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Sledding into snow day fun



LEFT: Peyton, Wells and Preston Parkinson are all smiles before sledding on their snow day. | **RIGHT:** Eli and Andrew Stene hit the slopes during the first snow of the year. For more photos submitted online turn to page 3.

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WILLOW PARK

Annexation highlights council meeting

City seeks to become Film Friendly

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

At its Tuesday, Jan. 14 meeting, the first of the new year, the Willow Park City Council held several public hearings in connection with annexation. This included one particular proposed annexation approved at the Nov. 12 meeting to enter into an agreement with Dean-Beall Ranch, Ltd.

The land, voluntarily offered for annexation and owned by Dean-Beall, consists of just over 317 acres located on the southwest corner of Interstate 20 and Highway 1187, running all the way to Bankhead Highway.

Following limited participation from the public (one person in each hearing, the same person),

council announced the next and final step to make the agreement official will come as soon as the Feb. 11 meeting. Per state law, it cannot be made official for at least 20 days following the public hearing and the next meeting on Jan. 28 will not be soon enough.

The addition of the property will include 35.3 acres of single family residential space, 91.7 acres of multi-family residential, 135.2 acres of commercial and 55.5 acres of light industrial.

Potential businesses for the area include sit-down restaurants, fast food restaurants, big box retail, grocers, convenience stores, office and work space. The residential portion will include some green space with a neighborhood park and some small water areas.

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With City Manager Bryan Grimes looking on, Willow Park Mayor Doyle Moss (right) presents retiring Assistant City Manager Bill Funderburk with a proclamation. Funderburk's final day is the end of January.

WEATHERFORD ISD

Annual report card shines with good grades

By Christopher Amos
The Community News

The Weatherford ISD Board of Trustees had more to celebrate than the annual Board Member Appreciation Day Jan. 13.

The board received thanks and recognitions, but cheerfully bestowed glowing gratitude to educators and department heads who reported academic improvements and impressive progress of education programs at the meeting.

Weatherford High School principal Dr. Bill Tommaney



Tiel Jenkins

recognized Teacher of the Year, Tiel Jenkins, and introduced high school department heads who detail advancements in academics from their students, Terry Ferguson, social studies and AP history; Alan Roemer, mathematics and AP calculus; and Staci Sharp, reading/writing and AP language. Each spoke of advance placement programs they oversee and coordinate with Tarleton University and Weatherford College to earn college credits and training while in high school.

"Being engaged is important for our students," Tommaney explained. "We continue to build a culture of kids who are engaged and involved. When they are engaged, they want to be here. We have the best kids you have ever seen."

The board complimented Tommaney on his involvement with students in the school, with campus activities and at sporting events.

ROOTed in Excellence

Assistant superintendent of academics Marie Hernandez detailed the ROOTed in Excellence program and explained how the district strives to involve the parents in their student's goals by explaining to them what is available and defining expectations for honors courses. Hernandez explained how the staff is supported through advisement, meetings and personal development.

"Our job is to make sure our students have the tools to succeed and to help the staff to direct the

students to achieving their goals," Hernandez said.

Hernandez later presented the results of the 2023-24 Texas Academic Performance Report, noting graduates improved greatly in the categories of college readiness and career/military readiness. The TAPR indicates a student's ability to enter the workforce, seek a military career or continue studies into college.

Election

It was announced four school board seats will be included in the May 3 Parker County election. Places 3, 4, 5 and 6 are currently held by Adam Feriend, Greg Shaw, Weldon Wallace and Kindra Lucia. Those terms will expire by May 27.

ALEDO

Stanley announces re-election bid

Mayor seeks second term

Staff Reports
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Aledo Mayor Nick Stanley declared his intention to run for a second term in a Jan. 15 announcement. In a show of unity, all members of the Aledo City Council endorsed his candidacy.

"During my tenure as mayor, we've brought positive momentum and vision to our fast-growing city primarily because we have come together as a community – residents and families of all walks of life – with a common mission to make our special part of Texas one of the most sought-after places to raise children, enjoy retirement or grow a business," Stanley said in his announcement.

"I look forward to continuing this spirit of community-wide cooperation and teamwork to maintain this high energy and achievement," Stanley added. "When I first ran for mayor, I promised to work with the city council, city management, and the community to focus on smart, well-planned growth that aligns with the wishes of Aledo families. I've kept that promise, and I firmly believe our wonderful city is improving daily."

In his announcement, Stanley listed the following city accomplishments during his first term:

- Establishing a police department – Stanley pointed to the city's growth and the need for public safety enhancement as a motivating factor that made a police department his top priority. "The Aledo Police Department is scheduled to be up and running this year and will be led by an experienced and well-regarded police chief," Stanley said.
- Enacted policies for smart economic growth – Stanley said one of his highest priorities is protecting Aledo from substandard, low-quality development. His announcement said he "has worked with city leaders to update and adopt a Unified Development Code, resisted efforts to construct dense development, and established sound economic policies that provides the council oversight of development plans."
- Increased communication and transparency – Stanley's announcement said keeping residents and businesses informed is critical, especially in times of emergency. "The city has prioritized communications with residents by establishing a consistent and reliable presence on social media, and created 'Aledo Alert,' an opt-in text messaging platform to communicate with residents and business owners. These new programs have allowed the Mayor and City Council to provide more information regularly to Aledo."

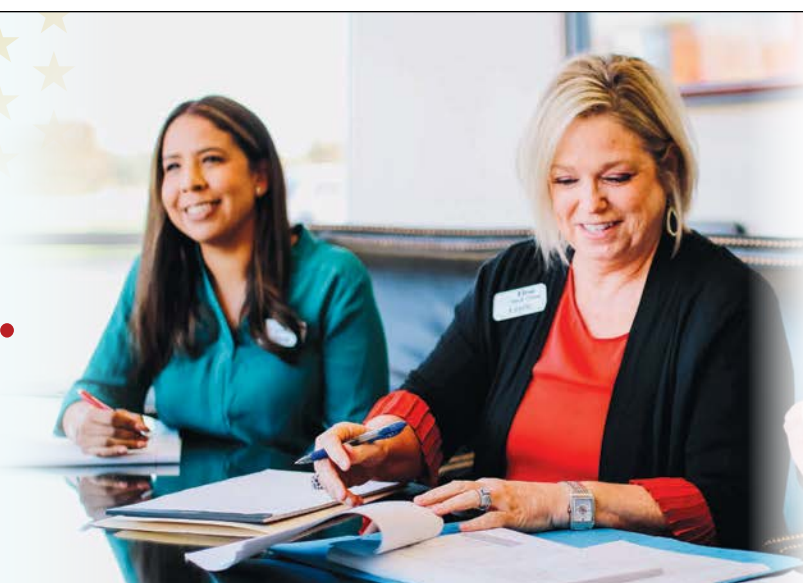
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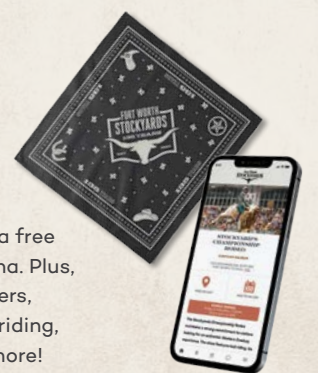
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COMMUNITY LIFE

Local celebrity to perform at FWSSR event

Gloria Gilbert-Barron a highlight at Pink Day

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

Parker County celebrity Gloria Gilbert-Barron will perform her ventriloquist act at the Pink Day Cancer Survivor Luncheon at the Cactus Room in the Amon Carter Building at the Will Rogers Memorial Center on Tuesday, Jan. 28. The event, catered by Reata and part of this year's Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo, is free to the public and begins at 11:30 a.m.

Gilbert-Barron is a former Miss Texas (1982). She has appeared on stage opening for the likes of Willie Nelson, Garth Brooks, Blake Shelton, LeAnn Rimes, Neal McCoy, and Randy Travis.

She has also performed with such all-time notables as the late country music legend Charlie Pride and even one of Hollywood's historical figures, the late Bob Hope.

She can also be heard on Weatherford College's Coyote Radio Station morning show from 6-9 a.m. weekdays, alongside Dave Cowley and Brent Baker, on 88.5 and 102.5 FM.

Last year Gilbert-Barron, who works at First Bank Texas, also received the Athena International Leadership Award from the Parker County Chamber of Commerce.

The event, for men and women, will feature a free lunch, free gifts, free information on battling cancer, and even free tickets to the Jan. 28 Pink Night Rodeo (while supplies last). For more information, or to register, visit Careity.org, email Careityteam@Careity.org or call 817-882-4100.



Gloria Gilbert-Barron is set to perform a free show at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 28, at Will Rogers Memorial Center.

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2024 YEAR IN REVIEW



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Young and old enjoy laughter and foam during a party at Camp Fire Day Camp held at Walsh Elementary School. The camp is one of several summer camps in the area providing fun and educational activities during the break from school.

JULY 5, 2024

Following up on a decision by Willow Park's City Council two nights earlier, Hudson Oaks City Council moved forward with a new wastewater facility usage agreement for Willow Park to treat Hudson Oaks' wastewater.

The Weatherford Chamber of Commerce announced plans to create the world's largest batch of peach cobbler for the Peach Festival in downtown Weatherford on Saturday, July 13.

The Murphey Western Institute, a research center with archive and an amphitheater concert arena, is planned to be an addition to the Doss Heritage and Culture Center in a project driven by Michael Martin Murphey.

The Hope Chest resale shop celebrated ten years at the Parker County Center of Hope.

Aledo native and TCU graduate and track phenom Gracie Morris competed in the U.S. Olympic Trials at Hayward Field in Eugene, Oregon, Thursday evening, June 27 in the 1,500-meter run.

The Weatherford Wild competed in their second meet of the 2024 Texas Amateur Athletic Federation summer season in Flower Mound, bringing home 24 gold medals, 15 silver, and eight bronze.



CHRISTOPHER AMOS/THE COMMUNITY NEWS
Samuel Walker takes a breath during a freestyle stroke as the Weatherford Wild swim team hosted its second meet of the summer.

Shirley Sylvis and Joyce Bishop won gold medals in intermediate pickleball competition at the Fort Worth Chas Haws Recreation Center June 14. The athletes play at various Parker County locations and consider the gym at The Church at the Crossing in Aledo to be their home court.

JULY 12, 2024

Kai Elliott, a 2024 Aledo High School graduate, died in an automobile accident on the evening of July 4.

Weatherford celebrated the grand opening of new roads after months of construction downtime.

For the second consecutive time, the Willow Park Police Department (WPPD) was awarded Accredited Law Enforcement Agency from the Texas Police Chiefs Association Law Enforcement Program.

Parker County Sheriff's Deputies Joseph Evans, Randy Lawson and Corporal Luis Montanez were recently awarded with the Life-Saving Award during a Parker County Commissioners Court session. They received the honor after saving the life of a suspect following a shootout.

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CHRISTOPHER AMOS/THE COMMUNITY NEWS
Christian Smith and her daughter, first-time visitors from Fort Worth, prepare for a good time on the merry-go-round at the Parker County Peach Festival, July 13.

STANLEY

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- Diversified the tax base – “By initiating proactive measures, the city has recruited and attracted multiple new restaurants and small businesses, which have created new jobs in our community and added significantly to our commercial tax base,” the release said.
- Secured funding for the wastewater treatment plant - Stanley's announcement said the city secured more than \$27 million in state and federal funds to expand the city's wastewater treatment plant. “Our wastewater treatment plant is critical to the City's long-term success as we continue to welcome new residents and businesses each year,” he said.
- Rebuilt Bailey Ranch Road – Bailey Ranch Road, which serves the Parks of Aledo, Parker County ESD 1 Fire Station 34, and the Aledo High School campus, had

fallen into disrepair. “By rebuilding a large portion of Bailey Ranch Road, we have improved travel conditions and public safety,” Stanley said.

- Improved city parks – “The City of Aledo has made a significant investment in our parks, replacing outdated and non-code-compliant equipment and investing in shade structures to better serve our community,” Stanley said.
- Started Construction on a new City hall – the construction of a new city hall, to include the library and police station, is underway and is estimated to be completed this year or early 2026.
- Established Aledo Public Library – The City of Aledo took over the financially struggling East Parker County Library last year to ensure continued public library access. Now called the Aledo Public Library, it will get a new home in city hall and provide reading and STEM

opportunities for our children and residents.

- Executed city audits and improved City Bond Rating – Stanley's release said that, under his leadership, “the City of Aledo has conducted three audits to ensure it spends its limited tax revenue wisely. These audits have led to a higher bond rating, from AA to AA+, which allows for lower interest rates on our municipal bonds.”

Stanley was elected in May 2022, replacing Kit Marshall, who did not seek re-election.

I love this great city of ours and hope to continue working with so many of you who volunteer your time, talent, and services to preserve our way of life,” Stanley said. “This starts with smart and intentional economic development, well-planned growth, open communication and transparency, low taxes, and quality basic services like roads, parks, police and fire services.”

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ENTERTAINMENT

Willow Park's Miller enjoying acting career

Look for her in *Landman* and *Lioness*

By John English
The Community News

Parker County has become an increasingly popular filming destination for movies and television series in recent years, and local Medicare broker Lee Ann Miller has experienced much of it firsthand.

A mother of two from Willow Park, Miller, 59, started dabbling in the film industry six years ago, and from the moment she started she was hooked.

"In November 2019 I saw a casting call on Facebook for extras to film the movie *12 Mighty Orphans* in Fort Worth and Weatherford," Miller said. "I answered the ad and signed up with a local casting agency.

"I filmed a couple of days for the movie, meeting Martin Sheen in the process. It was interesting, fun and so different from my career as a Medicare broker. I loved it. I was fascinated with the whole process and the details.

"Everything from going to hair and makeup to get the correct 1930s hairstyle and makeup, to the costume department getting the period clothes just right. I loved everything about it."

Covid and Landman

Then the COVID-19 pandemic hit a few months later and everything was placed on hold.

"When we came out of the pandemic, I started hearing about all the filming in the Fort Worth area," Miller said. "I started checking the casting agency portal and submitting my information and photos to all the projects starting up. Most were for Taylor Sheridan productions. I didn't get chosen for anything for a while."

Then the casting for *Landman* ramped up and Miller started getting booked for roles, appearing in several episodes.

"Since all the local filming started I have been approached by other casting agencies for more background roles," Miller said. "I filmed a movie in Fort Worth last May and some local advertising campaigns as well."



Working with greats

The Willow Park woman has also appeared in *Lioness*, and through her work on the two shows was able to work with the likes of Taylor Sheridan, Jon Hamm, Demi Moore, Billy Bob Thornton and Nicole Kidman.

Miller said the experience of working with such talented actors has been incredible.

"When we are preparing to shoot a scene and the director is working closely with the main actors I watch intently," Miller said. "Each star is a little different, but all are very focused when listening to direction, lots of back and forth with their director. I worked up close with Nicole and Billy Bob and they were so intense and in their zone about every nuance of the scene. Things like the expression on their face or the stance they are holding. They are true professionals."

Different challenge

Miller said her roles have provided a nice contrast to her job as a Medicare broker, but added she has encountered an unexpected challenge along the way.

"I found that my naturally curly hair is not something they want my characters to have," Miller said. "They have a specific vision of each character in a scene and my hair is usually not it. The details are really important to their vision for the scene. They have to really work at taming it in the hair department. It's a constant challenge. Eventually, I learned to wear a wig and it worked out great."

Acting classes

The Parker County woman said she took acting classes all through school for fun but never pursued anything outside of that.

However, before she became a Medicare broker, she was in sales at a healthy food company startup and that included some work in front and behind the camera.

"We did quite a bit of filming for marketing on the website, YouTube and television commercials," Miller said. "I learned how to write scripts, set up scenes, work the equipment and act in front of the camera. I liked the acting part the best."

And acting appeals to her for many reasons.

"It's fun and very interesting," Miller said. "I just soak it all up. The productions I have

had the privilege to work on are top-notch, with experts running the show. I feel lucky to see such accomplished professionals in action. It is fascinating to watch them in their element. You never know what each scene is going to be like so you have to be flexible.

"Each experience is different and you've gotta roll with it. You could be filming outdoors in the bitter cold and have to act like it's a hot day. Or it can be scorching hot, but you have to act like it's a cool day outside. You can't whine or complain, just gotta be professional."

Meeting a legend

One of her more memorable moments came while filming *12 Mighty Orphans* when the cast members were waiting to take their places on set after a lunch break.

"I was waiting patiently on the side for directions when I turned around and saw Martin Sheen coming right towards me," Miller said. "He had the biggest smile on his face and came right up to me and shook my hand then told me his name. He was so friendly and enthusiastic. As background actors, we are professionals and do not go up to the main actors to engage them when we are between scenes. They are working and in the zone and we should be as well. But many times the main actors will engage when we are between scenes. Most have been friendly and funny. Martin Sheen was by far the most friendly."

Fulfilling

Miller said she is always willing to play whatever part is necessary for the scene but is usually a patron of some kind, and said she feels like acting has made her life more complete and fulfilling in certain ways.

"Acting gives me a fun creative hobby that is a nice change from insurance," Miller said. "Medicare is very black and white with no gray area — it's very regulated. Acting is more fun, creative and flexible. With acting in these productions something could change on a whim and go in a different direction than originally planned. It's fun that way. Last May I filmed a movie (not yet released) in downtown Fort Worth, and I also filmed a commercial for a large local hospital system."

Originally from Beaumont, Miller moved to North Texas after graduation in 1990. She moved to Fort Worth in 1995 and then to Willow Park in 2001.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF LEE ANN MILLER

Medicare broker Lee Ann Miller of Willow Park is enjoying her second career of acting, which includes working with Taylor Sheridan in shows such as *Landman* and *Lioness*.

She loves "helping people navigate through the confusion," as a Medicare broker and said her goals for this year are two-fold.

"Growing my Medicare business as more people are turning 65 than ever," Miller said. "I hope to continue to do acting work as things come up in this area. Hopefully once a month. It's such a nice hobby and a nice break from Medicare."



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COURTESY OF BRADEN STOKES

Aledo's Braden Stokes won the championship of the Fort Worth Junior Golf Association Junior Boys tournament this past week, the second Aledo Bearcat to do so in three years.

The above-named library hosted numerous summer activities for children and families.

Weatherford hosted its annual Spark in the Park.

The Lynch family gathered with about 30 friends and family to dedicate a bench outside one of the ball fields in honor of JT and Paula Wylie and the effort they put into helping establish the sports organization.

Courtney Hammett is entering her first season as head coach of Weatherford Lady Roos volleyball.

Brenlee Gonzales was named to the second team and Taylor McKean was an honorable mention on the Texas Sports Writers Association All-State softball team.

Third-baseman Ryan Jones and shortstop Boyd Thompson were named first-team Class 5A All-State by the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association.

The Weatherford Wild swim team placed fourth out of 14 teams at the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation Region 4 Swim Meet at the Southlake Natatorium on July 13-14.

JULY 26, 2024

The City of Aledo reminded customers that more than 50% of landscape water may be wasted due

to overwatering, inefficient watering practices, and broken or poorly maintained irrigation systems.

The Town of Annetta created a home for Monarch Butterflies.

The Willow Park City Council, at its meeting on Tuesday, July 23, announced TextMyGov, a new service designed to improve communication between those who live in the city and those who work for and lead the city.

The Trinity Track at King's Gate Park now has 9-1-1 signage. Should someone encounter difficulty, they can be located by emergency officials more quickly.

A Willow Park man whose security firm was hired to protect school children was arrested and charged with sexual assault of a child and prohibited sexual contact.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has given the green light for a fifth bachelor's degree at Weatherford College. Pending accreditation and board approval, the Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences in Computer Science will begin in the Fall 2025 semester.

The family of Roy Ray offered some remembrances of this remarkable man on the first anniversary of his passing.

Four players from Weatherford College were taken on the second day of the Major League Baseball Draft, Tuesday, July 16.

Several golfers from Aledo captured the top spot in their respective division in the Fort Worth Junior Golf Association Girls Championship.

AUGUST 2, 2024

Two tales of Aledo take a look at the good things being accomplished by local youth.

Mobile theater takes art form throughout county.

Basketball player Lucy Ibeh missed the Olympic cut but made the pros.

Sarah J. Morris, DDS, MAGD, of Aledo was nominated by the Fort Worth Academy of General Dentistry for the Texas Academy of General Dentistry's Texas Dentist of the Year™ Award.

Aledo native Samuel Wilhelm has received a National Science



CHRISTOPHER AMOS/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Tryouts were held for the Aledo Ladycats as preseason practices got under way.

Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship.

Weatherford's Jake Mitchell won the national bull riding title.

Former Aledo Bearcat Gehrig Mosiello joined the staff of the University of Texas baseball team as director of player development.

Four golfers from Aledo each won their age groups for boys and girls in recent tournaments at Squaw Creek on the Northern Texas PGA Junior Golf Medalist and Prep Tours.

Aledo's Braden Stokes won the Fort Worth Junior Golf Boys Championship.

AUGUST 9, 2024

The University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) announced a proposed plan to purchase 51 acres of property in west Fort Worth within the Walsh Ranch development for the purpose of building a new campus dubbed "UTA West."

Logan Kasper and Jackson Hamner represented Aledo at the prestigious Texas Boys State program in which students study and participate in the operation of local, county and state governments.

In front of a standing room-only audience, the Weatherford School Board recognized the district's Future Farmers of America program and their accomplishments at the 96th Annual FFA State Convention.

Josh Fink successfully defended his national champion in the Boys 13-14 3,000-meter race/walk at the Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympics. Brother Jack Fink won the 3,000-meter run in the Boys

17-18 age group.

Ryan Jones was named Class 5A honorable mention all-state by the Texas Sports Writers Association.

The Aledo varsity tennis team started their season with a 17-2 win against Arlington Martin on Aug. 1.

AUGUST 16, 2024

Willow Park city staff met with the design team of Dorothy Witmeyer and Glenda Arroyo to review first and second concept plan renderings for Kings Gate Park.

Community residents turned out in force for the annual 'Meet the Band' night at Aledo High School on Aug. 9. The event is always followed by the popular Band Olympics.

The capital murder conviction of a former John Peter Smith Hospital administrator who shot two Arlington women in a Willow Park bank parking lot in 2017 was affirmed in an appeals court decision.

Jerry and Vickie Durant welcomed visitors at the grand opening of Durant Hall at Weatherford College on Aug. 7.

Christian Men's Fellowship of Parker County and Senator Phil King honored Rev. Curtis Jefferson with the Earl King Award on Monday, Aug. 5.

Weatherford College earned a Debt Obligations Transparency Star by the Texas Comptroller's Office, making it one of only two community colleges in the state to receive this distinction.

The Aledo Ladycats volleyball team started the season with a sweep over the Argyle Liberty Christian Lady Warriors, the defending state champions of TAPPS Class 5A, by a final score of 25-22, 25-19 and 25-20.

Led by young Christian Ziegler, several golfers from the Aledo and Weatherford area continued their summer of success on the North Texas PGA Junior Golf circuit.

Lauren St. Peters took her place alongside other state track and field champions in Aledo with her name and accomplishment inscribed on what is commonly known as the Girls Bench of Track and Field Champions at Tim Buchanan Stadium.

Aledo, Weatherford, and Trinity Christian Academy volleyball teams geared up for a new season.

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JULY 12, 2024 (CONTINUED)

When Bobby and Peggy Crutsinger donated a RV to a homeless Vietnam veteran in April, it made 185 total donations since the Weatherford couple started Operation Texas Strong in 2021.

The Mach I Track Club qualified six of its members for the upcoming Amateur Athletic Union and USA Track and Field Junior Olympics.

Ainsley Henze and Harper Price of Aledo placed second in a pair of tournaments on the North Texas PGA Junior Tour.

The Weatherford Wild Swim Team hosted its second meet of the summer recently at the Cherry Park Pool as they began final preparations for regional competition.

Dave Campbell's Texas Football had the Bearcats picked as the top team in the state in their preseason rankings.

JULY 19, 2024

The annual Parker County Peach Festival had another successful run.

The Weatherford College Board of Trustees announced the resignation of longtime board member Mac Smith at their meeting on Thursday, July 11.

The Aledo City Council officially signed off on becoming the new owner of the East Parker County Library at its meeting on June 27.



BRIAN LOPEZ

Positioned at the intersection of I-30 and I-20 in Walsh Ranch, the new UTA West campus is expected to begin welcoming students as early as fall 2028. UTA West will be developed as part of a multiyear plan to serve more than 10,000 students.



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AUGUST 23, 2024

The August meeting of the Weatherford City Council was a time of remembrance for former council member James Milburn Hamilton, who passed away on June 25 in Lubbock.



Mayor Doyle Moss cut the ribbon at King's Gate Park to signify the city's acquisition of the park.

The Annetta Town Council approved financing for security camera at Stuard and Annetta Elementary Schools.

The Murphey Heritage Wing in the Jim Wright Library at Weatherford College was featured.

With the start of the regular season a week away, the Aledo Bearcats were well into preparation to begin defense of their 2023 state championship.

The Aledo varsity tennis team concluded its fall pre-district schedule with a 7-3 record and a three-match winning streak.

The Aledo Ladycats cross country team won the championship of the prestigious Waxahachie Woodhouse Invitational at Maypearl on Saturday, Aug. 17.

Following their impressive home-opening win over Legacy Christian to start the season, the Aledo

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Ladycats volleyball team traveled south to Katy and placed third in the Katy ISD-Cy Fair Volleyball Tournament.

The Aug. 8 dedication ceremony of McKinney Elementary School was a time for memories, laughter, and anxious new students to see their future school.

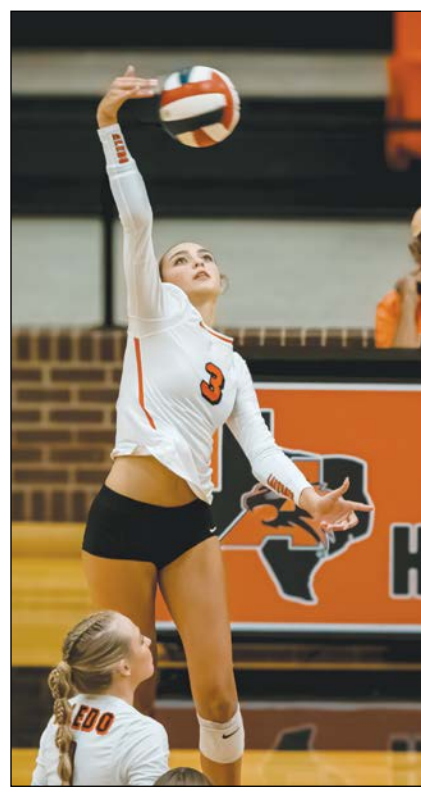
Elisha Woodson was named the Education Service Center (ESC) Region 11 Secondary Teacher of the Year. This came on the heels of her being named the Aledo ISD Teacher of the Year.

The annual Bearcat Nation 101 event had a new location but the same enthusiastic group of organizations that provided much needed information to new and veteran residents in the Aledo ISD.

Craig Smith took the helm as the new Head of School at Trinity Christian Academy.

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For the sixth-straight year, the Aledo ISD Board of Trustees adopted a lower tax rate, lowering the



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Outside hitter, Alyssa Todd soars through the air for a spike during the second set of the Ladycat varsity volleyball match against Midlothian on Tuesday, Aug. 27. Todd racked up 17 kills and 19 digs as Aledo fell to the visiting squad, three sets to two.

rate by \$0.0023 for 2024-2025 and bringing the total six-year reduction to nearly \$0.39 cents.

The Willow Park City Council discussed a slightly higher tax rate, with the bulk of the increase going to police officer salaries.

The City of Aledo took a hard look at city parks and discovered that much of the equipment in some parks did not meet safety requirements.



Randy Keck, owner and publisher of The Community News, announced the launch of a new website dedicated to covering news and events in Weatherford, Texas.

Led by the first-place individual finish of Boren Merrill, the Trinity Christian Eagles won the Boys 1A-4A division at the Burleson Centennial Spartan Invitational cross country meet.

Former Aledo running back Jase McClellan was named to the Atlanta Falcons' 53-man roster.

After finishing in the top eight of the Northwest Tournament and taking the first two sets against Midlothian, the 'cats fell to Midlothian.

To be continued.



CHRISTOPHER AMOS/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

The Aledo Dance Team entertains at Meet the Bearcats on Aug. 23.



KRISTIN MORALES/MEMORABLE MOMENTS

These young people were decked out to show their support for the Bearcats at the season-opening game.

COUNCIL

from page one

"It's exciting for the city to have some development, especially the type of developments coming in," Mayor Doyle Moss said. "We've been working on this for a while. I'm grateful to the council and staff for making it happen."

"I'm excited for the county. We're all in this together."

At the November meeting, City Manager Bryan Grimes called the development "the front door to Willow Park."

Residents moving into the housing in the new development could greatly increase Willow Park's population from its current state of around 9,000 to perhaps more than double in the next few years, estimates show.

At build out, the value of the property would be around \$500 million, city officials stated. Build out will take place in three phases, with dates to be determined.

Once the development agreement is in place, the City of Willow Park has up to two years to get water and sewer in place. When that process is complete, it is anticipated that businesses and residences will begin to pop up in the next year to a year and a half.

Also at the November meeting, to help with the purchase and renovating of the land, etc., the council approved issuing certificates of obligation not to exceed \$5,135,000. This is long-term borrowing that cities can use to fund major capital projects without voter approval.

At that time, council also approved a sales tax agreement with

Parker County Emergency Services District 1 that they noted could more than quadruple the current annual sales tax collection of around \$2 million in a decade or less.

PID

One of the public hearings Tuesday focused on the creation of a public improvement district (PID) in the area, which council approved. Property assessments from a PID are used to cover the cost of improvements in areas where a PID exists.

Essentially, a PID is a stand alone debt secured by the property and can only be used for property improvements.

Council is also looking at creating a tax increment reinvestment zone (TIRZ) for the area. The TIRZ abatement buys down the property taxes as an incentive to the developer.

However, that discussion was tabled until a future meeting, perhaps as soon as Jan. 28.

Film Friendly

Taylor Sheridan, creator of such popular TV series as *Yellowstone* and *Landman*, lives in Parker County and featured the area prominently in his productions. With that and more in mind, Willow Park Communications Director Rose Hoffman felt the need for her city to take steps to become a Certified Film Friendly City with the Texas Film Commission (TFC).

Tuesday, council approved putting filming and permitting guidelines compiled by Hoffman in place so she can move forward with the application. Hoffman said she

will send photos and information to the TFC to support the application.

"I started thinking, what if we are approached by any of these companies, do we have guidelines in place?" she said.

Hoffman said such a designation could financially benefit the city. Folks working with productions will eat in local restaurants, buy groceries locally, get gas in area stations and stay in hotels in the city.

Hoffman noted Willow Park has much to offer for filmmakers, for example, "If they want to film with a statue of a fish, we have a statue of a fish," referring to the sculpture named Iron Did Swim. It's stainless steel alligator gar that stands 24 feet tall overlooking the Trinity River and Willow Park North.

Funderburk honored

The council honored Assistant City Manager Bill Funderburk, who is retiring at the end of January. This brings to an end a 44-year career in public service spanning eight cities and countless offices.

Funderburk began his public service career as the director of parks and recreation in Commerce. He has since served with Greenville, Hamilton, Bonham, Springtown, Aledo, and Willow Park, serving as city manager or administrator in most of those cities.

Funderburk has been with Willow Park for three years.

The proclamation included: "Whereas, Bill's hard work, talent and leadership were essential in shaping the futures of each community he touched, and his involvement in each city stretched beyond government service; and

Bill's dedication, steady leadership manner, sense of humor, likeability, and most importantly - his integrity - are his trademarks and are fondly remembered by citizens, officials and employees in every city he has served."

The proclamation also humorously addressed his "blind devotion" to the Texas Rangers baseball team, noting that after they won the World Series in 2023 it set the stage for him to finally retire.

It closed with the mayor reading "Now, therefore, I, Mayor Doyle Moss, on behalf of the city council, citizens and employees of the City of Willow Park, do hereby issue this proclamation to Bill Funderburk in recognition of his many achievements, and we extend our gratitude and appreciation to Bill for his years of exemplary service as assistant city manager. We congratulate him for a job well done and wish him continued success and happiness as he retires."

Funderburk also received proclamations and thanks from other dignitaries, including State Senators Phil King and Drew Springer, as well as U.S. Representative Roger Williams.

More annexation

Following two more public hearings, council approved the annexation of approximately 11 additional acres, including just over 7,300 feet of East Bankhead Highway (a variable width right-of-way). This is a continuation of property previously annexed by the city and will extend that area all the way to the intersection of 1187 and East Bankhead.

This will not change plans by the county to make improvements in that section of the road. This will likely be made official at the first February meeting.

May election

Council ordered the May 3 general election. This year offices up for election are mayor (Doyle Moss), along with council Places 1 (Eric Contreras) and 2 (Chawn Gilliland).

Candidate packets are available on the city's website.

PC election services

The city has a contract with Parker County for its elections. This contract must be approved and submitted by April 8.

The cost will be provided at a later date as Parker County will need to assess how many associate election judges will be needed, along with voting clerks. Council approved use of the public safety building for early voting.

Appointments

Council approved several board placements for the coming Tuesday:

Board of adjustment - Place 1, Michael Chandler; Place 3, Cindi Neverdousky; Place 5, Scott Smith; alternate, Mike Barron.

Parks board - Place 1, Lea Young, Ex-Office; Place 3, Barry Noggle; Place 5, JD DeLaFuente; alternates, Jerry Vierling and Shayla DeLaFuente.

Planning and zoning - Place 1, Rodney Wilkins; Place 3, Zachary (Zac) Walker; Place 5, Jared Fowler; alternate, Ever Gomez.

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BASKETBALL

Aledo hoops teams collect more district wins

Bearcats and Ladycats earn sweeps

By Geoff Heppes
The Community News

Both the Aledo Bearcats and Ladycats basketball teams continued their winning ways during the first half of District 5-5A play over the ice and snow-filled return from the holidays.

On Tuesday, Jan. 7, the Aledo boys picked up a 54-53 nail-biter win at Granbury, while the Ladycats edged the Lady Pirates 46-41.

The teams' next games were scheduled to take place Friday night, Jan. 10, but due to inclement weather, the contests were moved to Saturday. Nonetheless, the Aledo teams cruised to easy wins over Azle at home - a 64-35 triumph for the girls and an 81-59 victory for the boys.

Bearcats

Senior guard Joaquin Pacheco willed his team to the win at Granbury with a team-high 25 points, but none more important than his free throw with a few seconds remaining. He scored nearly half of his points coming in the fourth quarter. Townes Van

Huysen and Enrique Pacheco also registered seven points apiece.

The Bearcats (20-4, 4-0 in district) found themselves down 30-26 at the half and cut the deficit to 45-43 as the final period began.

Against Azle, Pacheco led the charge with 24 points. As a team, Aledo was explosive offensively with 20-plus point outputs in the first (21) and third (26) quarters.

Ladycats

Junior guard Elizabeth Griffin led the Ladycats (16-10, 5-1 in district) with 13 points in the team's win at Granbury while sophomore Brooklyn Dempsey added eight. Tiara Butler scored seven in the win while seniors Ella Isbell and Kinley Elms tallied six points apiece.

The Ladycats slowly built a 10-point lead heading into the final quarter against the Lady Pirates and then held off a 17-12 late charge by Granbury.

Against Azle, the Ladycats were in charge from the outset, leading 20-10 after the first quarter. A 22-5 run in the third quarter made the lead insurmountable at 56-26 entering the final quarter.

Butler led the charge with 13 points while Griffin added 12. Kate Jackson was also a big contributor with 10 points while Jaylee Owens had eight.

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Joaquin Pacheco and Kaiden Clayborn celebrate following the Bearcats' district win over Brewer on Tuesday, Jan. 14.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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/>.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Weatherford JV 33, North Crowley 28

Player of the Game: Kiya Payne.

GIRLS SOCCER

Lady Roos No. 2 in state

The Weatherford Lady Roos are ranked No. 2 in the state in Class 6A in this week's Texas Girls Coaches Association soccer poll. At press time they were off to a 4-0 start and had outscored their opponents 20-0.

The Lady Roos play at Aledo (3-1) Friday, Jan. 17 at 6 p.m.

Weatherford JV A 3, Granbury JV A 0

Goals and shutout by Emily Odom, Jayden Wright, Camren Freas-Lewis, Mariana Diaz, Quinn Kahlden, Alana Naal.

Weatherford JV B 4, Granbury JV B 0

Goals: Temperance Medicott, Piper Mercier, Brisa Escobedo, and Morgan Banfield.

POWERLIFTING

Lady Roos win home meet

The Weatherford Lady Roos opened the season by winning first place out of seven teams at home on Jan. 7.

Individual winners were Lauren Schweiss, Selah Galindo, Bailey McDougall, Reagan Hunt and Jaclynn Gomez. Runners-up were Zoe Todd, Maddie Seago, Kylie Baruch and Kiara Carson.

RODEO

THSRA leaders

Several Weatherford competitors are among the leaders in their respective divisions in Region 3 of the Texas High School Rodeo Association, including in the all-around standings.

Brody Clemens is fourth among the Senior Boys All-Around standings. Among the Senior Girls All-Around, Madison McCulloch is ninth.

In individual events:

Team roping: 9. Clemons, 10. Walker Parkey.

Reining cutting horses: 3. McCulloch.

Girls cutting: 2. McCulloch.

Calf roping: 1. Clemons.

Bull riding: 1. Jesus Villa.

FOOTBALL

Finley, Guillory honored by Dave Campbell's

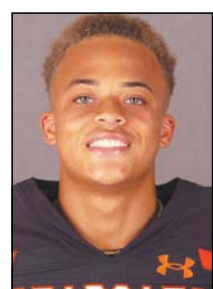
By Rick Mauch
The Community News

Aledo juniors Kaydon Finley, a wide receiver, and running back Raycine Guillory have been selected by Dave Campbell's Texas Football magazine among the publication's Texas Top 100, the best in the class of 2026. The duo were instrumental in the Bearcats finishing 12-2 and advancing to the Class 5A Division I state quarterfinals and both posted career-best seasons in 2024.

Guillory was named the District 5-5A Most Valuable Player as the Bearcats won the league title with an 8-0 record, running their national-record district winning streak to 127 games dating to 2007.

Guillory carried the ball 175 times for 1,322 yards and scored 25 rushing touchdowns. He averaged 7.6 yards per carry and his long run was 76 yards.

Guillory had a career night in a 49-42 overtime victory against Richland at Tim Buchanan



Kaydon Finley

yards of offense and scored 48 touchdowns. He moved to Aledo following his freshman season at Mansfield Lake Ridge.

At Lake Ridge, Guillory led the team in total yardage and touchdowns. He rushed for 769 yards and nine TD, along with catching passes for 154 yards and three scores.

He immediately made an impression at Aledo as a sophomore, rushing for 1,236 yards and 17 touchdowns, while collecting 175 receiving yards and four TD. All this while missing several games - including the final two and a half playoff games with a knee injury.

Finley, a wide receiver, caught 81 passes for 1,429 yards and 21 touchdowns. He was targeted 115 times and had just four drops.

Finley's longest catch of the season was a 92-yard touchdown. He averaged almost 18 yards per catch.

Finley, whose father is former Green Bay Packers tight end Jermichael Finley, also earned first-team All-District 5-5A accolades. In his three seasons on the Bearcats varsity, Finley has caught 146 passes for 2,448 yards and 33 touchdowns.

In Finley's three varsity seasons the Bearcats are 42-4 with two state championships (2022, 2023). They also won 30 consecutive games in those two title campaigns, the second longest win streak in program history, surpassed only by 31 straight during the 2016 and 2017 seasons.



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SOCCKER PREVIEWS

Aledo teams look to take next step

Bearcats, Ladycats aim to build off success in 2024

By Geoff Heppes
The Community News

In 2024, Aledo High School saw solid success from its soccer programs on both the boys and girls sides.

The Bearcats finished with an overall record of 14-4-6 with a 5-3-4 (fourth place) mark in District 5-5A play. Meanwhile, the Ladycats' 2024 campaign resulted in an overall record of 11-9-3 and a second-place finish in district (6-4-2).

Coincidentally, both the boys and girls recorded a bi-district play-off win followed by an area round exit.

Bearcats

As the teams are just underway for the 2025 season, sharpening skills and cultivating the talents of returning players is paramount for the boys.

"Austin Randriamahefa is a four-year letterman who scored 23 goals and 24 assists last year in 24 games - he is the engine that makes our team run," Bearcats head coach Derek Vierling said. "He is expecting to commit to a college in the next few weeks. His 2024 season is one of the best we have had at Aledo. He can score with either foot, has great balance and dribbling ability and incredible vision with pinpoint passing."

Vierling also mentioned other key contributors returning, like Cole Crawford, a senior who scored 17 goals a year ago and also was

the football team's placekicker. Also, junior Brody Gill returns to the team after he scored 19 goals and had 17 assists a season ago.

Vierling described Gill as extremely athletic and one who can dribble through a maze. Also, junior Trapper Davis, who scored 13 goals last year, brings a calm demeanor and hardware as last year's utility player of the year in the district. Along with a strong group of defenders, Pierce Ling will guard the goal and surrendered an 0.82 average per game.

Vierling and his squad have big aspirations to win the district and make a run at a state championship behind a combination of experience, offensive skill and defensive grit.

"Defensively we have 4-6 guys that played significantly last year

so we should be solid defensively. Plus, we have three really good goalkeepers," Vierling said. "We have had (the motto) 'Be Champions' for some time. It encompasses everything - be a champion on and off the field."

Ladycats

The expectations will not drop in the slightest on the girls' side as this year's Ladycat squad is hungry for the same level of success. Led by head coach Bryan Johnson, Aledo will return several quality players from last year's area-round finalist squad.

Sophomore forward Ally Weimer returns after scoring 28 goals last year as a freshman while seniors Emery Thompson and Reagan

Tomlin come back to anchor the defense and serve as team captains.

Johnson praised his seniors' leadership skills as four-year starters and players who "lead by example on and off the field." He believes their work ethic and experience will only benefit the rest of his younger roster.

"The strength of this team will be our youth," Johnson said. "We are a young team that will grow as we play this season - the future is bright here in Aledo."

While the future looks bright, the present year presents a quality team that could do some damage. With that, Johnson said the team's main goal for this year is to go undefeated in district play and hoist the league championship trophy - of course, while making a strong playoff run.



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Brooklyn Dempsey is fouled during the second half of the Ladycat loss to Brewer on Tuesday, Jan. 14.

HOOPS

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Subvarsity

Furthermore, each subvarsity team on the boys and girls side were victorious in their games as well for two more program sweeps apiece on the season.

The Bearcats junior varsity defeated Granbury 56-39 and Azle 57-37, while the freshmen downed Granbury 47-18 and Azle 59-34. No individual scores were available.

The Ladycats JV defeated Granbury 50-43 as Sarah Edwards scored 12, Sawyer Voight scored 11 and Harper Fink added 10. They defeated Azle 57-15 behind 11 points from Voight, 10 from Edwards and eight each from Kennedy Cardenas and Kate Lowe.

The Ladycats freshmen edged Granbury 28-25 Sonsoles Rosado scored 10 and Emma Ralph had eight. They defeated Azle 57-9 as Rosado tallied 15 and Sydney Fleury scored eight.

Split with Brewer

On Tuesday, Jan. 14, the Bearcats defeated visiting Brewer 64-56 to take sole possession of first place in District 5-5A. Meanwhile, the Ladycats dropped a 50-46 contest to the Lady Bears and are tied for second in the league.

A story containing both of these games can be read on community-news.com.

The Ladycats and Bearcats will travel to Saginaw Chisholm Trail on Tuesday, Jan. 21. The girls tip off at 6:15 p.m. and the boys will follow.

WEATHERFORD

Weatherford athletes honored for achievements

By Christopher Amos
The Community News

Seniors Landrie Polk and Brendan Ballard received Athlete of the Month honors at the January WISD School Board meeting.

Polk was the high scorer in the Lady Roos' matchup against North Crowley. Combined with teammate Madison Baruch, the duo counted for 38 percent of the team's points. Polk also runs track and cross country.

Ballard, the Roos 6-7 point forward, is regularly among the team's highest scorers and rebounders.

All-District 3-6A football honorees were also presented at the January school board meeting, with 12 athletes receiving all-district or academic all-state recognition. They included:

- Ethan Byrd, second team all-district.
- Xavier Craven, second team all-district.
- Asa Dowling, second team all-district and academic all-state elite team.
- Kaden Fleming, first team all-district.
- Jaime Gray, second team all-district.
- Rhett Gray, second team all-district.
- Keegan Jackson, second team all-district and academic all-state honorable mention.
- Micah Moore, first team all-district and academic all-district honorable mention.
- Jaidon Parker, honorable mention all-district.
- Liam Riley, honorable mention all-district.
- Ti Shearman, honorable mention all-district.
- Murrell Wilson, second team all-district.



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WISD superintendent Dr. Beau Rees joins school board members in honoring varsity football players who earned postseason honors.



CHRISTOPHER AMOS/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Seniors Landrie Polk and Brendan Ballard received Athlete of the Month honors. Polk plays basketball and is often a leading scorer and rebounder for the Lady Roos, and runs cross country and track. Ballard is often a leading scorer for the Roos and has received district recognition for his performances.

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- TXism: "hasta ___" (see ya)
- Friday night cheer
- TXism: "looking for a gas leak with ___" (tricky)
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- this Guerrero was Railroad Commissioner in 1991
- TXism: "his facts elastic" (liar)
- this was a tiny "wet" town just north of Abilene
- 19th century Texans the city was named for this Dallas (init.)
- 1967 Texas hurricane that spawned 115 tornadoes
- winter garment
- in Titus County on U.S. 271
- TXism: "happy as ___" (lap)
- TXism: "___ a hoof" (run, dance)
- Redskins & Eagles to the Cowboys
- Texas electronics co.
- Mr. Lincoln, et al.
- "and others" (abbr.)
- ex-Cowboy Dorsett (init.)
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- dir. to College Station from Fort Worth
- TXism: "let ___ rip!"
- opposite extreme
- Ward County town named for oil checks
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- TXism: "has book ___" (educated)
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- TXism: "high as popcorn ___ picture show"
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- TXism: "changes his mind as often as ___" (fish)
- his socks"
- this Irving wrote songs for TX Ginger Rogers (init.)
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLOW PARK, TEXAS TO CONSIDER THE ADVISABILITY OF THE CREATION OF TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWO, CITY OF WILLOW PARK, TEXAS FOR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PURPOSES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 311, TEXAS TAX CODE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City Council of the City of Willow Park, Texas (the "City"), pursuant to Chapter 311.003 Texas Tax Code, as amended, (the "Act"), will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 120 El Chico Trail, Suite A, Willow Park, Texas 76087 for the purpose of considering the creation of the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number Two, City of Willow Park, Texas, located within the extraterritorial limits of the City.

All persons are invited to attend the hearing and speak for or against the creation of Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number Two, City of Willow Park, Texas, the proposed boundaries, or the concept of tax increment financing. Written or oral statements will be considered.

The proposed boundaries include approximately 317 acres located in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City, located south of IH 20, west of FM 1187, and north of E Bankhead Highway. A more detailed legal description and boundary map of the proposed Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number Two, City of Willow Park, Texas, are on file and open for public inspection in the office of the City Secretary. Questions or requests for additional information may be directed to Bryan Grimes, City of Willow Park City Administrator.



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Kid Scoop Together:

A Store You Know!

Some stores sell all or mostly goods. For example, a grocery store sells mostly goods. If it has a bakery that makes birthday cakes, then it offers goods and a service in one product!

Other stores sell mostly services, such as a car wash or a barber shop.

Complete the following to describe a store you go to:

Name of a store I go to:

Goods I can buy at that store:

Services I can buy at that store:

Design a newspaper advertisement for the store you described above. Be sure to include some of the goods or services they offer. Look at the ads in today's newspaper for ideas.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **NECESSARY**

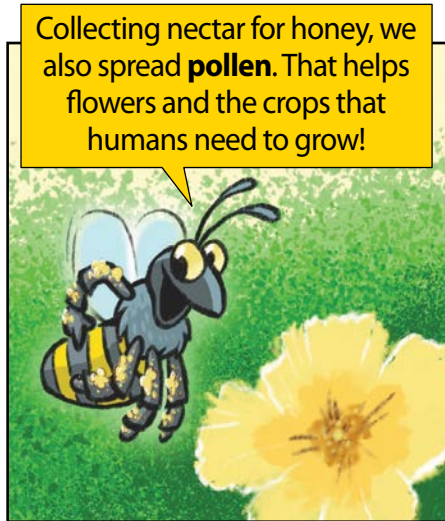
The adjective **necessary** means something that is needed, essential or required.

It was **necessary** to have a ticket to get into the theater.

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

Bee Money Smart

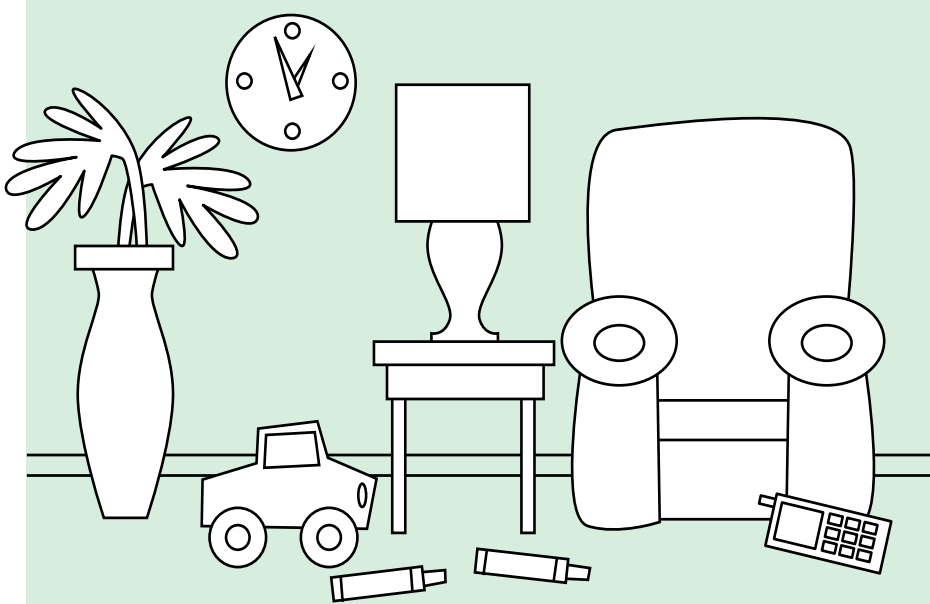
To be money smart, you need to understand **goods and services**.



Goods = Objects

Goods are things that are made or grown. Basically, things you can touch.

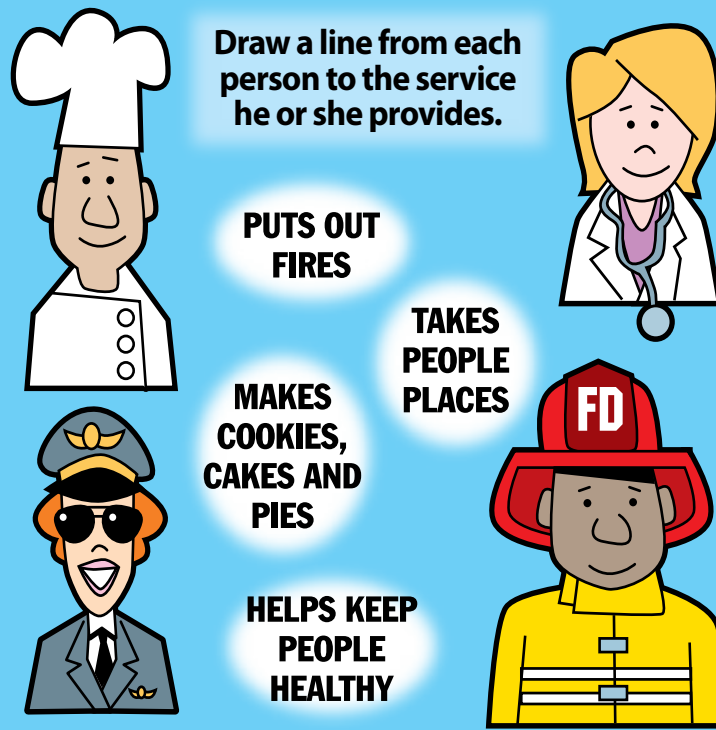
How many goods can you find in this room? Color them.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use context clues to understand the meaning of words.

Services = Actions

A service is work that one person does for someone else.



DICTIONARY Is this dictionary **goods** or a **service**? _____
Who could use it? _____
Why would they want to use it? _____

Is this waiter **goods** or a **service**? _____
Who could use it? _____
Why would they want to use it? _____

Is this taxi **goods** or a **service**? _____
Who could use it? _____
Why would they want to use it? _____

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use grade-appropriate words correctly.

Goods and Services Search

Look through the newspaper for five or more examples of goods and five or more examples of services. Write them in the spaces below.

GOODS

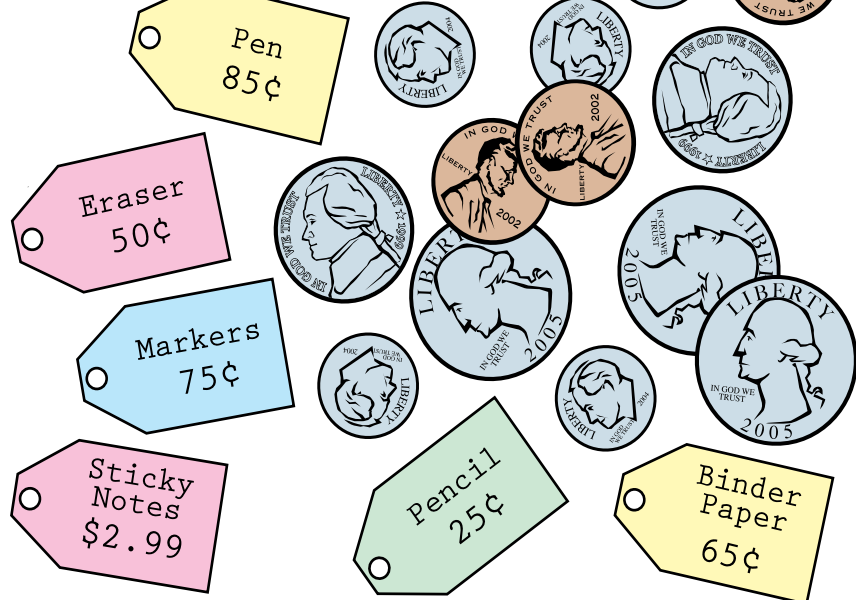
SERVICES

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_____	_____
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_____	_____

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

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Add up the value of these coins. Then circle all the items you could purchase with this amount.



Standards Link: Math: Addition using money.

Double Double Word Search

SERVICES
FLOWERS
PROVIDES
NECESSARY
OBJECTS
ACTIONS
GOODS
TOUCH
COINS
FIRES
BEES
WORK
PIES
ROOM
TAXI

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



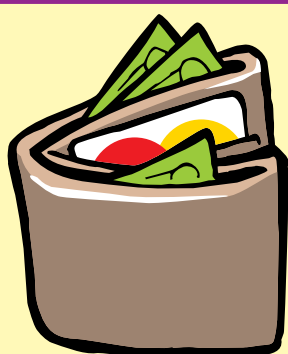
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Wants and Needs

Things that are necessary to our survival are **needs**. Wants make our lives easier or more pleasant but are not critical to daily living. Look through advertisements and see if you can find more **wants** or more **needs**.

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



How can you instantly double your money?

ANSWER: Look at it in a mirror.

Write On!

Real Math

Look for numbers in the newspaper. Use these numbers to make a math problem.

WRESTLING

Aledo faces one of state's best

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

The Aledo boys and girls wrestling's teams traveled to face one of the top programs in Texas when they made a trip to Azle for a dual match on Wednesday, Jan. 8.

And while the Hornets and Lady Hornets each won in their respective matches against the Bearcats and Ladycats, Aledo did have some highlights.

Among the boys, Dylan Chandler and Brice Bohn each won their matches. Chandler was competing in the 120-pound weight class and Bohn at 120.

For the girls, Aledo's Ari Mathias captured the lone win for the Ladycats. She competed in the 145 class.

Azle won the overall boys competition 68-9 and the girls match 58-6.

"Tough matchup with a solid Azle team. We wrestled well and I don't think the score represents how we looked," Aledo coach Ben Shaw said. "We did a lot of good things but made small mistakes that cost us. We will look to keep working and refining our skills as we head into the end of the season.

"We have duals against Springtown and Argyle this week that I am looking forward to. Then our final tournament at Chisholm Trail High School this weekend," Shaw continued. Looking ahead to senior night on Jan. 22, where we will match up against a good Brewer team."

The dual matches are in Springtown, which is also among the top programs around. The Senior Night match is the final home match of the season for Aledo and begins at 6 p.m..

The District 4-5A Tournament is in Fort Worth on Feb. 1.

The Class 5A Region I Tournament is Feb. 8 in Lubbock, with state Feb. 15 at the Berry Center in Houston. These tournaments are for those who qualify.

GYMNASTICS

Impact starts competitive season

Staff Reports
The Community News

Impact Athletic Training Center in Aledo got their competitive gymnastics season underway with three teams winning awards at the Kalahari Luau Invite Gymnastics Meet in Round Rock recently.

The Levels 4, 6 and 7 teams all placed first in the meet. Impact also had multiple individual and team championships

for each level, including Aledo's Level 4 competitors Bennett Braxton and Kimberley Levesque, who each won the all-around and bars event in their division. Also, from Aledo, teammate Summer Phelps won the vault and floor and was second in the all-around behind Braxton.

In Level 6 competition Shaelyn LeCompte dominated her division by winning bars,

beam and the all-around. From Aledo, Wellsley Morgan won the beam, followed by teammate Layla Simpson in second place.

Tessa Harvey of Aledo placed first on the vault in Level 7. Teammate Scarlett Berlin, also from Aledo, took first in the floor competition.

Impact's next competition will be in Irving on Saturday, Jan. 18.



PHOTO COURTESY OF IMPACT ATHLETIC TRAINING CENTER

Members of the Impact Athletic Training Center gymnastics team had a successful start to the season in Round Rock.

BASKETBALL

TCA earns 19th win of season

Eagles continue to roll as team returns to full strength

By Geoff Heppes
The Community News

The Willow Park Trinity Christian Eagles continued their winning ways Tuesday night, Jan. 7, at home against Shelton School. The Eagles, who recently got both starting senior guards Reed Robbins and Sam Carson back from injury, cruised to a 63-43 win, the team's 19th of the season.

The Eagles (19-2) are ranked eighth in the state among Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Class 4A by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches.

Robbins and Carson, who were starting for the first time since Dec. 17, had a plus-minus of plus 16 and plus 14, respectively, on the court. Carson poured in a team-high 18 points while Robbins had five.

Carson did most of his damage early to help give TCA early separation while Jonathan Overholt anchored a stingy defensive effort that helped the Eagles gain more offensive possessions as well. He was also a key contributor on offense with 11 points. John Crane also chipped in with nine points.

TCA (19-2) began TAPPS District 1-4A play at home against Fort Worth Temple Christian at press time. They host Midland Classical Academy Friday, Jan. 17, at 8 p.m. and Midland Trinity the next afternoon at 2.

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