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ALEDO HIGH SCHOOL

Spring Fling

More than 125 vendors from Parker and Tarrant County set up shop at Aledo High School March 29 for the annual Aledo Spring Fling. The craft fair and market expo was held in the high school cafeteria while food trucks lined the front driveway to feed hungry shoppers. The event raised money for the Aledo High School Class of 2026 prom.



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Kevin and Donna Robertson shop at Leanne Barton's booth, Barton House Designs.



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Shoppers enjoyed a wide array of merchandise during the day.



Three year-old Leighton and four year-old Waverly have the best seats in the house on top of parents Paige and Waylon Mugartefui as they shop clothes and crafts of Aledo Spring Fling.



Nicole Stuart and daughter Sadie sort through apparel accessories at a booth.



Plenty of apparel was on display.



Gail Bagley admires colorful clothes at one of the Aledo High School Spring Fling's 125 booths on Saturday, March 29.

OUTLAWS

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"I went from 6'2 to 4'9, because I am now sitting in a wheelchair." Chris has a warped sense of humor!

So, Chris spent his time in physical therapy and his children were young teenagers watching his every move. He had a brilliant epiphany — he said, "I can sit here and cry in my beer or I can show them it's not what happens to you but, it's about what you do next."

After some more therapy, Chris wanted to get back to working out and getting stronger. He had played basketball in school and also for the Army. Chris was at a crossroad. There was no wheelchair basketball leagues or teams for him so, Chris's wife Amy said: "Make your own."

With that, Chris started getting the word out. It didn't matter if a person was in a wheelchair or not, he was telling everyone he meets that there was a new wheelchair basketball league forming.

"We went from three players to 17 players in just a matter of months. Then, we started to get competitive and playing other teams from not just Texas but from all over."

Let's see how good we are

"We wanted to go and be competitive on a different level. We decided to put our team in the National Wheelchair Basketball Association tournament and play for a national championship. The best teams from all over the United States were there.

"In almost every game, we were the underdog. But, we played as a team, made some crucial shots, and when it was all said and done, The Texas Outlaws were the Division 3 2025 National Champions!"

Chris and Amy are always looking for more players and sponsorships. Chris, Amy, and the players have been this success on their own dime. They even have some extra wheelchairs if that is what is holding a new player back.

You can contact Chris on the Texas Outlaws Wheelchair Facebook page.

Reporter's note: Working for The Community News has allowed me to be witness of wonderful moments from our community that I get to share with all of you. Thursday night's city council meeting was one of those moments.

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HAIL

from page one

In a home on Old Annetta Road, one could stand in the master bedroom and look out to the backyard through the wall because hail beat the wood siding and sheetrock away, leaving only the vertical studs.

The broken windows and ruined roof of Bill and Sharon Pate's home in Aledo have long been repaired, but they kept a souvenir of the storm. There are half-dollar-size pockmarks where hail broke the tile on the front porch that still remain.

"The noise was horrendous," Sharon recalled while standing with her husband on their front porch. "It was so loud you couldn't hear yourself."

Bill described a close call their daughter, Ashley, encountered. The garage door was closed when she and a friend returned from Aledo High School cheerleader practice and the couple had to sit terrified in the front seat as hail beat the friend's car and broke the windows out around them.

"All the windows on our north and west sides of the house were broken," Bill recalled. "The windows and the skylight were broken and the roof, of course, was ruined."

The storm came without much warning and few knew how intense the hail would be.



Finding humor in the aftermath of the chaos, the writer painted family members on some of the 26 boarded-up windows of his home in the Deer Creek area of Aledo.



CHRISTOPHER AMOS/THE COMMUNITY NEWS
Shattered glass and damaged furniture were common in many Parker County homes after the 1995 hail storm.



The writer took photos of the dining room while taking cover around the corner of the kitchen during the hail storm, capturing flying glass and hail stones on the table and in the air over what was intended to be dinner with a guest.

"I actually was watching the news and the weather and they didn't say anything about it," Bill remembered.

"And then I heard all this noise, so I got up to walk out of the TV

room to see what was causing the noise and that's when all the windows blew out and the hail came in."

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Capital Highlights

House passes school voucher bill



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The Texas House on Thursday, April 17, passed Gov. Greg Abbott's school voucher bill after a years-long campaign by the governor and his allies, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported. Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who presides over the Senate, announced Friday he recommended that chamber accept the House version, which prioritizes children with special education needs for vouchers.

The Senate version, which is less restrictive, passed in early February.

In addition to passing the voucher legislation, the House passed a \$7.7 billion school finance package, which will increase the base-level funding per student by almost \$400 — to \$6,555 — and pays for teacher raises and increases in special education funding. The Senate's version is considerably different, so the two school finance bills will have to be reconciled.

House cuts Lottery Commission budget to zero

The budget for the Texas Lottery Commission was reduced to zero in the 2026-2027 budget passed by the House, the *Statesman* reported.

The commission has been under fire for not aggressively curtailing third-party "courier companies" that broker ticket sales for players online. In one instance, a single player bought

enough tickets to guarantee a winning ticket for a \$95 million jackpot, according to the *Houston Chronicle*.

The Senate has already passed a bill outlawing courier companies. It is uncertain whether the Senate will go along with the House measure to end all lottery commission funding.

The lottery brings about \$2 billion a year to the state treasury.

Senate bill would ban fluoride in water systems

A bill filed by state Sen. Bob Hall, R-Edgewood, would ban adding fluoride to public drinking water, a cause being championed by U.S. Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

The Dallas Morning News reported that Hall talked about the potential side effects of consuming an "excessive amount" of fluoride. Health officials assert fluoride has protected against tooth decay and resulted in fewer cavities over the decades it has been added to public water systems.

Hall's bill would ban adding "any form of fluoride to any public water supply for the purpose of fluoridation, regardless of the intended concentration."

Kennedy has said he plans to ask the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to stop recommending fluoridation of public water systems. Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller has also called for a ban on water fluoridation.

In Texas, nearly three-fourths of the state's population drinks water with fluoride in it, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

House agrees to give Paxton back pay

Largely along party lines, the House agreed to urge budget

writers to give Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton nearly \$64,000 in back pay to cover the period when he was suspended while impeached. The *Chronicle* reported the measure passed by a margin of 88-56.

Paxton was impeached by the House in 2023, but the Senate acquitted him. He went without pay for about three months.

"If we believe that not only politicians but regular citizens are entitled to the presumption of innocence, we should truly believe that he should have been entitled to his salary during the course of this suspension," said state Rep. Mitch Little, R-Lewisville, the bill's sponsor. "Now that he's been acquitted, if you broke it, you bought it."

The House and Senate versions of the budget still have to be reconciled.

Middleton jumps into Texas AG's race

Republican state Sen. Mayes Middleton, R-Galveston, has jumped into the race to replace Paxton, who is pursuing a primary challenge to U.S. Sen. John Cornyn. The *Chronicle* reported that Middleton will self-fund his campaign with \$10 million.

"I am running for Texas Attorney General to continue the fight for our shared conservative values that keep the Texas Miracle alive," Middleton said in a statement. "As Attorney General, I will join President Trump in his efforts to return America and Texas to common sense and to fight to secure the border, ensure law and order, and be tough on crime."

Middleton was elected to the Senate in 2021 after previously serving in the House. Former U.S. Attorney John Bash declared earlier he also was seeking the position.

Idle American

Looking Back at Easter



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Easter, 2025, was a time like none other!

Before choirs proclaimed that He is risen, before church bells sounded around the world celebrating Jesus' resurrection and before children skittered across lawns for multicolored eggs, I saw history's greatest moment patterned in a quiet Fort Worth neighborhood.

It's a place where tattered lives are transformed by Christ, these parolees who earlier chose the craggy streets of ungodly pursuits, inevitably crashing into barriers, their lives splintered.

Chandler Fozard founded HOPE Prison Ministries in 2009. It offers Christ-centered HOPE, counseling and living.

He was born into a dysfunctional family, raised in boys' homes and incarcerated by age 22. But God's judgment was just the beginning of his redemption. Completing his incarceration early, he likewise was granted early release from supervised probation.

Thirteen years later in 2001, he was married, with a thriving business in full swing. Then, he felt "led of the Lord" to help others released from prison. There's

a reason why he's often contacted by the Texas Juvenile Justice System, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and countless others for help.

HOPE's founder presses on relentlessly.

I've known Chandler for about two months, believing that he embodies the poetic lines on the Statue of Liberty that proclaim: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free."

'Tis true, 'tis true.

His passion exceeds life's highest bar. At age 55, he's on task constantly as he prays, works, and plans, all the while dealing with folks who are intellectually, mentally, and/or physically challenged.

After 5 p.m. one Friday, he drove to Houston for retrieval of a parolee who was off to a bad start upon his release after 21 years in prison. Arrival back home was after 4 a.m.

Stricken with multiple illnesses, the "newbie" had been denied health care by another alternative housing program, kicked out because he was physically unable to work. He was diagnosed with congestive heart failure. Is it any wonder that he had been unable to work?

In the early days, Chandler and his wife, Barbara, housed clients in a renovated garage, depending heavily on faith and funding from a few donors. In addition to monetary donations, the ministry is in constant need of mentors, vehicles, household items and more.

Today, housing 44 men and a few women (separately), the ministry operates multiple, Christ-centered transitional homes in west Fort Worth. Its leadership includes people who've received ministry from HOPE, and others who've known Chandler and been associated with HOPE for many years.

Clearly, the Lord has provided. An article in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* touched the hearts of several eventual donors, one of whom—a CPA and wealth manager—continues to provide significant support so critical to the ministry's continuance.

Though it might be an overstatement to describe facilities as modest, therein HOPE abounds, love thrives, and victories are many.

In a computer lab, clients worked on scripturally-bathed curricula.

I met six clients—most in their early 20s—who've put multiple drug issues behind them. Two of the couples are soon to be married, with Chandler—founder of the program's More Than Redemption Church—officiating. The couples will reside in the house recently established for married couples. Their comments about HOPE were tearful; I joined them in joyous boo-hoing.

With almost two decades of service, HOPE is gaining momentum but remains in constant need of regular donors. Learn more on its Facebook, YouTube and Instagram channels.

Hundreds of clients have been served to date. Among those



Chandler Fozard

mentored by HOPE during and after incarceration, not one has returned to prison. One recently completed his GED and is seeking college admission!

Their church attracts some 50 worshippers most Sundays. Guests are welcome; understandably, few attend. I was chilled by Chandler's parting comment. "Each year, we participate in North Texas Giving Day. We are grateful for gifts received, but pet charities receive more." (HopeGivesBack.com provides more information.) Perhaps it was providential that I visited on Maundy Thursday, reflective of Jesus' Last Supper, when he urged His disciples to love one another.

Dr. Newbury is a speaker in the Metroplex. Contact: 817-447-3872. Email: newbury@speakerdoc.com.

Taste of Parker County

Event a success for 16th year

By Crystal Woerly
Weatherford College

The Weatherford College Foundation welcomed nearly 600 attendees to the 16th annual Taste of Parker County held at Heritage Park on April 15.

“This year’s Taste of Parker County was once again a wonderful success, bringing our community together for a great cause,” said Susan Sodek, WC advancement specialist and Taste of Parker County organizer. “The generous support from our sponsors, vendors, and attendees makes a tangible difference in the lives of Weatherford College students, and we are deeply grateful for their continued generosity.”

Event attendees had the chance to vote for their favorite eats and drinks, and the results are in. Winners of the year’s Taste of Parker County are:

- **Best Entrée:** 1. Bush League Bar & Grill, 2. (tie), CiBi Italian Restaurant and Heim Barbecue, 3. The Saddle at Canyon West.
- **Best Side Dish:** 1. Flavor on 51/Seventy-One, 2. Heim Barbecue, 3. Aaron’s Catering.
- **Best Dessert:** 1. Dulce Panda Creamery, 2. Back Home Bakery, 3. DERS Desserts.
- **Most Hospitable Vendor:** 1. Flavor on 51/Seventy-One, 2. I Do Events Bartending & Staffing, 3. (tie) Ghostwood Whiskey and Piamonte Coffee.
- **Best Appetizer:** 1. Caitlyn’s Catering, 2. The Perfect Pepper, 3. Aaron’s Catering.
- **Best Healthy Choice:** 1. Caitlyn’s Catering, 2. Piamonte Coffee, 3. Yesterday’s Sandwich Shop.
- **Most Unique Dish:** 1. CiBi Italian Restaurant, 2. Heim Barbecue, 3. Caitlyn’s Catering.
- **Best Beverage:** 1. Ghostwood Whiskey, 2. I Do Events Bartending & Staffing, 3. Major Perk.
- **Best Décor:** 1. Aaron’s Catering, 2. I Do Events Bartending & Staffing, 3. Caitlyn’s Catering.
- **Best “Mom and Pop”:** 1. Piamonte Coffee, 2. Dulce Panda Creamery, 3. Flavor on 51/Seventy-One.
- **Judge’s Favorite Best Overall:** 1. CiBi Italian Restaurant, 2. Bush League Bar & Grill, 3. Major Perk.
- **Judge’s Favorite Entrée:** 1. Heim Barbecue, 2. The Saddle at Canyon West, 3r. Tailgaters BBQ.
- **Judge’s Favorite Dessert:** 1. DERS Desserts, 2. Dulce Panda Creamery, 3. Major Perk.

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Beckoning Events



Aaron's Catering



Bush League



Caitlyn's Catering



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Tailgaters BBQ



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Cinco de Mayo!

This year, Teacher Appreciation Week starts on another special day:
Cinco de Mayo!

On Cinco de Mayo, it's fun to break open a piñata filled with treats.

Look closely to find the piñata below that is different than all the others.

Hooray for Teachers!

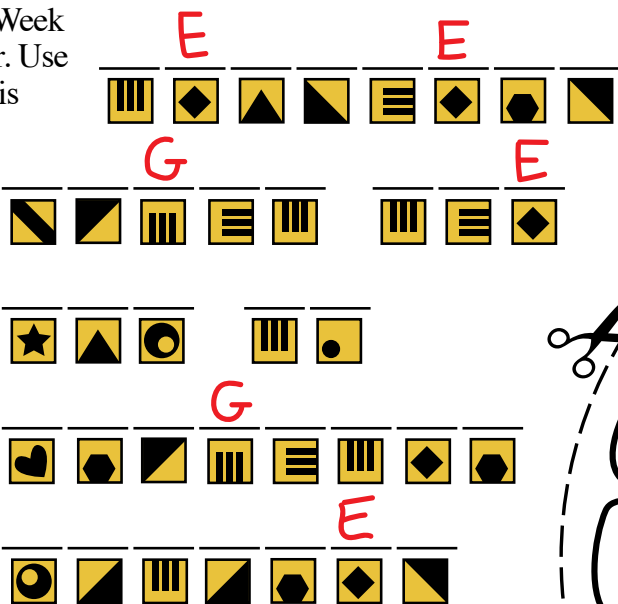


Decorate this 'We Appreciate YOU!' award for your teacher!



The National PTA celebrates Teacher Appreciation Week with a theme each year. Use the code to discover this year's theme!

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Standards Link: Social Studies: Discover jobs and careers in our community.

Teachers Care

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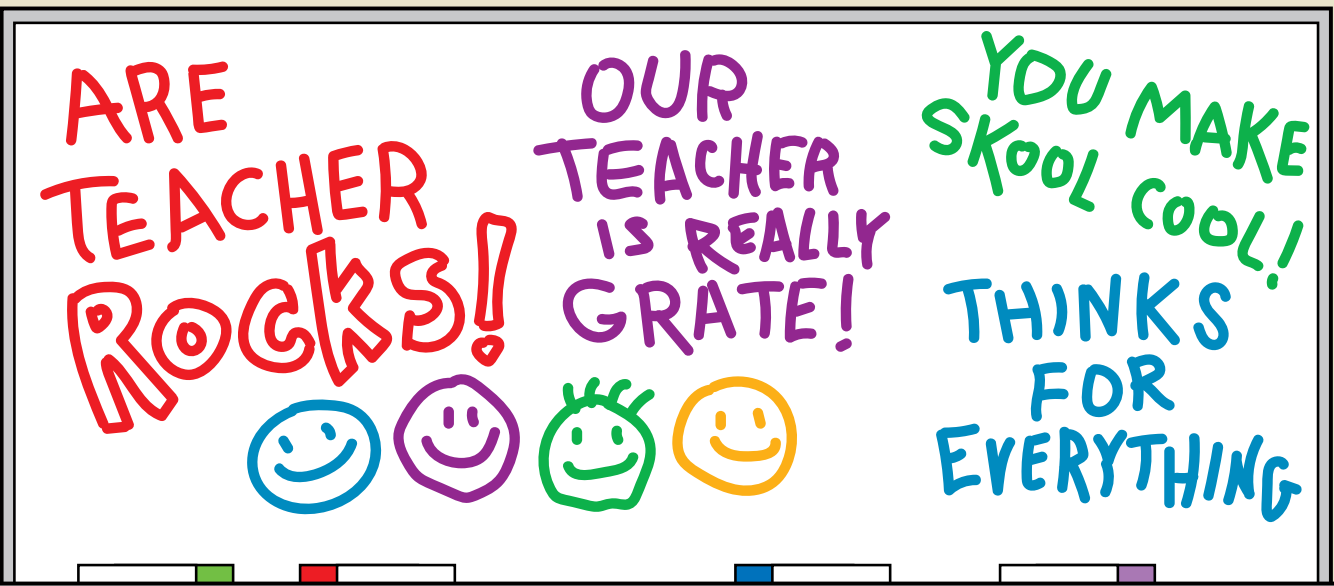
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Board Boo-Boos

Students decorated this white board for Teacher Appreciation Week, but they made a few mistakes. Can you fix their spelling errors?



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Teacher Appreciation Ad

Cut out pictures and words from the newspaper to create an advertisement thanking your teacher for their good work. Paste them on another sheet of paper to make a collage.

Standards Link: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Teacher, Teacher

Can you find at least 10 differences between these twin teacher pictures?

Have a friend or family member try. Did they find any differences you missed?

Standards Link: Find similarities and differences in common objects.



Double Double Word Search

- AWARD
CARE
COMFORT
DESK
DRAW
FIX
FUN
HELP
LISTEN
PAPER
SMILE
TALKS
TEACHER
THEME
WORK

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



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



Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word:
APPRECIATION
The noun **appreciation** means a feeling of thanks.

I feel **appreciation** for my awesome teacher!

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



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APRIL 26

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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, business 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!

Whether you're a parent, mentor, sponsor, or community member, you can be part of this incredible journey to inspire the next generation of business leaders.

Why Lemonade Day?

- Teaches kids real-world life skills
- Encourages creativity and problem-solving
- Fosters community involvement
- Creates lifelong memories

This event is brought to you by the Weatherford Chamber and Young Business Leaders.



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Competition. The winners will receive trophies, certificates, and cash prizes, with the first-place winner also offered a concert opportunity to perform at Weatherford College during the 2025-2026 academic year. All finalists will take part in a Q&A session with the judges after the final round.

The preliminary round will take place online, with performances judged based on submitted videos. Twelve selected finalists will perform live before the judges from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at the Marjorie Alkek Performing Arts Center



MAY 1

STUDENT ART
EXHIBITION

Weatherford College will host its bi-annual Student Art Exhibition from 5:30-7 p.m. on Thursday, May 1, at the Alkek Fine Arts Center.



MAY 4

Parker County Aggie Clay Shoot

The inaugural Parker County Aggie Clay Shoot will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 4, at Defender Outdoors Clay Sports Ranch, 8270 Aledo Road in Fort Worth.

ACROSS

1 "___ the Man"
Musial

5 TX George Strait's "Ace in the ___"

6 in Liberty County on U.S. 90

7 Paris, TX FM

8 TXism: "table graze"

9 Robert Mueller was dir. of this agcy. for TX George W. "can't put ___ to the name"

17 Alamo's Travis drew ___ the dirt

19 Sutton County seat astronaut, TX "Deke"

22 TX Robert Howard created "Conan" played by this Schwarzenegger

23 TXism: "bunched up like ___ a trough"

28 actress Patricia in Texas-based "Hud"

29 TXism: "piece of ___ (easy)"

30 this Gary hit last homer in old Arlington Stadium

31 TXism: "jumpy as a cat ___"

35 this TX Gilpin was a child actor and brother of Peri

36 TXism for "skinny" (4 wds.)

42 "___ BBQ Sauce"

44 TXism: "cute as a white ___ call"

46 debonair

47 Texas fiddler, Robertson

49 TXism: "___ a baby's bottom"

50 ___ Vernon, TX (abbr.)

51 "Petticoat" Texan, Meredith Mac ___

52 in Hockley County on U.S. 84

53 Texas performer Stone

54 TXism: "___ 'bout"

55 tallest in Texas: Guadalupe ___

DOWN

1 TXism: "more than you can ___"

2 in Harris County on highway 249

3 "The Golden Seal" was TX Railsback film about the ___ Islands

4 Costner played this Eliot in film with TX Richard Bradford

9 Greek cheese

10 Texas ___

11 Texas' "Pizza ___"

12 TXism: "drunk ___ skunk"

13 with "A," film of Texas rancher Norris (3 wds.)

14 Santa ___, TX

15 TXism: "chief ___ and bottle washer"

16 honorary Texas Ranger: ___ Stanley Gardner

18 Texas poet Naomi Shihab

20 "the year of our Lord" (abbr.)

23 ___ Bissinger's "Friday Night Lights" about Texas football

24 ___ "Bum" Phillips

25 topaz is state ___

37 "two" prefix

38 UT head coach Fred (1977-86)

39 trade agreement no longer in effect

40 Odessa's county

41 this Penn was in "Red Line" film with TX Harrelson

43 TX Willie's "Farm Aid ___" was in 1990

45 ex-Cowboy LB Darrin (init.)

48 excited (2 wds.)

49 TXism: "___ like an anvil in a stock tank"

56 out in the Gulf

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MAY 21

Baccalaureate Service

The Baccalaureate service for the Aledo High School Class of 2025 will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21, at Aledo United Methodist Church.

MAY 31

All-Class Reunion

SAVE THE DATE: An all-class reunion for Weatherford High School will be held on May 31 at the Doss Heritage and Culture Center. For more info, call 817-894-1822.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Aledo qualifies seven for state

Garrison, Averett advance in two events

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

Senior Adam Averett was wondering if he'd competed in the 300-meter hurdles for the last time as an Aledo Bearcat. He finished third in the event at the Class 5A Region I Meet at Texas Tech University on April 18-19 in Lubbock.

However, he learned on Monday, April 21, that he will indeed be in Austin on Friday, May 2, competing in the event at Mike A. Myers Stadium on the campus of the University of Texas, along with four other Bearcats and a pair of Ladycats. His time of 37.87 seconds was the fastest of all third-place finishers across four regions, qualifying him as a wild card.

In addition, Averett will return to state in the 4x400 relay, on which he also ran in 2023. He ran the anchor leg this time, joining seniors Trey Warner and Jace Lay, along with junior Lincoln Tubbs in finishing second at regionals with a time of 3:17.09.

"I thought we ran great at the regional meet," Bearcats coach Andrew Clark said. "State is an awesome experience, and anything can happen. We have to keep getting faster between now and then, and see how it all plays out."

Junior Molly Garrison led Ladycat qualifiers, advancing in both the 1600 (5:05.19) and 3200 (11:08.52). This will be her first trip to state in track, though she has competed at state cross country three years, finishing sixth this past season.

"Everyone competed really well. Very proud of all the girls," Ladycats coach Mike Pinkerton said. A pair of pole vaulters round out the Aledo contingent competing

in Austin. Braylon Brown looks to improve from his bronze medal performance in 2024 as he makes his state encore, and Emma Ralph will join him. Brown cleared 15-6 to take second, while Ralph was also runner-up with a 12-0 vault.

"I'm super excited for both of them. Different ends of the spectrum," Aledo pole vault coach John Rhodes said. "Braylon, a senior who got third at state last year and Emma, a freshman whose goal for the year was to make varsity and get a letter jacket."

"Braylon is really coming around at the right time. He had a lull in middle of season after a week-long mission trip to India took more toll than he realized. He is starting to get reps on bigger poles and I expect him to jump great at state."

"Our area meet for girls was the toughest in the state with six girls over 11-6, and Emma getting second there really prepared her for regionals. Top four at regionals were from our area."

"Emma will have a shot at a medal, and I won't be a bit surprised if she gets on after watching the way she competed the last two weekends."

"They are both great kids who are very coachable and fun to be around."

Narrowly missing state in two events was sophomore Micah Neal of the Ladycats. She was third in both the 1600 and 3200. Meanwhile, junior Sofia Brandenburg, who had qualified for state the previous two years (along with three state cross country qualifications) placed third in the 800.

In the team standings, both the Bearcats and Ladycats finished third. The boys scored 36 points, trailing only Mansfield Timberwith with 74 and Denton Ryan with

48. The girls scored 57, behind Amarillo's 66 and Ryan's 57.

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Aledo results

Girls

Team score: 57 points, third place (Amarillo 66, Denton Ryan 59)

Individual results

100: 7. Addison Smith, 12.15.
200: 5. Smith, 24.74.
800: 3. Sofia Brannenburg, 2:16.51; 7. Mykel Murry, 2:21.24.
1600: 2. Molly Garrison, 5:05.19; 3. Micah Neal, 5:07.67.
3200: 2. Garrison, 11:08.52; 3. Neal, 11:14.17.
100 Hurdles: 8. Savannah Thompson, 16.35.
300 Hurdles: 6. Victoria Crews, 47.77.
4x400 Relay: 4. Murry, Mayden Mitchell, Brandenburg, Smith, 3:58.38.
High Jump: 9. Sawyer Voight, 5-0.
Pole Vault: 2. Emma Ralph, 12-0; 4. Maggie Kilburn, 11-6.

Boys

Team score: 36 points, third place (Mansfield Timber with 74, Denton Ryan 48).

200: 7. Adrian Fuller, 22.21.
400: 6. Trey Warnner, 49.11.
1600: 6. Tyler Connelly, 4:29.39.
3200: 6. Connelly, 9:51.80.
110 Hurdles: 12. (prelims) Adam Averett, 15.08.
300 Hurdles: 3. Averett, 37.87 (qualified as a wild card).
4x100 Relay: 11. (prelims) Fuller, Kai Taylor, Alex Patton, Lincoln Tubbs, 42.27.



CHRISTOPHER AMOS/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Jace Lay, shown at the area meet in Aledo, will run a leg of the 4x400 relay at the state meet.

4x200 Relay: 13. (prelims) Fuller, Taylor, Patton, Gavin Richardson, 1:30.93.
4x400 Relay: 2. Warner, Jace Lay, Tubbs, Averett, 3:17.09.
High Jump: 13. Caden Cunningham, 5-10.
Pole Vault: 2. Braylon Brown, 15-6; 6. Kantyn Kasich, 13-6.
Discus: 7. Christian Sandoval, 148-0; 8. Averett, 147-2.
Shot Put: 5. Carson Dempsey, 50-4.

Weatherford vaulter narrowly misses state

Brigham Harmer of the Kangaroos placed fourth at the Class 6A Region I Meet in Arlington on April 18-19. He cleared a height of 14-6.

Also from Weatherford, for the Lady Roos, Braelee Gilbert threw the discus 125 feet to eighth and Cory Pantoja ran a time of 10.92 seconds to place 14th in the preliminaries of the 100 dash.



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TENNIS

Aledo competes in Northwest Tourney

Heckathorn/Britz win in doubles

Staff Reports

The Aledo Racquet Cats tennis team faced tough competition again at the Northwest tournament this past week. Several players placed, including Jacob Heckathorn and Francois Britz winning the boys B doubles championship.

They defeated teammates Paxton Psencik and Tom Ruminsky in the finals.

Lila Satterfield placed third in the A bracket of girls singles and McKinley Hayes was fourth in the B division.

Ben Kurth and Patrice Loftin teamed to finish second in mixed doubles B.

At the junior varsity level, Addie Cass placed second in B girls singles. Elizabeth Kehrt and Vivian Beeby captured the girls A doubles consolation title, and Bailey Martin and Parker Shiro were fourth in girls A doubles.

The Racquet Cats were competing in the District 5-5A Tournament in North Richland Hills at press time. The top two finishers in each event qualify for the Region I Tournament May 7-8 in Lubbock.

From regionals, the top three finishers in each category qualify for state in San Antonio May 15-16.

CHEERLEADING

Novice team earns superior rating

Championship rings also garnered

By Emily Alverson
Special to The Community News

The Level 1 Novice team from Impact Cheer and Tumble's brand-new cheerleading gym received a Superior rating at a recent cheer competition.

The top-tier rating is awarded to teams that demonstrate outstanding skill, precision, and athleticism throughout their performance.

The team also took home Championship Rings as a testament to their excellence and hard work. The rings symbolize the team's achievement of being the best in their division, a testament to their dedication and perseverance.

The team also scored the highest in the Youth Novice division, solidifying their spot as the top performers among their peers.

"We are incredibly proud of our Level 1 Novice team," said Coach Taylor, head coach of Impact Cheer and Tumble. "Their hard work, focus, and determination have truly paid off, and they've shown that with dedication, anything is possible. This victory is a result of their commitment to excellence and their love for the sport."

The team's sights are now set on future competitions, where they hope to continue their streak of success.

SOCCER

Randriamahefa named district MVP

Davis Offensive Player of Year

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

Aledo Bearcat Austin Randriamahefa has been named the District 5-5A Most Valuable Player by the league's coaches. His teammate, Trapper Davis, was honored as the league's Offensive Player of the Year.

The duo are among 15 Bearcats named all-district. The Aledo staff of head coach Derek Vierling and assistants Efran Martinez and Dawson Lake were named district Coaching Staff of the Year.

The Bearcats won the district championship.

Randriamahefa, a senior, scored 17 goals with 13 assists this season, including a pair of game-winning goals. Davis, a junior, tallied four game-winners among his 17 goals, along with six goals.

First team accolades went to junior goalkeeper Pierce Ling (51 saves, 6 shutouts), junior defender Hunter Waugh, sophomore defender Evan Randriamahefa, junior midfielder Robby Sloan (3

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RYAN WADE/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Austin Randriamahefa spins around two Richland defenders before taking a shot at the goal during the bi-district match at Farrington Field on Thursday, March 20.

SOCCER

Weimer leads Ladycats league honors

Aledo garners plenty of accolades

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

Sophomore midfielder Allyson Weimer of the District 5-5A champion Aledo Ladycats was named the league's Offensive MVP. She is one of 15 Ladycats honored by the league's coaches.

Weimer led the Ladycats in goals (19) and assists (9).

"She a good player that deserves the recognition," Ladycats coach Brian Johnson said. "She works hard and practices daily to be the best player she's able to be. She is a competitor."

First team honorees are freshman defender Avery Sands, senior midfielder Katie Cox (2 goals, 8 assists), senior defender Emery Thompson, freshman goalkeeper Audrey Obana (73 saves, 13 shutouts), sophomore defender Lillie Gideon, and sophomore forward Ainsley Elmore (10 goals, 5 assists).

Named to the second team were junior midfielder Reese Harz, sophomore forwards Kylee Vandiver, and Baylee Velarde, freshman midfielder



RYAN WADE PHOTOGRAPHY

Allyson Weimer leads the charge for the Aledo Ladycats against Brewer as Ainsley Elmore and Addison Clark follow behind during Aledo's 5-0 shutout of the Lady Bears on Friday, Feb. 14.

Abigail Cates, and junior defender Addison Clark.

Honorable mention went to senior goalkeeper Ava Fennell, junior defender Haley Mourer, and senior midfielder Conley Hamilton.

Academic all-district

Academic all-district honors were earned by all of the Ladycats named to the all-district field team, along with freshman forward Jules Avery and sophomore midfielder Alexa Plantz.

Academic all-state

Four senior Ladycats were named academic all-state by the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches. They are Thompson, Hamilton, Fennell, and Cox.

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Any person, firm or corporation who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects or refuses to comply with or who resists the enforcement of any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be fined not more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for each offense. Each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

The Town Secretary is hereby directed to publish this Ordinance in compliance with state law.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required by state law and it is so ordained.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 17th day of April, 2025.

(s) Sandy Roberts
Mayor

Attest: (s) Jamee Long
Town Secretary

ATTENTION PRIVATE SCHOOLS

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A RE-PLAT OF A SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN PRECINCT #4

THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS' COURT of Parker County, Texas, will conduct a Public Hearing on the First Floor of the Main Courthouse, located at One Courthouse Square, Weatherford, Parker County, Texas, on Monday, the 12th day of May, 2025. at the hour of 9:00 a.m. to consider, discuss, and/or act on the re-plat of a subdivision located in Precinct 4, Parker County, Texas:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN APPLICATION HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE PARKER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT TO APPROVE THE REPLAT OF THE FOLLOWING SUBDIVISION:

REVISION DU CHANE CHATEAUX

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Zoning Board of Adjustment for the Town of Annetta will conduct a public hearing on May 12, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 450 Thunder Head Lane, Annetta, and will act upon the following request:

1. A Special Exception for 222 Deer Creek Drive, a property containing .689 acres of land (Lot 15, Block 19, Subdivision: Deer Creek Phase VII) to allow for an 800 square foot accessory structure that exceeds the allowed square footage as set forth in Section 8.10.B.2.c of the Town of Annetta Zoning Ordinance 215.
2. A Special Exception to Section 8.10.B.10 of the Town of Annetta Zoning Ordinance 215 for 222 Deer Creek Drive, a property containing .689 acres of land (Lot 15, Block 19, Subdivision: Deer Creek Phase VII), to allow garage doors on any size accessory structure to face the right-of-way with additional landscaping, exterior materials or colors and ornamental features to ensure compatibility with the neighborhood.
3. A Special Exception to Ordinance 215, Section 8.10.A, to allow for an accessory building placed in a portion of the side yard instead of the rear of the lot.

All interested persons are urged to attend.

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(s) Jamee Long, City Secretary/Administrator
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SOFTBALL

Lady Eagles wrap up regular season

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Staff Reports
The Community News

In the final week of the regular season, the Trinity Christian Lady Eagles swept a double-header at home against Trinity Valley, 12-3 and 15-0 on April 15 before falling 8-1 at Lake Country Christian on April 16.

The Lady Eagles ended the regular season with a 14-11 overall record and 2-2 in TAPPS Division III District 1. They will play bidistrict at 5 p.m. on Friday, April 25, at Carrollton Prince of Peace.

In the 15-0 win, Pitchers Christina Kuschel and Ashlynn Chaffy combined for a no-hitter. Kuschel pitched two innings, striking out three, and hitting a batter, while Chaffey pitched an inning and hit two batters.

Offensively in 15-0 win: Kruschel two hits, walk, run batted in; Emily Ickert two hits, double, RBI; Rylie Reeder two doubles, walk, four RBI; Claire Chaffey two hits, RBI; Molly Speaks two hits, double, RBI; A. Chaffey home run, three RBI, hit by pitch twice; Gina Paul hit; Avery Tiwater hit, two walks; Breely Chapman home run, RBI.

Hitting in the 12-3 win included two hits and an RBI each from Gracelyn Ruda, Olivia Dominy, and Alex Ickert. Mary Graves had a walk and RBI, as Harley Wilson, while Charlie Soule had a hit and RBI, with Speaks and Charity Gables each walking.

Alex Ickert got the pitching victory, striking out six, and surrendering three hits and two earned runs in four innings.

In the loss, C. Kruschel had a hit and RBI, and Speaks had a hit. Alex Ickert, Tiwater and both Chaffeys walked. A. Chaffey was also hit by a pitch.

C. Chaffey surrendered just four earned runs on six hits, striking out five, walking three, and hitting a batter in six innings.

BEARCATS

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goals, 9 assists), junior forward Brody Gill (10 goals, 8 assists, 2 game-winners), and senior utility player Cole Crawford.

Second team honorees include senior defender Elliot Smith, junior defender Erik Soltow, senior midfielder Ryan Spriggs, senior forward Adrian Solis, and junior forward Harrison Kear.

Honorable mentions went to senior midfielder Alberto Rubio, junior forward Kyle Storck, sophomore midfielder Luke Brown, and sophomore defender Calvin Gruber.

"I think both Austin and Trapper were very deserving of their honors. The numbers they put up in 12 district games were very impressive," Bearcats coach Derek Vierling said. "Unfortunately, we probably should have had a couple more superlatives, but when people vote, sometimes it doesn't go the right way."

"Luckily, the rest of our squad was well represented with first and second team all district as well as honorable mention. It just shows how deep and talented we really were this year. Our success in district depended on that depth and it paid off for us with a district championship."

Academic all-district

In addition, 15 academic all-district honors were earned by the Bearcats. They



RYAN WADE/THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Trapper Davis makes a pass with a Weatherford defender hot on his trail during a preseason match at Tim Buchanan Stadium on Jan. 17.

include Davis, Waugh, Evan Randriamahefa, Sloan, Gill, Soltow, Kear, Rubio, Storck, Brown, and Gruber, along with juniors Mark Graham, Peyton Shaffer, and Drew Vozeh, with sophomore Trent Newton.

Academic all-state

Seven senior members of the Bearcats earned academic all-state honors from the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches. They are Austin Randriamahefa, Crawford, Solis, Smith, Noah

Peffer, Kaden Calloway, and Sean Michel.

"Academically, it was an incredible year with so many seniors receiving academic all-state and the majority of the team receiving academic all-district," Vierling said.

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LADYCAT OF THE WEEK



Molly Garrison
Track & Field

The junior runner qualified for state in two events at the Region I Meet in Lubbock. She placed second in both the 1600-meter and 3200 runs.

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BEARCAT OF THE WEEK



Braylon Brown
Track & Field

The senior pole vaulter qualified for his second consecutive Class 5A State Track Meet this past weekend with a second-place finish at the Region I Meet in Lubbock. He cleared 15 feet, 6 inches

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GOLF

Bearcats fall short in chase for state

Finish sixth in region

By Rick Mauch
The Community News

Just when it looked like the Aledo Bearcats would be returning to state as a team, their season came to an end the next day at the Class 5A Region I Boys Golf Tournament on April 16-17 in Lubbock.

The Bearcats finished sixth among the field. For the first time since 2021, they will not have a representative at state. The entire team qualified in 2022, followed by Braylon Mahanay individually in 2023 and Braden Stokes last season.

Mahanay is now playing at Weatherford College.

Emily Crick of the Ladycats qualified individually for the Ladycats after their tournament April 14-15. It extends a streak dating to 2004 of Aledo having a team or individual at state.

She will compete at Legacy Hills Golf Club in Round Rock April 28-29.

Following the opening day of this year's regional tournament, the Bearcats were a shot out of first place, shooting a 312 behind Amarillo Tascosa Red and Abilene Wylie. However, Day 2 saw Aledo shoot 336 to finish with a 648 total, while Tascosa went on to win the region with a 624, Wylie took second at 628 and Burleson Centennial rallied to take third with a 642.

Those three teams, along with the three lowest individuals not on those teams qualified to compete at state May 5-6 at Legacy Hills.

The Bearcats were led by Ethan Elmore, the lone senior on the team.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Aledo Bearcats once again played at the Class 5A Region I Tournament on April 16-17 in Lubbock, finishing sixth. Pictured are (from left) head coach Brian Mourning, Logan Lund, Braden Stokes, Ethan Elmore, Ryland Haley, Maddox Jessup, Coach Brendan Adams, and assistant coach Alex Groff.

He shot a 159 over two days to finish 15th individually.

The rest of the Bearcats playing at regionals, all juniors, were Maddox Jessup, 160, 20th; Stokes, 162, 27th; Ryland Haley, 167, 37th; and Logan Lund, 179, 64th.

The four lowest individual scores in each round comprise the team scores.

"The boys played really good the first day, but Day 2 things got away from us," Aledo coach Brian Mourning said.

Mourning said the normally challenging West Texas conditions

were even more so on the second day. Winds were gusting up to 30 miles per hour, plus the course had some extremely difficult pin placements — so difficult that play was stopped for a while to move the pin to a more playable spot on the green.

"They had some pin placements that weren't suited for high school — or anybody, for that matter," he said. "But all the teams had to play in the same conditions.

"But I'm proud of the boys and the season they had. We've got a lot of talent coming back, so I'm

excited about the boys — and girls — can do next season."

Crick's return

Two years ago, Crick was a freshman and competed at state as the No. 5 player on the Ladycats. Now, as a junior, she has qualified individually and is the top player in the girls program.

She'll be facing the top golfers in the state — but, as Mourning said, that includes her.

"Emily has a shot. She's worked hard the last two years. She put us

on her back that first day at regionals," he said. "There will be some great golfers playing those days — and she's one of them."

Mourning is also excited about having Crick back to lead the girls program next season as they — along with the boys — seek a return to state as a team.

"She's coming back, and when we get down there as a team, she'll be the leader — and the same for Braden," Mourning said.

Like Crick this season, Stokes qualified individually for the Bearcats last season.

Continuing a tradition

Since 2004, the Bearcats and Ladycats have each been represented at state 16 times, with both being represented in the same season 10 times, most recently in 2022 and 2023. The Bearcats won a team state championship in 2007 (and 1978), while Cheyenne Knight, who is now on the LPGA Tour, won girls individual state titles in 2014 and 2015.


"That's a testament to the kids we have here," Mourning said. "They work hard and expect success."

"It also says a lot about the local courses. The kids have the resources and they use them."


The Bearcats and Ladycats regularly practice at nearby courses Squaw Creek, Split Rail and Oeste Ranch, along with Leonard Golf Links driving range.

"They do everything they can to help us out," he said. "Without them I don't think we'd have the success we have."


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