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Other council action

Reba Long, an audit senior manager with Snow, Garrett Williams, presented the results of the firm’s audit of city finances.

Long highlighted that the city’s assets and deferred outflows exceed liabilities and deferred inflows by \$20,654,118.

“All in all, it was a good audit,” Long said. “It’s always a good audit out here.”

The council voted unanimously to accept the audit.

The council also approved a bid of \$1,446,565 from Southern Contractors Group for Phase 1 of the Beall-Dean Utility Extension Project.

The project will extend water and sewer service to the Dean-Beall property of about 317 acres located on the southwest corner of Interstate 20 and Highway 1187. The project is slated to have retail, commercial, single-family homes, and multi-family housing.



Ray Lacy

“This bid was about \$1 million less than the next bid. so there’s pretty big cost savings there,” said Jacob & Martin engineer Nic Kirk.

In other heavy equipment matters, the council voted to approve a contract with Jacob & Martin for engineering services related to street and infrastructure improvements in the Squaw Creek Estates West subdivision.

The city anticipates the following projects:

- Water Line Replacement: Approximately 7,950’ of 8” line along Squaw Creek Road
- Water Line Replacement: Approximately 6,180’ of 8” line along Yucca, Mesa, Cactus, and Verde Roads
- Squaw Creek Road Reconstruction: Ranch House Road to Sam Bass Road (7,950’)
- Yucca Road Reconstruction: Verde Road to Squaw Creek Road (1,775’)
- Mesa Road Reconstruction: Verde Road to Squaw Creek Road (1,450’)

- Cactus Road Reconstruction: Verde Road to Squaw Creek Road (1,100’)
- Cactus Court Reconstruction: Cactus Road to End of Cul-de-Sac (250’)
- Verde Road Reconstruction: HOA Entrance to Yucca Road (1,605’)
- Ditch and culvert improvements along and crossing Squaw Creek Road
- Drainage improvements along and crossing Yucca, Mesa, Cactus, and Verde Roads

WEATHERFORD

Tractor dealership approved to move forward

Kioti tractors ready to roll

By Christopher Amos
The Community News

A new tractor dealership received the final thumbs-up at the Weatherford City Council meeting March 11. The Kioti Tractor dealership on 2.46 acres at 1435 Fort Worth Hwy. next to All About Kids Daycare, was paused at a previous meeting to have usage details clarified before the conditional use permit was approved.

In question was whether the dealership was exclusively new tractors, implements, ATVs, and accessories, or will the location provide maintenance, repairs, and used equipment.

Kioti General Manager Bryan Welch was present to answer questions, resulting in the 5-0 vote to give the company the go-ahead. Mayor Paul Paschall asked Welch questions confirming sales at the location will be new equipment only, there will be no on-site repairs, and diesel fuel will be minimal, portable, and only for new equipment.

“This is our opportunity to make sure everybody’s on the same page and there’s clarity. I know you want that equally and we appreciate you being here, sir,” the mayor told Welch. “The building looks great. We are so happy with the upgrades with the facility. We just want to get everything on the record so if there is a problem down the road you understood that we understood and if there is an enforceable situation that needs to be handled we have the documentation.”

Welch was eager to get the approval behind him and open the business as soon as possible.

“We are running a million miles an hour,” Welch told *The Community News* after the vote. “Now, the hard part starts. We are going to get inventory in right away and a ‘Now Open’ sign up as soon as we can.”



Christopher Amos/The Community News

Kioti Tractor general manager Bryan Welch speaks with Weatherford Director of Development Services Kaleb Kentner in the lobby immediately after his company was approved by the Council to move into a new location at 1435 Fort Worth Hwy.

Upcoming events

Director of Communications and Marketing Amy Borders shared upcoming events with the Council, including the annual Spring Fling 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday, March 22, at Chandor Gardens. The majestic park at 711 W. Lee Ave., Weatherford, will have live music, crafts, art displays and food. Admission is free. Chandor Gardens is in the National Register of Historic Places.

Experience Weatherford presents An Evening with Barry Corbin 7 p.m. Saturday, April 12 at the Doss Heritage and Culture Center, 1400 Texas Dr., Weatherford. The actor and Western heritage enthusiast’s resume has more than 200 entries in the International Movie Database with roles including in *Urban Cowboy*, *Lonesome Dove*, *No Country for Old Men*, and *War Games*, as well as the comedy-drama television series *Northern Exposure*, which earned seven Emmy Awards and two Golden Globes over six seasons.

WILLOW PARK

City sponsoring photo contest

‘Picture the Park’ is theme

The Willow Park communications and marketing department is sponsoring their first ever photo contest, Picture the Park.

According to the city, “you can only submit photos that you took and anyone in the photo must give consent to be pictured. They must depict something Willow Park-related, such as our beautiful scenery or community.”

Entries should be submitted to info@willowpark.org. The deadline for entries is Wednesday, April 30.

For a full list of rules and procedures, visit bit.ly/tcn-wpphoto.



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July 7, Jordan Sereika, Dustin Rowe, and Seth Wells of Engine 48 Springtown revived a victim near Morrow Road.

Sept. 11, Tyler Ramsey, Dustin Rowe, and Seth Wells of Engine 48 Springtown revived a victim at a residence on Ben Drive.

On Oct. 2, Richard Noe, Steven Ward, and Caleb Wainscott of Engine 51 La Junta revived an individual at home on FM 730.

Nov. 11, Tyler Ramsey, Dustin Rowe, and Seth Wells of Engine 48 Springtown revived a victim on E. Highway 199.

Dec. 24, Jordan Sereika, Justin Hanley, and Tommy Bond of Engine 48 Springtown revived a victim on N. Springfield Court.

The training

Chris Briggs, with more than 20 years of emergency service experience, is deputy director for the Parker County Hospital District’s EMS division and helps coordinate the fire department staff’s quarterly training.

“They respond with us on almost every call. They make a huge difference,” Briggs said of the fire department responders. “We train together with what we call high performance CPR, and it

has completely changed outcomes across the county. I’ve been a paramedic for 20 years and it’s insane to see this many survivors. You used to go a whole career without having a save. This is a well-oiled machine, that is why you are seeing this many survivors.”

The call

Every emergency is a unique situation but with a solitary goal to bring a person from death to life. Firefighter engineer Dustin Rowe of Engine 48 Springtown was on three of the teams that saved lives last year. The Sept. 11 call with Lt. Tyler Ramsey and firefighter Seth Wells came in as a male was experiencing

dizziness at his residence. When the team arrived, the man was in full cardiac arrest.

After reviving the victim twice, firefighters were asked if they could leave their engine and accompany the ambulance, which is not uncommon in extreme emergency situations. Lt. Ramsey gave the go-ahead and the team accompanied the transport to the hospital.

“We lost him once and then he flatlined again on the way to the ambulance. We got another rhythm back and headed toward Weatherford,” Road said. “I actually drove the ambulance while they worked on the victim in the back,”

Happy endings often led to emotional reunions at the Parker County Hospital District office, where survivors sign a special poster with others saved by CPR, and survivors and family can meet the firefighters and medical staff responsible for saving their life.

“It was surreal, I’m not going to lie,” Rowe recalled of the reunion. “It is a touching feeling that not only was I part of — my crew with the Hospital District was a part of saving that guy. Somebody is gone, and two or three weeks later they walk out of the hospital. You don’t think about it when it is all happening, but to meet the man after his recovery was very emotional.”

James Edward Villwock

James “Jim” Edward Villwock, 82, passed away peacefully on March 5, 2025, surrounded by family after suffering a traumatic brain injury sustained from a fall on February 16, 2025.

Jim was born on April 25, 1942, in Saginaw, Michigan, to his parents, Karl E. and Mary Josephine Villwock. The family eventually moved to Lincoln, Nebraska in 1950, where Karl and Mary Jo also had daughters Carol and Janet. During high school Jim was a well known basketball player, where he famously shattered the backboard during warmups before a game. After graduating from Papillion in 1960, Jim briefly played ball at Midland College before hanging up his sneakers.

After leaving Midland College, Jim started working at Western Electric in Omaha, Nebraska, where he met his beloved wife, Patricia. They dated



James Villwock

for three years before getting married on April 29, 1972. Jim eventually switched careers, working for Tandy Leather, advancing to managing stores in Council Bluffs, Iowa, Peoria, Illinois, Springfield, Missouri, and Oklahoma City.

Jim and Patricia had their daughter Jenna in April of 1985. In 1991, Tandy brought Jim to corporate headquarters in Fort Worth, where he served in a variety of roles. While serving as leather buyer, Jim traveled to 11 countries and traveled across the U.S. helping set up and rebuild stores. Jim proudly retired with 42 years of service at Tandy.

In 2020, Jim was diagnosed with heart failure, where he was given the opportunity to be a part of a new LVAD (Left Ventricular Assist Device) program for heart failure patients that helped extend his life.

In Jim’s final years, he took a deep interest in researching family genealogy on Ancestry.com, and avidly rooted on his favorite teams, including his beloved Nebraska Cornhuskers and Texas Rangers. Jim became a grandfather in 2023, and deeply loved his granddaughter, Leddy.

Jim is survived by his wife, Patrica Villwock; daughter, Jenna Brian; son-in-law, Chris Brian; granddaughter, Leddy; his sisters, Carol Davis and Janet Huddleston; and multiple cousins, nieces, and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you kindly donate to the Baylor LVAD Program, which gave Jim four and a half additional years with his family.

The funeral service is scheduled for 12 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, 2025, in Greenwood’s Live Oak Chapel, 3100 White Settlement Road in Fort Worth.



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Capital Highlights

House proposes \$7.5 billion in new school funding



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Critics say a House bill proposing \$7.5 billion in new funding for public education doesn't go far enough, *The Dallas Morning News* reported. House Bill 2 would raise the per-student allotment by \$220, to \$6,360 a year. It would also invest \$750 million in teacher pay and \$450 million in teacher training.

The bill by Rep. Brad Buckley, R-Salado, would increase the amount of allotment used to raise salaries for non-administrative staff from the current 30% to 40%. Some testifying against the bill said the proposed raises for teachers is inadequate.

"The pay teachers receive demonstrates the level of respect afforded to our children," said Megan Holden, a 10th-grade English teacher at an Austin-area high school. "They are getting the message that Texas doesn't value them or their future."

The basic allotment would need to increase by \$1,300 to keep up with inflation since 2019, according to *The News*. That's the last time the allotment was increased.

The Texas Senate has already passed its version of a public education bill: a measure that would give \$10,000 raises to teachers with at least five years working in districts with fewer than 5,000 students, with teachers in larger districts getting \$5,500 raises.

The average teacher in Texas made \$62,500 last year, according to the Texas Education Agency, up from \$54,000 in 2019. According to the federal Consumer Price Index, cumulative inflation over that period is about 20%, meaning teacher salaries have not quite kept up with inflation.

State workers must return in person to offices

Gov. Greg Abbott has directed heads of state agencies to phase out remote work "as soon as practicable," the *Texas Standard* reported. That follows a similar mandate for federal workers issued by President Trump last week.

"Texans expect their public servants to be present and engaged in the work on their behalf," Andrew Mahaleris, the governor's press secretary, said in a statement. "With remote federal workers returning to the office where possible, it's important that state agencies ensure they do the same."

No written policy has been given to department heads, but they were directed to transition to in-person work "as soon as practicable."

Risk of wildfires increasing; feds provide funding

Wildfire season is underway in the state with burn bans in place in 111 counties, according to the Texas A&M Forest Service. The Welder Complex fire in Sinton was the only active fire as of Sunday. It had burned 803 acres and was 95% contained.

Abbott's office announced last week that the Federal Emergency Management Agency has approved the state's request for federal assistance for the Welder Fire in San Patricio County and the Duke Fire in Bexar County. The approval from FEMA makes the state eligible to be reimbursed for 75% of the costs associated with fighting the two fires.

On a single day last week, state emergency responders battled 41 new wildfires that burned more than 4,400 acres.

Texas Senate OKs plan for \$3 billion dementia research

Creation of a multibillion-dollar dementia research center is a step closer to fruition after the Texas Senate overwhelmingly passed a measure authored

by state Sen. Joan Huffman, R-Houston. The *Austin American-Statesman* reported the bill would create the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas. If the measure is ultimately passed and signed into law, it still must be approved by voters as a constitutional amendment.

"Dementia is a disease of particular concern because it robs a person of their thoughts and memories — the very essence of that person," Huffman said. "It leads to a loss of quality of life and independent function that places an immense burden on families and loved ones, and our overall health care system."

The institute would be modeled after the state's cancer prevention institute. It would distribute grants to universities and other research organizations to fund studies on dementia prevention and treatment.

Supreme Court to hear nuclear disposal case

The Supreme Court this week will hear longstanding arguments in a case that could result in Texas hosting the nation's first independent disposal facility for spent nuclear fuel, *Inside Climate News* reported. The state government and a Texas oil company sued the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in 2021 over its licensing of a temporary storage site in Andrews County for up to 11 million pounds of spent uranium fuel. The waste would have been stored at a facility owned by Waste Control Specialists, which already accepts low-level nuclear waste.

Thousands of tons of high-level radioactive waste are now stored at nuclear power plants across the country. For decades federal authorities have tried to develop a national, permanent site in the face of considerable opposition.

In August 2023, the Fifth Circuit of Appeals canceled a site license to Waste Control Specialists, writing that U.S. law dictates construction of a permanent repository, not a temporary one as proposed by the NRC.

"It plainly contemplates that, until there's a permanent repository, spent nuclear fuel is to be stored onsite at-the-reactor or in a federal facility," Judge James Ho wrote. "The Atomic Energy Act doesn't authorize the Commission to license a private, away-from-reactor storage facility for spent nuclear fuel."

Measles cases in South Plains near 200

The number of measles cases reported in the South Plains region of the state reached 198 as of last Friday, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. Twenty-three people have been hospitalized and one unvaccinated school-aged child has died.

More than two-thirds of the cases have been in Gaines County, southwest of Lubbock. An unvaccinated New Mexico adult in Lea County, just over the border from Gaines County, died last week.

Measles is highly contagious, and DSHS has said additional cases are likely to occur "in the outbreak area and the surrounding areas."

Spring break drunk driving prevention campaign underway

Many college students are celebrating spring break this week, and the Texas Department of Transportation has launched a campaign to prevent drunk driving accidents as part of its "Drive Sober. No Regrets" initiative.

During the 2023 spring break period, TxDOT said there were 375 alcohol-related crashes resulting in nine deaths in Texas involving drivers between the ages of 17 and 30.

Students can save lives by designating a sober driver, using ride shares, taxis and mass transit, or simply staying put after drinking.

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Idle American

Mort in Mourning



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Taxation without representation is tyranny. Though it's hard to nail down who initially coined this statement, it was the hue and cry of "British Americans" when they fought during the American Revolution 260 years ago.

My Uncle Mort — a homespun philosopher lazily whittling away the day from a cane-bottom chair on the porch of the thicket's general store — came up with a rejoinder. It's one that millions of Americans currently believe but don't know how to express. Or to whom? And when? And how?

"I wish whoever first said that taxation without representation is tyranny could return and see what it's like with representation," according to my uncle.

Conservative to the bone, Mort claims no allegiance to either Democrats or Republicans, claiming to be fiercely independent. He's not yelling as loudly or stomping his feet as often — and his teeth no longer function as fangs as in yesteryear — in his battles for the common good. He's greatly saddened by the

decline of our culture, values and government.

"Our leaders have strayed far away from reasoning," Mort opines, "That's what Isaiah 1:18 makes clear in the Bible: 'Come, let us reason together.'" He added that many political leaders may have never heard of this scripture, or perhaps even the Holy Bible.

It's difficult to argue with his contention that ugliness and discord seem yoked both in Washington, DC, and Austin, Texas. "Too few people are involved in 'shot-calling' in both DC and Austin," Mort observed. "There's never been a better time to consider term limits in both places."

Mort has always "reserved the right" to be wrong, but today's full-blown controversies are leaving many persons in "cross-eyed confusion" about right and wrong.

For example, he's flustered about the maligned Texas system of public education and the "buzz" about the steamrolling proposal to provide state funds for Texans who opt for private schools. "I'm not against private schools by any stretch, nor do I oppose eventual state support, but I'm not sure the voucher system is the right choice at this time," Mort explains.

He's right. Texas' support for public education has been playing 'catch-up' for decades. The

Lone Star State ranks 44th in the per student funding ratio among the 50 states and DC.

Before stepping down from his apple box, Mort mumbled something about Texas' long-touted "rainy day fund," where some \$24 billion await distribution, ostensibly for crisis situations.

Mort poses a worthy question of what constitutes rainy days?

He feels the political weather maps suggest that we're nearing flood levels that equal — if not exceed — those encountered by Noah.

But, wait. He climbed back atop the fruit crate. "We hear that help is on the way for education," he said. "That's how the state lottery got a foothold. Promises abounded that public education would be awash in funds generated by the lottery."

He contends that for "big winners" in the lottery, there's mostly been heartache and disappointment — not to mention suicides, bankruptcies and divorces — and at this very moment the government-operated lottery is being investigated for serious allegations of wrongdoing.

"Next thing we hear, they'll be claiming that casino gambling will generate massive state financial aid, with little said about critical costs. Ask law enforcement folks concerning crime rates in current casino locales to see how that's working out," Mort moaned.

Much of Mort's "research" is conducted following his perusal of newspapers left behind at the general store.

The other day, he carefully clipped Kevin Sherrington's column from *The Dallas Morning News*, pinning it on the wall next to the cash register.

He calls it "classic," this piece that illuminates what is right about public education. Readers who don't shop there may review the column, posted by permission, on my website, https://www.speakerdoc.com/columns/current_column/Kevin_Sherrington_Speaks_out_on_School_Funding.pdf

With his huffing exceeded only by his puffing, my uncle left the general store.

He headed for home on his golf cart, parking it at the swinging gate.

Climbing over the gate to save the hinges, he went inside, hoping there'd be a slice of Maude's apple pie to sweeten his evening.

Dr. Newbury, longtime university president, continues to speak and write. The Idle American, begun in 2003, appears weekly in newspapers throughout Texas. Contact: 817-447-3872. Email: newbury@speakerdoc.com. Website: <https://www.speakerdoc.com> - Audio version at https://www.speakerdoc.com/columns/current_column/.index.php

God's Here racks up award nominations



MJ Bentley, Bobbie Cox, Kevin Sorbo, Sarah Elizabeth Reeves, and Bill McAdams, Jr.

Aledo filmmaker and crew vie for International Christian Film & Music Awards

By John English
The Community News

For Bill McAdams, Jr. the movie *God's Here* was a labor of love and personal grief.

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

It was written shortly after McAdams, Jr.'s own father passed away and conjured up memories of his beloved brother, who tragically died in 2012 in a similar manner to Gilmore's family in the film.

Apparently, it struck a chord with a lot of viewers.

God's Here is one of the leading nominees for this year's International Christian Film & Music Awards, nominated in six categories, including best picture, best director (McAdams, Jr.), actor in a leading role (Kevin Sorbo), actress in supporting role (Sarah Elizabeth Reeves), musical score (Reeves), and cinematography (Ron Gonzalez and Jeff Barklage).

McAdams Jr. is humbled by the nominations.

"It's an honor for my entire team," McAdams said. "You can't do these things without a team of players, and people with the same goals and aspirations that line up with the message of Jeremiah 29:11. Everybody has to come together and do their jobs, and these films are hard to make, they're hard to prep, and when you get nominated for six, which I think is the most I've ever had on a film, it's quite rewarding to know that the people out there got the message."

The sentiment expressed in Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future," is not always easy to accept.

But it is precisely that level of faith and personal touch that likely earned the film multiple nominations.

"This one was my biggest challenges because of my emotions,"

McAdams said. "I have always had my emotions in check, but in this film, after losing my dad and bringing back my brother's death, I kind of got a little more emotional than I normally do, and people saw that. And I think they fed off of it in a positive way because they realized that this meant something to me and it wasn't just another movie."

"I had a couple of tiffs with the crew where things weren't lining up, but when that happens, there is passion. People really care about what they're doing and that's when you come out on top in the end and you get these nominations. It is quite an accomplishment and an honor."

McAdams, Jr. said in a prior interview that the camera work and lighting were "great" and everything "just fell into place," recalling an emotional dance scene between himself and co-star Reeves, the woman who would eventually become McAdams' actual wife.

The Aledo man was not at all surprised when one of the categories for which his film was nominated was cinematography.

"I've worked with Ron Gonzalez, who got nominated, and Jeff Barklage," McAdams said. "I direct movies here and in Ohio. When I am here, I use Ron, and when I'm in Ohio I use Jeff. But for some reason, I just wanted the best of both worlds, and I brought them together, which usually doesn't happen. People usually have their own vision, and they don't want to share it."

"But Ron is a spectacular steady cam operator. He's the one who shot that scene. And then Jeff is a spectacular lighter and designer, and the two together were just magical. I thank them both because they could have had egos and neither of them did. It was cool."

McAdams, Jr. first met Reeves on the set of *God's Here*, and when she was nominated in two categories, Best Supporting Actress and Best Musical Score, he was not at all surprised.

"This was her first acting film," McAdams said. "I gave her not one note on set. She fell into the part. Sarah's a natural. She's from Athens, Alabama, so she pushed the southern accent a little bit, and that was one of the first things I said to her. She said, 'Hi, my name

is Sarah.' And I said, 'You've got the southern accent and all.' That was our first exchange with dialogue, so it was kind of cute. When she got her nominations, and we filmed us watching ourselves listening to the nominations, I went nuts when she got her nomination for best supporting actress, because it was her first part."

"It was a bit comical, because then the realization hit that, wait, we have to go now and you could possibly win this award."

To be able to share this experience with his wife, cast and crew and the community means a lot to McAdams, Jr.

"It means everything," McAdams said. "I'm bringing my cast and crew from Texas, and I'm also bringing the city of Granbury and we get to share our story. We get to share it with Orlando, Florida, and we get to share it with the International Christian Film Festival, which is films from all over the world. That is what makes this really special."



Kevin Sorbo, Brad Hunstable, Bill McAdams, Jr., and Luke Bentley

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The International Christian Film & Music Festival will be held in Orlando from March 30-April 3.

McAdams, Jr. previously won Best Picture at the festival for [Gallows Road](#) in 2015.

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How Do Leprechauns Get Their Pots of Gold?

Around St. Patrick's Day, you will often hear legends about leprechauns and their pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. **Have you ever wondered where they get all of that gold?**



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Their shoes wear out very quickly because fairies dance all night.



Watching the Costs

Just making and selling shoes isn't enough to collect the gold needed to fill a leprechaun's pot. Leprechauns have to keep an eye on the **costs** of making fairy shoes, too.

Take a look at the cost of shoe supplies on this list.

Tree Bark for Shoe Soles: 2 coins

Pine Needles for Sewing: 1 coin

Daisy Petals for Shoe Liners: 2 coins

Lilac Petals: 3 coins

Petunia Petals: 2 coins

Rose Petals: 4 coins

How many shamrocks can you find on this page?

What if the leprechaun spent more gold coins to make the shoes than he charged the fairies? He would run out of gold pretty quickly!

If it costs 7 gold coins for the supplies to make one pair of fairy shoes, what should the leprechaun charge so that he covers his costs and has some money left over to pay himself for his work to make the shoes?

Price matters! Picking the right price is important. If the leprechaun charges too little, he will lose money. But if he charges too much, he will lose customers.

Use these worksheets to add up the costs of making each pair of shoes. Then find the difference between the costs and the selling price to determine the profit for each pair of shoes.

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TREE BARK _____

DAISY PETALS _____

PINE NEEDLES _____

LILAC PETALS _____

TOTAL COST: _____

PRICE: **13**

PROFIT: _____

Pretty Petunias

TREE BARK _____

DAISY PETALS _____

PINE NEEDLES _____

PETUNIA PETALS _____

TOTAL COST: _____

PRICE: **16**

PROFIT: _____

Refined Rosies

TREE BARK _____

DAISY PETALS _____

PINE NEEDLES _____

ROSE PETALS _____

TOTAL COST: _____

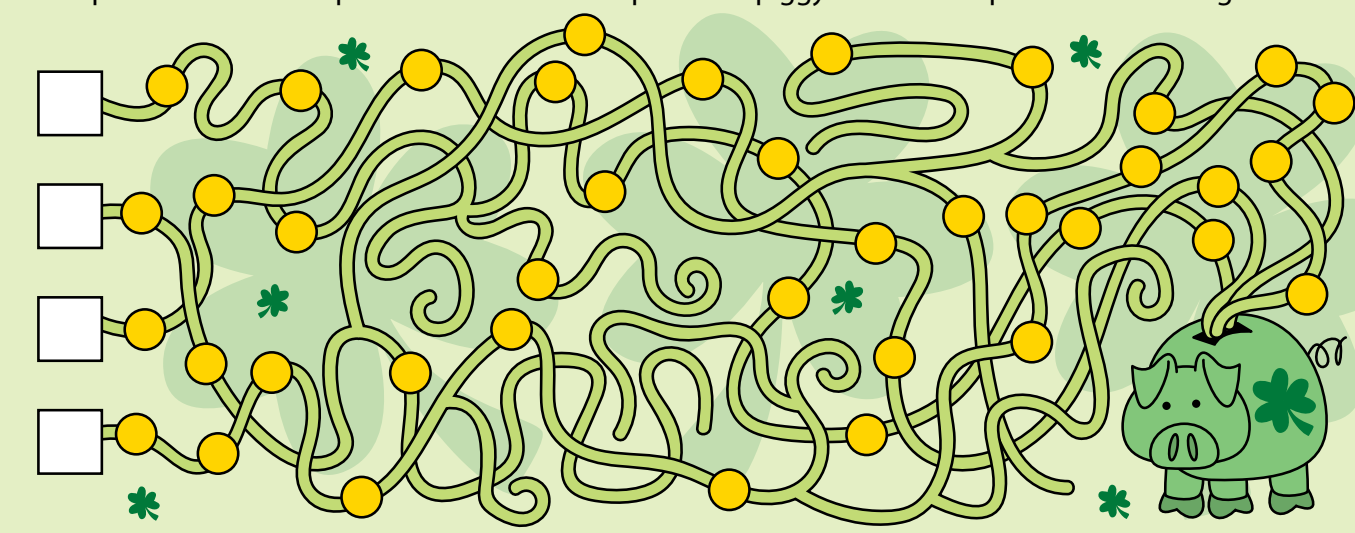
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PROFIT: _____

LEPRECHAUN'S GOLDEN VOCABULARY WORD:

PROFIT: Money earned after the expenses are paid.

Add up the coins on each path that leads to the Leprechaun piggy bank. Which path has the most gold coins?



Extra! Extra!

Math is GOLDEN!

Numbers are useful every day. Look through the newspaper to find a number that tells each of the following:


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- ☐ A price
- ☐ A phone number
- ☐ An age
- ☐ A year

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

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Fairy Shoe Sorter

Draw lines between each pair of fairy shoes to make exact matches. Look carefully!



Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

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

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

Kid Scoop Together: Lepre-coins

By selling fairy shoes, Lily Leprechaun has earned a lot of golden lepre-coins (that's Leprechaun money).

Work with a parent and help Lily count her money. You'll need a **RED, BLUE** and **GREEN** crayon to circle the coins that add up to each amount. **IMPORTANT:** You can only circle each coin once, and when you're done, every coin should be circled.

Circle in BLUE:
\$1.30 worth of Lepre-coins

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55¢ worth of Lepre-coins

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40¢ worth of Lepre-coins



Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: DETERMINE

The verb **determine** means to learn or find out exactly.

The number of coins he collects will **determine** what he can buy.

Use the word **determine** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family.

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Small, Large, Larger and Largest

Find four numbers in today's newspaper. Cut them out and glue them on a piece of paper in order from the smallest to the largest.

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



When are Irish potatoes not Irish potatoes?

ANSWER: When they are French fries!

Write On! Four-leaf Clover

I knew my luck would change the moment I picked up a beautiful four-leaf clover ...

Finish this story.

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MARCH 15
Spring Break at Capernaum Studios
This Spring Break, step into history and movie magic! From live reenactments & demonstrations to film tech demos and epic photo ops, experience the ultimate behind-the-scenes adventure at Capernaum Studios. Explore real film sets, try on costumes, see special effects in action, and so much more! capernaum-studios.com.

MARCH 17
Petting Zoo at Weatherford Public Library
The petting zoo will be open from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. <https://www.weatherfordtx.gov/calendar.aspx?EID=6489>

MARCH 18
Common Threads at the Library
Are you yarning for a new hobby or a community where you can stitch and socialize? This activity is for you! Join other fiber artists from 6-8 p.m. to chat and create at the Aledo Public Library.



MARCH 19
LEGO® Club
This club meets on the 3rd

Wednesday of each month at the Weatherford Public Library for brick building play and activities with your friends! Ages 6+



MARCH 25
Container Vegetable Gardening Workshop
Sharon Abner will present a Parker County Master Gardener community workshop on Container Vegetable Gardening from 6-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25, at 604 North Main Street in Weatherford. Fee for the workshop is \$15, payable by either cash or check. To pre-register for the event, call 817-598-6168. Space is limited.

Bats and their interaction with Native Plants
The Cross Timbers Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas invites you to join us for a presentation by Jessie Woodall, NPSOT member and director of Bat World Cross Timbers! Jessie will introduce us to the world of Texas bats and how Texas native plants can help with the survival

of our native bats.
Bat World Cross Timbers, an official Bat World Sanctuary Rescue Center, opened in 2024. They are a non-profit volunteer organization. Over the last 8 years as a subcommittee Jessie has helped raccoons, squirrels, and opossums. When her boys found an Eastern Red mama with three pups in their backyard six years ago, she discovered a tremendous need for protecting our native bats. Jessie worked diligently with Kate from Bat World MidCities and received her permit in 2021 specializing in bats. She handles most of the school programs, and works with local organizations sharing educational presentations in hopes of spreading awareness about why bats are essential. 6-8 p.m. at the Mount Pleasant Historic School, 113 Raymond George Way in Weatherford.



MARCH 29
Aledo Spring Fling Craft Fair and Market Expo
The Aledo Spring Fling will be from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on March 29 at the Aledo High School. Come and shop creative quality craft vendors and market vendors who have everything to share with you from wood crafts and paper goods to beauty, floral, and boutique prod-

ACROSS

1 TXism: "___ pipe cinch" (certain)

5 TXism: "got time on my hands"

6 film made in Texas: "___ Zapata!"

7 TX Penal Code makes ___ offense to drive while intoxicated

8 TXism: "couldn't find neither hide ___ hair of him"

9 many cowboys once chewed it

16 Galveston has largest Mardi ___ celebration in Texas

18 TXism: "nervous as a frog ___ pan"

21 elected county prosecutor (abbr.)

22 shallowest Great Lake

23 Pope ___ XIII established the diocese of Dallas

24 Toyota mid-sized truck

30 TXism: "mad as a rained-___"

34 Clint of film "Space Cowboys," also starring TX Tommy Lee Jones (init.)

35 farmer, e.g.

36 bad golf shot

37 loading areas in Texas coastal cities

39 former name: "Starr Historical Park"

43 Texas "ragtime" Joplin

44 Texas Longhorn beef has ___ than many other breeds

45 early Texas film actress, Vinson (init.)

46 McAllen religious AM

47 Astro or Ranger pitcher injury: ___ cuff

49 this TX Brown won bronze medal in shot put in 1960

52 early cooler

53 TXism: "close but ___ cigar"

54 TXism: "fandango"

55 TXism: "I'd rather ___ (unappetizing)"

58 Dumas' county

59 actress, TX Longoria

60 nevertheless

61 to Tyler from Waco

DOWN

1 TXism: "___ high off the hog"

2 VIP at the Tyler County Booster

3 in Johnson County off I-35

4 Texas sausage maker, James

9 TX high tech co.

10 Gatesville has ___ last drive-in theaters in Texas

11 honky tonks

12 TXism: "pitched ___ (tantrum)"

13 systems of beliefs

14 Astro Mike Scott won 1986 ___ Young Award

15 TXism: "black gold"

17 rock found in Palo Duro Canyon

19 TXism: "Satan's ___ (barbed wire)"

20 book "1941: Texas ___ War"

24 past Texas Rangers GM, Grieve (init.)

25 TXism: "costs an ___ and a leg"

26 TX Sissy's "___ Miner's Daughter"

27 Jerry Jones to the Cowboys

28 TXism: "a ___ (a lot)"

29 label of soundtrack for "Happy, Texas"

31 wagon track

32 TXism: "a horse ___ different color"

33 Houston NBA team

38 TXism: "___ dogs" (fair food)

40 TXism: "he's got the morals ___ alley cat"

41 ___ King Cole

42 from liquid to vapor

48 wander

50 steak order

51 noted TCU coach

56 TXism: "seein' eye ___" (agreeing)

57 from a loom?

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19th Annual Glow Run
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ed! Best part? It all benefits Aledo ISD students. Let's light up the night! Register at <http://go.rallyup.com/advocats-rwc2025>

APRIL 12
Annual Plant Sale
Join Parker County Master Gardeners from 8 a.m. - 1

p.m. on Saturday, April 12 at 311 Santa Fe Drive, Weatherford, for the annual plant sale!

We will have plants specialized for our local climate and members will be on site to offer suggestions and advice. Proceeds are used to fund local projects and grants.

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Aledo senior swimmers (from left) Victoria Crews, Haley Roberson, and Avery Faulkner were regulars at state in their high school years, with Crews and Roberson each reaching four times and Faulkner reaching three.

SWIMMING

Aledo program says farewell to trio of greats

Made state a regular occurrence

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

This season for the Aledo High School swim team was a bittersweet one. While they once again sent a strong contingent to the

Class 5A State Meet, they also bid farewell to three of the best female swimmers ever to come through the program, seniors Haley Roberson, Victoria Crews, and Avery Faulkner.

Roberson and Crews advanced to state in all four of their seasons at the high

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POWERLIFTING

Area lifters advance to state

Aledo, Weatherford well-represented

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

Parker County will be well-represented among the girls and boys at this year's State Powerlifting Meets.

The girls are competing this weekend, March 15, at the Bert Ogden Arena in Edinburg, while the boys will lift March 22 at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene.

Lifters qualified for state by finishing first or second in their weight class or by lifting a state qualifying total in their division.

Girls

Aledo's Bryanna Orr and Ari Mathias will represent the Ladycats after winning their weight classes at the Class 5A

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SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Aledo's regional-qualifying powerlifters are (from left) Chase Wilburn, Coach Stephen Reves, Omari Din-Mbuh, Kruger Summers, Anthony Flowers, Luke Campbell, and Coach Brad McCone.

BEARCAT OF THE WEEK



Luke Gladchuk
Baseball

The sophomore reached base by almost every possible in five games this past week for the Bearcats. He had three hits, walked and was hit by a pitch twice. He also drove in five runs and stole a base.

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LADYCAT OF THE WEEK



Addison Smith
Track and Field

The senior put on a show in front of the home crowd in the Aledo Bearcat Relays at Tim Buchanan Stadium on March 6. She won both the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes individually, along with running a leg of the winning 4x400 relay.

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PERRY MYERS

Trinity Christian Academy powerlifters on the regional team are (front, from left) Adison Soppach, Rylie Reeder, Anna Nelson, and Molly Speaks and (back) Tristan Garcia and Dylan Kelly.

POWERLIFTING

Eagles soar to regional finals

Six lifters to compete

By Christopher Amos
The Community News

Powerlifting coach and Trinity Christian Academy assistant athletic director Perry Myers is exhilarated with the team's success — not just because of the Eagles' accomplishments. but because in the Texas High School Powerlifting Association, schools of all types compete equally.

"That [weight] bar doesn't care who is pushing it or pulling it, so I am over the moon with the amount of success that we have had in our short three-year time," the coach

explained. "We are one of very few private schools that compete in powerlifting. Powerlifting is one of the rare opportunities in which private schools, public schools, charter schools all compete for regional and state recognition in the same sport."

This is a repeat performance for seniors Dylan Kelly and Addison Shoppach. Kelly, a regional record holder for the 114 lb. class deadlift, is a two-time regional qualifier, and Shoppach, in the 165 lb. class, is a three-time qualifier.

Freshman Tristan Garcia, senior Rylie Reeder, senior Anna Nelson and sophomore Molly Speaks also made the regional squad.

TRACK AND FIELD

Aledo teams top home meet

Ladycats win in exciting finish

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

The most exciting track and field meets often come down to the final event — the 4x400-meter relay — and this was the case at the Aledo Bearcat Relays on March 6 at Tim Buchanan Stadium.

The Aledo Ladycats trailed Justin Northwest by two points entering the 4x400 relay. The quartet of Mykel Murry, Mayden Mitchell, Sofia Brandenburg, and Addison Smith won the event with a time of 4:06.54 to

wrestle the meet title from Northwest, finishing with 140 points to 130 for the Lady Texans, and Argyle third with 115.

"The girls did a fantastic job," Ladycats coach Mike Pinkerton said. "I'm very proud of all the girls."

The Bearcats won the varsity boys division by a slightly wider margin, 135.5 points to 107.5 for runner-up Northwest with Mansfield, at 71, a distant third.

"It's always good to win your home meet," Bearcats coach Andrew Clark said. "Guys ran well. Good to have a week to recover this week. One more meet to fine tune everything before district."

The Bearcats junior varsity also won, outdistancing second-place Mansfield 186-105. The Ladycats JV placed fourth with 97 points, while Weatherford won with 124.

The Bearcats and Ladycats are back in competition March 27 at Saginaw Chisholm Trail. Then, the District 5-5A Meet is April 2-3 at Saginaw High School.

Aledo Bearcat Relays - March 6, Tim Buchanan Stadium

Running distances in meters, field events in feet.

Aledo Varsity Girls

Team score: 140 points, first.

3200: 1. Micah Neal, 11:20.85; 3. Madison Larsen, 11:45.16. 4x100 Relay: 5. Victoria Crews, Macie Laidley, Sawyer Voight, Alexa Plantz, 50.47. 800: 1. Sofia Brandenburg, 2:19.58; 4. Mykel Murry, 2:24.04; 6. Mayden Mitchell, 2:28.34. 100 Hurdles: 6. Savannah Thompson, 17.24. 100: 1. Addison Smith, 12.34. 4x200 Relay: 4. Crews, Thompson, Laidley, Plantz, 1:48.94. 400: 4. Brandenburg, 1:01.25; 6. Emery Thompson, 1:02.32. 300 Hurdles: 4. Voight, 49.11; 6. Crews, 49.98. 200: 1. Smith, 25.44; 3. Plantz, 26.34. 1600: 1. Neal, 5:20.82; 3. Larsen, 5:26.09. 4x400 Relay: 1. Murry, Mitchell, Brandenburg, Smith, 4:06.54.

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LIFTERS

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Region 6 Meet in Sherman on Feb. 27. Orr lifted 675 pounds to win the 132-pound weight class and Mathias lifted 865 to top the field in the 148 division.

Seven members of the Weatherford Lady Roos will compete in Class 6A after their Region 6 results in Prosper on Feb. 25, which include:

- 97: 1. Zoe Todd, 565.
- 105: 2. Lauren Schweiss, 675;
- 4. Maddie Seago, 625.
- 114: 5. Khala Kuehler, 675.

- 148: 4. Reagan Hunt, 835; 5. Ella Jester, 820.
- 220: 4. Amanda Barcenas, 900.

As a team, the Lady Roos were third in their regional meet with 23 points.

Boys

The area boys held their regional meet on March 6. Aledo qualified three lifters for state from the 5A Region I Division I Meet at Abilene Wylie High School, and Weatherford qualified two from that same meet.

Advancing from Aledo were:

- 220: 6. Chase Wilburn, 1,470.

- 242: 8. Anthony Flowers, 1,500.

- 275: 8. Kruger Summers, 1,610.

Omari Din-Mbuh also qualified for regionals, finishing ninth in the 308 division and narrowly missing state with 1,435 pounds lifted.

The Kangaroos will have Talan Tart, third in the 275 weight class with 1,645 pounds lifted, along with Ryan Ekberg, who placed fifth in the 148 division with 1,250 lifted.

Also for Weatherford, Preston Clark placed 11th in the 220 division after lifting 1,370 pounds.

SWIM

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school level, while Faulkner reached state in 2024 and was an alternate in 2022 and this season.

"On a personal note, it's bittersweet to see my daughter graduate from the team, along with six other outstanding seniors," said Meghan Roberson, Aledo coach and mother of Haley. "Victoria and Avery (Faulkner), who have been with the team for four years, and the rest of this senior group have been great leaders and competitors."

Records

Both Roberson and Crews are part of the 200-yard and 400 free relay team records of 1:40.75 this season at the state meet and 3:45.06 at the North Texas Zone Texas Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association Invitational.

Roberson also holds individual records in the 200 individual medley (2:05.57 at 2024 Region II Meet), 500 freestyle (5:03.91 at 2024 North Texas TISCA Invite), and 100 backstroke (58.84 (2024 Debbie Weems Invitational). At one point, she also held the 200 free and 100 free records, but those were broken by Jacqueline Gruber when

she swam for a partial season in 2023-24.

Recapping each of the seasons for Roberson and Crews includes:

Freshmen — Roberson 23rd in state in 200 IM, both 21st in state in 200 and 400 free relays.

Sophomores — Both advanced to state in 200 medley relay, both 22nd in state in 200 free relay, Roberson ninth in 200 IM and 13th in state in 200 IM and 500 free, Crews 24th in state in 100 fly.

Juniors — Roberson ninth in 200 IM and 13th in 500 free at state, both 23rd at state in 400 free relay.

Seniors — Roberson sixth in 200 IM and eighth in 500 free at state, both 13th at state in 200 free relay and 17th in 400 free relay.

Farewell thoughts

"It feels amazing to leave this program on such a high note," Haley Roberson said. "I've seen this team grow to be the powerhouse that it is and it makes me so proud to see them excel in such a high pressure environment."

Crews added, "I am very blessed to have been able to make state all four years of high school because I know that most people can't say that. However, lots of work and dedication went into it and I wouldn't

On a personal note, it's bittersweet to see my daughter graduate from the team, along with six other outstanding seniors.

- Meghan Roberson

have been able to go if I didn't have the support from my coaches, teammates, parent, and God that I had."

Most of the swimmers from this season's state qualifiers are returning. They include for the girls junior Julia Gordy and freshman Mackenzie Oligschlaeger, who joined with Roberson and Crews to set a school record in the 200 free relay at the Region II Meet, clocking 1:41.57.

Also setting a school record in advancing to state was the boys 400 free relay of sophomores Kale Roberson, Brayden Deboer, and Ian Perez, along with senior Tyler Jackson, posting a time of 3:21.60 at regionals.

Along with Faulkner, senior Evan Bradley, sophomore Jaxon Robinson, and freshman Sydni Kellam were alternates at state.

"I have been so blessed to be part of the Aledo swim state team for three of my four years in high school. My junior year is special to me because I got to swim in the Girls 400 Freestyle Relay at state," Faulkner said. "However, my senior state trip is closest to my heart as it was my last state trip with the team and I was able to represent us as a captain."

Coach Roberson said of the 2024 Girls 400 Free Relay, "It may not have set a record, but will go down in my memory as the best, most emotional race that I've ever witnessed. They were seeded fourth in prelims and (made up) 10 seconds in finals to take first. It took some of the best swims out of all four of the girls (Victoria, Julia, Avery, and Haley) to get there.

"They swam some of the fastest splits they've ever swam, in fact I'm pretty sure it's Haley's fastest split

ever at a 52.40 100 freestyle. It really came down to Avery's leg and we needed her to swim a best time, but this exceeded what we thought possible by about three seconds. All four girls left everything they had in the water on that race to qualify for state."

Faulkner missed much of the season after suffering an injury, but she handled the team's social media and took photos — and coach Roberson said she "stepped up to help me coach," adding that she is "an excellent example of a student athlete for the entire team."

Smart swimmers

Faulkner was also named to Texas High School Coaches Association first-team academic all-state. Haley Roberson was named second team and Jackson was placed on the elite team.

"As our swim season wraps up, I'm incredibly proud of this team's hard work and dedication. They've pushed themselves, supported each other, and shown real grit," coach Roberson said, adding about the seniors, "While we'll miss them, I know they're leaving the team in great hands. With the talent and drive in this group, the future of Bearcat swimming looks bright."

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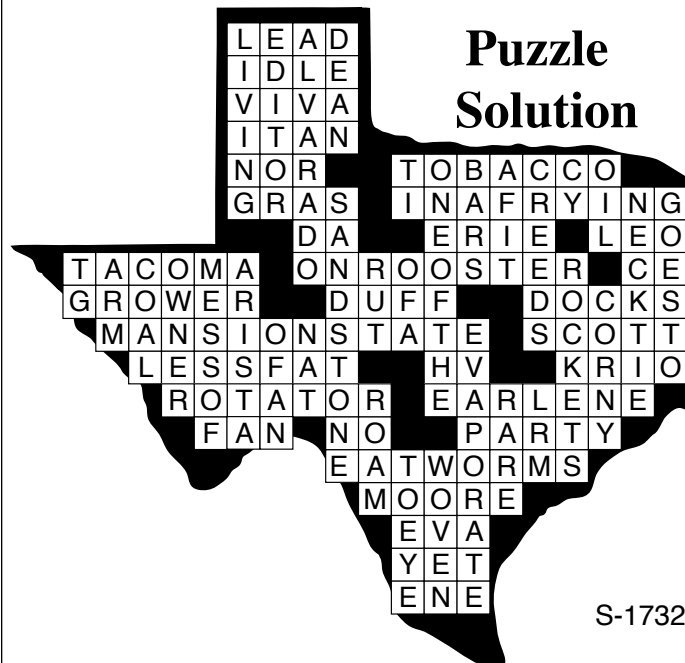
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In compliance with chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, Parker County Emergency Services District No. 1 will hold a Public Hearing and Special Meeting on the Petition for Inclusion of a Defined Territory in Parker County, INCLUDING IN FULL, ALL PROPERTIES WITHIN THE AREA KNOWN AS THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF RENO, AND ALL AREAS OF NORTHEAST PARKER COUNTY NOT CURRENTLY IN AN EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT OR A MUNICIPALITY, per the petition filed with the District on February 17th, 2025. The public is invited to speak.

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GOLF

Bearcats, Ladycats play in regional preview

Battle West Texas weather

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

The Aledo Bearcats and Ladycats got an early look at what they may be facing again in a few weeks — wicked West Texas weather — as they trekked to Lubbock to play in the Regional Preview Tournament at Lake Ridge Country Club.

The Bearcats finished seventh among their field with a two-day total of 644 on Feb. 28-March 1. They opened with a 327 and followed with a 317.

A week later, the girls tournament was scheduled to be March 7-8, but was shortened to one day because of cold and windy weather. They posted a score of 367 to finish fifth.

Leading all players individually was Braden Stokes of the Bearcats. He finished second individually among the boys with a 1-over-par 145, opening with a 74 and following with a 1-under 71.

“Ethan and Braden had been here before and knew what to expect,” Aledo coach Brian Mourning said.

The Ladycats were led by Emily Crick with an 84 and Kylee Kirkland with an 86.

For the Bearcats, Ethan Elmore shot 160 (84-76), Logan Lund finished with a 169 (84-85), and William Kirkman posted a 170 (85-85).

“They hadn’t had rain and conditions were really tough,” Mourning said. “You couldn’t get a wedge in the ground.

“One of my girls hit a drive about 200 yards and it ended up being 290,” he added, noting the dryness of the course.

Buzzy Open

After being bested by cold weather previously, the Bearcats and Ladycats finally got the spring golf season going by playing in the Buzzy Open at Cross Timbers Golf Course in Azle on Feb. 25.

The Ladycats Black team score of 342 brought them the tournament championship.

The Bearcats Orange team posted a team score of 320 to finish in second place. Kirkland had the low score of 81 for second individually among the Ladycats Black team, with Addison Russ and Crick each shooting 85 for third and fourth, respectively (Russ won a scorecard playoff). Reagan Gilliland came in with a 91.

Ryland Haney paced the Bearcats, shooting a 3-over-par 75 for first place individually. Tyler Anderson shot 77 for fourth individually and Evan Boukadoum posted a 79. Andrew Today shot 89.

“I thought the boys played well, considering we haven’t been able to get outside lately. Really happy with how they played,” Mourning said, adding about the girls, “I’m happy with how they played and it’s a good start for the spring season.”



SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS

The Aledo Bearcats Orange team finished second in the Buzzy Open at Cross Timbers Golf Course in Azle. Pictured are (from left) Andrew Today, Evan Boukadoum, Ryland Haley, Tyler Andersen, and Grayson Freeman.

RELAYS

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Long Jump: 6. Voight, 15-5.25.
Pole Vault: 2. Maggie Kilburn, 11-9; 3. Claire Campbell, 10-9; 3. Emma Ralph, 10-9.
Triple Jump: 4. Thompson, 34-1; 6. Crews, 32-8.

Aledo Varsity Boys

Team score, 135.5 points, first place.
3200: 1. Tyler Connelly, 9:50.04; 2. Jack Fink, 9:56.37; 3. Noah Lay, 10:01.24.
4x100 Relay: 2. Adrian Fuller, Adam Averett, Alex Patton, Lincoln Tubbs, 42.87.
800: 2. Jace Lay, 2:02.74; 5. Luke Schabel, 2:06.29; 6. Anderson Smith, 2:07.81.
110 Hurdles: 1. Isaac Brooks, 15.15.
4x200 Relay: 4. Fuller, Kai Taylor, Tubbs, Cash Martin (timing system glitch, time not available).
400: 2. Averett, 49.51.

300 Hurdles: 4. Brooks, 41.39.
200: 1. Trey Warner, 21.95; 3. Fuller, 22.13.
1600: 2. Connelly, 4:32.35; 3. Lay, 4:35.57; 4. Fink, 4:39.04.
4x400 Relay: 2. Warner, Lay, Tubbs, Averett, 3:22.40.
Discus: 5. Christian Sandoval, 134-0.
High Jump: 4. Averett, 6-2; 6. Caden Cunningham, 5-10.
Pole Vault: 2. Braylon Brown, 15-9; 4. Kantyn Kasich, 13-3.
Shot Put: 3. Carson Dempsey, 47-9.25.
Triple Jump: 4. Alex Patton, 41-0.

Aledo JV Girls

Team score, 97 points, fourth place.
3200: 1. Paula Redondo, 12:27.16; 3. Hadleigh Walton, 12:37.49; 5. Kjersten Loy, 12:58.03.
4x100 Relay: 4. Hannah Hubley, Brooklyn Clark, McKenna Smith, Braylin Wiggins, 54.29.
100 Hurdles: 6. Wiggins, 19.42.
400: 2. Tiara Butler, 1:05.92; 3. Addison Fields, 1:06.34.
300 Hurdles: 6. Wiggins, 54.70.

1600: 1. Walton, 5:48.49; 5. Loy, 6:03.16.
4x400 Relay: 4. Janessa Valdez, Fields, Butler, Walton, 4:32.67.
Discus: 4. Kaylin Miller, 81-7.
Long Jump: 3. Brooklyn Clark, 15-3.
Pole Vault: 1. Kara Overstreet, 9-9; 2. Fields, 9-3; 3. Elizabeth Gamez, 7-3.
Shot Put: 6. Miller, 27-1.

Aledo JV Boys

Team score, 186 points, first.
3200: 1. Ian Robbins, 10:23.25; 2. Thatcher Pettit, 10:54.86.
4x100 Relay: 3. Joe Ingram, Caden Walker, Nolan Barker, Jaxson Clifford, 45.38.
800: 2. Dominick Barrera, 2:06.18; 4. Reed Murray, 2:09.63.
110 Hurdles: 2. Briley Perkins, 16.24.
100: 3. Zane Walker, 11.59.
4x200 Relay: 1. Cooper Cheak, Walker, Barker, Clifford, 1:34.76.
400: 5. Blake Fischer, 57.28; 6. Caden Nussbaum, 58.27.
300 Hurdles: 1. Perkins, 43.58; 2. Sky Bradford, 43.74.

200: 2. Gavin Richardson, 23.66; 6. Cheak, 24.40.
1600: 2. Robbins, 4:50.90.
4x400 Relay: 1. Cole Cox, Richardson, Maddox Nurse, Cooper Hull, 3:40.54.
Discus: 1. Jake Lancaster, 125-8; 2. Casen Evans, 119-9; 4. Grant Foreman, 116-3.
High Jump: 1. Hull, 5-8; 1. Nurse, 5-8.
Pole Vault: 2. Jace Schull, 11-3.
Shot Put: 4. Omari Din-Mbuh, 41-6; 5. Decker Sanders, 40-10; 6. Cooper Cyphers, 39-11.

Weatherford teams compete at Aledo
The Kangaroos and Lady Roos were among the field at the Bearcat Relays. The Kangaroos placed fifth. The Lady Roos finished sixth.
Among the junior varsity team, the Lady Roos topped their field and Kangaroos were seventh.

Weatherford Varsity Girls

3200: 2. Remington Boone, 11:28.63; 6. Macayla Kopacz,

12:24.48.
4x100 Relay: 51.51, sixth.
800: 5. Paige Blake, 2:25.56.
100 Hurdles: 3. Ivy Knox, 17.11.
4x200 Relay: 1:48.02, third.
1600: 2. Boone, 5:22.54.
4x400 Relay: 4:25.75, sixth.
Discus: 2. Braelee Gilbert, 112-7; 5. Heidi Holland, 92-6.
High Jump: 5. Claire Connor, 4-10.

Weatherford Varsity Boys

4x100 Relay: 43.16, fourth.
100: 2. Jaiden Parker, 10.97.
400: 3. Kaden Axel, 53.30.
4x400 Relay: 4:01.48, sixth.
Discus: 3. Jayden Rucker, 136-8.
Long Jump: 1. Dayton Kreipe, 23-2.75.
Shot Put: 4. Liam Riley, 47-5.

Weatherford JV Girls
3200: 2. Nayelli Ordonez, 12:30.04; 4. Ivy Scott, 12:52.72.
4x100 Relay: 53.61, third.
800: 1. Macaiah Franklin, 2:23.31.
100 Hurdles: 2. Hayden Davis, 18.55.
4x200 Relay: 1:54.17, third.
400: 1. Franklin, 1:03.43.

300 Hurdles: 1. Davis, 53.25.
200: 6. Delilah Rivas, 29.11.
1600: 2. Ordonez, 5:52.78; 3. Scott, 5:59.10.
4x400 Relay: 4:29.75, second.
Discus: 2. Kate Kentner, 87-6.50.
High Jump: 4. Kiya Payne, 4-4.
Long Jump: 6. Maddison Baruch, 14-6.
Triple Jump: 3. Anaylah Smith, 31-9.

Weatherford JV Boys

3200: 5. Andrew Scott, 11:14.01.
4x100 Relay: 45.64, fifth.
800: 6. James Roe, 2:13.79.
4x200 Relay: 1:38.76, sixth.
400: 4. Henry Westvang, 57.05.
1600: 4. Roe, 4:59.69.
4x400 Relay: 3:52.83, sixth.
Discus: 5. Justin Fiddler, 115-8.
High Jump: 4. Braxton Spencer, 5-8.
Long Jump: 5. Cameron Parker, 17-10.50.
Pole Vault: 5. Peek Ryder, 9-3.
Triple Jump: 4. Alex Rodden, 36-10.50.

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SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS
The Aledo Ladycats Orange team won the championship of the Buzzy Open in Azle. Pictured are (from left) Harper Price, Emily Crick, Kylie Kirkland, Harper Price, and Addison Russ.

Sports Briefs

CLAY SHOOTING
TCA shooters stand out

Several shooters from Willow Park Trinity Christian recently competed in a clay shooting competition. Top performers were:
Eli Miller, first in boys JV Skeet and second in boys JV Sporting Clays.
Cameron Smith, second in boys Intermediate Entry Sporting Clays.
Holland Daniels, third in Girls Intermediate Entry Skeet, third in Girls Intermediate Entry Sporting Clays.
Rylie Reeder, third in Girls Varsity Sporting Clays.

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SOFTBALL

Fast start, balanced effort propels No. 6 Aledo

Ladycats take down Chisholm Trail 12-2 in six innings

By Geoff Heppes
The Community News

After blanking Brewer 7-0 on the road to open district play in their previous outing, the No. 6 Aledo Ladycats softball team hosted the Chisholm Trail Lady Rangers in Aledo's first district home tilt of the season Tuesday night, March 11. Offensively, Aledo started off hot with a 4-0 lead and never looked back, ultimately walking away with a 12-2 victory in six run-rule shortened innings.

"We only had one inning where we didn't score a run, and when we know early on that we can continue to hit and manufacture runs, then we will be hard to beat," Ladycats head coach Heather Myers said. "Even if we score just one run per inning, we know how good our pitching is with a lead."

With junior pitcher Lily Heckathorn starting in the circle by retiring the first three batters she faced, Aledo's offense wasted no time lighting up the scoreboard. Ladycats shortstop Marina Taveras opened the action with an RBI triple and first baseman Brooklyn Taloa followed that up with an RBI triple of her own that plated two runners. After that, standout senior Taylor McKean drove in a fourth run with her RBI ground-out to first.

Aledo and Chisholm Trail swapped zeroes on the scoreboard in the second inning as Heckathorn posted two strikeouts there and in the third inning. In the bottom

We just keep the energy up the whole game and we know, since our lineup is so deep, that the next person behind us is going to pick us up.

- Breleigh Mayer

of the third inning, Taveras drew a walk before Aledo's next two batters were retired. Then, junior catcher Breleigh Mayer stepped up to the plate with her walk-up song "Defying Gravity" from the hit movie Wicked by Cynthia Erivo. Within moments, Mayer's aura skyrocketed as her powerful swing guided her bat to seemingly launch the ball into orbit. On cue from her walk-up song, the ball she thumped defied gravity all the way over the left field fence for a 6-0 lead.

"We talk a lot about how cohesive we are as a team," Mayer said. "We just keep the energy up the whole game and we know, since our lineup is so deep, that the next person behind us is going to pick us up."

Sophomore Rylee Marx relieved Heckathorn on the mound in the fourth inning and, despite Chisholm Trail scoring twice in the frame, Myers was pleased with the experience Marx gained from that situation, as she settled in and pitched brilliantly the rest of the way.

"There was a little bit of a struggle during that fourth inning, but there was no way I was going to take her (Marx) out," Myers said. "She needed to work through that and did a heck of a job working through those next two innings. It's comforting to the pitchers to maybe miss a spot and know that their defense is going to have their backs no matter what - you can just pitch freely at that point. Our defense gives our pitchers a ton of confidence."

Aledo added three more runs across the fourth and fifth innings and soared in the sixth. Jordyn Edington crossed home plate ahead of a wild pitch, Taveras and Taloa hammered triples on consecutive at bats and McKean and Kayleigh Martin each registered scoring hits to end the game in six innings.

"We all love the game of softball. We love each other and play for each other, and nobody wants to come to a game where it is quiet during a run-rule win - we want to have our fun, too," Mayer said. "We understand that we are one of the best teams in the state. We know we can go far and we know this is how it starts."

Mayer, Taloa and Taveras each starred offensively for Aledo with multiple hits and RBI apiece while Heckathorn impressed on the mound with three innings of no-hit softball followed by a strong showing the rest of the way by Marx.

The Ladycats (13-2, 2-0) won their fifth consecutive game and will take the field again 7 p.m. Friday at Fossil Ridge.

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