

Family and friends erect memorial for woman killed by drunk driver

Loved ones of Amber Linehan held small ceremony near the Wells Burnett Road site of the accident

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On Friday, May 19 there was a memorial held for Amber Linehan-Lemke outside a Timberlake Estates home. Linehan-Lemke passed away after being struck by a drunk driver one year prior on a stretch of road between the Timberlake Estates and Castle Hill neighborhoods. Linehan-Lemke had been walking down Wells Burnett Rd. on her 40th birthday when the accident occurred. The suspect, Ryan Collier, a 47-year-old Azle resident

fled the scene without checking if Linehan-Lemke was okay. Heather Davey, who called the authorities during the initial incident allowed the friends and family of Linehan-Lemke to gather in and just outside her backyard for the memorial ceremony.

The road where Linehan-Lemke was killed has a long history of accidents. The Linehan family and friends made a point not to spend too much time in the space. The hum of passing traffic was present throughout the



SEE MEMORIAL | A5 The road where the incident occurred.

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Parker County ESD 1 firefighter Colten Tibbitts holds one of the dogs rescued from a fire on Mill Branch Lane.

Dog saviors

Parker County ESD 1 rescues dogs from fire

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When firefighters answer the call of duty, not all their missions involve saving humans.

Sometimes they find themselves rescuing the human's pets.

Such was the case when Parker County Emergency Services District 1 firefighters arrived at a single-

wide home on Mill Branch Lane - which is south of State Highway 199 between Springtown and Azle - to extinguish a fire during the early hours of April 17. While searching the home, Lt. Kaiden King found two young boxer-mixed dogs in a room adjacent to the fire.

"Both were lethargic and lifeless," Battalion Chief Chris Balough said about the dogs. "Lt. King delivered

those to engineer (Dustin) Rowe and firefighter (Colten) Tibbitts, and they administered oxygen through our pet O2 masks that were donated to us."

ESD 1 personnel monitored the dogs and eventually got them to drink water and stand up on their own, Balough said.

The dogs' owner man-

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Eagle Mountain Pregnancy Help Center to hold Aug. 3 Gala

President Karen Ogea and EMPHC staff speak on the purpose and journey of the center.

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On Aug. 3, Eagle Mountain Pregnancy Help Center will hold the Embrace Life Benefit Gala. Started in 1997 by a local Azle couple, the EMPHC offers services and resources to pregnant women in the Azle area.

"We strive to represent Jesus Christ in all that we do," President Karen Ogea said. "Our mission includes

helping clients to recognize their own personal needs, providing education in discipleship, parenting skills, marriage helps, lifestyle skills, and the importance of surrounding oneself with others who are beneficial to their growth. Our services include pregnancy testing and referrals, in addition to lay counseling and Bible studies."

Ogea was introduced to EMPHC at the Azle Sting

Fling in 2018. She then became a volunteer and teacher at the center until she was nominated to its Board of Directors in 2020.

"As a volunteer President of the Board of Directors, I realize the responsibility to serve this ministry is great and vast," Ogea said. "We must steward all that God gives us and all those He sends to us for help. If asked

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Board member Donna Alley and Karen Ogea.

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Pelican Bay and Azle enter into new partnership

Pelican Bay Police will soon begin to rely on Azle jail and other resources

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On Tuesday, May 23, the Pelican Bay City Council approved a partnership between the Pelican Bay and Azle Police Departments. "The Pelican Bay Police department has partnered with several agencies in the past for dispatch and jail services," City Secretary Cynthia Daniels said. "The Pelican Bay Police Department does not have the facility for a com-

munications center, not to mention a jail. Most recently, Pelican Bay has partnered with Sansom Park for these services, and Blue Mound previously. Several months ago, the city of Pelican Bay was informed by Sansom Park that they would not be able provide dispatch and jail services because they were entering a contact with White Settlement for these services and would no longer have the capabilities. PB Mayor Olague and police personnel



Pelican Bay City Council.

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Pelican Bay Police Chief Anderson.

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were able to meet and discuss options of contracting with the city of Azle leadership. Both sides expressed a need for collaboration and concluded the benefits for both cities outweighed any preconceived negatives. Both cities share boundaries, residents, AISD students, shoppers, family members, etc." As they wait for the Azle City Council to approve the

measure on their next June 6 city council meeting, the Pelican Bay City Council and mayor hope this agreement will improve relations between the two cities. Pelican Bay City Councilmembers expect the arrangement to be approved. "Azle and Pelican Bay contract for some city wastewater needs, and ambulatory services already, and with the

addition of police dispatch and jail services, I would believe future endeavors would be more likely considered," Daniels said. "Since both cities do share boundaries, residents, AISD students, shoppers, family members, etc. the need to collaborate to provide better emergency services is a must. We want to build a stronger community in Pelican Bay, collaborating

with Azle will help in building a stronger, more efficient community." In a demonstration of some of the shared ties between Pelican Bay and other local municipalities, the Pelican Bay City Council also recognized the Tri-County Reporter as the city's official newspaper during that same meeting.

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Azle 4-H finishes year strong

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In July of 2021, Azle 4-H was at risk of being dissolved after the only student involved graduated from Azle High School. Laura Howe, who had been running the program, posted a plea on Facebook for others to help. Unlike previous attempts, this plea was met with tremendous support. Soon Azle 4-H was in the capable hands of two new additional leaders, Danielle Barber and Tisha Grace.

"We have been so blessed to have Laura and Tisha stay on with the program helping with the knowledge that I just don't have yet," Barber said. "There is a lot to 4-H, it isn't just livestock and showing animals, kids can pick tons of projects to be involved with! For example, this year we had Archery, Horse Wrangler, Bee Keeping, Food & Nutrition, and Livestock. The livestock portion is huge, hundreds of deadlines, validations, registrations, rules, etc. to keep up with, I would have failed miserably without Laura and Tisha. Laura has literally been in 4-H her entire life."

After this new team took over, 4-H grew to 24 students in their first year and 87 students by the end of spring

Leadership speaks on massive growth and hurdles through the year

2023. Through its different activities and leadership opportunities 4-H encourages students to take charge. "[Grace's] daughter, Brelyn Beverly graduated last year and was our 2021-2022 Azle 4-H President," Barber said. "Brelyn helped us relaunch the program, dug her hands in and got dirty! She went from being a passive young lady to being a strong, can talk in front of any room, take charge young woman!"

Barber has even seen her own child step-up. After parents did not volunteer to lead the silent auction for the year, Barber's 14-year-old daughter, Emma Biehle said, "Mom, I will do it." Emma had a plan to reach out to businesses through Facebook for sponsorships and organizing the event.

"My mom instinct was full of excuses," Barber said. "Oh, my stars, she can't do this, she has school, she plays competitive volleyball, she is a member of LoneStar Riding Club, and takes Equestrian

horse jumping lessons, when on earth is she going to do this?" But I had no other parent step up, so I said 'ok, run with it.'"

Barber's decision ended up being the right one.

"Emma knocked it out of the park," Barber said. "A couple of moms agreed to help, they rallied together, and I will be darn if that 14-year-old kid who doesn't drive yet managed a silent auction that raised over \$1100 in funds! This covered the cost of our banquet and started our scholarship fund for next year. My mom heart is so proud of her, and my business brain is thinking man, this kid is going to be some kind of leader as an adult!"

Providing 4-H students with opportunities and resources takes a lot of financing, but in a short time students and parents have managed to make this a reality as well.

"We had over \$4,000 in sponsorship funds that pro-

vided seed money for our first annual Archery tournament, provide scholarships, pay for our banquet, awards, and pay for items we needed along the way," Barber said. "This year we got to give away \$4,325 in scholarship money to any kid that applied, regardless of age. They can set this money aside for college or they can use it for Azle 4-H projects next year like buying an animal to show! I had two eight-year-olds that received scholarships, how exciting for them to start a college fund if they want!"

Through sponsorships and community support, 4-H has managed to blossom and explode past many of the initial challenges facing the organization.

"Our biggest hurdle when I accepted the program was finding a home," Barber said. "Who is going to let all these kids into their space? Servolution stepped up big! We have been meeting at their facilities since I took over the program. They are amazingly accommodating and continue to support us. They even purchased our 4-H and American flags so that we could be legit! This year we added the food and nutrition project, and we had 15 kids that wanted to participate, so my home kitchen

wouldn't work, which was my original plan. We got lucky, and The United Methodist Church said, 'come on in!' Each time I have a hurdle the community seems to respond with a solution. When we needed somewhere to have our First annual Banquet Sara Langston with Azle Deer Cove, said 'girl I was in 4-H, I love the program, I would love to have y'all here!' Our Archery program needed a place to meet so Fort Guard in Weatherford not only gave us space, but also hosted our first annual tournament where we raised over \$3,000 for the club."

For their bee keeping program Barber Ranch donated a beehive to 4-H and the community garden will allow them a space for it, though 4-H still needs bees to go along with it.

While 4-H has managed to make leaps and bounds this year, there are still issues that need work, including problems with registration.

"One of the biggest challenges I have faced from day one is when a child registers for the 4-H program; we (club managers) don't get notified," Barber said. "This is very frustrating and such a huge flaw with the National charter. We are constantly losing kids because we just didn't

know they registered! I have all our information on the Facebook page, but people don't look it up or think to contact me or maybe they don't know who to contact. I must pull down a new club roster anytime I communicate with families so I can't create an email database for my club."

Against the odds, 4-H has managed to grow and expand these past two years. Parents like Barber, Grace and dozens of others are the ones who have made all that growth possible. For many, the opportunities provided to students and the time parents get to spend with students makes every minute worth it.

"Create the memories, dig in, have some fun, be silly with your child," she said. "Your kid is going to look back as an adult and think, my mom wasn't just there, they were actively participating in life with me! To me that is what makes 4-H special, if a parent digs in, they have such an opportunity to bond with their kid(s) on a deeper level than anywhere else."

Azle 4-H runs from September 1 to May. Dues are \$30 dollars and parents must pass a \$10 background check if they wish to volunteer.

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Rogers' bill to create regional utility authority died in Senate

The bill may be addressed in a special session

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State Rep. Glenn Rogers' House Bill 5406 did not pass the state's Senate during the regular legislative session.

Rogers held a press conference on May 25 to address HB 5406, which would have created the Cross Timbers Regional Utility Authority.

The State House of Representatives passed HB 5406 in May, but the bill didn't make any progress in the Senate. To be considered by the governor, bills had to be passed by both chambers by the end of the session on May 29.

Rogers said his team will push for the bill to be considered in a special legislative session. If that doesn't happen, he said the bill will be refiled during the next legislative session in 2025.

After meeting with stakeholders in his district, Rogers realized that efforts to bring water to this area need to be regionalized. He believes that regionalization can help bring funds into the district to support water demands.

"We have 1,000 people a day moving into Texas, and they're not bringing water

with them, and our area in particular is affected," Rogers said.

He added, "Tarrant Regional (Water District) has water that is available to purchase that can be moved. If we can move water, that takes pressure off of groundwater."

The Cross Timbers Regional Utility Authority would have covered Parker, Palo Pinto and Stephens counties, and it would have been governed by a board of directors with seven members, according to HB 5406. These directors - who could not hold other elected positions - would be appointed by the three counties' commissioners' courts as well as Mineral Wells City Council. Terms for the directors would last for four years, and directors would not be allowed to serve more than two terms.

Rogers said one of the reasons the directors would be appointed instead of elected is so that people who are specifically knowledgeable about water would be chosen to serve. If the people are unhappy with the directors on the board, they could exercise their power by voting out the elected officials who appointed the directors.

"I generally favor elected positions on everything, but in something like this, that's so critical that whoever is in that position actually knows about water, has experience

with water," he said. "It keeps it from being just a political position."

However, Rogers said rules on composition of the board of directors could change in future iterations of the bill.

"We're willing to listen and take input as much as possible," he said. "We want this to be something that the district will get behind, and if there are some changes in that area, we're willing to listen."

HB 5406 had the support of more than 35 entities, including commissioners' courts and almost every city in Rogers' district.

The utility authority wouldn't have been able to impose a tax. It would have issued revenue bonds, which pay for projects that produce income, to fulfill its powers, obligations, and functions.

This utility authority would have had the power to obtain and use property, to acquire, develop and use rights to groundwater or surface water, to carry out eminent domain - unless the bill was passed by less than two-thirds of members in each chamber - and to enter contracts with people or political subdivisions.

To clear up misinformation, Rogers said the power of eminent domain would not have allowed the utility authority to take or impact people's private water wells.

"The reason we need eminent domain authority is if



Rep. Glenn Rogers speaks at the Veterans Day ceremony in Springtown in 2022.

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we're able to move water, which is one of the primary purposes of this, we have to have the ability to lay water pipelines from the east to the west," he said.

Rogers hopes to have public hearings to address concerns and clear up misinformation about the bill. He also said Senate support in the form of a companion bill would also be helpful in get-

ting HB 5406 passed during the next session.

Rogers said he will continue working with local entities in his district as well as making connections in Austin to get funding for water resources in this area.

"There's going to be funds available, and we're going to do what we can working with commissioners, working with municipalities to acquire as

much of those funds as we can for our area," he said. "Even though we don't have the regionalized approach and we lose some of the clout from that, we still can do that, and I'm confident that we can."

Reno Council discusses recognizing neighborhood block captains

Initiative to enhance communication between city, residents

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Reno City Council discussed encouraging residents to organize and select block captains to represent their neighborhoods at council meetings.

At the meeting on May 22, council member Jennifer Vogle - who was selected by the council to be deputy mayor pro tem - brought up the idea to connect the city to neighbors.

"It would just mainly give these people a chance to choose who they wanted to speak on their behalf because not everybody can be here (at council meetings) on Monday

nights to come speak their concerns," she said during the meeting. "It would be nice to have somebody come represent your own neighborhood and keep just a constant open door at all times."

Vogle clarified that the initiative does not create homeowner associations or inspire community policing. She suggested that information about block captains could be posted on the city's website.

No formal action on the topic was taken at the meeting.

"I think if neighborhoods want to do it on their own and appoint someone, I think that's the way it should be," Vogle said before discussion

was closed.

After the meeting, Vogle said the initiative can also help the city get feedback - not just negative, but positive input as well - from residents.

"We just kept hearing while knocking on doors and talking to citizens that they want their neighborhoods taken care of," she said. "They're worried about their neighborhoods and want them seen, and they feel like they're not seen."

Reno resident Joy Jenkins spoke during the meeting and indicated that the initiative could be used as a communication tool between the city and its constituents as far as

making city officials aware of neighborhood needs and dispersing citywide messages.

"We have found that a lot of people have just been frustrated because they would have an issue, it wouldn't get resolved, and they just would either quit or just be very frustrated," Jenkins said after the meeting. "We want everybody to feel like that they can call city hall or feel like they're heard."

In contrast, another resident was concerned that recognizing block captains could give some people authority to bully their neighbors. After the meeting, Vogle said that this initiative won't encourage bullying.

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what I love best about what I am doing, it is simply to visit the center and observe the lives that continue to be affected, and the parents who express to our staff that their lives now have hope since coming to the center. Hearing them freely express how they are different than when they first came, and how our services have benefited them, is truly the most vital aspect of this ministry. Seeing the trust that our staff has developed with our clients over time has affected me deeply."

The EMPHC and the number of people touched by their services has been growing now more than ever.

"Since the Roe V Wade decision of 2022, the number of clients served is growing monthly," Ogea said. "Our staff often remains at the center after hours as they strive to meet the needs of all those in need. Our clients are primarily from the Azle, Springtown, Saginaw, White Settlement, and Sansom Park areas, with others coming from farther. Because we are a Christian ministry and not a state facility, we are able to offer life-changing resources to them that are impactful toward genuine and long-term stability."

Making this impact on women every day has changed the lives of staff and

volunteers.

"I never leave the center the same," Ogea said. "Because we hear regularly from clients who have been impacted by the ministry here, we are regularly challenged to keep our faith intact, to keep persevering, to keep Christ at the forefront of who we are and why we do what we do. The client stories of where they came from and where they are now headed are nothing short of overwhelming. I am personally impacted every time I watch the staff and clients interact."

"We don't just bring them in here and send them away; we're very passionate... I really love what I do," office assistant, Ginger Thomas said. "We want to break cycles and strive for better outcomes for the parents and the kids, that's what we're working towards here," Director Joanne Stull added.

Without the help of sponsors, donations, and events like their Aug. 3 Gala, the EMPHC would not be able to provide their resources and services.

"As a non-profit, donor-funded ministry, we solely rely on the help and generosity of the entire area to sustain the continued growth that we are experiencing," Ogea said. "We ask for help. We need the help, and we want to make it easy for donors to contribute. Currently, donors can visit emphc.org and visit the GIVE page."

The EMPHC also has a page

on their website where you can purchase tickets for the Gala, become a Gala sponsor or donate. Donor checks can be mailed to P. O. Box 929, Azle, TX 76098 and more information can be found by emailing help@emphc.org.

"We send a resounding shoutout to the staff whose steadfastness in helping others grows ever stronger," Ogea said. "We are always grateful for the support of area church bodies and area ministries, in addition to various individuals whose love for life is passionate. Naturally, our founders, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hopkins, are most certainly our biggest fans!"

Ogea and other EMPHC staff anticipate sharing their stories and mission with the Azle community this August.

"I believe our community loves life, especially innocent life, and will be deeply moved at the Gala while seeing the faces and hearing the stories of a few of our clients," Ogea said. "We work from months to years with families to bring about trust and longevity in their lives. The needs of our clients and staff are growing monthly, and our financial and volunteer needs are growing with them. Our hope is that each Gala guest will hear and see the heart of this ministry in a way that compels them to pray for us and embrace us now and in an ongoing manner."

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memorial.

"This is really dangerous, there was a wreck here the other day," Brandy Morrow said.

Morrow had been a lifelong friend of Linehan-Lemke.

"I've known her for very very long. She's a very special person to me... It would be nice to have some beauty after a tragedy like that," Morrow said of the memorial.

Cousin Kim VanKirk, Aunt Donna VanKirk, Uncle Curtis Linehan, Brother Josh Linehan, and youngest daughter Skye Strowd were also present.

"She taught me to be tougher that's for sure, at times," Kim said. "She had a little bit of the don't care what other people think thing... We'd always tell her we loved her when we saw her... No matter what happened, I know my grandma's spirit was there with her in the end."



The memorial erected in Linehan's honor.

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Collier was arrested on July 20, 2022, and was released on a \$5,000 bond not long after. Collier has multiple felony convictions in Parker County and has been booked on multiple other incidents in Tarrant County. Collier was on parole during the time of

the accident. On March 17, 2023, Collier was indicted by jury for accident involving death, a second-degree felony. On May 23, 2023, Collier was booked in Parker County for warrants involving two stolen weapons charges and engaging in organized crime.



Friends and Family of Amber Linehan.

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A blue banner for a public meeting. It features the TRWD logo (Tarrant Regional Water District) and the text "PUBLIC MEETING RECREATION MASTER PLAN" in large, bold, white letters. Below that, it says "YOUR COMMUNITY. YOUR VOICE." in smaller white letters.

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OBITUARIES

Jerry Freeman 1965-2023

Jerry Bob Freeman, 57, passed away on May 4, 2023. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. The family will notify loved ones when a service is scheduled.

Jerry was born on October 14, 1965, to Bobby Ray Freeman and Bettye Louise Ferguson. Jerry had a keen eye and a steady hand that produced beautiful drawings, and he was a welder by trade, transforming materials into works of art.

While his skills as a welder were unparalleled, Jerry had another passion that fueled his spirit—riding his beloved Harley Davidson. The roar of the engine, and the freedom of the open road brought him immeasurable joy.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Vicki Freeman and Linda Freeman Sanders.

He is survived by his son, Josh Freeman; brother Jimmy



Freeman; sisters Chonda Butcher, Janna Goodson, Rebecca Hanson, and Amber Freeman; half-brother Casey Ferguson; loving partner Jennifer Gatlin; numerous nieces, nephews, and a host of friends.

May you ride on, dear Jerry, in the eternal highways of peace and love.

The Azle News,
May 31, 2023 Edition

Azle Memorial Library kicks off Summer Reading

Library Director Curren McLane describes fun reading opportunity for all

ZACH FREEMAN
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With summer upon us, the Azle Memorial Library is holding their yearly Summer Reading program. To prevent the "Summer Slide" our local librarians encourage students and parents to keep their brains active while on break.

On Friday, June 2 from noon to 6 p.m. the AMI will host their kick-off day.

"Anyone who signs up on kick-off day gets a bonus sign-up prize," Library Director, Curren McLane said. "Plus, registrants can help paint a banner that will hang in the library, enjoy cookies, and of course check out books so they can start reading! Anyone who can't make it to the kick-off event can still sign up for summer

reading any time the library is open after kick-off day through July 24."

People of all ages are welcome to participate and track their reading through the summer for a number of prizes and events.

"One of the biggest surprises people have when they come to sign up for summer reading is that little ones ages 0-4 who aren't yet in school can also participate," said McLane. "Many studies have shown that reading to infants and toddlers is an excellent way to develop building blocks for language development, as well as enhancing their future social and emotional wellness. Regardless of age, registrants can read anything they want - books, audiobooks, magazines, textbooks, eBooks, etc. and all they have

to do is keep track of the time they spend reading using a reading log we provide to them. Plus, parents of older siblings who read to young children can count that time on their own summer reading logs, too! After participants reach their reading milestones they can bring their log to the library for prizes like tote bags, coupons for free treats at area restaurants, custom keychains, and raffle tickets for bigger prizes like Amazon gift cards and more! The summer ends with our Summer Reading Finale Parties for participants who read at least 5 hours by July 24."



Crafts, classes, movies, and more will be available throughout the summer. A detailed list of free activities and events can be found in the 2023 Summer Reading Guide at www.cityofazle.org/Library.

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One Little Word

I love you, but you're wrong more often than you think.

If you're wondering to whom that sentence is addressed ... keep wondering. If you think it might be you, it probably isn't ... unless you think it really applies to you.

I actually didn't have anyone in mind. I used that sentence as an illustration to make a point about the art of healthy conversations. This is the fourth post of this series.

What I hope to show you in this post is the power of one little word and how exchanging that one little word for another can make all the difference in encouraging real dialogue.

Can you guess the one little word to which I'm referring in that first sentence?

If you guessed BUT you are



BE AMAZING

By Gerry Lewis

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absolutely right.

Here's the interesting thing about BUT: It has a negating effect on every word that precedes it. If I say, "I love you, but ...," what you are most likely to remember is not my expression of affection. You are most likely to remember the expression of disagreement. So, in that first sentence, you're probably not convinced that I love you. You are, however, convinced that I think you are most of ten wrong.

Let's try another one:

"Wow! You look great! But you might want to rethink that shirt."

Or how about this one: "Nice catch in the outfield! But if you had been paying closer attention the runner wouldn't have scored."

One more: "Your passion for this cause is admirable, but you're backing the wrong candidate."

So, to summarize—you are questioning my clothing choices, my game awareness, and my point of view.

BUT carries a lot of weight. (I'm resisting the temptation to make a BIG BUT joke).

A little over a dozen years ago, I started training as a life/leadership coach. One of the lessons that stuck out in my early training was learning the difference between "YES, BUT" AND "YES, AND" in conversation.

The point of the exercise is learning to set a tone based on common concern—where one person's statement builds on the other's — rather than adversarial posturing where each person's statement seeks to negate the previous one.

Or—to use a phrase from previous posts — we are talking WITH one another rather than AT or OVER one another.

So, here's how it might look (using the previous examples):

Me: Wow! You look great! And that shirt is an eye-catcher.

You: Yeah, it's one of my favorites.

Me: It's really you.

(If it's really you, does it really matter if it's not me?)

Me: You played great today. And that catch in the outfield was amazing.

You: Thanks. I wish I had seen the runner tagging. I might have been able to keep him from scoring.

Me: Sure. And I'm sure you'll really be watching the next time.

(You didn't need me to point out your weakness).

Me: I really admire your passion for this cause. It's

obvious you care deeply and have some firm convictions.

You: I really do care. I think _____ (your candidate of choice) is the best choice.

Me: Tell me what you like the most about her ideas. What appeals most to you?

(I've invited you to share your opinions and to go deeper into conversation. We may not come to the same conclusions, but we can draw out the best in each other if we will use more AND and less BUT).

Let me be clear: This is not the easiest approach. AND because it's not, we may actually gain more from it.

Next week I'm going to talk about a rousing game of PING.

Until then, be amazing, my friend.

Learning, Enjoying and Loving

"You know you're getting old when you get that one candle on the cake. It's like, 'See if you can blow this out.'"

This hilarious observation by Jerry Seinfeld comes to mind as I approach my 60th birthday this June. The primary feeling I have is one of contemplation. I am reminded of the importance of being a lifelong learner, enjoying people of all ages and loving well.

Be a lifelong learner. My main job is marriage ministry. Two years ago, I was connected with a couple who had asked to meet with me. When they came into the conference room, I realized they were elderly. Both were in their nineties, having been married 70 years. After



HOPE MATTERS

By David Shaffer

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introductions, I asked them why they wanted to meet, and they said, "We would like to work on communication in our marriage."

I fought back tears as I took in that beautiful moment with this humble pair. Their marriage was strong, but they wanted to keep learning and improving, and they did. Just recently they reached out to me to say how impactful that time was when they focused

on improving their relationship. In some ways, I feel like I have more to offer than ever before, which is exciting. There is, however, so much more room to grow and to learn, like these two nonagenarians remind me.

Enjoy people of all ages. I learn from almost everyone. After being with young children (like my two granddaughters), I am filled with joy. Time with adolescents il-

luminates the hope that exists in tomorrow. Young adults invigorate my mind, as I watch their creativity, adaptability and "Why not?" questioning. My two adult sons constantly "wow" me with their adventurous spirits and takes on life. Established adults assure me what family and community responsibility includes, and I celebrate their investments beyond themselves. Seasoned adults encourage me that some of the greatest joys are experienced with the perspective that builds with time. Final-stage adults inspire me with the dignity of a life well lived and the reality of a life yet to come.

Love well. The Apostle Paul wrote in his letter to the church at Corinth about

ultimate, nearly unreachable acts in this life, including the ability to speak most eloquently, to have accurate foreknowledge, to understand and know everything, to possess deep and powerful faith, to give everything you own to the poor and to sacrifice yourself physically for others.

To this list Paul then added the zinger, the point he was making in this part of his letter. If you have all these unmatched qualities and abilities, Paul said, but you do not act in love toward others, your voice sounds like a clanging cymbal, and there is nothing you gain through your actions. Ouch! (See 1 Corinthians 13:1-3.)

We are called to love.

Fortunately, as the Apostle John shared with us, "We love because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19, NIV). When we contemplate God's love for us (which he initiated), we can be filled to overflowing, allowing us to love others well. What has given the most meaning to my life are the relationships in it with my family, close friends, and others throughout the years.

As I gather my breath to blow out the lone, big candle on my 60th birthday cake, I will smile because of the great joys of my life up to this point and because of what the future still holds. You already know my wish this year: It is the hope of lifelong learning, enjoying people of all ages and loving well.

City of Azle – Public Notice

2022 Annual Water Quality Report Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)

The Annual Water Quality Report, otherwise known as the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), is a regulation passed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as part of the 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments. The amendment requires all community water systems to provide their customers with an annual water quality report by July 1st of every year. With the CCR, communities benefit by acquiring a much better understanding of their water suppliers and the processes involved. This allows them an opportunity to make an informed decision regarding the use of their drinking water. The report is a summary of the quality of water the City of Azle provided its customers from January 1st to December 31st, 2022 and it gives the City an opportunity to explain how the community's drinking water supplies are protected.

The report can be viewed on the

City of Azle's website at:

<https://tx-azle3.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/8705/2022-Water-Quality-Report>

You can obtain a paper copy by visiting the Azle City Hall located at 505 West Main Street Building 1 or you can request a paper copy be mailed to you at no cost by calling the Azle Water Treatment Plant at 817-752-2686

Public Hearing

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The City of Reno will receive bids for the project "LAS Equipment Installation" until 10:00 AM on June 15, 2023 at 195 W. Reno Road, Azle Texas 76020-6001. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 10:00 AM on Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 195 W. Reno Road, Azle Texas 76020-6001.

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4. Provide and install electrical equipment relating to the installation of LAS systems at Water Plant 1-7

A **Non-Mandatory** Pre-bid Conference will be conducted virtually on Monday, June 15, 2023. The meeting will be held via Microsoft teams and information can be found on CivCast.

Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications are on file at Cobb, Fendley & Associates, Inc., One Ridgmar Center, 6500 West Freeway, Suite 300, Fort Worth, Texas 76116 and on www.civcastusa.com

A bid bond in the amount of 5 percent of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid [for those contracts that exceed \$100,000]. A certified check or bank draft payable to the City of Reno or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than, the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual identity, gender identity, or national origin.

The City of Reno reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

Bids may be held by the City of Reno for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidder's qualifications prior to the contract award.

City of Reno Chris Albright, Public Works Director, 5/24/2023 & 5/31/23

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Appendix F July 1, 2022 2

Azle ISD hosts awards banquet

Azle's best educators and school staff were recognized and rewarded at recent event

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On Wednesday, May 24, Azle Independent School District held an awards ceremony and luncheon for outstanding teachers, staff, and administrators throughout the district. Those who had gone above and beyond in serving and representing Azle ISD received the Heart of Azle Award.

"The Heart of Azle award is meant to recognize individuals within the district who exemplify a servant heart," the program for the event stated. "They go above and beyond take care of our stu-

dents, staff, parents, and community."

Retiring employees were also congratulated and awarded for their time spent keeping Azle schools running. Last, but certainly not least, Campus Teachers of the Year were recognized by every school in the district, each receiving a \$500 check. From the pool of Azle's best teachers, one was selected as the district primary school teacher of the year, and another was selected as the district's secondary school teacher of the year. Both received an additional \$1,000 check.

Kameron Copass of Walnut

Creek Elementary School and Sarah Milosh of Azle High School were nominated and awarded the distinct honor of being announced the 2022-23 District Teachers of the Year.

"When I moved to Azle 10 years ago, my hope was to continue my career in education and make a positive impact on students," Milosh, an English and AVID teacher said. "What I found was a close-knit community and a school district that felt like a family. Being honored by my district in this way, goes well beyond all my hopes and expectations."



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Azle Junior High Principal Brian Roberts and retiring teacher James David Rollins.



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Azle Junior High Resource Officer Booker being awarded a Heart of Azle Award.

HEART OF AZLE

- Matt Adams
- Sherry Bice
- Officer Paul Booker
- Shawna Clouatre
- Brian Conner
- Amanda House
- Monica Landreth
- Starla Petty
- Robert Popp
- Jason Vines

RETIREES

- Dianne Boone
- Roxanne Hampton
- Frances Simpson
- Lori Eagleton
- Lisa Morgan
- Lisa Leal
- David Middleton
- Carrol Millstead
- James David Rollins

CAMPUS TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

- Sarah Milosh
- Jennifer Corbin
- Michelle Partin
- Kara Gifford
- Heidi Bargsley
- Amber Chapman
- Jennifer Pastre
- Ashley Rose
- Christy Commander
- Kameron Copass
- Michelle Gonzales



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District Teachers of the Year recipients, Sarah Milosh and Kameron Copass



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Texas House impeaches AG Paxton

Boaters urged to 'Clean, Drain and Dry'

TEXAS HOUSE IMPEACHES AG PAXTON

The Texas House voted overwhelmingly to impeach Attorney General Ken Paxton Saturday, only the third time in the state's history that has occurred.

The Austin American-Statesman and numerous news outlets reported the chamber voted 121-23 to remove Paxton, 60, from office while he awaits a trial in the Senate during a special session yet to be called.

Last week a House investigations committee heard evidence from investigators and sent 20 articles of impeachment against Paxton.

The evidence presented by investigators against Paxton included a 2015 state securities case, an ongoing federal probe into his connection with campaign donor Nate Paul, an Austin real estate developer, and an extramarital affair he tried to conceal from his wife, state Sen. Angela Paxton, R-Allen.

Adding to Paxton's legal woes, a \$3.3 million settlement with some of his former employees who were whistleblowers fell apart after the House refused to approve paying it with taxpayer money. The case remains pending.

Rep. Andrew Murr, R-Junction, chair of the investigations committee, in clos-



CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders

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ing remarks Saturday urged House members to vote in favor of impeachment.

"The evidence is substantial. It is alarming, and it is unnerving," he said.

Paxton called the bipartisan vote — 61 Democrats and 60 Republicans voted for impeachment — "politically motivated."

"The ugly spectacle in the Texas House today confirmed the outrageous impeachment plot against me was never meant to be fair or just," Paxton said in a statement.

BILL ENDING VEHICLE INSPECTIONS HEADS TO ABBOTT

Vehicles registered in Texas would no longer be required to pass safety inspections under a bill headed to Gov. Greg Abbott's desk, the Houston Chronicle reported.

House Bill 3297, sponsored by Rep. Cody Harris, R-Palestine, also creates a new annual \$7.50 inspection replacement fee that will be added to annual vehicle registration fees. Thus, owners won't save any money but

will not have to take their vehicle to a licensed inspection station.

The measure passed the Senate along party lines, 20-11, with the Republican majority arguing the annual inspections are a burden to residents without making Texas roads safer.

Sen. Nathan Johnson, D-Dallas, told his fellow senators that a recent study by the American Society of Civil Engineers found fewer highway fatality deaths in states with an inspection program.

"It found that states that have vehicle safety inspections have 5.5% fewer fatalities per year than states that don't have inspection programs. In Texas, that's 261 dead people every single year," Johnson said.

If Abbott signs the bill or allows it to become law without his signature, it will go into effect Sept. 1.

Texas is currently one of 15 states still requiring regular inspections. Although the statewide inspection rule is on its way out, vehicle emission inspections will still be

required in 17 metropolitan counties.

HOUSE APPROVES CHANGES TO UNIVERSITY TENURE POLICIES

The House last week gave approval to a bill changing tenure policies at the state's colleges and universities, the Statesman reported. The lower chamber's measure differs somewhat from the Senate version, which would completely ban public colleges and universities from grant tenure to faculty members beginning in 2024.

The House version "provides a framework to the state's universities about what the Legislature expects regarding tenure, including how tenure is granted to faculty members, how tenured faculty are reviewed and when tenured faculty can be dismissed," the Statesman reported.

The bill now goes back to the Senate in an effort to work out differences in the two measures.

BUDGET WRITERS STRIKE \$321.3 BILLION TWO-YEAR DEAL

Budget writers for the Texas House and Senate have come to agreement on a \$321.3 billion two-year budget that includes \$12.3 billion for property tax cuts and provides considerable new funding for higher educa-

tion, the energy grid, mental health and broadband, according to the Texas Tribune. The property tax reductions are dependent on passage of a constitutional amendment in November.

A \$15 billion supplemental spending proposal uses some of the state's record surplus to provide funding for a higher education endowment, enhanced retirement for public school teachers, border security, Medicaid costs and state debt reduction, according to the Tribune.

Both plans were expected to get floor votes in each chamber before session adjournment on Monday night.

BOATERS URGED TO 'CLEAN, DRAIN AND DRY'

Texans have begun heading to state lakes and waterways as Memorial Day weekend kicks off the summer boating season. Officials with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department urge boaters and paddlers to protect Texas lakes from invasive aquatic species.

"Memorial Day weekend is the unofficial kick-off to boating season in Texas, and while we want everyone to have a great time, we also want them to avoid giving free rides to invasive species and helping them travel to new lakes," said Brian Van Zee, TPWD Inland Fisheries regional director. "The best

way to prevent the spread of many harmful aquatic invasive species is to clean, drain and dry your boats and equipment — every time."

The biggest threat to Texas lakes is zebra mussels and giant salvinia, which continues to spread to new areas of Texas. Other invasive species that can spread include quagga mussels, crested floating heart, and water hyacinth.

Giant salvinia is now found on 27 East Texas lakes and numerous creeks, marshes and rivers between Houston and Beaumont, according to TPWD. Zebra mussels are now found in 36 Texas lakes and in rivers downstream of infested lakes.

TPWD urges boaters to follow three simple steps to reduce the risk of spreading invasive species: 1. Remove mud, plants and debris. 2. Drain all water from the boat and gear. 3. Once home, open all compartments and let everything dry completely for at least a week, if possible.

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Azle Independent School District has scheduled numerous summer camps for students to learn and improve their athletic skills. Baseball, basketball, softball, football, volleyball, tennis, wrestling, soccer, and cheer are some of the camps coming soon. For more information, visit the AISD website and click on "2023 Summer Camps."

Sibling discounts are offered at some camps.

- Azle track & field, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. May 31 to June 2 at AHS indoor facility. Limited to kindergarten through the ninth grade. Cost \$100 includes t-shirt. AHS coaches will instruct participants on track and field events.
- Azle football, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. July 24-26 at Hornet Stadium. Registration is \$60, includes a T-shirt. Limited to seventh through ninth grades. The camp will teach offensive and defensive skills.
- Azle softball, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. June 5-7 for third through ninth grades, June 8-9 for kindergarten through second grades. Will be held at the AHS softball field. Registration is \$40 for the younger kids and \$60 for the older group. Includes T-shirt. Teaches softball skills.
- Azle baseball booster, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. June 5-7 for second to fifth graders, and 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for sixth through ninth graders

at Jim Bob Nation's Field of Dreams. Registration is \$60 and limited to second through ninth grades. Each additional family member is \$45. AISD coaches will oversee the camp and teach skills. Bring glove, bat, athletic shoes or cleats, shorts or baseball pants, and water bottle.

- Azle boys basketball, 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for first to third graders, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for fourth through sixth graders, and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. for seventh through ninth graders on June 8-10 at the Hornet gymnasium. Registration for third graders is \$45. Registration for fourth through sixth grades is \$60. Registration for seventh through ninth grades is \$80. Includes T-shirt. Teaches a variety of basketball skills.
- Azle girls basketball, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. for first through fourth graders, and 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for fifth through ninth graders on July 24-26 at the Hornet gymnasium. Registration for kids in first through fourth grades is \$30. Registration for fifth to ninth grades is \$80.
- Azle tennis, 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for third through sixth graders, and 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on June 8 at AHS tennis courts. Registration is \$45 for third through sixth grades. The cost is \$60 for seventh through ninth grades. Learn tennis skills.
- Azle volleyball, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. for K through sixth graders, and 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for seventh

through ninth grades on June 5-7 at the Hornet gymnasium. Boys and girls are welcome. Students in kindergarten through sixth grade pay \$60 registration. Seventh through ninth grade pays \$80.

- Azle boys soccer, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. for K through second grades, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. for third to sixth grades, and 10 a.m. to noon for seventh through ninth grades on June 12-15 at Hornet Stadium. Registration is \$30 for kindergarten through second grades, \$60 for third to sixth grades, and \$80 for seventh through ninth grades.
- Azle girls soccer, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. for K through second grades, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. for third to sixth grades, and 10 a.m. to noon for seventh through ninth grades on June 12-15 at Hornet Stadium. Registration is \$30 for kindergarten through second grades, \$60 for third to sixth grades, and \$80 for seventh through ninth grades.
- Azle wrestling summer, June 19-21, at the Azle High School gymnasium. Registration is \$80 for kindergarten through ninth grade. AISD staff, alumni, and high school wrestlers will teach the classes.
- Azle volleyball champion by Cody Hanson, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. for ninth through 12th grades on July 17-19 at the Hornet gymnasium. Registration is \$85. A coach outside of AISD will oversee this high-level camp that focuses on skill development,



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Hudson Carroll performs a jumping drill during an Azle summer camp in 2022.

game knowledge and speed, and team bonding.

- Azle mini cheer, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for K through sixth grades on August 26 at Azle High School. Registration

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Texas Health combats loneliness through “Reduce SILOS”

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On May 2, 2023, the U.S. Surgeon General released a report declaring loneliness a public health emergency. The report went on to describe the impact of being socially disconnected as having the same effect on mortality as 15 cigarettes a day.

In recent years, medical professionals have been taking more steps to address isolation and loneliness as serious health risks. In 2019, Texas Health applied for a grant to implement programs focused on addressing social isolation. Texas Health received their grant in March 2020, just as the COVID-19 pandemic began.

“It was bad pre-pandemic, post-pandemic it was even worse,” Senior Director Marsha Ingle of Community Relations and Strategic Partnerships at Texas Health in Azle said. “Believe it or not your social calendar impacts your physical health. If you are socially isolated, you are 29 percent more likely to have heart disease, you’re 32 percent more likely to have a stroke and the big number is in dementia and memory loss, you are 50 percent more likely to develop dementia, memory loss and Alzheimer’s.”

With the grant, Texas Health started Reduce Social Isolation and Lift Outcomes for Seniors (Reduce SILOS). “Reduce SILOS is really trying to rebuild connections, getting them reconnected back into society,” Ingle said. “Our original plan, once the pandemic hit, we couldn’t implement any of it. We really had to pivot; we call it the pandemic pivot. That ultimately has allowed us to be more successful.”

Ingle said the pivot has allowed Texas Health physicians to embed the Reduce SILOS screenings into their

Reduce SILOS staff and patients talk on the efficacy of the program and how it has changed lives.

regular checkup procedures. “The pandemic caused us to build in a different way to reach the isolated that is ending up being way better than the original plan in the first place.”

By giving physicians the power to screen for isolation and to inform patients of the dangers of isolation, Reduce SILOS has been able to have a farther reach.

“It’s been amazing going from what we intended to what we have now,” Ingle said.

Every month, Texas Health identifies about 200 individuals as being at risk for social isolation. After that, it is up to Texas Health employees to initiate contact and find personalized solutions for them.

“Part of the process once you enroll is the screening process, we go through several screenings to identify if there’s any loneliness or depression,” Sherry Kincaide, a community health worker for Texas Health said. “There’s a screening for social determinants of health as well. It’s a year program, but initially we go through the baseline screenings, and we create a connectivity plan geared specifically toward each participant.”

Kincaide joined the Azle Reduce SILOS team in 2021 and in that time, she has been able to reach out and make a connection with over 70 people.

“It’s very rewarding, it’s a privilege to be in this line of work, to be able to make a difference in someone’s life,” Kincaide said. “I’ve had a lot of participants share with me ‘thank you for calling’, ‘it’s amazing’ just to have someone care enough to call and check-in’, I received these

services just in time.’ With all the positive feedback we hear, we know we’re reaching the right people.”

Last year, Sherry made a call to Victor Moore, a 77-year-old Azle resident. Moore moved from West Texas to Azle with his family in the fifth grade. Moore has lived in the same house in the Castle Hills area since 1959. “[Reduce SILOS has] really been a life-changing experience for him,” Kincaide said. “One time he told me ‘I don’t know if I’m going to make it just being here alone by myself’ and that he had a friend that would come by to pick him up to get groceries on Sundays, but that was the only time he’d get out and the only interaction he’d have with anyone else, basically.”

Through his connection to Sherry and Reduce SILOS screenings, Victor was able to get connected to Good N.E.W.S 4 Seniors. Now every Tuesday morning, someone picks Moore up so he can socialize with volunteers and other seniors.

“It’s a light breakfast, some coffee and a lot of conversation,” Moore said. “It’s really nice, it gets me out of the house a little bit...I love that...It’s real good to get out of the house and visit with somebody. I don’t do that a lot.”

Though they had spent months speaking over the phone, Sherry and Victor did not get a chance to meet in-person until April 18. Kincaide surprised Moore at a Good N.E.W.S. 4 Seniors event with a certificate of completion, a gift bag, and a hug.

“I just love [Sherry] to death, she’s the sweetest thing,” said Moore. “She’s a



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Vic Moore shows off a front-page picture of him featured in the October 31, 1963, edition of the Azle News.

big hugger and so am I. She was calling me for several months and trying to get through to me what she was doing... She just follows through; she doesn’t let go and she’s still searching [for resources]. We’re still in contact and everything. It was kind of nice to have her call and we’d chat for a while. [Reduce SILOS] is a really good organization and I hope they continue to grow.”

Kincaide reports after connecting Moore to various resources, his Upstream Social Isolation Risk Screener Scores (U-SIRS) improved from high to low risk for social isolation.

“He’s made some awesome connections and friends and the volunteers are just awesome,” Kincaide said. “Over the year I’ve kind of created a bond with Mr. Moore.”

According to Ingle, 75

percent of the people that Reduce SILOS has screened have managed to reconnect with society.

“One of the things that we did recently that was very interesting was we got individuals connected to students from the social work department at TCU,” Ingle said. “They did what we call reminiscence interviews, which is fascinating. You talk to individuals where they were during specific major events in history... Building that bridge between multi-generations has been fascinating.”

Right now, Reduce SILOS is only in 14 zip codes, throughout Parker and Tarrant Counties, but it hopes to expand. Texas Health serves 16 counties with 401 zip codes.

“We want to open it up so we can serve individuals across the Dallas-Fort Worth area,” Ingle said.

Ingle described one patient who had worked as a nurse for most of her life. She was forced to retire and become a caretaker for her terminally ill husband. After her husband’s passing, she found herself full of grief and without any other connections or sense of purpose in retirement.

“She was in a really rough place, Ingle said.”

Through Reduce SILOS, she was able to become a full-time volunteer nurse for a local church.

“So now she’s impacting the health of people in that congregation, so it’s a trickle-down effect,” Ingle said. “When you transform a life, eventually you’re going to transform a community. We’re targeting the older population, but it really affects all ages.”



Grace and Faith Center ribbon cutting

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The Azle Area Chamber of Commerce celebrated their new member, Grace and Faith Center, with a ribbon cutting on May 19. Church services are held on Sunday’s at 10:30 a.m. and they are located at 11701 Jacksboro Highway, Fort Worth, Texas 76135.

DOGS

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aged to get out of the burning home on her own and was transported to the hospital for smoke inhalation, Balough said. Parker County Animal Control took care of the dogs while the owner was in the hospital.

Aside from the stereo-

type of firefighters rescuing cats from tall trees, the public may be more likely to imagine these public servants as saving people from fires. However, animal rescue comes up “quite often” in firefighting, Balough said. He recalled that sometimes firefighters will give dogs IV therapy to help with the dehydration that comes from being in a burning building.

“Pets are family for a lot of people,” the battalion chief said.


Overall, Balough appreciated how his firefighters handled that fire and followed their training.

“The dogs are saved. The house is still livable on the other side because of how it was constructed,” he said. “It was a win-win for us, and I’m proud of my guys.”



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Western Cross holds successful charity event

The play day was held at Western Star Cowboy Church in Springtown

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On Saturday, May 20, the Western Star Cowboy Church hosted the Western Cross Charity Play Day Event. Western Cross Ranch is an Azle organization dedicated to providing Equine Assisted Learning to veterans and their warrior families.

Competitors could enter four events for \$25 or \$10 per event. The money raised goes towards helping treat veterans and prevent suicides. Attendees could participate in events for the chance to earn championship belt buckles provided by 3G Buckles. A photo booth, concessions and an informational trailer from the Mustang Heritage Foundation were all present.



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Above: Mary Kitzmiller of the Mustang Heritage Foundation carried the American flag, Dale Long carries the Western Cross banner and Taylor carries the Western Star banner.

Left: Rene Loper, arena manager at Western Star, carries the Texas flag.

National **DINOSAUR** Day June 1

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Dinosaurs

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Dinosaur Valley State Park is a really cool place where you can go back in time to when dinosaurs roamed the Earth! The park is located in Glen Rose, Texas and has over 1,500 acres of land for you to explore. One of the most exciting things about the park is that you can see real dinosaur footprints! Millions of years ago, when dinosaurs were walking around, some of them left their footprints in the mud. Over time, the mud hardened and turned into rock, and today you can see those footprints in the park. You can also go hiking, swimming, or camping at the park. There are lots of beautiful trees and plants to see, and you might even see some wildlife like deer or armadillos. If you want to learn more about the dinosaurs that used to live in the area, there is a museum at the park that has lots of interesting information and exhibits. You can see fossils and learn about what the world was like when dinosaurs were around. Overall, Dinosaur Valley State Park is a really fun and exciting place to visit, and it's a great way to learn about the incredible creatures that used to call our planet home.

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Paleontology is the study of dinosaurs and other prehistoric animals that lived a long, long time ago, before humans were around. Paleontologists are scientists who study fossils, which are the remains of these ancient animals that have been preserved in rocks over millions of years. By studying these fossils, paleontologists can learn about what the world was like when these animals were alive, what they looked like, what they ate, and how they lived.

The word "dinosaur" comes from two Greek words: "deinos," meaning "terrible" or "fearfully great," and "sauros," meaning "lizard" or "reptile."

So, the word "dinosaur" literally means "terrible lizard" or "fearfully great reptile."

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Powder Puff tough

Juniors topple seniors in flag football to raise money for Azle High School

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The girls became football players. The boys became coaches. The coaches became officials.

And everyone benefited.

On May 24, the annual Powder Puff flag football series was held at Hornet Stadium to raise money for the school and to have fun before the summer break.

In round 1, the senior girls beat the sophomores, and the juniors knocked off the freshmen, setting up a Super Bowl clash between the seniors and juniors.

After a close battle, the juniors came out on top.

Students paid \$5 to attend and bought \$15 t-shirts with sales going toward next year's prom at Texas Motor Speedway.

The Powder Puff game had been held after school in previous years but was moved earlier in the day for the first time. Buying a ticket to the game meant students could miss their final two periods to watch.

Tickets sales were high, and enthusiasm was abundant. The junior players and coaches celebrated their victory by romping around the field, jumping up and down, yelling, and high fiving each other.

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Seniors wore pink, and juniors wore blue at the annual Powder Puff benefit football game.



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Kendall Locke hauls in a pass for the seniors.



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Vance Guthrie and Cheryl Grubbs celebrate the juniors' victory over the seniors.

May play

Azle youth football camp starts early, draws 90 kids

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July had been the usual time to hold the Azle youth football summer camp. Now, May is the way.

"Traditionally, we do our youth football camp at the end of July, and we work it in the morning from 8 to 10," said Devon Dorris, football head coach at Azle High School. "But we just have a hard time getting participation at that time."

Many kids have already begun their youth football practices by July.

"We decided we were going to change it up and see what it would be like to do it during the last week of school," Dorris said.

The Hornet Football Camp for elementary kids was held May 22-24 at Hornet Stadium. The camp drew 90 kids, about twice as many as par-

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Azle coach Tanner Street throws passes while future gridiron greats run pass routes.



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From center to right, Dani Najero and Patrick LaMorte rile up the student section as Rowdies.

Fresh faces

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The captain of the newly appointed Rowdies had waited years for this moment.

The Azle baseball team was playing for a championship, and Patrick LaMorte was front and center in the bleachers, leading cheers as the top Rowdy. He'd known since his sophomore year that he would try out for the team when he reached the 12th grade.

Only a select few seniors earn a spot on the Rowdies roster. This year's team includes 12 young men and women.

"I'm a pretty loud guy, so I'm putting my talent to use," LaMorte said.

The Rowdies become their rowdiest during football games.

"We bring a lot more hype

New Rowdies, cheer coach ready to rile up crowd

to the student section and make them a lot louder," he said.

Dani Najero, another new Rowdy, characterized it as "keeping the spirit up."

She had been thinking about becoming a Rowdy for a while, ever since she saw how they drummed up excitement in the student section.

"It caught my attention," she said. "I thought, 'I want to do that.' I like yelling."

At game 1 of the baseball regional quarterfinals, students from Azle came color-coordinated in a White Out. Everyone wore white, with the Rowdies donning white overalls painted with bright colors.

The 2023-24 Rowdies are juniors now but will be seniors when school begins after summer vacation.

Becoming a Rowdy requires trying out in front of three coaches from other schools on a point system. Tryouts were held on March 24 after a three-day practice clinic. At tryouts, the kids perform a spirit yell and run the AZLE flags.

Scores are based on their enthusiasm, voice projection, and endurance.

LaMorte will lead the new Rowdies with help from another fresh set of eyes and ears. Taylor Hodges has been named the new cheer coach to replace Haley Hopkins, who is stepping aside to start

a family.

YAY, HOPKINS! YAY, HODGES!

Hopkins will continue to teach math at AHS but is relinquishing her position as cheer coach. She and her husband are expecting their first child, a daughter, this summer.

"We are so excited, and I knew that I wanted to spend more of my time at home with my family being a mom," Hopkins said.

Much of her heart will stay with cheer.

"I still love this program tremendously, and I can't wait to cheer them on from the stands," she said.

The new coach is "going to be outstanding in this position," Hopkins said.

Hodges taught first grade for three years in The Woodlands before moving to Tarrant County a couple of years ago to teach sec-

ond grade at Walnut Creek Elementary. When the 2023-24 school year begins, she will teach speech at AHS and serve as head coach for cheer, Hornet Muscle, and Rowdies.

"My mission is to provide a safe and fun environment where they can develop their full potential as an athlete while learning valuable lessons that will last a lifetime," the new coach said.

She will continue strengthening the "amazing foundation" created by Hopkins, said Hodges.

Her goal is to win the UIL state cheerleading championship at Azle.

"I want to encourage them to be leaders on and off the field," Hodges said. "I want to set them up for success after high school by helping them connect with college cheer coaches."

Hodges participated in

competitive cheer as a child before waving the pom poms at Northwest High School.

In 2013, she graduated high school and cheered for four years at Sam Houston State University, winning a national cheer championship.

She has served on the National Cheerleaders Association staff for 11 years, working summer camps and judging cheer competitions, and was named the 2022 Top NCA Head Instructor for Texas.

She is married to Cody Hodges, and they have a baby daughter, Brooks.

"I am going to miss the students and staff at Walnut Creek, but I am ready for a new adventure at Azle High and excited to get to work with cheer, Hornet Muscles, and Rowdies," Hodges said.



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Tatum Harrison, one of a dozen newly appointed Rowdies, provides pep at the regional quarterfinals baseball game.

Azle wrestlers greet new coach at barbecue

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Azle's newest wrestling coach was meeting parents outside the mat room while coach Tyler Harrison was grilling hamburgers and hotdogs.

On May 26, after school let out, wrestlers, coaches, and parents chowed down while meeting Jayson Conger, who joined the wrestling program as the girls head coach.

Conger and wife Emily are natives of Oregon but moved to Tarrant County about six years ago to teach at Timber Creek High School. They have a 6-year-old son Waylon and 8-year-old daughter Brynn.

Emily will teach medical terminology and principles of health science. Conger will teach medical microbiology and physiology and serve as assistant coach in wrestling. He coached wrestling at

Timber Creek and "had a ton of success there, lots of district championships, regional championships, a state title," he said.

In 2017, Harrison coached wrestling with Conger at Timber Creek. The two coaches are looking forward to being together again, with Harrison head coach of Azle boys, and Conger leading the girls.

Conger is replacing the pregnant Megan House, who is stepping aside from coaching to start her family. She hopes to transition to the theater department.

Conger relished the opportunity to come to Azle and team up with Harrison again.

"There have been lots of talks with each other about getting back together sometime," Conger said. "This year, the stars aligned where the teaching opportunity was there for my family to move

out here."

Conger started wrestling at age four. He joined the U.S. Air Force out of high school and wrestled in the military.

After completing his service, he transitioned to coaching and teaching. He credited Azle Independent School District athletic director Becky Spurlock for coordinating the hires and making sure the Congers felt comfortable coming to the new school and town.

Conger's approach to wrestling sounds like it will jibe well with Harrison's style.

"I hope to bring a lot of fun and energy," Conger said. "I love organization, discipline, setting goals, achieving goals."

Conger has been involved in wrestling for 30 years and coached for 12. He was named the 2023 Regional Coach of the Year while at Timber Creek.



Boys wrestling coach Tyler Harrison grills hamburgers and hot dogs at a meet and greet for Jayson Conger and his family at the Azle mat room.

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Jayson and Emily Conger and kids Waylon and Brynn are looking forward to settling in Azle and becoming a part of the community.

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He is relationship-driven and plans to become close with students, families, and the community. Wrestling is a sport that develops long term

friendships and alliances, he said.

"Relationships mean a lot to me," he said. "The journey of wrestling is a tough one.

It's earned not given. You've got to put in everything that you want to get out."

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anticipated last year.

"A lot of kids are out here having fun, and so as of right now, we deem it a pretty good success as far as the change in the date and time," Dorris said on May 23 while watching the kids run through drills.

A football camp designed for seventh, eighth and ninth graders will be held July 24-26. That camp tends to draw about 100-130 kids and is geared toward teaching skills in specific positions.

Youth camp is a more general approach.

"This is more about getting out here and letting them enjoy the game itself," Dorris said.

They learn about tackling, throwing, kicking, and blocking but also about having fun and enjoying the outdoors.

"The goal would be that we ignite a fire and an enjoyment of the game," Dorris said. "We are not going to come out here and knock heads and tackle to the ground and do things like that. We want to show the kids that the game is enjoyable."

The kids at youth camp were enjoying themselves. At the beginning of the session, the boys were placed in lines according to their ages and told to wait a few minutes for a few more participants to arrive.

A young boy in line with second graders placed his arm to his mouth, blew hard, and made a farting noise. A few boys giggled and made similar noises. The trend spread quickly, and a dozen boys were making farting noises and giggling, and none of the adults seemed to mind.

Hard to have more fun than that.

Once camp began, the kids warmed up before participating in drills to improve their ball handling skills.

"We've got a lot of good young kids out here," Dorris said.

NEW RECRUIT

Among the youngest of the bunch was second-grader Chris Wanzer Jr. He had never played football prior to camp but enjoyed his first day.

"It was fun," he said. "We had to knock over the big thing (blocking dummy). We had to run and then hit it and jump on it."

Wanzer hopes to play football at AHS one day.

"You get to run and throw and hit," he said.

His dad, Chris Wanzer, had taken him to a high school football game last year.

"He was thrilled about watching the guys on the field, and he wanted to come out and try it, too," the elder Wanzer said.

In August, Wanzer Jr. plans to play youth football for the first time, and he hopes the skills learned in camp will help him succeed.



Chris Wanzer Jr. carries the football while a coach tries to knock the ball loose.

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Way to ride, Azle rodeo!

An impressive 13 members of the Azle rodeo team qualified for the finals, where they won fancy belt buckles, money, and plenty of respect. On May 19-20, Azle competed against the best riders and ropers around and won 18 belt buckles. Two team members rode so well in their events that their mounts won Horse of the Year awards. Have a great summer. Y'all earned it!

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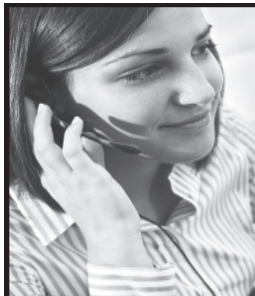
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- 5 flying saucers
- 6 "legal eagle" charges
- 7 New Braunfels FM
- 8 surgical recovery area in a hosp.
- 9 TX Kenny Rogers early group: "The First ___"
- 16 TXism: "in this ___ of the woods"
- 18 TXism: "___ the horse's mouth" (confirmed)
- 21 "___ Aldrich helped TCU be the national champ in 1938"
- 22 Fort Davis football class (2 wds.)
- 23 TXism: "the bigger they ___, the harder they fall"
- 24 TX Farrah Fawcett, e.g. (2 wds.)
- 30 UT Southwestern Medical Center is a leader in treatment of multiple ___
- 34 8th governor Clark of Texas, for short
- 35 TX Harrelson 2004 film: "She ___"
- 36 country FM station in Abilene
- 37 TX singer-songwriter, Griffith
- 39 "___ Bend" is a curve in the Gulf Coast
- 43 famous writer Mark who owned land in Archer County
- 44 many Texas towns had a prisoner of ___ in World War II
- 45 birth st. of honorary Texan, John Wayne
- 46 man in 45-across was every ___ cowboy
- 47 like a proton but with no electric charge
- 49 fortunately
- 52 dir. from Weatherford to McGregor
- 53 TX ___ "Bum" Phillips
- 54 Amtrak tracks
- 55 relating to the roof of the mouth
- 58 dishonest schemes
- 59 "one ___ time"
- 60 evergreen tree
- 61 TX Ross Perot 1st naval rank (abbr.)
- 12 cowboy bolos
- 13 TXism: "if the saddle squeaks, ___ paid for"
- 14 Texas-based 1943 film: "King ___ the Cowboys"
- 15 gun rights grp.
- 17 "___ Cavern State Park"
- 19 in Upshur County on U.S. 259 (2 wds.)
- 20 Hondo is seat of this county
- 24 former Ranger closer, Henke (init.)
- 25 large tub
- 26 meat & veggie dish cooked in a pot
- 27 state residents
- 28 TXism: "strong as ___ breath"
- 29 save from danger
- 31 "___ Brown & His Band of Renown"
- 32 TXism: "could ___ through a crowbar" (hot chili)
- 33 fish-eating duck
- 38 hammer targets
- 40 TXism: "does a have a climbing gear?" (yes)
- 41 17th governor, Roberts (init.)
- 42 TX Tommy Lee Jones film: "Eyes of ___"
- 48 TXism: "siestas"
- 50 TXism: "raining ___ and dogs"
- 51 Korean car
- 56 TXism: "hot as ___ griddle"
- 57 language of the Romans

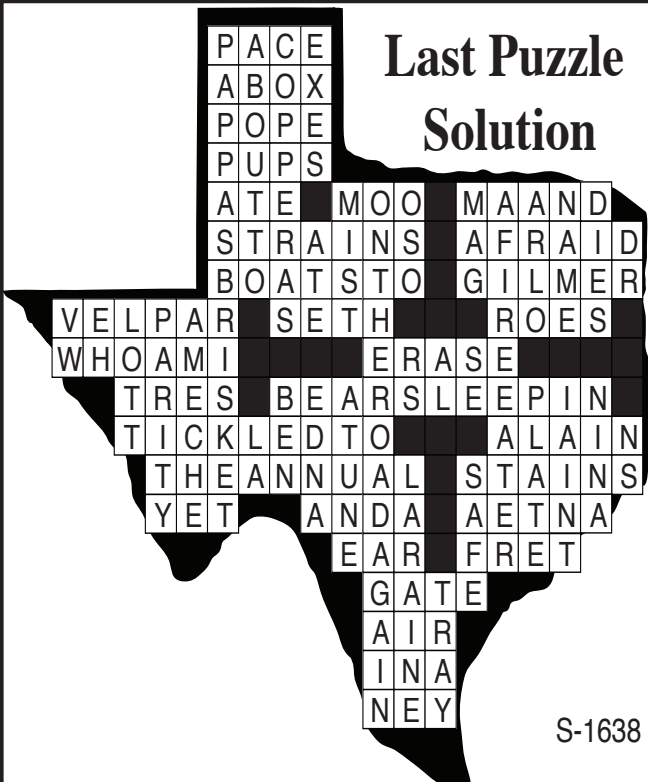
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- 1 Dez Bryant city
- 2 TXism: "he'd argue with ___ post"
- 3 TXism for "store bought molars"
- 4 Sulphur Springs AM
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