The Aledo Bearcats won the district championship in golf.

The Ladycats soccer team fell to Midlothian in the area playoff. The Bearcats lost to Denton in the area round.

The Ladycats softball team defeated Northwest 10-0 at home to remain unbeaten.

The Bearcats baseball team stayed unbeaten by defeating Saginaw and Granbury.

Trinity Christian Academy hosted its first track meet in its new stadium.

**APRIL 12, 2024**

Aledo's City Council approved a boundary amendment to the city's Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) during their meeting on Thursday, April 4.

About 200 people turned out for Total Eclipse of the Park, co-hosted by the City of Willow Park and the Parker County Chamber of Commerce.

Trinity Christian Academy named Craig Smith as its new Head of School.

The life of Jacob Harper is remembered through toy drives each year.

The Aledo varsity tennis team played in the Sharon Wartes Eagle Invitational in Abilene.

The Ladycats claimed the girls golf district title in convincing fashion. Aledo Black bested runner-up Granbury Purple by 55 strokes.

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Many of us are cutting back, and being careful about what we spend in this economy. We want to save money on household necessities, but when it comes to services around our home, we don't want to sacrifice our peace of mind to save a few dollars. We want our service providers to be honest and dependable, worthy of our trust.

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Operating this business means the whole family can work together! Tim's sons Laken and Gaige have grown up, and they're now the third generation with Atex helping to take care of the community.

"I'm happiest when I am doing for others," said Tim, "and to be able to build something positive with my family, well, I simply couldn't ask for anything more."

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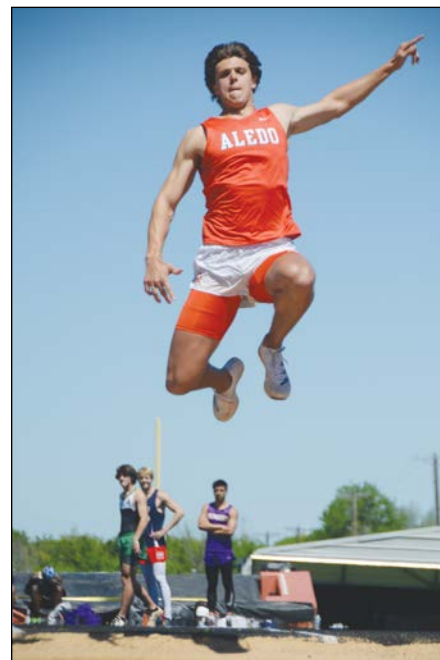
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2024 YEAR IN REVIEW



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Adam Averett of the Aledo Bearcats qualified to advance in five events following his performance at the District 5-5A Meet at Tim Buchanan Stadium.

**APRIL 12, 2024 (CONTINUED)**

The Bearcat baseball team swept Saginaw to remain undefeated in district.

The Bearcats repeated as district champions in track and field. The Ladycats placed second in their division.

**APRIL 19, 2024**

CoSN, a premier association of K-12 education technology leaders, honored Aledo Independent School District with its 2024 District Team Leadership Award.

The Aledo ISD Board of Trustees approved several purchases associated with the 2023 bond election funds.

The husband-wife duo of Brey Browne and Kelsie Key added to their more than 200 film credits with their latest project, a short film titled "Bearcats: We're Still Here" featuring

their son and his youth football team. The tenth annual Boots & Bearcats benefited the Aledo Education Foundation.

A Memory Grows founded to channel grief from the loss of a child.

Maloney brothers carry Aledo soccer legacy into coaching.

Bearcats win in extras to remain unbeaten in district baseball.

Both Aledo track teams swept the area meet.

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

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

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CHRISTOPHER AMOS/THE COMMUNITY NEWS  
Preston and Erin Stone pose with Teddy the Texas Longhorn, a massive steer herded into the entry to greet guests at the Boots & Bearcats event. The couple live in Annetta North and own Grounds for Hounds veterinarian clinic in Willow Park.

**TIGER**

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The project involves a host of TCU graduates, including Henry, Brooks, Bennett and the Mitchells.

**Building on a legacy**

"It's extremely motivating for me to contribute to the golfing legacy of Fort Worth," Woods said on the Bluejack website.

That golf legacy, of course, includes the legendary Ben Hogan. In 1953 he became the only golfer to win three major championships in a year until Woods won the final three majors in 2000.

Woods added the Masters championship in 2001 to accomplish what is known as the "Tiger Slam," winning all four major championships in succession. Hogan might have done the same thing in 1953, except the PGA and British Open had colliding dates that year.

Fort Worth is also known for its historic Colonial Country Club, home to the Charles Schwab Challenge, the current name for the oldest invitational in pro golf. The tournament started in 1946 and Hogan won it five times.

Woods played in the tournament in 1997, tying for fourth in his rookie year.

**The property**

Henry noted that the property, along with the golf course, will feature around 600 different home sites, including retreats, cabins, horseshoe homes (a house that is situated on a bend in a river or land

formation that resembles the shape of a horseshoe) and estate homes.

"There are a lot of home sites, but you're not going to feel cramped," he emphasized.

In addition, Bluejack residents will enjoy adult spas, wellness centers, a racquet and sports club and The Fort, which Henry described as "Disney World meets Dave-N-Busters."

"We've got a little something for everyone," he said.

Henry also praised the area's almost 200-foot elevation change.

"It's very much a Hill Country feel, a very unique terrain," he said. "There's a cool view of Fort Worth's downtown skyline."

The property also will include practice facilities, a par-3 course and a podcast studio, similar to what is available at Bluejack National. That community and course has won numerous awards since its opening, including having been rated the best residential golf community in Texas and among the best in the nation by Golfweek magazine.

**An actual ranch**

And, of course, the word ranch isn't just a catchy name when connected to Bluejack. It will indeed be a working dude ranch, with an arena, a variety of farm animals ranging from donkeys to longhorns, and will include a large farmhouse.

There's also Bluejack Town, which will cover 65 acres. It will present an authentic western town feel, right down to its general store, Henry said.

"You might compare it to Mule Alley," Henry said, referring to a segment of the Fort Worth

Stockyards with a curated collection of restaurants, entertainment venues, shops, and heritage brands.

While the golf course and the Bluejack community are private, Bluejack Town will be open to the public, Henry said.

**The golf course**

The championship course will be the centerpiece of the entire development. It will be designed to allow for creative shot making, something that Woods was well known for throughout his career, along with having five-plus sets of tees, Henry said.

Bear Creek runs nearby. Along with the practice facility, the par-3 course will have 10 holes and be lighted.

"It's great for kids and families," Henry said.

As for the main course hosting tournaments and events, Henry said, "Andy, Tiger and I were talking about the potential of what we could host there."

**Community impact**

Henry said he and the folks connected with Bluejack plan to be part of the Aledo community, which, of course, will have a growth impact as a result.

"Golf's given me so much the past 25 years, but there's nothing like home," he said. "To see how excited Tiger was when he physically got here on the property was special.

"Everywhere I go, people are talking. This is something really special, and so is the area. Whether you grew up here or moved here, that's easy to see."

**Obituaries**

**Carol Nagie Steer**

Carol Nagie Steer, 61, of Aledo, passed away on December 18, 2024 after a long battle with cancer.

Carol was born on May 25, 1963, to Victor and Francis Nagie in Mt. Clemens, Michigan. Her family moved around the United States throughout her childhood, ultimately landing in Seguin, Texas, for Carol's middle school and high school years. She went on to graduate from Southwest Texas University in San Marcos with a degree in Communications and moved to Arlington where she met a young aspiring accountant — Fred Steer.

The two met on a blind date on January 19, 1991. Carol always talked about how much of a gentleman Fred was on that first date and how, on the third date when Fred said he wanted his wife to stay home with the kids, she knew he would be her husband. All she had wanted her entire life was to be a stay at home mom and take care of her children.

The two married shortly after and moved to Fort Worth. Two years later they welcomed their first child, Abby. Thirteen months later, their second child, Zac, was born.

It was in those early parenting days when Carol's faith really began to blossom. Turns out raising two hellions is one of the fastest ways to turn someone's heart to Christ.

Attending church became a regular occurrence. Carol started

volunteering in the children's ministry with Fred and they began to take their first steps truly walking with Christ.



Carol Steer

That faith continued to grow and grow, shaping her life and those around her.

As a mother, she poured into her kids. She viewed them as her life's work. It's easy to get a lot wrong with parenting, but it's also easy to get a lot right if you just love your kids unconditionally, and she did that exceptionally well.

As a friend, she was intentional, loving, and generous. She mentored young moms and married couples and regularly opened the family's home to host baby showers, wedding showers, and middle school and high school ministries.

Fred and Carol were married for 32 years and as a wife, she was a best friend and confidant. She loved unconditionally and was a powerful spiritual influence. Her infectious laughter made life so fun.

Carol is survived by her loving husband, Fred Steer; daughter, Abby Evans and husband, Rob Evans; son, Zac Steer; parents, Victor and Frances Nagie; sister, Elle Martin-Nagie and wife, Deanna Martin-Nagie; sister, Karen Schaeffer and husband, Max Schaeffer.

A Celebration of Life was held on December 30, 2024, at Christ Chapel Bible Church West Campus.

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## Capital Highlights

# Legislative session begins on Jan. 14



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The 89th Texas legislative session begins on Jan. 14 with a still-unresolved race for speaker of the Texas House of Representatives.

State Reps. David Cook, R-Mansfield and Dustin Burrows, R-Lubbock, are considered the frontrunners for speaker, but speculation continues as to whether other candidates will throw their hats into the ring.

The Republican caucus is split between those who oppose appointing any Democrat to chair a House committee and those who contend it's essential to work across the aisle to get the state's business done in a biennial five-month session. Historically, a few chairmanships have gone to members of the minority party. In the wake of the November elections, the makeup of the 150-member Texas House is 87 Republicans and 63 Democrats.

School vouchers will again be on the legislative plate since they are a top priority for Gov. Greg Abbott. His efforts to pass what are also called Education Savings Accounts failed numerous attempts in 2023, including several special sessions.

Legislative watchers predict more bills aimed at property tax relief but geared more toward business owners, since those passed in the 2023 session were primarily aimed at homeowners.

Another issue that Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick has prioritized is banning the sale of all THC products in Texas. Since the state legalized the growth of hemp, some stores have begun selling products containing previously illegal levels of THC, the compound that gives marijuana its "high."

### **GOP bills seek to regulate wind, solar and battery power projects**

Several Republican lawmakers have filed bills to increase government oversight over

renewable energy projects, *The Dallas Morning News* reported. Proposals include requiring property buffers between the projects and neighboring properties. Another bill would require environmental fees and studies for any new renewable projects.

The News reported that wind, solar and batteries account for about 46% of electric generation capacity for the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which controls nearly all of the state's power grid.

"Currently, renewable energy facilities do not have statewide guidelines for permitting and decommissioning, leading to variations in how the installations are installed," said state Rep. Jared Patterson, R-Frisco and sponsor of one of the bills.

### **FBI probes reported threats against SpaceX**

The FBI is investigating reported threats made against SpaceX's Starbase Facility near Brownsville, the *San Antonio Express-News* reported. The bureau's San Antonio office confirmed that it is investigating "possible bomb threats in South Texas in recent weeks."

"While we are working to carefully vet and investigate the information we have received, we want to reiterate that the safety and security of the American people is the FBI's highest concern," the bureau said in a statement late last week.

A frequent camper near the launch site reported five male passengers in a vehicle talked of blowing up a SpaceX space vehicle.

The probe comes as the company is working toward a planned test flight on Jan. 10 of its second-generation Starship.

The company has come under fire in recent months for its environmental record. Several Rio Grande Valley groups have sued the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for allowing SpaceX to discharge wastewater from its launch platform without a permit.

### **Texas losing its clout in Congress this session**

There are fewer Texans in leadership in Congress in the session that just began, largely because of retirements



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of several GOP members, the *Houston Chronicle* reported.

U.S. Rep. Kay Granger, R-Fort Worth, who led the powerful Appropriations Committee, and U.S. Rep. Michael Burgess, R-Pilot Point, who led the Rules Committee and was the second-ranked Republican on the Commerce Committee, both retired from Congress this year.

Eighteen of the 25 Texas Republicans in the House have been there for three full terms or fewer. Another incumbent, Michael McCaul, R-Austin, is no longer heading the House Foreign Affairs Committee because of term limits.

### **State starts 2025 with 2.9 million business entities**

Texas rang in the New Year with more than 2.9 million business entities actively registered with the secretary of state's office to conduct business here. That is up more than 125,000 from a year ago, according to Texas Secretary of State Jane Nelson.

"The economic climate in Texas continues to be strong as entrepreneurs grow and create businesses in our state and more out-of-state entities want to expand to Texas," Nelson said.

That number includes both businesses incorporated in Texas and out-of-state companies conducting business here.

### **State's citrus industry on the brink of disaster**

The state's citrus industry is reeling after a pair of natural disasters — the deadly winter storm of February 2021 and a severe drought, *The Texas Tribune* reported. Nearly four years after that winter storm, production levels have not recovered.

The state's citrus industry is located entirely in the Valley and has an economic impact of more than \$300 million annually.

"We are not a large physical footprint anymore, but we still pack enough economic punch," said Dale Murden, president of Texas Citrus Mutual, a nonprofit trade association that represents the interests of commercial citrus growers.

Farmers in the Valley largely depend on surface water from the Rio Grande. A mature citrus tree needs between 40 and 50 inches of water a year, according to the Texas A&M Agrilife Research Center. About half of that amount must be supplied by irrigation. Drought conditions and Mexico falling behind on delivering water under a 1944 treaty are blamed for the drop in citrus production.

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## Idle American

# Mort's football dilemma



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If my ancient Uncle Mort could somehow "saddle up" the University of Texas' mascot, and then lean forward, he'd literally be close to the center of BEVO's horns.

As it is, this simple "what if" only figuratively describes his dilemma concerning the outcome of the upcoming Longhorn-Ohio State football game. Whichever team wins will reach the Holy Grail—the NCAA, major college, gold-plated championship football game.

You'd think he'd be a hands-down fan of the burnt orange team. Instead, he's sitting on his hands. My uncle has nothing against UT. What he vehemently opposes is the Southeastern Athletic Conference. He'll always believe that the SEC's multi-year plan was to "woo" the old Southwest Conference's marquee teams.

"I'm not talking about the current Big 12 league," Mort wheezed. "If the SEC tentacles hadn't started creeping in years ago, there'd still be a powerful Southwest Conference."

He said the whole shebang reminds him of his devout preacher uncle who once said: "Where I grew up, everybody was Baptist unless someone had been messin' with 'em."

All this to say that on the one hand, he'll be happy if the Longhorns beat the Buckeyes.

Why, says Mort, shouldn't the Longhorns be able to crush a bunch of nuts, adding, "Ain't that what Buckeyes are?"

On the other hand, he can't get excited about the prospect that an Ohio State win might lead to an NCAA championship. That's simply not the kind of good fortune he thinks the Southeastern Conference deserves.

We're nearing the time of year when I pull an end run on TV football games. Typically, I join other viewers 30-40 minutes into games. Utilizing my DVR, I'm able to fast forward through commercials.

This shortens games, and also spares me from the tedium of watching commercials I've already seen dozens of times.

The end run is reversed during the Super Bowl, however. Usually commercials are fresh, and often far more engaging than the games themselves. So, during the "BIG" game, I'm likely to fast forward through game action, thereby quickly accessing the next commercial.

Please allow me to praise one current commercial that may reach the height of classics—like the lady throwing a Discount tire through the store window, and Sara Peller's search for the beef in a Wendy's hamburger.

New on the scene is Taco Bell's intrusion into the domain currently ruled by the burger joints. Taco Bell is proud of its new crispy chicken nuggets.

In one ad, participants are gathered around the sample plate. Viewers are assured that these are NOT paid actors.

The first "taster" offers high praise, but the second has a different story. She calls the nuggets to be an "abomination." With sneering derision, she laughs heartily at others whose comments are positive. (I've wished for such responses to stories I've spun in 23 years of columns and speaking engagements, but, sadly, none so far....)

The announcer admits that there is one paid performer,

"Negative Nelly," and—as one would expect—urges us NOT to be. I heard my favorite Super Bowl joke years ago from the late, great Congressman Charlie Stenholm, a Christian statesman who is greatly missed.

He told of the youth minister who asked adults to bring sandwiches and cookies to the church's fellowship hall for a community-wide Super Bowl party for youth following the evening service. As the crowd grew in the sanctuary, he feared that he might have underestimated his needs. He retreated quickly to the fellowship hall, hastily placing a sign on the sandwich table. "Please limit yourself to two sandwiches. Remember, God is watching you."

He didn't notice a seventh-grader lurking nearby. When the minister returned to the sanctuary, the youngster made his own sign, this one for the cookie table: "Take all of the cookies you want. Remember, God is watching the sandwiches."

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## LITERATURE

## Aledo's Hurd documents baseball rarity

### Books on no-hitters available now

By John English  
The Community News

It is one of the rarest and most exciting phenomena in the world of professional baseball — the no-hitter.

From the time of the sport's inception in 1869, there have only been 326 no-no's, with the most recent coming in a combined effort between Shota Imanaga, Nate Pearson, and Porter Hodge on Sept. 4, 2024.

The Chicago Cubs defeated the Pittsburgh Pirates by a score of 12-0 that day. It was the first combined no-hitter thrown by the Cubs at home in 52 seasons.

There were only four no-hitters thrown in all of the 2024 season out of 2,430 regular season games.

Aledo resident Kevin Hurd has a fascination with no-hitters that he turned into a two-volume Amazon best seller, and it all started when he retired from the Air Force after 20 years of service in 2014.

"In June of 2014, both Tim Lincecum (San Francisco Giants) and Clayton Kershaw (Los Angeles Dodgers) threw no-hitters," Hurd said. "After Kershaw's no-hitter, I read an article, I believe it was from ESPN.com, about how long-time Dodgers announcer Vin Scully has called 21 no-hitters, which was about nine percent of all no-hitters (231) from 1901 to Kershaw's game. The article also had a link to all no-hit games from 1875-present. I became very interested in no-hitters."

But Hurd, 68, did not actually start working on the book until six years later because he took a job in security at the Western Currency Facility (WCF) in Fort Worth and worked there until March 2020.

"In early March 2020, I went to Arizona where we (two brothers, sister-in-law, and friend) went to watch the Giants play several spring training games," Hurd said. "While there, I got back in touch with my friend (Rob Adams) and told him about my interest in no-hitters. He suggested I write a book about it."

"Due to COVID, I retired from the WCF at the end of the month and concentrated on writing the book."

### Growing up a fan

A baseball fan from childhood, Hurd played little league ball from 1965-69 and grew up as a San Francisco Giants fan.

"I was very happy from 2010-2014 when the Giants won three World Series," Hurd said. "I liked the 2010 series win the most since it was the Giants first World Series win while in San Francisco."

Hurd's books, From Randy Johnson to Dallas Braden: No-hitters Beyond the Box Score Vol. 1 and 2 required extensive research and eventually became a project on which he and his brother collaborated.

"Usually I worked four hours a day; sometimes more, sometimes less," Hurd said. "In September 2021 I got my brother Bruce involved with editing and he was a big help."

"When I was working with two other friends, I wound up writing about 49 games. With Bruce's help, it got paired down to 23 games. I did most of the interviews (15 out of 20). Bruce handled the publishing part. He is also a self-published author. I wound up having a book launch on Sept. 29, 2024."

### Background

Hurd and his family have lived in Aledo since 2001.

He grew up in California in the Bay Area in the city of Los Altos, which is a suburb of San Jose.

The area he grew up in has been known as Silicon Valley since the 1960s, and he actually went to high school with Steve Jobs.

Hurd graduated from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, graduating with a degree in Business Administration.

He joined the Air Force in 1984, flying as a Navigator on RC-135s and KC-135s, and his last 12 years were as a staff officer (retired as a lieutenant colonel) at 10th AF at Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base.

### Not only for stars

Hurd said in writing the book, he was struck by a few things.

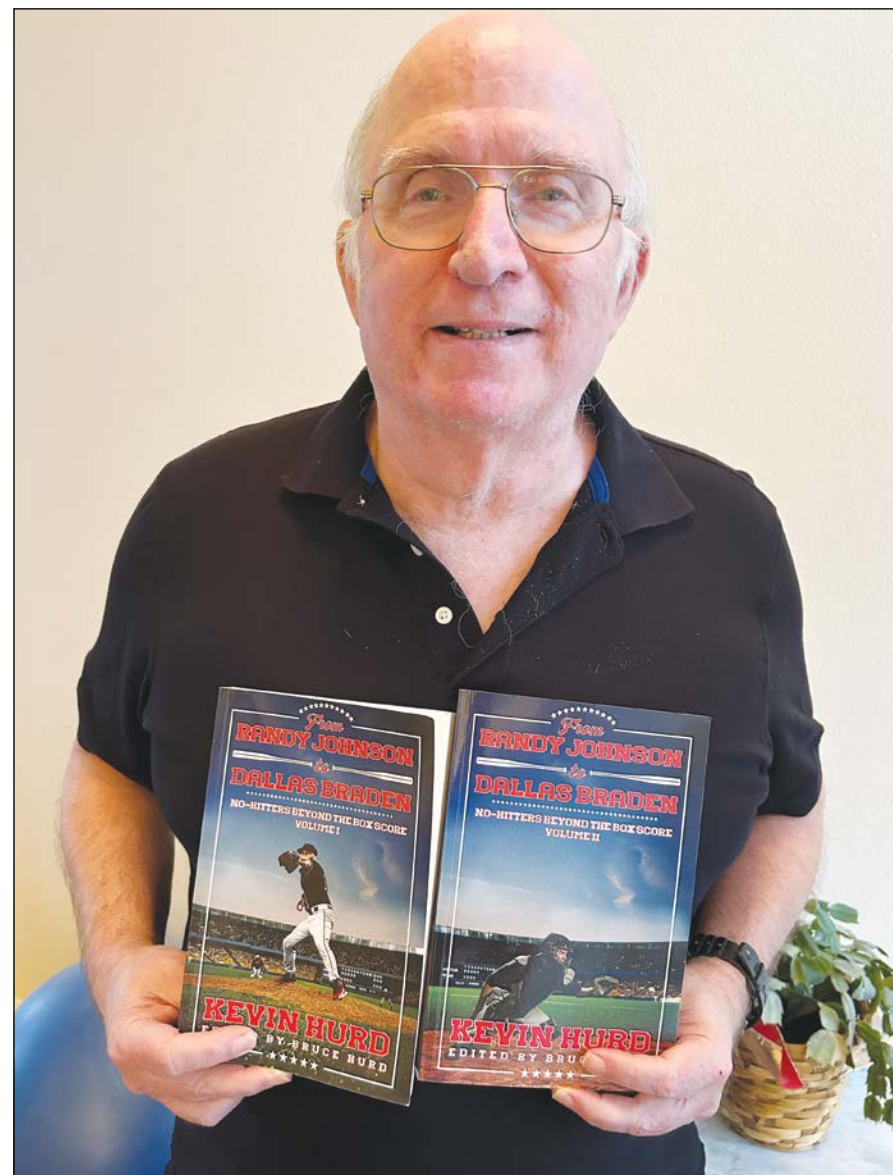
"First, I remember reading an article by Los Angeles Times/Hall of Fame Baseball writer Jim Murray," Hurd said. "In the article, he wrote that 'anybody could throw a no-hitter and that the vast majority of no-hit pitchers were 'non-entities.'"

"The first part was true — there are a vast array of pitchers who have thrown no-hitters. There are Hall of Fame pitchers who have not thrown no-hitters and pitchers with a win-loss record of 3-7 who have thrown a no-hitter. The part about non-entities was wrong though."

Hurd said that of all the no-hitters, more than 60 percent were thrown by pitchers who had an average career win-loss record of 130-115 or better, hardly non-entities.

"There is some luck involved, but usually no-hitters are thrown by better than average pitchers," Hurd said. "Secondly, many of the journeyman pitchers (average W-L of 46-48) had less than average records because of injuries, not because they were bums that got lucky."

"Third, many of the catchers I interviewed became catchers one, in little league because nobody else would do it, or, two, played different positions until they were in the



COURTESY OF KEVIN HURD

Kevin Hurd of Aledo has documented Major League Baseball no-hitters and has written two books about them.

minors and they switched to catcher because that was the best chance they had to get into the big leagues."

### Looking ahead

Hurd said he would like to go onto some baseball podcasts to discuss his books and might write more in the future.

As for his books, the Aledo man said he hopes that readers understand, among other things, how special no-hitters actually are and that not every pitcher that threw one is considered elite.

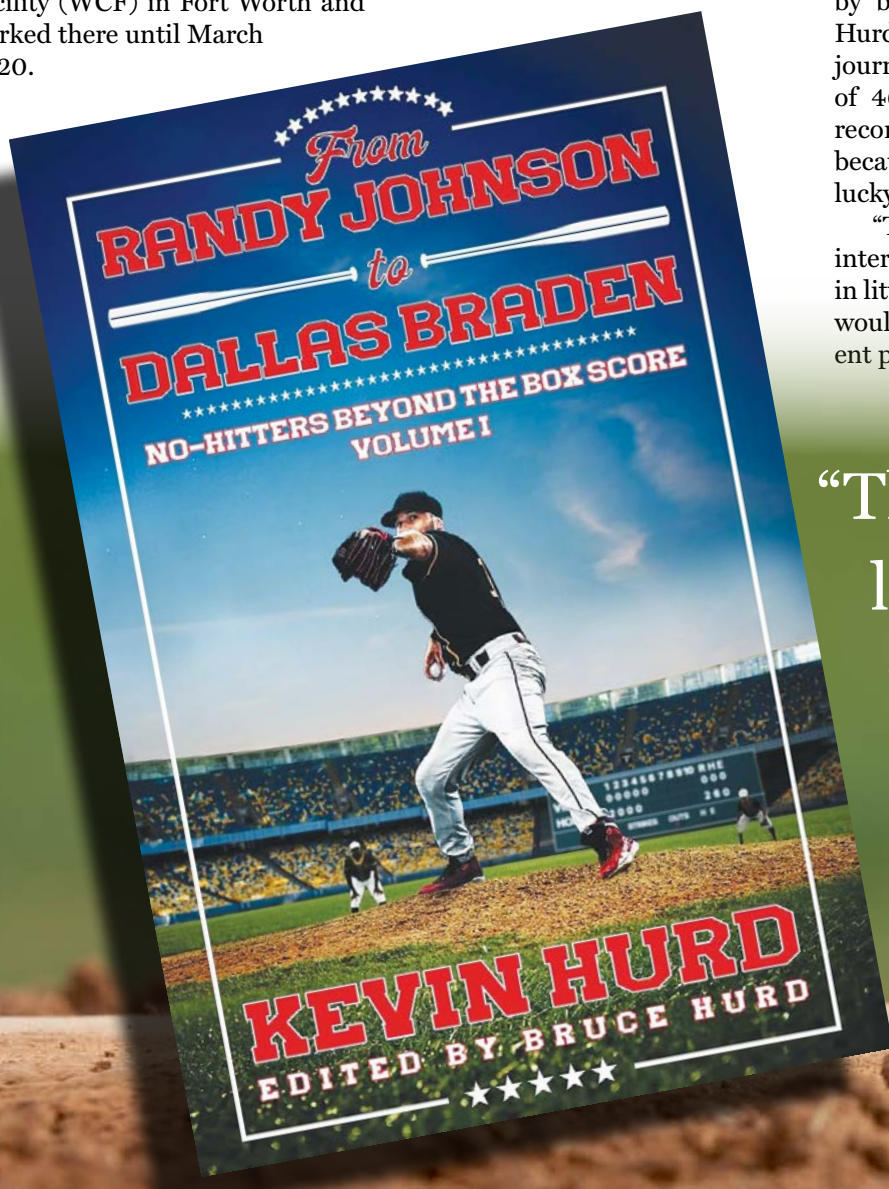
"What I hope they take away from the book is that baseball is unique among the major team sports (baseball, football, basketball, and hockey) in that a journeyman can really have

his day in the sun," Hurd said. "I have several tables where I list no-hit games. I refer to them as 'David vs. Goliath,' games, where a journeyman pitcher on an average team throws a no-hitter against a much better team. That doesn't happen a whole lot in other team sports, depending on what you consider an equivalent event, such as a quarterback throwing five TD passes, NBA players who score 50 points in a game, or an NHL player scoring four goals or more in a game, to a no-hitter. It's one of the things I love about baseball."

From Randy Johnson to Dallas Braden: No-hitters Beyond the Box Score Vol. 1 and 2 are available on Amazon, independent bookstores and chain bookstores like Barnes & Noble.

"There is some luck involved, but usually no-hitters are thrown by better than average pitchers."

- Kevin Hurd



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

APRIL 26, 2024

The Willow Park City Council approved a zoning change for the building that once housed Willow Park Baptist Church, allowing it to become The Premier Academy of Fine Arts of North Texas.

Board members of the Parker County Health Foundation distributed checks to its partner organizations that in all cases exceeded the expectations of the recipients.

Aledo High School senior Jane Claire Anderson received recognition from the Annetta City Council members for the winning the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor given to Girl Scouts.

The annual "Taste of Parker County, benefiting the Weatherford College Foundation, featured more than 20 vendors, including local restaurants, caterers, bakeries, coffee shops, and breweries, offering sample-sized tastings of their most popular offerings in an "all-you-can-eat" format.

Braden Stokes prepared for the state golf meet.

Three Ladycats (Taylor Hindman in pole vaulting, Lauren St. Peters in the shot put, and Sofia Brandenburg in the 800 meter run) and one Bearcat (Braylon Brown in pole vault) qualified for the state track meet.



TOWN OF ANNETTA

Jane Claire Anderson, recipient of the Girl Scout Gold Award (left), is shown with Annetta Mayor Sandy Roberts.



RICK MAUCH/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

John Wayne of Firefly Grilling Company gave out samples and smiles at the annual Taste of Parker County on April 18. The annual event raises funds for the Weatherford College Foundation.

The Aledo varsity tennis team competed at the Northwest ISD Tournament on Friday, April 19 against some upcoming District 5-5A and Regional I competitors.

The Ladycats golf team fell just short of qualifying for the state meet.

In soccer All-District honors, Bearcat Sophomore Trapper Davis was named the Utility Player of the



RYAN WADE/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Jordan Edington celebrates with her teammates as she crosses the plate following her solo home run in the second inning of the bi-district game against Everman on Thursday, April 25.

Year and sophomore Brody Gill was selected as Offensive Newcomer of the Year. The Offensive MVP was junior midfielder Austin Randriemahefa. Coach Derek Vierling Derek shared Coach of the Year honors with Brewer's Rafael Franco. For the Ladycats, Freshman midfielder Ally Wiemer's selection as Offensive Newcomer of the Year paced a dozen Ladycats who were among the All-District 5-5A honors handed out by the district coaches.

While winning the district title, the Aledo Bearcats baseball team fell to Rider in the last district game of the season, their only district loss. The Ladycats softball team finished its district season undefeated.

MAY 3, 2024

Cate Gartner, a 19-year-old in real estate agent from Aledo, recently competed on American Idol and hopes to someday have a career as a professional singer.

With Oncor working to relocate the electrical lines for the new Aledo City Hall project, the city council took steps during their meeting on Thursday, April 25, to ensure the project keeps moving forward.

The historic Pioneer Cabin Park in Weatherford was featured in a special live segment on Good Morning Texas with Grammy award-winning artist Michael Martin Murphey making a special appearance.

The Weatherford Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution hosted their annual Good Citizen Awards and Scholarship Reception. This year's recipients were Grant Wiggins, Aledo; McKenzie Duggin, Brock; Addison Abbott, Millsap; Christian Dunn, Peaster; Eli Lang, Poolville; Kate Mitchell, Springtown; Azia Hodges, Weatherford.

The Parker County Chamber of Commerce announced the recipients of its annual leadership awards.

Scoring 29 runs in two games, the Aledo Ladycats softball team advanced to the area championship game with wins over Everman.

Aledo High School graduate Jase McClellan was taken in the sixth

Class 5A State Golf Tournament, posting a two-round total of 150 on the course at Legacy Hills Golf Club in Georgetown.

MAY 10, 2024

Aledo ISD named Dr. Christopher White as principal at McAnally Middle School beginning with the 2024-2025 school year.

The Aledo City Council moved closer to the formation of a local police department.

The Hudson Oaks City Council paid tribute to longtime council member Brian Lixey, who passed away on April 18.

An investigation was under way following the theft of mail from the outside mail boxes at the Aledo Post Office.

Matthew and Jackson Sykes, twins who were seniors at Trinity Christian Academy, had a setback-to-comeback story that is a lesson in positive perseverance.

Lauren St. Peters reached the pinnacle of her high school throwing career Friday, May 3, winning the gold medal in shot put at the state track meet.

The Bearcats squashed the South Hills Scorpions to win the bi-district baseball title.

The Ladycats outlasted Birdville to capture the area softball title in 11 innings.

MAY 17, 2024

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

Football helped former Bearcat Weston Reese soar to degree from Annapolis

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

The Aledo Ladycats walked off against Joshua to clinch the Regional Quarter-final softball title.

Former Aledo football head coach Tim Buchanan was named to the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame.

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CHRISTOPHER AMOS/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Campbell Cayce and Evan Thompson pose for a photo by Campbell's mother, Mary Katherine Cayce, during Aledo High School's Promenade on May 4.

round of the National Football League Draft on Saturday, April 27, by the Atlanta Falcons.

The Varsity tennis teams competed in the 5-5A District Tournament at TCU and earned 10 medals, as well as first-place trophies for both the boys and girls varsity teams.

Aledo Bearcats spring football workouts began on Thursday, April 18.

Sophomore Braden Stokes of the Aledo Bearcats competed at the



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

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After a 30-minute "rain delay," Aledo High School held its graduation on May 24, at Tim Buchanan Stadium.



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Ronnie Vaughn's pride and joy is a 1949 Ford F1 jalopy featuring a rusted body, flag pole eagle on a water spigot hood ornament, and a two foot extension of the front axle.



CHRISTOPHER AMOS/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

"Brad the Juggler" Johnson is way above the rest when it comes to pleasing kids. The Grand Prairie entertainer made an appearance at Willow Park Park Palooza on Saturday, June 1.



CHRISTOPHER AMOS/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

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

The Aledo tennis team ended its season at regionals.

The Aledo baseball team advanced to the regional quarterfinal.

**MAY 24, 2024**

A group of residents from the Crown Road area addressed the Willow Park City Council with complaints related to the construction around them at its Tuesday, May 14, meeting.

Aledo ISD has named Michael Martinak as principal at Aledo High School Daniel Ninth Grade Campus beginning with the 2024-2025 school year.



Annetta City Council member and former mayor Bruce Pinckard announced his resignation from the council.

The Weatherford Independent School District received more clarity on its budget, and while the news could have been better, it was less bleak than what some other districts are facing.

The Aledo High School Arts Department held its annual Night at the Pops on May 10.

Parker County Cowboy Church hosted its third annual car show. The Ladycats softball team swept the regional semifinal series against Lubbock Monterey.

The Aledo Bearcats baseball team squared off against a strong Argyle Eagles squad in the Region I quarterfinals, with Argyle taking two shutout wins.

Donny Ott was named the head varsity girls basketball coach at Aledo High School.

The Weatherford Disc Golf Course has been growing in popularity and length.

**MAY 31, 2024**

The Fairways for Families golf tournament, benefiting Gathering Hope, was created with fathers in mind.

After a 30-minute "rain delay," Aledo High School held its graduation on Friday, May 24, at Tim Buchanan Stadium.

The Willow Park City Council once again heard from numerous residents in the Crown Road area with various complaints following work to repair the streets and improve drainage at its meeting on May 28.

Weatherford resident Marina Sears a trek across the world to help following the Hamas attacks in Israel on Oct. 7.

The Weatherford College Spring Art Exhibit continues to broaden the categories and varieties of entries to the annual event.

Squads from Weatherford Christian School and Trinity Christian Academy competed at the TAPPS state meet.

The Aledo softball team punched a

ticket to the state meet for the third time in four years.

Trinity Christian Academy girls basketball coach Garrett Hilton was honored with the Dean Weese Outstanding Girls Coach Award for mid-size private schools from the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches.

**JUNE 7, 2024**

With many commercial additions to Hudson Oaks in recent years, city officials agreed regulations regarding drive-thru facilities needed updating.

Hunter Gregory is believed to be the first student in the history of Aledo High School to wear his Native

American regalia when receiving his diploma.

Jim Bob and Kate Measures sold a tract of land and donated \$1 million of the proceeds to Weatherford Christian School.

The Community News ran 485 photos from the Aledo High School and Trinity Christian Academy senior classes.

Aledo's head coach Robby Jones liked what he saw during spring workouts as the Bearcats started the reloading process.

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With slicked-back hair and poodle skirts, the Annetta Elementary School Choir, under the direction of Jeannine Kessinger, entertained family and friends with a nostalgic sock-hop themed production which included songs by Bill Haley, Elvis, and other 50s icons on May 16.

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BASKETBALL

## Aledo picks up pair of dominant wins

### Trounce Saginaw at home

By Geoff Heppes  
The Community News

Both the Aledo Bearcat and Ladycat basketball teams took the court Friday, Jan. 3, for more district action as each squad hosted Saginaw. The two teams mirrored each other's success on the hardwood, walking away with a pair of blowout wins.

The Ladycats started the night off with a 51-19 demolition while the Bearcats ran away for a comfortable 70-44 victory.

#### Ladycats

In the girls contest, Aledo cranked up the intensity in the final two quarters to push the final margin of victory to 32 points during the waning days of the holidays.

"I was really pleased as the game went on. I feel like we lacked energy in the beginning - it's hard to play a game in the middle of the day when you're out of school," Ladycats head coach Donnie Ott said. "We definitely picked up the energy in the second half to help us get a big lead."

Furthermore, the Ladycats continued to shoot well from the free throw line, which has been a point of emphasis from Ott and his staff.

"We were 13 of 16 at the free throw line against Fossil Ridge, and we do a lot of drills in practice to simulate pressure free throws," Ott said. "Hopefully that continues because that's a big part of winning games."

The win gave Aledo (14-10, 3-1) a key league victory that keeps the team in second place in the District 5-5A standings behind Brewer. Moving forward, Ott hopes to continue to tap into his team's potential on both sides of the floor.

"We've got two big games left against Granbury and Azle coming here," Ott said. "If we can win those games, it puts us in a really good position going into the second half of district play - we just need to clean up the little things and execute. We are ahead of where we need to be defensively and just need to catch up a little bit on offense."

Junior post Tiara Butler, a move in from Virginia, collected plenty of postgame praise from Ott following the win. She led the team in scoring with 10 points while junior guard Elizabeth Griffin had nine. August Carlone and Kinley Elms recorded eight points apiece while Brooklyn Dempsey and Ella Isbell added six and five points, respectively.

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RYAN WADE/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Ella Isbell wrestles with two defenders as she pulls down a rebound as the Ladycats trounce Saginaw during a district game on Friday, Jan. 2.

"We are ahead of where we need to be defensively and just need to catch up a little bit on offense."

- Coach Donnie Ott

WRESTLING

## Aledo competes in Arlington

### Trio place in top six

By Rick Mauch  
The Community News

With a light roster, the Aledo Bearcat and Ladycat wrestlers competed in the Lamar Invitational at Lamar High School in Arlington on Saturday, Jan. 4.

For the Bearcats, Brady Powell posted the highest finish of the day, placing third in the 175-pound division. Right behind was Cameron Robbins, who took fourth in the 106 weight class.

The Ladycats were led by Ari Mathias, who won two matches and lost two to place in the top six in the 145 weight class.

As a team, the Bearcats were 17th out of the field of 37. The Ladycats only sent three wrestlers to the tournament.

"Both varsity teams wrestled well in a tough Lamar tournament. I think we are growing every match and continuing to improve our wrestling," first-year Aledo coach Ben Shaw said. "We lost a

few close matches, but we were in every match.

"We are young, but the athletes are competing hard. We are moving in the right direction and looking to peak in February. I am excited for the next three weeks as we approach districts. We are sharpening our skills and continuing to increase our wrestling ability each day."

The Bearcats and Ladycats were wrestling in a tri-match at Azle against Azle and Keller Fossil Ridge at press time. On

Wednesday, Jan. 15, they travel to Springtown for another tri-match against Springtown and Chisholm Trail starting at 6 p.m.

Their next tournament is Saturday, Jan. 18, when they travel to Saginaw Chisholm Trail for the Tussle at the Trail.

Aledo's next and final home match of the season will be on Wednesday, Jan. 22, when they host Brewer for Senior Night at 6 p.m. Then comes the District 4-5A Tournament in Fort Worth on Feb. 1.

### SPORTS BRIEFS

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#### BASEBALL

##### Poker Night Fundraiser

The Aledo Bearcats annual Poker Night Fundraiser is Jan. 18 at the Morningstar Amenity Center. The event supports the Aledo High baseball and features dinner, drinks, dancing, silent auction, raffle and more.

Link to pay and reserve a spot: <https://aledo-baseball-booster-sponsor.cheddarup.com/>.

#### FOOTBALL

##### Pick six for Keys

Former Aledo Bearcat and true freshman Davhon Keys intercepted a pass and returned it 41 yards for a touchdown in LSU's 44-31 victory against Baylor in the Texas Bowl played at NRG Stadium in Houston.

Keys also posted three tackles in the contest. For the season, he played in a dozen games, posted 31 tackles, including 1.5 for a loss and 1.5 sacks.

Keys helped lead Aledo to three state championships in 2020, 2022 and 2023.

#### BOYS SOCCER

##### Weatherford Kangaroos 1, Arlington Heights 0

The Kangaroos captured consolation in a tournament in San Antonio as Jose Arvelaiz scored the game's lone goal. He and Juan Perez were named Players of the Game.

The Kangaroos also defeated San Antonio Sotomayer 1-0 with David Delgado and Daniel Garcia Players of the Game and lost 3-0 to El Paso Pebble Hills.

#### Weatherford JV

B Team defeated Mansfield Timber view 3-0. Two goals by Temperance Medlicott and one by Morgan Banfield. Lost to Lake Worth.

#### GIRLS SOCCER

##### Weatherford Lady Roos 6, Denton 0

Goals: Addy McElhanev 3, Ava Garret, Katie Jones, Bri Lilly.

Assists: Addi McCready, Landree Cooper, Ava Garrett.

##### Lady Roos 4, Burleson 0

Goals: McElhanev 3, McCready.

Assists: Garrett 2, Cooper.

##### Weatherford JV B Girls 0, Chisholm Trail JV A 0

Players of the Game: Zody Jaime, Hope Wareham, and Isabella Chuhaloff.

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**Weatherford College Rodeo midseason report**

Top two teams and top three individuals in each event advance to the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyoming in early June.

Women's team - National Goat tying: 8. Jace Graf, 480 points (633.3 leads).

**Women's team - Southwest Region**

- Team: Second, 747.50 (Tarleton leads with 1,380, Cisco is third with 718.33).
- Breakaway roping: 11. Payton Andrus, 100 (200 points leads, 195 tied for second); 12. Courtney Carbajal, 97.5; 14. Kaydence Tindall, 90.
- Goat tying: 1. Graf, 480 (475 second, 283.3 third).

**Men's team - Southwest Region**

- Team: Eighth, 698.33 (Tarleton leads with 2,440, Western Texas is second with 1,470).
- Saddle bronc riding: 10. Mitch Story, 150 (495 leads, 325 second, 320 third); 14. Jase Stout, 60.
- Tie-down roping: 4. Pax Vogel, 208.3 (240 leads, 235 second, 225 third).
- Team roping-header: 3. Clayton Huston, 185 (260 leads, 205 second); 6. (tie) Hunter Helton, 150; 11. Jett Stewart, 130.
- Team roping-heeler: 2. Cashton Weiddenbeiner, 205 (260 leads); 3. Brock Rouse, 185; 6. (tie) Belden Cox, 150; 6. (tie) Ryan Gorham, 150.

**BASKETBALL**

**TCA tops Ovilla Chrisitan**

**Eagles record impressive road win**

**By Geoff Heppes**  
The Community News

The Trinity Christian Eagles basketball team traveled to Ovilla Christian to take on the 12-2 Eagles on Friday, Jan. 3.

TCA saw senior guard Reed Robbins return from injury, picked up a key pre-district victory in a battle of Eagle squads. Following a slate of difficult competition in the Vanguard Tournament, TCA emerged victorious by a final score of 52-46.

Robbins, who is usually a starter, came off the bench in this game but slid right back into his defensive role well, according to head coach Jeff Peterson. Furthermore, junior forward Jonathan Overholt had a significant impact with 16 points, 10 rebounds, and five assists while senior forward John Crane put his imprint on the game with 10 points, eight rebounds, and seven assists.

The win gives TCA (18-5) a big boost as they near 20 wins on the season. The Eagles' were playing Dallas Shelton School at press time and travel to North Central Texas Academy in Granbury for tipoff at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 10.

Later, TCA's district portion of their season will begin at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, at home against Fort Worth Temple Christian.

**2024 YEAR IN REVIEW**



CHRISTOPHER AMOS/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Vandagriff Elementary School first-grader Wyatt Cotton keeps his eyes on the ball during Aledo's summer tennis camp.

**JUNE 7, 2024 (CONTINUED)**

Lauren St. Peters of the Aledo Ladycats track and field team was honored by the Texas Girls Coaches Association as a Legacy All-Star.

The Ladycats softball team lost 1-0 in a state semifinal heart-breaker.

**JUNE 14, 2024**

Following complaints from several residents in the Crown Road area at the past couple of meetings, the Willow Park City Council voted at its Tuesday, June 11 meeting to address some of the issues in that part of town.

Kindra Lucia was sworn in at the June 10 Weatherford Independent School District's monthly meeting to complete the unexpired term of Toby Taylor, who passed away earlier in the year.

Weatherford College announced Stephanie Wooten as its new head tennis coach.

L.D. Bell High School wrestling coach Ben Shaw has been tapped to head the program at Aledo High School.

A host of competitors from the Aledo/ Weatherford area were off to a good start as the North Texas Professional Golfers

Association Junior Tour summer schedule got under way.

Junior Marina Taveras and sophomore Jordyn Edington were named to the University Interscholastic League Class 5A All-State Tournament Softball Team.

**JUNE 21, 2024**

The University Interscholastic League announced that volleyball, basketball, soccer, softball, and baseball playoffs will now be split into two state championship brackets. The top four teams from each district will advance to the playoffs.

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**ACROSS**

- 1 in Wilson County on U.S. 181
- 5 TXism: "\_\_\_ says giddyup, you better go" (mean man)
- 6 TXism: "fought tooth and \_\_\_"
- 7 Houston FM radio
- 8 Mitchell County seat
- 17 Dublin High class
- 18 Los Ebanos was named for these (2 wds.)
- 21 former Seahawk LB from UT: \_\_\_ Lewis
- 22 TXism: "who put \_\_\_ in her bonnet?"
- 23 spotted deer found in Texas
- 24 a base that dissolves in water
- 29 TX Swayze 1989 film: "\_\_\_ House"
- 30 applaud
- 31 TXism: "\_\_\_ humid my upper lip is mildewing"
- 32 TX Janis band "Big Brother and \_\_\_ Company"
- 34 lost blood
- 35 Texas' Dr. Pepper was named after this Charles (init.)
- 36 Faith Hill's "The Way \_\_\_ Me"
- 37 iced Texas drinks
- 38 cabbage-like vegetable
- 39 Houston Indian wife
- 40 TXism: "I \_\_\_" (I declare)
- 41 Santa \_\_\_\_, TX
- 42 department store people mover
- 44 TXism: "\_\_\_ counter" (bookkeeper)
- 45 this Blank made two documentaries about Texas blues musician "Lightnin'" Hopkins
- 46 former home of Texas' Confederate Air Force in Harlingen (2 wds.)
- 48 Benji, et al.

**DOWN**

- 1 rides for Mary Kay top sales (2 wds.)
- 2 TXism: "he's a few bricks shy \_\_\_" (dimwitted)
- 3 Dolly's character in "Wild Texas Wind"
- 4 TX Willie wrote "\_\_\_ Walls"
- 9 put the groceries back in a sack
- 10 TXism: "hot as \_\_\_ of mesquite coals"
- 11 female deer
- 12 TXism: "cooking \_\_\_ the front burner"
- 13 bikes
- 14 TXism: "if \_\_\_ been a snake it would have bit you"
- 15 TXism: "boring as a fishing \_\_\_ with a game warden"
- 16 nevertheless
- 19 55 miles east of Abilene
- 20 ski hill
- 22 TXism: "busy as \_\_\_-armed paper hanger"
- 24 TXism: "try your hand \_\_\_"
- 25 TX Hagman (init.)
- 26 TXism: "church \_\_\_" (bottle opener)
- 27 TXism: "busier than \_\_\_ in a boomtown"
- 28 a TX Mandrell
- 29 Eagles are a big \_\_\_ of Cowboys
- 30 big TX family
- 33 actress Drake of "Down Laredo Way"
- 34 TXism: "gave his pall \_\_\_ slip" (recovered)
- 35 dental root \_\_\_
- 37 TX Martin film "The Man with \_\_\_"
- 38 leg joints
- 40 TXism: "got a mind like a \_\_\_ trap"
- 41 TXism: "she could charm \_\_\_ out of a tree"
- 43 gallery display
- 44 "legal eagle" compensation (2 wds.)
- 47 TXism: "itty-bitty"

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Staci King  
City Secretary  
City of Aledo, Texas

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**12:00 Noon, Tuesday,  
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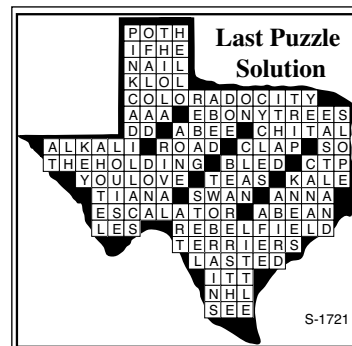
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## Sunny Question

Why are sunny winter days COLD, while sunny summer days are HOT? *Kid Scoop's* winter expert Dr. I. Cicle explains it all!

As you can see, it's a sunny winter day here and ...

YEAH! It's a sunny day! Let's hit the waves, Bro!

Uh, Dude, there's something really wrong with this sand. It's, like, frozen!

That's because it isn't sand. It's snow!

SNOW? But it's, like, sunny today. So why isn't the snow, like, melted?

I'm glad you asked! Let's pretend this snowball is Earth.

Earth is, like, WAY bigger, Dude!

The Earth tilts on its axis as it travels around the sun. In the winter, if the part of the Earth where you live is tilted away from the sun, it gets indirect sunlight.

Indirect sunlight doesn't warm up the Earth as much as the direct sunlight we get in the summer.

That is so cool! Now, why is this sand so COLD?

Standards Link: Earth Science: Students know that weather can be observed, measured and described; changes in weather and seasons are affected by the Earth's position.

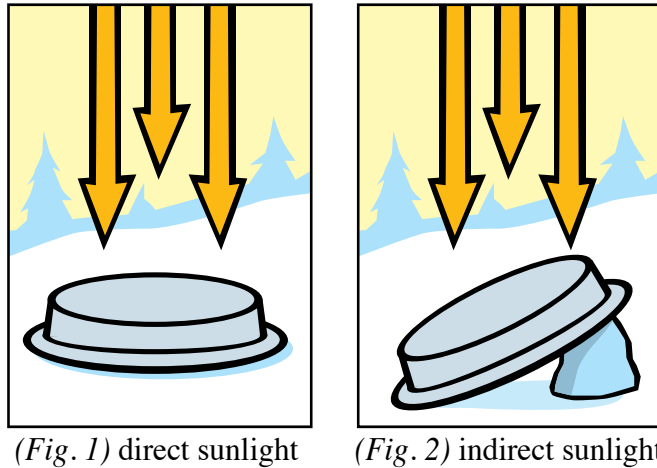
### Experiment Tells All

Try this experiment to understand the difference between indirect and direct sunlight.

Keep track of your work on a separate sheet of paper like the Scientist's Notebook.

#### Stuff you need:

- 2 metal pie tins
- a sunny winter day
- watch or clock
- a rock



#### What to do:

1. Lay one pan flat on the ground in the direct sunlight. (Fig. 1)
2. Tilt the other pan on its side. Lean it against a rock or a shoe. This pan is being hit with indirect sunlight. (Fig. 2)
3. Wait three minutes.
4. Which pan is warmer?

Standards Link: Investigation: Students will make predictions based on observation; answer meaningful questions and draw conclusions.

SCIENTIST'S NOTEBOOK			
Question	Hypothesis	Observation	Conclusion
Which pan do you think will feel warmer after three minutes in the winter sun?	What do you think the answer to the question is? <input type="checkbox"/> pan in direct sunlight <input type="checkbox"/> pan in indirect sunlight	Which pan was warmer in three minutes? <input type="checkbox"/> pan in direct sunlight <input type="checkbox"/> pan in indirect sunlight	Was your hypothesis correct? What did you learn from this experiment?

**Extra! Extra!**

#### Without the Sun ...

Without the sun we wouldn't have newspapers because newsprint is made from trees and trees need the sun to grow. Look through the newspaper for other things that need the sun to exist.

Standards Link: Language Arts/Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

## SMART FUN AT HOME

One important thing to understand when you read is **cause and effect**.

For example, in the legend of Groundhog Day, when the groundhog sees his shadow, he goes back in his burrow. In this case, the **effect** is that the groundhog goes back in his burrow. That is what happens. What **causes** him to go back in his burrow? Getting frightened by his shadow.

### Try It!

1. With a parent or learning buddy at home, select an article from today's newspaper. Read the headline. Discuss what you think caused the news reported in the headline.
2. The headline usually tells what happened. This is called an **effect**. Read aloud to your learning buddy the first paragraph of the article. Does this tell you the **cause**? Read the rest of the article aloud. After each paragraph, stop and discuss what you have learned about what caused the news reported in the headline.

Complete the following:

HEADLINE (effect):

CAUSE(s):

NAME:

NAME OF LEARNING BUDDY:

NAME:

NAME OF LEARNING BUDDY:

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Distinguish between cause and effect in text.

### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **HYPOTHESIS**

The noun **hypothesis** means a suggestion or guess not proved but serves as the basis for further study.

The class was asked to test their **hypothesis**.

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

## Sun Spot Mystery

The sun is covered with spots! Use the spots to solve the mystery questions.

How far is the sun from the Earth?

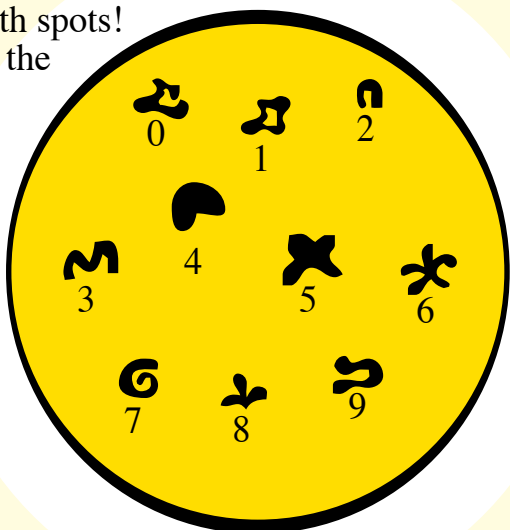
**5M** million miles (149.6 million km)

How long does it take the sun to make one complete rotation?

**26** Earth days

What is the diameter of the sun?

**86,400** miles.



**WARNING!** Never look directly at the sun as this can damage your eyesight!

Standards Link: Earth Science: Students know about the sun, planets and stars.

## Double Double Word Search

- SUNLIGHT
- EXPERIMENT
- SUMMER
- MILES
- PAPER
- DIAMETER
- HYPOTHESIS
- METAL
- WINTER
- SAND
- SNOWBALL
- PAN
- AXIS
- SHOE

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

S	I	S	E	H	T	O	P	Y	H
D	A	L	L	A	B	W	O	N	S
I	W	N	I	R	E	M	M	U	S
A	S	S	D	N	X	T	N	E	R
M	I	M	E	T	A	L	R	S	E
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T	A	R	S	G	T	L	P	U	N
E	E	O	H	S	I	N	A	S	I
R	H	T	I	M	N	A	P	N	W

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

## FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

### Who cares about the weather?

Why is the weather report important to different people? Why is it important to a farmer, an astronaut or a fireman? Find an article or picture in the newspaper of a person who cares about the weather. Tell why this person cares.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Understand the main idea and supporting details in expository text.



## What kind of caps do snowmen wear?

ANSWER: Ice caps.

## Write On!

### Winter Words

Make a list of words that make you think of winter. Use these words to write a short poem or a descriptive paragraph.

# HOOPS

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## Bearcats

Meanwhile, the Bearcats followed the girls game with their own blowout win. While head coach Brian Blackburn and the squad are eager to get back into the Tuesday-Friday routine of game play, Aledo's first-year head coach said he has been pleased with his roster's style of play and the conditioning it takes to play at such a breakneck pace.

"We're pressing, playing fast, and I think the guys like that," Blackburn said. "It took the guys a little bit to get in the right shape during the offseason, but when we tell the guys we are trying to score 70 or 80 points every game, that makes players want to buy in - they like to score."

Aledo led comfortably throughout the game with many players firing on all cylinders in transition and defensively. Leading the charge was junior post Townes Van Huysen, who scored a game-high 25 points. The junior missed significant time last season from a broken hand and is now making the most of his opportunity this year.

"The thing about Townes is he's hungry to get better," Blackburn said. "Coach Jones, our varsity assistant, works with the posts and he sees how active Townes has been. Every good play he makes really builds his confidence. I think he was 10 of 11 from the field and just had a great game, but he puts in a lot of work and has the desire."

The huge win gave Aledo its 19th win of the season as it sits atop the early District 5-5A standings at 3-0. Moving forward, Aledo will keep a narrow focus instead of dissecting the future possibilities and prospects of their season. Blackburn said he believes "anything can happen" for this squad.

Along with Van Huysen's 25-point effort, senior guard



RYAN WADE PHOTOGRAPHY

Enrique Pacheco drives into the lane on a fast break as the Bearcats cruised past Saginaw on Friday, Jan. 2.

Joaquin Pacheco poured in 13 points while his younger brother Enrique Pacheco scored nine. Bearcat sophomore Josiah Jenkins also contributed with eight points.

### Subvarsity

Both boys and girls subvarsity programs recorded program sweeps over Saginaw. The girls junior varsity and freshman teams picked up 60-16 and 50-6 wins, respectively.

Meanwhile, the boys JV team won 62-59 and the freshman team recorded a 56-28 victory.

### Up next

Up next, the Ladycats and Bearcats were in Granbury for another district doubleheader at press time. Both teams host Azle on Friday, Jan. 10, girls tipping off at 6:15 p.m. and the boys at 8.

## 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

### JUNE 28, 2024

Ana McAdams and her daughter, Elliston Berry, lobbied Congress to provide protection for victims of deepfake revenge porn.

The Willow Park City Council voted to increase driveway approaches in the Crown Road area at its meeting on June 25.

Construction began on the new Aledo City Hall, which will include a library and also house a future police department.

Weatherford Police Department Investigations Division Commander Jason Hayes presented a citizenship award to Amber Smith and her daughter, Layla, for finding a missing person. The award was presented at the June 25 meeting of the Weatherford City Council.

The Annetta Town Council approved a partnership with KKM Associates, LLC to become their engineering firm for the Town of Annetta.

The Weatherford Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution installed new officers for the years 2024 - 2026 at its May meeting.

Splash Kingdom in Willow Park, along with people in 44 states and 19 countries took part in a worldwide event known as The World's Largest Swim Lesson on June 20.

The University Interscholastic League announced Aledo ISD finished in second place among 5A schools in the state in its annual Lone Star Cup competition.

*2024 Year in Review to be continued.*



### JUNE 21, 2024 (CONTINUED)

Everything aligned perfectly for the Fourth Annual Fairways for Families tournament June 14 at Squaw Creek Golf Course in Willow Park.

The 2024 Parker County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo and Frontier Day closed a successful week.

A trip to Studio City in Los Angeles two years ago inspired Aledo resident Siera Holleman to bring a new kind of massage parlor to North Texas - one that goes above and beyond.

After winning a high school state championship for Aledo, former Ladycat Gracie Morris graduated from TCU with seven school records in distance running.

Five members of the Mach I Track Club in Weatherford competed in a pair of Southwest Regional qualifying meets.

Aledo Anglers reeled in another successful season.

# Way to go!

## Aledo Bearcats and Ladycats wrestlers are having an amazing season with multiple top 6 finishes in tournaments!



Jonathan JD Neff



Grace Beasley

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