

# The Keller Citizen

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## Gold Star Award

A senior at Westlake Academy recently received the 4-H Gold Star Award, the highest award one can receive in 4-H. Sara Titus completed 4-H projects in leadership, public speaking, horse, community service, safety and educational presentations. Sara currently serves as the president of Keller 4-H and plans on attending Tarleton State University. She is the daughter of MaryAnn and Jeff Titus of Keller.

## Make-A-Wish

The Make-A-Wish Foundation® of North Texas recently granted the wish of a 7-year-old Keller boy for a trip to the San Diego Zoo. Alex Beckwith was surprised Oct. 24 at a Waffles and Wishes breakfast at Hilton Southlake Town Center, where a limo was waiting to take Alex and his parents to the airport to board a plane to San Diego.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation® of North Texas grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. More than 6,200 wishes have been granted since the organization's inception in 1982.

## Westlake Baja

The Third Annual Westlake Baja raised more than \$200,000 for the Academy. Proceeds from the one-of-a-kind golf and tennis event, held in October, support the school's efforts to recruit, retain and develop teachers.

"This year's Baja was a huge win for the teachers of Westlake Academy," said Baja chair Rob Scott. "More than anything, it's our teachers that make Westlake Academy so great." Since 2009, Westlake Baja has raised more than \$1 million, including a \$500,000 endowed fund donated by Deloitte LLP. To date, the Foundation has awarded 91 grants totaling more than \$253,000.

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