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WEATHERFORD COLLEGE

## Gough named Alumnus of Year

Liles, Noakes Distinguished honorees

By Rick Mauch  
The Community News

Brent Gough recalled paying his own way through college while competing in rodeos. Now, four decades after his graduation from Weatherford College, the president of the Weatherford College Foundation dedicates himself to helping make the journey easier for students seeking an education for themselves.

“I remember how hard it was for me to pay for college and if I can help a student not to have to do that I want to,” he told the crowd as he accepted the award for Weatherford College Alumnus of the Year at the school’s annual Alumni Awards Luncheon on March 28 at the Emerging Technologies and Workforce Building.

The event honored Gough, along with Distinguished Alumni Award recipients Dr. Deborah Liles and Fort Worth Chief of Police Neil Noakes.

### Alumnus of the Year

Gough has served on the WC Foundation Board of Directors for 10 years and has been instrumental in securing significant donations for student scholarships. In the past year alone, he has brought three new endowed scholarship funds to the foundation from donors who previously had no ties to WC.

He and his wife, Meredith, have also established a permanent scholarship endowment for WC students. He is the founder of Gough Wealth Management in Aledo and has been in the financial planning business for more than 25 years. Gough remembered a moment when he and Meredith were inspired to start their scholarship. It was while listening to a student who became emotional about receiving a scholarship herself, allowing her to become a nurse.

“I said, okay, this is part of God’s plan,” he said.

Gough was introduced by fellow WC Foundation Board Member and former Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Lin Bearden, who referenced Gough’s rodeo competition at Weatherford College and Tarleton.

“To say he’s been through the hard knocks of life is an understatement,” Bearden said.

Bearden then praised Gough for stepping in and being a key part in keeping the foundation strong after president and major fundraiser Bob Glenn passed away in mid-2022.

“Cue the man on stage right, the one on the white horse,” Bearden said.

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## Glowing for Charity



KATHY CHRUSCIELSKI

The Aledo Children’s AdvoCats held their annual Glow Run on March 29 to raise funds for their charitable work in the community. See next week’s issue for more coverage.

HUDSON OAKS

## City looks long-term at Gene Voyles Park

Receives financial report

By Christopher Amos  
The Community News

The keystone landmark of the Hudson Oaks, Gene L. Voyles Park, is an often-used gathering place for recreation, concerts, seasonal celebrations, and simply spending time with family or with oneself.

The city deems the park such a necessity that the land at 210 Hudson Oaks Dr. deserves special attention to ensure it meets the needs of the community today and in the future. Hudson Oaks, in conjunction with Kimley-Horn Engineering of Fort Worth, is laying forth plans to track the park’s use, examine the land, and maintain a multi-dimensional perspective of the property.

Hudson Oaks Director of Operations Lara Brown explained to the council the plan is to create a timeframe when meetings are held and objectives met. The plan proposes dates and time-frames of analysis, stakeholder committee meetings, staff reviews, and public meetings that will continue throughout the year.

Kimley-Horn is also the engineering firm working with the city on a wastewater pump station and pipeline that will run near Bankhead Highway on its way to the Willow Park wastewater station. In addition, they are



CHRISTOPHER AMOS/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Hudson Oaks Director of Operations Lara Brown presents studies and meetings of a master plan schedule for Gene Voyles Park at the March 27 council meeting.

working with the city on the \$14 million Oakridge Dr. expansion targeted to begin in June and finish late summer 2026. Those projects were presented publicly at council meetings this year and detailed in *The Community News*.

City Secretary Shelley Scazzero described the plan schedule as a way the city and the engineering firm can examine, meet, and discuss the park’s future.

“We have an agreement with them and they are one of the engineering firms we have

on contract,” Scazzero said of Kimley-Horn. “The plan we approved at Thursday’s council meeting (March 27) sets a plan for community input, action items, and budget items. We have other things like drainage and infrastructure to be looked at.”

### Annual financial report

The financial report for fiscal year ending Dec. 30, 2024 was presented to the council by City Administrator Sterling Naron.

“This gives us the chance to go over all the details and make sure we are checking all the boxes,” Naron explained before introducing Daniel Hungerford of George Morgan and Sneed Public Accounting. Hungerford detailed the numbers behind the city’s infrastructure, vehicle purchases, and road improvements from last year. The firm has been handling the city’s accounting since 2001.

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# In & Around Parker County

## Byrd Mill: The ‘Go-To’ for Gifts

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Shannon Byrd originally opened her shop in The Shops at Willow Park in 2017 and relocated to its new home at 243 Willow Bend Drive in Willow Park in 2021.

Primarily known for customer service, Byrd Mill carries products in numerous categories: kitchen and bar supplies, picture frames, balloons, women’s apparel, baby items like Jelly Cats, plush items, and hair bows. There are also Aledo and TCU spirit items in the store, bath and body items, doTERRA essential oils, Bibles, faith-based items, and even a few things for the man in your life.

Byrd Mill doesn’t stop there — they even carry items for your dog, stocking Pet Wants fresh pet food that is made holistically.

One of the things that make shopping at Byrd Mill special is that there are gifts you won’t find anywhere else. The goal is to have quality, unique, affordable items.

“We try to find toys and things that you don’t have at Wal-mart,” Shannon said.

While the shop has multiple vendors, you would not realize it as Shannon and business partner Teresa Chisum have organized the store around more cohesive themes



— the kitchen accessories area, for example, might have products from more than one vendor.

“It’s not really set up like booth space, so it doesn’t feel like you’re in an antique mall,” Byrd said.

Once you become a Byrd Mill customer, you’ll always be a Byrd Mill customer. Shannon said they strive to make you feel welcome, and they add those special touches like free gift wrapping that make gift-buying easy.

Almost all of the vendors at Byrd Mill are local people.

“I think everyone here is a mom,” Shannon said. “Most of them have kids in Aledo schools. Sarah Allen’s one of them. She pours the local candles in her shop.”

One of the things Shannon finds gratifying is the second-generation of customers coming to the store. Once the kids are able to drive, their moms will send them to the store or they’ll do their own shopping there.

But even younger ones will bypass the chain stores to buy their things at Byrd Mill.

“My greatest compliment is when a little kid comes in to buy something — it means a lot,” Shannon said.

There are seasonal customers as well — often men — who come in at gift-buying time.

“I tell the girls, you’re gonna see a look,” Shannon said. “The man’s gonna come in with a look on his face, and you’re gonna know it when you see it. And the biggest thing is making them feel comfortable. And



we have them come back time and time again.”

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# GOUGH

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“If I’m ever introduced again, you’re the guy,” Gough joked with Bearden as he took the podium.

Then, he added with another laugh, “I was really afraid someone was gonna talk to one of my professors or check my grade point average and I’d be disqualified.”

Gough compared Glenn, who, after retiring from banking in 2019 until the time of his death, raised more than \$600,000 in new endowed scholarship funds for WC students, to “being the quarterback of the [Kansas City] Chiefs after [Pat] Mahomes retires.”

Then, he gave a nod to WC Vice President of Institutional Advancement Brent Baker, saying, “With a guy like this sitting beside you at board meetings, it’s pretty easy.”

Gough joked about not actually going through graduation ceremonies at WC.

“They called me a couple years later and said ‘We have a diploma you need to come pick up,’” he said, drawing laughs from the crowd when he added, “I said, ‘What did I major in?’”

## Distinguished Alumni

Gough’s tongue-in-cheek self-deprecation included accolades for those honored before him when he said, “After listening to these two folks, I feel like giving it up. I would’ve voted for either of you.”

Indeed, Liles and Noakes, likewise, have quite the legacy.

Liles is a 2005 WC graduate who walked the stage alongside her daughter, Kelly Staub, who is now the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program Director. Staub introduced her mother.

Staub drew a laugh when she admitted not liking to read history books, of which her mother has authored or co-edited five, including awarding titles on Texas women’s history.

Then, she noted, “I’m incredibly proud of the legacy she continues to build and am proud to call her my mentor.”

Liles is the W.K. Gordon Chair of Texas History at Tarleton State University. She is also a Fellow in both the East Texas Historical Association and the West Texas Historical Association.

She serves on several boards, including the Texas State Archives and Libraries and the Bob Bullock State Museum.

Liles reflected on trying a couple times to attend school before finally being able to continue. She said she originally wanted to be a police detective.

“I really wanted that degree to show myself I could do it and to show my children what they could do,” she said.



RICK MAUCH/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

**Brent Gough, this year’s Weatherford College Alumnus of the Year, addresses the crowd at the school’s annual Alumni Awards Luncheon on March 28.**

Labeling herself as a non-traditional student, she said, “Life happens when you go to college.”

Noakes, a 1997 WC graduate, is police chief for the City of Fort Worth. He has spent more than 25 years in public service and will retire from his position in May 2025.

Among his accomplishments is managing a department of 1,875 police officers serving almost a million residents. In May of 2021, he rolled out the Fort Worth Safe initiative, a strategic approach to violent crime prevention that combined community policing with technology and data.

Noakes was introduced by Weatherford interim Police Chief Jason Hayes, also a WC alumnus. He looked back at attending WC at the same time as his good friend.

“I had jet black hair — and I’m gonna assume he had some at some point,” Hayes said as the crowd laughed.

“The great thing about true leaders is they leave a legacy,” Hayes continued, adding that Noakes is someone who understands “There’s a big difference between doing things right and doing the right thing.”

Noakes has deep ties to Weatherford and Parker County, noting that his grandfather, Clyde Noakes, was a firefighter in Weatherford, along with other family ties.

Upon reaching the podium, Noakes offered some words of inspiration, encouraging other leaders to “Take the time to earn the trust and respect of people you lead and they will follow. That’s where the magic happens.”

Then, he said a worthy question is to ask ourselves “Are we living a life worthy of following?” He looked at WC President Tod Allen Farmer and added, “At Weatherford College, that is exactly what is happening.”

## State of the college

The event began with Farmer, the 2020 Alumnus of the Year,

giving a state of the college address. He stated that the student population grew 23.5 percent this past fall and 16 percent in the spring.

The school now offers five bachelors degrees, along with some students being able to receive masters degrees and even a doctorate in nursing.

“A staggering 88 percent of our students are awarded grants and scholarships,” he said.

Farmer said the school is in the process of getting a five-story, 110,000-square-foot new student union building with funds from a future tuition revenue bond. Also, they are in the process of also getting a 99,852 square feet hospital in Bridgeport to expand the school’s medical program.

The school’s international piano competition started a few years ago and now welcomes 207 competitors from 25 nations, Farmer said.

“Thanks to you and people like you, that pipe dream is now a reality,” he told the crowd.

Among other notables, Farmer referenced the Kingsley Building, given to the school by the widow of the late legendary radio announcer Bob Kingsley — which is also the home of The Coyote, the college’s own radio station.

He praised the athletics department, which includes the golf program and WC being one of the few community colleges in the United States to have its own course. Canyon West was donated to the school by Richard and Nancy Stuart in 2023.

Farmer also gave accolades to the numerous sports programs that are nationally ranked, most notably the Coyotes baseball team that is No. 1 in the nation.

“Thanks to good people like you, Weatherford College is changing lives,” Farmer said. “We’ve made great strides, but the best is yet to come.”



LAURA WEBER/CITY OF ALEDO

**Aledo city officials gathered on March 27 for a beam-signing ceremony on the site of the new city hall construction. Shown are (from left) City Manager Noah Simon; city council members Nelson Rowls, Shane Davis, and Christian Pearson; Mayor Nick Stanley; and city council members Shawna Ford and Summer Jones.**



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**Gail Bagley admires colorful clothes at one of the Aledo High School Spring Fling’s 125 booths on Saturday, March 29. See next week’s issue for more coverage.**

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## Capital Highlights

# Senate bill would curb home insurance rates without approval



Lawmakers in the Texas Senate are considering a measure that would require home insurers to get approval from regulators before increasing rates more than 10%, the *Houston Chronicle* reported.

The bill, sponsored by state Sen. Charles Schwertner, R-Georgetown, would also create a three-member commission to oversee the Texas Department of Insurance. The veteran legislator and others have accused the agency of failing to prioritize consumers.

Homeowner insurance rates have skyrocketed in recent years, up an average 21% in 2023, double the average hikes of previous years. Insurers currently can file rate increases with the state and immediately put them in effect. TDI has not denied a single rate filing out of 22,000 submitted since 2017, according to a *Hearst Newspapers* analysis.

“That’s a question mark I have regarding how aggressively TDI is overseeing rate changes,” Schwertner said.

In a recent hearing, insurers defended their rates, blaming the state’s extreme weather and saying the present system has enabled Texas to have a “highly competitive market,” according to Scot Kibbe, the vice president of state government relations at the American Property Casualty Insurance Association.

### Abbott: Texas on ‘c,usp’ of approving voucher bill

Gov. Greg Abbott continues to push his top legislative priority, a universal school choice plan that allows public dollars to be spent for private-school tuition, *The Dallas Morning News* reported.

“We’re going to get this across the finish line,” Abbott said during a Capitol news conference. “When we do, Texans will see that when it comes to education,

it’s not one or the other. It’s not either public schools or school choice. We can do both.”

The Senate version of what is popularly known as a voucher plan passed in February. House Speaker Dustin Burrows, R-Lubbock, said last week that chamber’s proposal would likely be approved this week.

Critics point to a similar plan passed in Arizona, which has grown more than 10-fold since being implemented. They also point out private school options are limited in rural areas and for low-income families.

The state’s Legislative Budget Board projects costs for an education savings account program would increase from \$1 billion in 2027 to about \$4 billion in 2030, a project Abbott said was “based on nothing but fiction.”

### Senate passes \$336 billion two-year state budget

The Senate unanimously passed a \$336 billion proposed budget last week to fund state government through 2027, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported. The funding supports a wide array of new investments in education and infrastructure, as well as property-tax relief.

State Sen. Joan Huffman, R-Houston, said the budget will allow the Legislature to use some of the state’s \$24 billion surplus to make one-time investments.

“At the same time, we were very careful to craft a budget that is fiscally conservative and sustainable in future years,” Huffman said.

The Senate’s budget, which will have to be reconciled with the pending House budget, does not include an increase in per-student funding for public schools. That allotment has not changed since 2019, despite pleas from educators who say local districts are suffering financially.

“Even though hundreds of school districts throughout Texas have been cutting back on programs because of inadequate state funding and inflationary pressures, the Senate budget, SB1, doesn’t even raise the basic school funding allotment,” said Texas State Teacher’s Association

President Ovidia Molina in a statement Tuesday.

### ‘Volatile’ hurricanes expected in 2025, forecasters say

As hurricane season approaches, meteorologists with AccuWeather are predicting 2025 could bring “volatile hurricanes” similar to those seen in 2017 and 2023, the *Statesman* reported. AccuWeather is forecasting near to above the historical average number of named storms, hurricanes, major hurricanes, accumulated cyclone energy and direct impacts to the United States,” said AccuWeather’s Alex DaSilva.

Forecasters expect 13 to 18 named storms in the Atlantic, with three to five major hurricanes reaching Category 3 strength or higher. Texas is among states facing higher-than-average risk of direct hits from hurricanes, and storms could rapidly intensify before making landfall.

The state was hit by two hurricanes last year. In June, Hurricane Beryl turned into a Category 5 storm quickly, gaining 95 mph in less than two days before striking Matagorda Island.

### Funding haul transforms Texas community colleges

A bill passed in 2023 that took effect last year has proved a financial boon for the state’s community colleges, *The Texas Tribune* reported. HB8 sent a record \$683 million to the state’s community colleges.

As a result, community colleges have introduced free tuition and are reshaping how they are run and who is attending school.

“HB 8, at its heart, was an attempt for the Legislature ... to say, ‘What’s the most impactful way that we can ensure alignment between educational outcomes and business and industry needs?’” Ray Martinez III, the president of the Texas Association of Community Colleges, said. “That’s why this is so significant ... We have seen tremendous outcomes.”

As *The Tribune* reported, the five ways community colleges

have been transformed because of the new funding formula are:

- Dual credit boosting enrollment, especially among low-income students.
- Free tuition expanded.
- Students hired as peer advisers, greatly increasing the number helping classmates register and stay on track to graduate.
- Increase in workforce training.
- Schools form alliances so credits transfer from a community college to a four-year institution.

### UPDATE: Measles outbreak reaches 327 as funding reduced

The Texas Department of State Health Services reports 400 cases of measles primarily in the South Plains and Panhandle regions as of Friday, with one fatality and 41 people hospitalized.

Politics continues to infuse the debate, as lawmakers consider several bills that would make it easier to opt out of getting vaccinated, the *Texas Standard* reported. Virtually all the cases of measles reported – more reported in Texas in three months than in the entire nation last year – were among unvaccinated people.

Meanwhile, federal funding for DSHS to fight measles has been cut by about half by the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), the *Statesman* reported. DOGE plans to cut \$877 million of a \$1.5 billion federal grant and \$97 million from a \$473 million grant, both from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The grants were used to help state, city and county health departments fight infectious diseases.

“We’re evaluating the potential effects of the funding changes,” said Chris Van Deusen, director of media relations for DSHS.

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## Idle American

# Days of Nickel Drinks

would have precluded “bottle bragging.”

Anyways, on a Saturday morning shopping trip into town for groceries, I tagged along. Displayed in the shadows of well-known 12-ounce brands were several cases of Grapette. Clueless that it was available locally, I had assumed Grapette was imported from Paris or maybe ordered from Neiman-Marcus.

As if to reward my above-average marks in Miss Evrage’s first-grade class, Mom bought a six-bottle carton of the six-ounce extravagance. I was euphoric, eager to open my very first bottle. I drank it slowly — this wonderful beverage that made Kool-Aid (called “polypop” at the time) taste like swamp water. Grapette had to be the refreshment of angels.

I never wanted Kool-Aid again, even though Mom started making it stronger. Once I overheard her bragging about “Vacation Bible School” Kool-Aid. “The directions call for one packet in two quarts of water,” she prattled. “But at VBS, it makes a gallon.”

What, you may reasonably inquire, does this have to do with sibling resentment?

Since you asked — or even if you didn’t — already meager

budgets tighten with the arrival of a second child. When Fred became a two-year-old, he was rewarded with a sip — just a sip, mind you — of MY Grapette.

I could see it in his eyes; I could hear it from “lip smacks” louder than fights over prize finds at an Easter egg hunt. He, too, was hooked, but the resentment thing didn’t start until our next visit to Piggly-Wiggly.

Racing to the drink aisle, I grabbed a carton of Grapette.

“Put that back, Son,” Mom voiced in a tone not to be considered jocular. “From now on, we’ll buy Pepsi-Cola. Bottles can be shared so each of you will still have six ounces of soda.”

It’s probable that I snarled. I had hoped Mom hadn’t heard the radio commercial: “Pepsi-Cola, hits the spot, 12-ounce bottle, that’s a lot, twice as much for a nickel, too; Pepsi-Cola is the drink for you.” She’d heard it, alright, even humming the jingle when we passed the Post Toasties. “Don’t even think about that fancy cereal,” she said, apologetically, “You’ll have to make do with biscuits, eggs, sausage, and gravy.”

Grapette never had massive advertising campaigns, but I do remember its big splash on billboards. (Pun intended.)

Maybe if they’d taken a page from the Budweiser ad book they could have capitalized on thinking “inside the box.” Instead of big wagons powered by handsome Clydesdales, they might have used a quartet of goats pulling a little red wagon.

Those “nickel drinks” of the 1940s now cost three or four dollars in restaurants, so look for a Kool-Aid come back. Fearing backlash when soft drink prices went from a nickel to six cents in the 1950s, some restaurateurs kidded about it. Some had signs reading, “Our Drinks Are All Sick Scents.” Another said, “We Don’t Know Where Mom Is, But We Got Pop On Ice.”

PepsiCo, pushing healthier beverages, recently purchased Poppi — a prebiotic soda company — for the whopping sum of \$1.95 billion.

As to the resentment thing, I finally accepted “soda-sharing” with my brother, Dr. Fred Newbury, a distinguished economics professor still dispensing knowledge after 53 years at Dallas College’s Richland Campus.

A textbook author, he can buy as much Grapette as he chooses.

*Dr. Newbury, a speaker in the Metroplex, may be reached at 817-447-3872, or emailed at newbury@speakerdoc.com.*



## Senior Center Prom & Gala

### Glamour galore at annual fundraiser

By Christopher Amos  
The Community News

The Parker County Committee on Aging annual Senior Prom and Gala features glamour, gourmet meals, and glitzy garments where members, guests, and volunteers enjoy live big-band entertainment and elegant food. However, the most exquisite perks are reserved for special seniors.

Senior center members 90 years and up are treated to a limousine bus service to the front door, grand introductions into the banquet, best tables in the house in front of the orchestra, and champagne.

Lennie Harmon was first to exit the 90+ limousine for the March 28 event at The Springs Event Venue and declared her V.I.P. treatment was earned because, "I'm going to be 95 this year."

Other 90+ members of the senior center are Francis and Rosemary Klontz of Aledo, Connie Heath of Weatherford, Betty Halford of Weatherford, and Melvin and Rosie Luther of Weatherford.

Works of art were included among gift baskets, golf packages, and big screen TVs for the silent auction, live auction, and raffles. Senior club member Gayle Hicks donated two works of art, and for the third year supporter Kristen Soble painted a piece live to be auctioned at the end of the event.

"I dabbled in art all my life, but I never had the money to go to school on it," Hicks said. "I donated some art for the first gala, but I missed the gala last year because I was in the hospital. I paint all the time and I've sold several pieces."

A prom would not be complete without the crowning of a king and queen, and senior center members vote for the royal positions based on participation and service to the group. Francis Klontz was thrilled when he was called to don the ceremonial crown and sash, and it was a bigger surprise when his wife, Rosemary, was chosen to be queen.

After the surprise, Rosemary took the microphone to thank the staff and volunteers.

"You people work so hard for us. This is the best center there is anywhere," Rosemary said as she held back tears. "This center means the world to us and you make us all feel so special."

To contact Parker County Committee on Aging, the senior center, or inquire about Meals on Wheels service or donations, call 817-596-4640 or visit [www.pccpa.org](http://www.pccpa.org).



Jorge Marsal, conductor of The Joshua Experience big-band, greets guests from the stage. The 12-member band has entertained at all three Senior Prom and Gala fundraiser banquets.



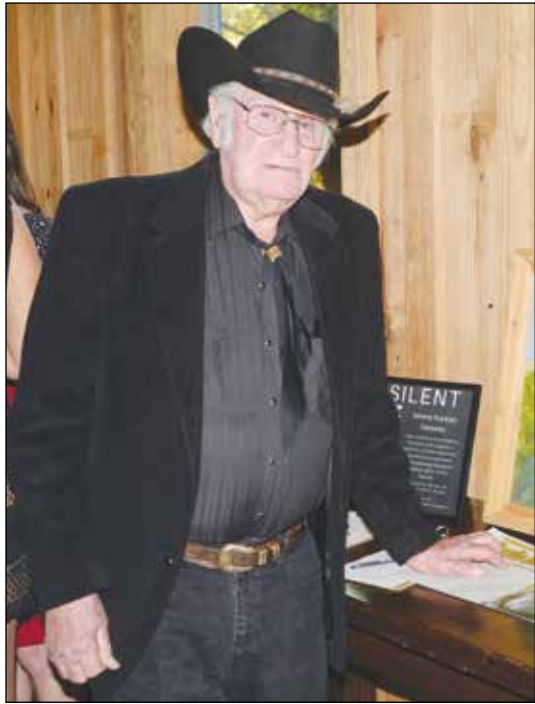
Prom king and queen are voted on individually by Senior Center members, making it more of a surprise when Francis and Rosemary Klontz were selected as 2025 prom king and queen.



Rosemary Klontz exclaims "Oh my!" upon hearing she was selected as prom queen.



The Senior Center Prom & Gala was sold out again this year.



Parker County Senior Center member Gayle Hicks donated two works of art for the silent auction, including a piece featuring Longhorns.



Caryl Skaggs and Kia Odom of Cornerstone Caregiving take a selfie at the table their company reserved for employees and friends.



Terri Smith drops a ticket in a jar for a gift basket from Buff City Soap. Funds are raised for Parker County Committee on Aging and Meals on Wheels through raffles, silent auctions, live auctions and table reservations.



Lennie Harmon exits a deluxe limousine bus at the front door of The Springs Event Venue in Weatherford, an upscale service exclusively for members age 90 and up.



Kristen Soble has donated a live art auction item each year of the Senior Prom and Gala, painting during the event and auctioning the art when finished. This year's contribution was a boardwalk scene with a domestic sky.



Peggy Hutton register Gayle Hicks at the banquet door. Hicks, a life-long artist, donated two works for the silent auction benefiting Meals on Wheels and the Senior Center.

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Obituaries

Linda Nell Densmore

Linda Nell Densmore, 77, a long-time resident of Aledo, passed from her earthly body on March 18, 2025.

Linda was born January 10, 1948 in Ft Worth, the first of Ina Mae (Cobb) and William ‘Bill’ Theodore Thompson’s children.

Linda was raised in Lake Worth and was a proud member of the high school marching band playing several different instruments.

Linda married Eddie Densmore on June 28, 1967. Together they had two children, Michael and April. Linda remained friends with Eddie well after the 26 year marriage ended.

Avon played a large role in her life, until her retirement in 2009 as an Avon district sales manager. Linda was one of the biggest Texas Ranger Baseball fans and watched every game either

on TV or in person. She could be found at every hometown Bearcat baseball game cheering on the boys from the stands, in her bright clothing, neon orange fingernails, and shaking her tamborine. Friday nights in the fall were for Bearcat football and she was so proud of those boys. She loved theatre of any kind and attended as many theatrical events as she possibly could.

Linda was very creative. She could always be found working on a craft project or creating a DIY. You could tell her your vision and she would bring it to life with minimal effort. She was an avid rock collector and to say she loved bargain shopping would be an understatement. Linda loved to travel the world and would frequent Galveston Island beaches, she called it her happy

place. She loved her family and friends in a big way and was so very proud of each and every one of them. She was loved by so many and although we know she is rejoicing with her savior in Heaven, she will be greatly missed.

Linda is survived by her daughter, April Densmore of Aledo; a grandson, Kendrick Swain of Aledo; a granddaughter, Ashley Densmore of Ranger; four great grandchildren - Payton, Raylan, Caden, and Brooklynn (who no doubt greeted her in Heaven as she arrived). She is also survived by three sisters, Alice Shive, Patricia Ingram, Sherry Gunn and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Aledo Athletic Boosters - Baseball Booster Club, P.O. Box 693, Aledo, TX 76008, in her memory.

A memorial service was held Saturday, March 29, at Church at the Crossing.

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Arvil Jackson

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Arvil Jackson, 87, passed away on Thursday, March 27, 2025.

Arvil was born on February 11, 1938, in Page, Oklahoma, to George Jackson and Bessie (Owens) Jackson. He moved to Fort Worth from Oklahoma in 1958 to go to work for the City of Fort Worth on July 14, 1958, where he worked for 33 years, and retired as a Senior Engineering Tech III.

He married the love of his life, Joyce Pickle, on August 2, 1958, in Poteau, Oklahoma. They moved from Fort Worth to Aledo, in September, 1972. He attended Dodoxology Church, formerly McKinney Bible Church, for 44 years.

Arvil was preceded in death by his parents, George and Bessie Jackson, and by eleven siblings.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce Jackson of Aledo; sons, Mark Jackson and wife, Paula, and Chris Jackson and wife, Laurie; grandchildren, Meredith Bishop and husband, Matt, Cole Jackson and wife, Victoria, and Julianne Fink and husband, Brennan; great-grandson, Sean Fink; brother-in-law, Ralph Pickle and wife, Betty; sister-in-law, Joan Jackson; nieces, Tina Cleaver, Kim Anderson, Sami Pickle, Pam Self, and Betty Willhite; and nephews, Tony Jackson, Tim Jackson, Wayne Pickle, and Danny Jordan.

A funeral ceremony was held on Monday, March 31 at the Annetta United Methodist Church, with burial following at Annetta Cemetery.

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More Hudson Oaks news

Hudson Oaks dignitaries joined dozens of other city leaders from Parker County governments for Parker County Day at the State Capitol March 25. Government leaders met with state legislators, state representatives, and senators Phil King, Charles Perry and Brent Hagenbuch during meetings throughout the day.

“There were a lot of informative discussions and good opportunities to visit with the state government,” Mayor Tom Fitzpatrick said.

The City of Hudson Oaks will celebrate Easter with The Hoppin’ COHO 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, April 11, at Gene Voyles Park, 210 Hudson Oaks Drive. Expect gift giveaways, DJ music, a petting zoo, food, and vendors.

Egg hunts in the park for ages 1-3 will be 6 p.m., ages 4-6 6:15 p.m., ages 7-9 6:30 p.m. and ages 10-12 6:45 p.m.

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION  
SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025

AVISO DE ELECCIÓN GENERAL SÁBADO 3 DE MAYO DE 2025

PARKER COUNTY CITY OF FORT WORTH VOTERS (VOTANTES DEL CONDADO DE PARKER DE LA CIUDAD DE FORT WORTH):

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed in “Exhibit A-1” will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on Saturday, May 3, 2025, for voting in a general election to elect a Mayor and Council Member for District 3.

Se notifica que los lugares de votación indicados en el “Anexo A-1” estarán abiertos el sábado 3 de mayo de 2025 de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m., para votar en la elección general para elegir Alcalde y Concejale para el Distrito 3.

ORDINANCE NO. 27440-01-2025/ ORDENANZA NRO. 27440-01-2025

An ordinance ordering a general election by the qualified voters of the City of Fort Worth, Texas, May 3, 2025, for the purpose of electing the Mayor and City Council Members for the City of Fort Worth and ordering a runoff election, if needed

Ordenanza que decreta llevar a cabo una elección general para los votantes calificados de la ciudad de Fort Worth, Texas, el 3 de mayo de 2025, con el fin de elegir alcalde y concejales de la ciudad de Fort Worth, y decretar una segunda votación, en caso de ser necesaria.

Member of the City Council, Mayor (Miembro del Ayuntamiento, Alcalde). Candidates/Candidatos

Mattie Parker  
Josh Lucas  
Alyson Kennedy  
Lawrence E. Walker, II  
Millennium Anton C. Woods, Jr  
Chris Wood  
Jeremy F. Labelle  
Donnell Ballard

Member of the City Council, District 3 (Miembro del Ayuntamiento, Distrito 3). Candidates/Candidatos

Jason Ballmann  
Michael D. Crain

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at locations and during the times listed in Exhibit A-2.

La votación anticipada en persona se realizará los días de semana en los lugares y horarios indicados en el Anexo A-2.

Applications for a Ballot by Mail must be submitted between January 1, 2025, and April 22, 2025, by mail, fax or email to:

Las solicitudes de boletas por correo deben presentarse entre el 1 de enero de 2025 y el 22 de abril de 2025 por correo postal, fax o correo electrónico a:

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Fax: 817-598-6183; Email: [elections@parkercountytx.com](mailto:elections@parkercountytx.com)

Websites (sitios web): <https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/citysecretary/elections>; <https://www.parkercountytx.com>

EXHIBIT A-1 (ANEXO A-1)

Countywide Polling Place/Lugar de Votación del Condado

Springtown Senior Center, Community Room, 1070 N Main St., Springtown  
Peaster ISD Rock Gym, Back Room of Gym, 8512 FM RD 920, Peaster  
Aledo ISD Admin Building, Loudon Room, 1008 Bailey Ranch Rd., Aledo  
Hudson Oaks Public Safety Building, Training Room, 150 N. Oakridge Dr., Hudson Oaks  
Azle City Hall, Community Room, 505 W Main St., Azle  
First Baptist Church- Brock, Fellowship Hall, 2111 FM RD 1189, Brock  
Millsap City Hall, City Hall, 208 Fannin St., Millsap  
Willow Park Public Safety Bldg., 101 Stagecoach, Willow Park  
Reno City Hall, 195 W Reno Rd, Azle  
Fire Station 43, Apparatus Bay, 2200 Walsh Ranch Parkway, Aledo

EXHIBIT A-2 (ANEXO A-2)

EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE DAYS AND HOURS (DÍAS Y HORAS DE VOTACIÓN TEMPRANO POR APARICIÓN PERSONAL)

Tuesday, April 22, 2025 (Martes 22 de abril de 2025)	7:00AM-7:00PM
Wednesday, April 23, 2025 (Miercols 23 de abril de 2025)	8:00AM-5:00PM
Thursday, April 24, 2025 (Jueves 24 de abril de 2025)	8:00AM-5:00PM
Friday, April 25, 2025 (Viernes 25 de abril de 2025)	8:00AM-5:00PM
Saturday, April 26, 2025 (Sabado 26 de abril de 2025)	7:00AM-7:00PM
Sunday, April 27, 2025 (Domingo 27 de abril de 2025)	10:00AM-4:00PM
Monday, April 28, 2025 (Lunes 28 de abril de 2025)	7:00AM-7:00PM
Tuesday, April 29, 2025 (Martes 29 de abril de 2025)	8:00AM-5:00PM

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Azle City Hall, Community Room, 505 W Main St., Azle  
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**APRIL 8**  
**Dementia Support Group**  
Join the Dementia Support Group from 4-5 p.m. at Harvest of Aledo 1043 Bailey Ranch Rd. Even more so, we value the efforts of the caregivers, especially the families of our residents. This meeting will take place on the second Tuesday of every month. For more information call 682-209-0643.



**Food Park Lounge Night**  
Get ready to spice up your evening with the ultimate blend of flavors, tunes, and good vibes at the Food Park Lounge Night from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8 at the Heritage Park Food Park in Weatherford. Indulge in a culinary adventure as carefully-curated food vendors serve up their delicious food, while live bands set the soundtrack for a great night. Admission is free.

**APRIL 10**  
**Alzheimer's Group**  
The East Parker County

Alzheimer's Group meets from 1-3 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at Aledo United Methodist Church, 100 Pecan. Drive. For more information, call 817-441-8329.

**Camera club meeting**  
The Parker County Camera Club will hold its monthly meeting from 6-8 p.m. at Barlow Hall, 125 S. Waco Street in Weatherford. All camera enthusiasts are welcome.



**APRIL 11**  
**The 39 Steps**  
Weatherford College Fine Arts will present The 39 Steps, a film noir/mystery comed, from 7-9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, April 11-12, at the Alkek Fine Arts Center, 239 College Park Drive in Weatherford. For more information, call James Brownlee at 817-598-8922 or email jbrownlee@wc.edu.

**Philosophy of Religion and War**  
Weatherford College will host its seventh annual

Philosophy of Religion and War Conference on April 11-12. Myles Wernitz. Director of Baptist Studies at Abilene Christian University will be the keynote speaker. For more information, visit <https://adobe.ly/43xgKGn>.

**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. Parker County Master Gardeners Association in a non-profit organization affiliated with the Texas Master Gardeners through Texas A&M AgriLife.

**APRIL 15**  
**Taste of Parker County**  
Prepare your taste buds for the 2025 Taste of Parker County hosted by the Weatherford College Foundation from 4:30-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15 at Heritage Park 317 Santa Fe Drive, Weatherford, TX. Buy tickets at the gate or online at <https://wc.edu/about/foundation/taste.php>

**APRIL 17**  
**Medicare Class**  
A Benefits Advisor explains Medicare Services at the Weatherford Public Library,

ACROSS

1 time off between high school and college: "\_\_\_" year

5 TXism: "\_\_\_" as a squirrel up a tree"

6 home of the "Fighting Hornets"

7 TX Austin Amelio show: "\_\_\_" the Walking Dead"

8 TXism: "\_\_\_" Katy bar the door" (trouble)

9 pecan pie \_\_\_ mode

12 TXism: "just \_\_\_ on" (apply)

17 moral

19 TXism: "fast \_\_\_ \_\_\_ up a rafter" \_\_\_

21 free time

22 TX Farrah's first husband, Lee \_\_\_

23 in football, \_\_\_ is next to the center

28 TX Brooks who is a CB for the Cincinnati Bengals

29 TXism: "\_\_\_ it so bad I could spit"

30 emailer's or meat lover's dream? (2 wds.)

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35 instrument for TX Van Cliburn

36 mate-eater: black

42 TX Willie was \_\_\_ not paying taxes in 1990

44 songwriter Paul

46 guests at a hostel

48 beer mugs

49 poetic "before"

50 co.'s stock ownership plan for employees

51 scary as \_\_\_ fuse

52 "Santa \_\_\_ National Wildlife Refuge"

53 guys' restroom

54 great center fielder, TX Speaker

56 this "Judge" played for the Cowboys in 2021

57 TXism: "could \_\_\_ through a crowbar" (hot chili)

58 messenger nucleic acid abbr.

DOWN

1 TXism: "safe \_\_\_ \_\_\_ in a haystack"

2 Burnet newspaper: Citizens \_\_\_

3 TXism: "\_\_\_ the pan" (unrepeated success)

4 jury member

9 TXism: "bellered like \_\_\_ bull"

10 former event in the Webb County seat: "\_\_\_ Days"

11 "Steak and \_\_\_" was founded in Texas

12 near Burnet: Buchanan \_\_\_

13 TXism: "clean \_\_\_"

14 TX Willie had a cameo in 1988 film "\_\_\_ Oklahoma"

15 TXism: "shootin' \_\_\_" (gun)

16 pastry with a filling

18 "Giant" \_\_\_ Texas film saga

20 Sizemore of "Wyatt Earp" with TX Dennis Quaid (init.)

23 TXism: "bat \_\_\_ eyelash" (blink)

24 TX George W's party (abbr.)

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26 the Lipan \_\_\_ lived in Texas

27 bitterness

32 expression of pain

33 TX DeChambeau won 2024 \_\_\_ Open

34 nickname of Texas city Grand Prairie

36 Scottish "little"

37 inactive

38 TXism: "\_\_\_ bull give milk?" (no)

39 Beauford H. Jester: only Texas governor to \_\_\_ office

40 gives off, discharges

41 DeSantis of Florida

43 Austin Catholic \_\_\_ Edward's Univer.

45 "Stormin' Norman" general (init.)

47 austere

48 Texas has around 82 \_\_\_ Clubs

55 very small amount

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**APRIL 26**  
**Weatherford Lemonade Day**  
Lemonade Day is coming to Weatherford! This nationwide program is more than just selling lemonade—it's a hands-on entrepreneurial experience designed to empower our youth with skills like goal-setting, busi-

ness planning, budgeting, and customer service.

On April 26, kids across Weatherford will set up their very own lemonade stands, turning their sweet dreams into reality!

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SOFTBALL

# Freshman pitcher Perry stars in circle, Pawlak ignites offense in 9-0 win

## No. 5 Ladycats deliver strong performance in home win over Brewer

By Geoff Heppes  
The Community News

The No. 5 Aledo Ladycats aimed to create further distance between themselves and the field with another district showdown Friday, March 28. In front of their home fans, Aledo faced off against a respectable Brewer Lady Bears squad, which is jockeying for postseason positioning against Fossil Ridge and Azle – all currently looking up to the Ladycats in the District 5-5A standings.

In the end, Aledo used timely offense, consistent defense, and brilliant pitching from a rising freshman star to secure a 9-0 win that went all seven innings – Aledo’s first seven-inning contest since their league road-opener at Brewer nearly a month ago.

“Having somebody standing there and making us go seven innings is good,” Ladycats head coach Heather Myers said. “It makes us stay up in the dugout, we can’t fall asleep on defense and we have to continue competing at the plate. Honestly, they like to go seven innings to get more at bats – they like playing the long games – and it’s even more fun when it is competitive.”

Standout freshman pitcher, Tempe Perry, took the mound in her first district home outing of her varsity career. With a road victory already under her belt, Perry, younger sister of senior outfielder Addie Perry, retired the opening side with relative ease that helped

energize a quick strike on offense in the bottom of the same frame.

The elder Perry led off with an infield single, and she went on to steal both second and third base during Delaney Rosser’s first plate appearance. Then, Rosser drove her across home plate with an RBI triple, and junior third baseman Kyleigh Pawlak mashed a two-run shot to left that increased the lead to 3-0.

“I’ve always been told that we are in our spots in the lineup for a reason, and she (Coach Myers) trusts us with everything,” Pawlak said. “She is going to put each of us where she thinks is best for the team. I’ve been performing in the last few games, my bat has been hot and our coach gives us a lot of information that helps us mentally prepare for our at bats.”

As Pawlak’s bat continued to sizzle, Tempe Perry’s arm continued to deliver, and her competitive energy kept increasing. Perry recorded another quick 1-2-3 inning in the second and continued rolling even after she allowed her first hit in the third inning. Despite that, the Ladycats’ production did not slow for long.

“Typically freshmen get rattled, she does not get rattled,” Myers said of her freshman ace. “She thrives off the energy. If someone gets a hit, it just makes her want to strike out the next hitter that much more. The intensity she brings is insane – everyone in the field and the dugout feeds off of it. I can’t speak enough about her command. She’s one of the top-ranked freshman pitchers in the nation – I think she’s ranked 23rd. She’s legit and she’s just going to get better. She showed tonight everything she could do.”

Aledo tagged on another run in the fourth inning for a 4-0 lead, courtesy of heads-up base running by Jordyn Edington. Perry faced her first jam in the fifth inning with runners on first and second with two outs, but Perry’s competitive fire set the field ablaze after she let out a passionate, ‘Let’s go!’ after a strikeout looking ended Brewer’s scoring threat.

“Growing up with an older sister, we always worked out together consistently,” Perry said. “I was consistently on the field doing drills, working out and I think the consistency now comes from those reps and the work that was put in behind the scenes. Knowing that my teammates have my back, I know that I can let a girl get a hit and that my defense will get the out. There’s no need to stress about throwing so many strikeouts when I have the defense I have.”

The freshman’s fire then began to spread and became contagious – in the best way.

Pawlak first caught the spark as she blasted a triple to right to open up the action in the bottom of the fifth. After noticing an off-target throw to third base, Pawlak raced home to make it a 5-0 lead. Then, star senior Taylor McKean showed her talent at the plate with a loud double to left-center and junior catcher Breleigh Mayer defied gravity once more with a towering RBI triple to right that pushed the lead to 6-0.

“Last time against Brewer, I didn’t do too hot, but our team picked me up,” said Pawlak, who was a single short of hitting for the cycle. “This time, I felt like I needed to do it for my team because I do have a big role on this team of leadership and bat in the meat of



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Kyleigh Pawlak shouts encouragement to teammates at a recent home game.

the lineup. I knew I had to step in and step up against the best competition in our district. We love to see good pitching on the other side because we hit well off good pitching and situational hitters. I feel like I did and a lot of others stepped up against Brewer.”

As Perry retired the next six batters in a row across the final two innings, Aledo’s offense added three more runs to its total – all in the sixth inning – as Pawlak had an RBI double and senior shortstop Marina Taveras crushed a two-run homer to right.

Perry, who received praise from Myers for her and her older sister’s mental acuity and game knowledge, is relishing the opportunity she has with the group of teammates surrounding her.

“Coming into this program and knowing that it’s good, I knew I had to step up, but knowing my teammates would have my back and let me do me was so uplifting,” Tempe Perry said. “Knowing all of this has really added to my energy on the field. Between every single

pitch, hearing my teammates tell me something like, ‘Hey, I’ve got you, don’t worry about it,’ and that definitely helps.”

Perry impressed with a complete-game shutout. Across seven innings, she tallied seven strikeouts without a walk while giving up five hits scattered across the contest. Pawlak was a force at the plate with three hits, three runs scored and three RBI while Rosser was stalwart as well with three hits to go with two runs scored and one RBI. Taveras went 2-for-4 with two RBI while McKean finished 2-for-4 with one run scored. The Perry sisters recorded one hit apiece while the elder sister stole two bases. Mayer also contributed with an errorless performance behind home plate to go with her fifth-inning RBI triple. Edington also chipped in with one run scored and one stolen base.

The Ladycats (18-3, 7-0) will take the field again at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Chisholm Trail in search of their 12th win in the last 13 games overall.



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BASKETBALL

Area athletes garner state honors

On court and academically

By Rick Mauch  
The Community News

Not only does the area have on-court basketball talent, they also have in-the-classroom talent. Several area athletes were honored in both categories recently.

Named academic all-state by the Texas High School Coaches Association and the Texas Girls Coaches Association were:

THSCA Aledo

Boys basketball - First team: Brett Barclay.

Swimming/diving - Elite: Tyler Jackson, first team: Avery Faulkner, second team: Haley Roberson.

Weatherford

Boys basketball - Honorable mention: Deshaun Lewis, Micah Moore.

TGCA Weatherford

Girls basketball - Charli Clark, Kennedy Jarrett, Landrie Polk.

Among the requirements to qualify for academic all-state a player must be a senior.

All-region honors

Two players from Aledo were named Class 5A All-Region 3 by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches. Senior Joaquin Pacheco of the Bearcats and junior Elizabeth Griffin of the Ladycats were honored.

The Ladycats and Bearcats each won district. The Ladycats advanced to the third round of the playoffs, while the Bearcats won the first district title in team history to reach bidistrict.

The TABC has yet to announce its academic all-state honors.

TRACK AND FIELD

Aledo teams sweep at Chisholm Trail

Final preparation for district

By Rick Mauch  
The Community News

In a final warmup for this week's District 5-5A Meet, Aledo teams swept all four divisions (varsity boys and girls, junior varsity boys and girls) on March 28 at the Saginaw Chisholm Trail Ranger Invitational.

The Bearcats varsity won five gold medals, including two by Tyler Connelly in the 1600-meter and 3200 runs. Adrian Fuller won the 200, Trey Warner the 400, and Luke Schabel captured the 800.

Addison Smith (100, 200) and Micah Neal (1600, 3200) each won a pair of individual gold medals for the Ladycats, with Molly Garrison taking gold in the 800, along with 4x400 relay topping the field.

"As a team, I think we are going into district strong. It's a much more difficult district with Keller Fossil Ridge (dropped down from Class 6A) this year," Bearcats coach Andrew Clark said. "They have speed and depth. We are young and will have our hands full bringing home the district title."

The Bearcats and Ladycats were competing in the District 5-5A Meet at Saginaw High School at press time. The top four finishers in each event will advance to the Area 5/6-5A Meet on April 10 at Tim Buchanan Stadium in Aledo.

"We're looking pretty strong right now," Ladycats coach Mike Pinkerton said. "The Chisholm Trail Meet had four teams from district in it and winning all four divisions is a great feeling heading into district."

Along with Aledo and host Chisholm Trail, Saginaw and Brewer were also competing.

Saginaw Chisholm Trail Ranger Invitational March 28

Top Aledo results

(Running distances in meters, field events in feet)

Varsity Boys

200: 1. Adrian Fuller, 22.03.  
400: 1. Trey Warner, 48.97.

800: 1. Luke Schabel, 2:03.65; 2. Jace Lay, 2:04.33; 3. Dominick Barrera, 2:04.48.

1600: 1. Tyler Connelly, 4:30.68; 2. Noah Lay, 4:34.97; 3. Jack Fink, 4:35.63.

3200: 1. Connelly, 9:47.77; 2. Lay, 10:00.58; 3. Fink, 10:03.43.

110 Hurdles: 3. Isaac Brooks, 15.36.

300 Hurdles: 2. Lincoln Tubbs, 39.37; 3. Brooks, 41.30.

4x100 Relay: 3. Fuller, Kai Taylor, Alex Patton, Tubbs, 43.00.

4x200 Relay: 4. Fuller, Taylor, Patton, Cash Martin, 1:31.22.

4x400 Relay: 4. Barrera, Lay, Brooks, Tubbs, 3:31.98.

High Jump: 6. Caden Cunningham, 6-0.

Discus: 2. Jake Lancaster, 147-5; 3. Christian Sandoval, 139-8.

Varsity Girls

100: 1. Addison Smith, 12.61.  
200: 1. Smith, 24.49.

400: 2. Emery Thompson, 1:00.42; 5. Mykel Murry, 1:01.83.

800: 1. Molly Garrison, 2:18.97; 2. Sofia Brandenburg, 2:19.61; 4. Mayden Mitchell, 2:21.77; 5. Murry, 2:23.36.

1600: 1. Micah Neal, 5:13.80; 2. Brandenburg, 5:15.02; 3. Madison Larsen, 5:17.01.

3200: 1. Neal, 11:17.84; 2. Larsen, 11:30.30.

100 Hurdles: 2. Savannah Thompson, 17.35; 4. Victoria Crews, 17.76.

300 Hurdles: 3. Crews, 49.48; 6. Sawyer Voight, 52.76.

4x100 Relay: 6. Alexa Plantz, Macie Laidley, Voight, E. Thompson, 49.75.

4x200 Relay: 6. Crews, S. Thompson, Jordan Wright, Laidley, 1:50.44.

4x400 Relay: 1. Murray, Mitchell, Brandenburg, Smith, 4:01.45.

High Jump: 2. Voight, 5-2.

JV Boys

200: 1. Gavin Richardson, 23.43; 6. Zane Walker, 24.30.

400: 3. Anderson Smith, 55.17.

800: 1. Smith, 2:07.08; 2. Shane Noveski, 2:09.02; 4. Reed Murray, 2:13.23.

1600: 1. Thatcher Pettit, 4:56.30; 2. Noveski, 4:57.41.

3200: 1. Ian Robbins, 10:17.71; 2. Pettit, 10:58.00.

110 Hurdles: 1. Rudy Moya, 16.83; 4. Vander Newton, 17.80.

300 Hurdles: 1. Sky Bradford, 43.09; 2. Moya, 43.55; 3. Briley Perkins, 44.64.

4x100 Relay: 6. Cooper Cheak, Maddux Nurse, Caden Nussbaum, Walker, 46.06.

4x200 Relay: 3. Cheak, Walker, Nussbaum, Richardson, 1:35.08.

4x400 Relay: 1. Perkins, Richardson, Cooper Hull,

Smith, 3:38.65.

High Jump: 1. Hull, 5-10; 6. Evan Endsley, 5-6.

Discus: 2. Casen Evans, 124-5.5; 6. Omari Din-Mbuh, 111-2.5.

Shot Put: 3. Tymon Meeks, 41-10; 6. Deker Sanders, 39-2.25.

JV Girls

200: 5. Hannah Hubley, 28.65.

400: 1. Tiara Butler, 1:04.81; 4. Jenessa Valadez, 1:09.19.

800: 1. Kjersten Loy, 2:39.47; 2. Carley Couch, 2:43.50.

1600: 1. Hadleigh Walton, 5:45.19; 2. Loy, 5:58.13; 3. Couch, 6:05.21.

3200: 1. Walton, 12:26.21; 2. Paula Redondo, 12:57.00; 3. Loy, 13:00.17.

100 Hurdles: 2. Braylin Wiggins, 18.79; 4. Blakely Spain, 19.88.

300 Hurdles: 3. Wiggins, 54.02; 6. Malia Belanger, 55.88.

4x100 Relay: 5. Brooklyn Clark, Hubley, Wiggins, Evie Revard, 54.80.

4x200 Relay: 5. Clark, Hubley, McKenna Smith, Revard, 1:56.30.

4x400 Relay: 1. Valadez, Allison Fearnelyhough, Butler, Walton, 4:27.58.

High Jump: 4. Kimber Perkins, 4-4; 6. Smith, 4-4.

Texas Relays

Two members of the Bearcats traveled to Austin March 26-29 to compete at the Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays. The meet features some of the top high school and college athletes from across the nation in their respective categories.

Braylon Brown finished ninth the boys pole vault B division. He cleared 15 feet, 1 inch.

Brown placed third at the Class 5A State Meet in 2024 in the same Mike A. Myers Stadium on the University of Texas campus.

Adam Avarett was 26th in the 110-meter hurdles, posting a time of 15.06 seconds.

Eagles have strong showing in own meet

The Willow Park Trinity Christian Eagles placed second in their own meet on March 27. The Eagles scored 91 points, behind only Arlington Pantego Christian with 146.

The Eagles won four gold medals by Owen Coates (110-meter hurdles), Kadin James (discus), and Jonathan Wright (shot put), along with the

4x200 relay. Ella Cockrum won the discus for the Lady Eagles.

TCA Eagles Invitational

(Running events in meters, field events in feet)

Varsity Boys

Area team scores

Trinity Christian Willow Park, 91, second place; Weatherford Christian Academy, 44, sixth place; Garner, 27, ninth place.

Top individuals

3200: 2. Bo Merrill, Park 10:37.58.

4x100 Relay: 2. Trinity Christian Willow Park, 44.28; 4. Weatherford Christian Academy, 47.24; 5. Garner, 48.64.

800: 6. Jonas O'Dell, Trinity Christian Willow Park, 2:12.34.

110 Hurdles: 1. Owen Coates, Trinity Christian Willow Park, 16.07.

4x200 Relay: 1. Trinity Christian Willow Park, 1:34.87; 3. Weatherford Christian Academy, 1:37.35; 5. Garner, 1:42.37.

400: 2. Gavyn Prickett, Weatherford Christian Academy, 55.46.

4x400 Relay: 2. Weatherford Christian Academy, 3:49.34; 4. Trinity Christian Willow Park, 3:53.59; 6. Garner 4:14.21.

Discus: 1. Kadin James, Trinity Christian Willow Park, 135-2.

Long Jump: 3. Carter Austin, Garner, 20-7.75; 4. Owen Coates, Trinity Christian Willow Park, 20-3.50.

Shot Put: 1. Jonathan Wright, Garner, 41-5.25; 3. Kadin James, Trinity Christian Willow Park, 38-11.

Triple Jump: 2. Garrett Gough, Trinity Christian Willow Park, 37-8.

Varsity Girls

Area team scores

Trinity Christian Willow Park, 44, seventh place; Garner, 31, eighth place; Weatherford Christian Academy, 13, ninth place.

Top individual results

3200: 5. Tianna Geiger, Victory Christian Academy, 13:20.80.

4x100 Relay: 3. Garner, 54.71; 5. Trinity Christian Willow Park, 56.49; 6. Weatherford Christian Academy, 1:00.18.


100 Hurdles: 5. Evelyn Woody, Weatherford Christian Academy, 20.53.

100: 4. Laney Horton, Garner, 13.94; 6. Tarryn Wakefield, Garner, 14.13.

300 Hurdles: 5. Evelyn Woody, Weatherford Christian Academy, 1:00.45.

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# LADYCAT OF THE WEEK



**Micah Neal**  
**Track & Field**

The sophomore won both the 1600-meter and 3200-meter runs at the Saginaw Chisholm Trail Ranger Invitational on March 28. She clocked a time of 5 minutes, 13.80 seconds in the former and 11:17.84 in the latter.

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# BEARCAT OF THE WEEK



**Devin Miller**  
**Baseball**

The senior who has committed to play at Cal State Fullerton next season pitched a two-hit 3-0 shutout victory at Saginaw Chisholm Trail on Friday, March 28. He struck 10 and walked just one batter..

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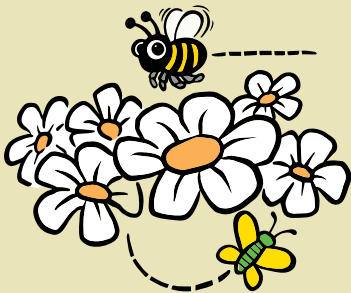
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Standards Link: Science: Living things need water, air and resources from the land.



## What do you love about the Earth?

Look at the pictures of the natural resources Earth provides for us. Put a heart around each of the natural resources that you especially love. Under each one, write a sentence about how you will care for, conserve and appreciate this resource.



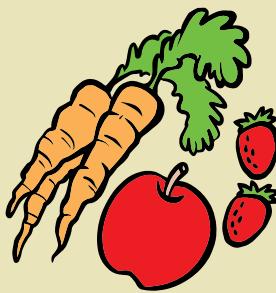
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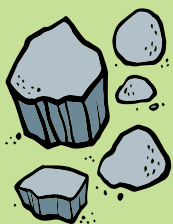
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**Beware!**  
Taking too many natural resources from the planet means we could run out of them!

Do the math to find out what the different natural resources on this page provide people.

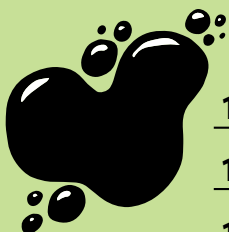
8 + 7 = <u>15</u> SOME CANDLES	7 + 2 = <u>9</u> WINDOWS
4 + 6 = <u>10</u> PAPER	8 + 8 = <u>16</u> GASOLINE
7 + 6 = <u>13</u> PLASTICS	7 + 7 = <u>14</u> COMPUTER CHIPS
8 + 4 = <u>12</u> CARDBOARD	6 + 2 = <u>8</u> MACHINERY
6 + 5 = <u>11</u> GLASS	9 + 9 = <u>18</u> POTS & PANS
9 + 8 = <u>17</u> WOOD	4 + 3 = <u>7</u> WIRE



METAL ORES  
7 = 7 WIRE



TREES  
12 = 12



OIL

13 = 13 PLASTICS

16 = 16

15 = 15



SAND  
9 = 9

With some friends, pick up litter on your school playground. It's a great way to help the environment!

Extra! Extra!

## Fun Facts

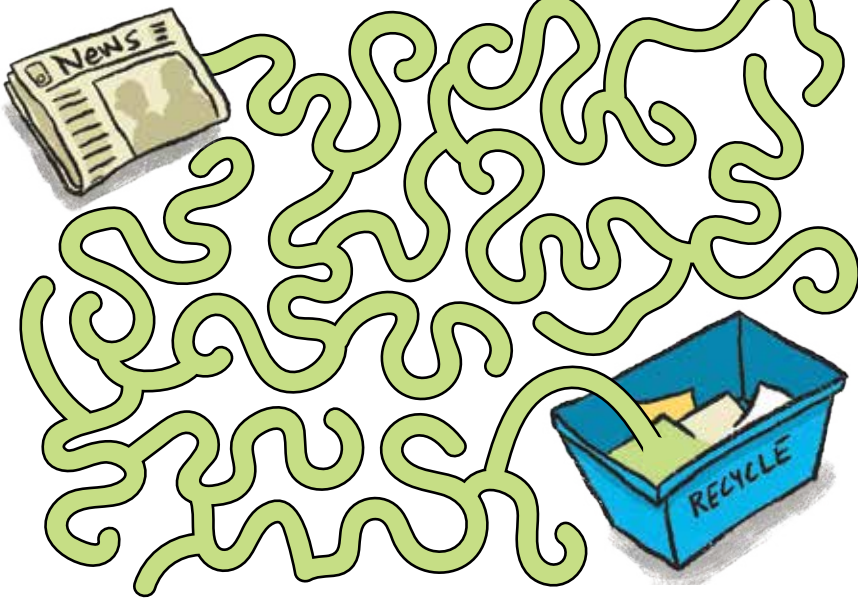
Look through today's newspaper for five facts. List the facts and circle any you think are fun to know. Whether or not the fact is fun or not would be your opinion.

Standards Link: Science: Identify natural resources. Language: Sort words in alphabetical order.

## Kid Scoop Puzzler

# Recycle After Reading

Put the newspaper in the recycle bin.



## Double Double Word Search

AIR  
CONSERVE  
EARTH  
GIFTS  
HAPPY  
HEART  
LOVE  
METAL  
NATURAL  
OIL  
ROCKS  
RUN  
SAND  
TREES  
WOOD

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

L	A	T	E	M	G	X	C	Z	R
S	Q	K	S	Y	H	I	M	K	O
E	A	R	T	H	W	L	F	W	C
E	V	R	E	S	N	O	C	T	K
R	H	A	P	P	Y	V	O	J	S
T	E	R	S	F	J	E	A	D	B
X	A	K	U	L	M	O	W	I	Q
C	R	H	D	N	A	S	I	Y	R
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.



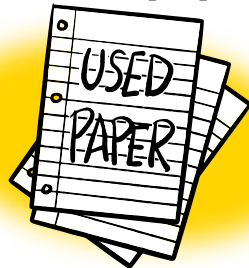
Kid Scoop Together

# Amazing Recyclables!

When you recycle, your used items get turned into new products.

Fill in the missing vowels in each word listed below to discover some of the things these items can be made into after recycling.

## binder paper



n\_pk\_ns  
b\_\_ks  
sk\_tchb\_\_ks  
n\_wsp\_per

## aluminum cans



b\_s\_b\_ll b\_t  
a\_to p\_rts  
an\_th\_r c\_n  
appl\_\_nc\_s

## plastic containers



sl\_\_ping b\_gs  
ski j\_ck\_ts  
c\_rp\_t  
t\_ys

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## Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word:  
**RESOURCE**

The noun **resource** means things that are available for people to use.

A natural **resource** is something in nature that can be used by people.

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



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