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Guests enjoyed live karaoke performances of "Big Iron" by Marty Robbins and other classic hits

Open House and Patio Sale held at B.J. Clark Building

Azle Senior Center hosts fun and informative time for all in attendance

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On Friday April 28, the Azle Senior Center held an Open House and Patio Sale event to celebrate its 37th anniversary. From 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., guests could enjoy visiting the various booths offering information and services to visitors, karaoke provided by the Mears family or buy items at their indoor patio sale, the proceeds from which went to-

ward funding the center.

The Azle Police Department, Citizens on Patrol and Volunteers in Police Services had a table. As did the Azle Fire Department, which was offering free blood pressure screenings and information on home security. Eagle Crest Villa, Angels Care Home Health, Northwest Physical Therapy, and the Lake Worth/Azle Garden Club were all present to pro-

vide information about their organizations as well. At 11 a.m., door prizes provided by participating businesses and the senior center were raffled off to lucky winners and at 11:30 a.m., guests were treated to lunch prepared by Meals on Wheels.

The Senior Center was closed for about a year during COVID-19 but has been open for the last two years,

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Green and X-Treme

City of Azle offers residents free spring cleaning opportunity

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On May 6, 2023, the City of Azle will be holding their bi-annual X-Treme Green Event. From 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Azle residents can

bring approved items for no-cost disposal at the city garage located at 470 Denver Trail.

DO BRING

- Household Hazardous Waste (Paint, pesticides, fertilizers, motor oil, anti-

- freeze, gasoline, batteries)
- Documents for on-site shredding (Confidential documents, bank statements, old bills)
- Automotive Tires (Stan-

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Azle City Council appoints new member to boards

Deborah Summarell was appointed as board member for the Library, Parks and Special Events Boards.



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During an April 18 meeting, the Azle City Council appointed Deborah Summarell as a board member to the Library, Parks, and Special Events Boards. Summarell has been an Azle resident since 2006 and is a retired nurse from Fort Worth Baylor and Harris. She has nine grandchildren.



COURTESY PHOTOS

The numbers on 2-year-old Turner Dennis's hat represent the number of hours he was on ECMO, a high level of life support. Turner was diagnosed with leukemia about a year ago.

'Tough like Turner'

Annual Randy's Benefit Ride to aid toddler recovering from leukemia

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Local toddler Turner Dennis is just as wild as any other 2-year-old boy, except Turner is recovering from leukemia.

Turner will be the beneficiary of this year's Randy's Benefit Ride, which is an annual event in Springtown that brings motorcyclists together to raise money for people

diagnosed with cancer or others in need. The benefit ride started in 2009 and is named after Randy Horton, a Springtown man who died in 2007 of leukemia at age 38.

More recently in the ride's history, organizer David Vaughan said it's important to him for the proceeds of the event to benefit a local person.

PLEASE SEE **TOUGH** | A9



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Freedom House, here to help

Freedom House in Weatherford and Springtown assists Parker County victims of sexual assault and domestic violence.

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In April, Carol Sutton and Donna Chambers were recognized on behalf of Freedom House by Mayor Brundrett and the Azle City Council. The two have been to seven city council meetings in the month of April for National Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Freedom House is a non-profit that offers services, advocacy, and emergency assistance to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. With offices all over the U.S., Freedom House began operations in Weatherford out of a volunteer's house almost 30 years ago. Now, the organization serves about 40 to 50 Parker County residents per month, many of them being first-time visitors and some coming from as far as Mineral Wells.

"Through the grace of some very lovely benefactors we were able to have this building built a few years back," Chambers, Freedom House advocate said. "Now we have three domestic assault advocates, and we have me for sexual assault, and we have three councilors. We have a shelter that's fully staffed."

All Freedom House services are free of charge, with the organization largely being funded by grants. Chambers, Sutton, and other Freedom House representatives offer a wide range of resources for any and all victims of sexual assault and domestic violence, whether they're man, woman or child. From court advocacy and counseling to helping victims resolve security and financial issues through programs like Crime Victims' Compensation, Freedom House will do everything necessary to ensure the individuals that come to them for help are safe and secure.

"If we don't find the resources, we try to find who might have the resources and get them sent that way or bring that resource in so they can meet here," Chambers said. "Just across the board in Texas, one in four little

girls and one in six little boys at some point in their lives are going to be sexually assaulted."

Despite this, only 9% of victims actually report that they were sexually assaulted. The mission of organizations like Freedom House is to encourage more victims to step forward and seek help with the confidence that resources are available to help them.

For Parker County residents, John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth is the closest location that can perform an examination by a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) to confirm that assault has occurred. Such a far-off distance can be dissuading for many, but Freedom House ensures that those that reach out to them are able to utilize this resource. In collaboration with local police departments and a SANE, Freedom House has organized Parker County's Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) to create a chain of protocol for when they receive a hotline call.

Freedom House maintains a very close relationship with law enforcement agencies, hosting a Law Enforcement Luncheon twice a year in April and October. They also often have police visit their facilities in order to maintain a secure environment and they train local officers on how to best handle trauma and situations where sexual assault has occurred.

Carol Sutton specifically works with minors at Freedom House. Outside their facility, Sutton also manages the Crossroads program, which offers seventh through 12th grade teens a free meal - often provided by local churches - a lesson and someone to talk to.

"It's a really wonderful program and I wish we could make more teenagers aware and help build them up," Sutton said. "I want to build these teenagers up so they can go into early adulthood with the power they need to succeed in life."

Programs like Crossroads seek to remove stigma and promote education for the



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From left to right, Carol Sutton and Donna Chambers. Freedom House can be reached through their hotline at 817-596-8922

purpose of prevention in conjunction with peer counseling and informing healthy behaviors.

Freedom House relies on volunteers for many of the day-to-day operations of the facility, from answering phones to bringing in grocery hauls. Freedom House also welcomes donations of any sort. Those interested in volunteering or donating can find more information on www.freedomhousepc.org/.

For these advocates, every life they touch is cause for celebration. In one notable case, Freedom House was able to separate a woman from her abusive boyfriend and get a protective order filed against him.

"You would have thought we had given her a million dollars," Chambers said. "Just the freedom that gave her to have her life and her peace back after going through that for years. It was a horrible cycle that she was in, but she finally got to the point where

she said, 'that's enough' and she sought us out. That's a huge victory."

Freedom House also works to promote a culture of vigilance and communication, advocating that you touch base and check-in on coworkers, neighbors and loved ones. One sign that someone may be experiencing some kind of trauma in their life is if they withdraw from their normal activities and experience a sudden change in

behaviors.

"If you don't know how to handle it, direct them to somebody like us and we can help them," Chambers said.

For Azle and Springtown residents, Freedom House has a Springtown office where you can meet with an advocate on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays by appointment. Whether it's through an appointment, a call to their hotline or a walk-in to their location in

Weatherford, Freedom House encourages anyone who may need their resources to take that first step and reach out.

"You can't scare us or tell us anything we haven't heard already," the pair said. "Nothing here leaves this building. We are a safe place and anything they share with us will never go farther."

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"We're not just a shelter, we offer so much more than that here and we want to be available for folks to be whatever we need this to be," Chambers said.

"We don't get to see a lot of the successes, unfortunately, because we pass them on, but the ones we do get, they're treasures... When we can provide food for families that don't have food, that's a victory, when we can get a gas card to a mom who's struggling and chasing all of her kids, that's a victory."

CAROL SUTTON

Freedom House

You're invited! How will you respond?

The invitation may come in the mail in a fancy envelope. Or maybe by email, text message, phone call, or personal conversation.

Regardless of the format of the invite, there is an action required for each one of them: A response to let the inviter know if the invitee will be attending.

Sometimes it's required for planning purposes. Sometimes it's requested for the sake of courtesy.

And the question is not IF we will respond, but HOW we will respond (because ignoring the invite IS a response).

In early 2009, my friend, John Bell, invited me to be part of the Singing Men of North Central Texas. I accepted the invitation and have



BE AMAZING

By Gerry Lewis

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enjoyed 14 years of singing with this group. (My long-time readers are familiar with some of this story).

The group was to take a mission trip to Ukraine in the spring of 2010, but I was not in a position financially to even consider it, so I declined the invite.

Then a volcano eruption in Iceland created havoc with air transportation and the trip was postponed until October.

John contacted me and asked me if the delay would

allow my participation. My financial situation had not changed. Both my kids were in college and one of them was about to get married after her December graduation.

But I didn't say simply, "There's no way." What I said was, "There's no way unless God shows up amazingly."

John asked my permission to make some contacts and—to make a long story short—God showed up amazingly and I not only made that trip, but returned to Ukraine with

SMONCT in 2012, 2015, and 2017. In 2019, we went to Hungary and Romania.

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So, why me? Why was I invited?

Depending on who you talk to, I'm a pretty decent singer. But SMONCT has taken at least 80 singers on every one of these trips. THEY DON'T NEED ME!

So, it must have been God that needed me, right?

No. If God needs me, that means He lacks something I can contribute. And since I don't have anything that didn't come from Him in the first place, that's a ridiculous notion.

Here's what I've concluded about every invitation God has ever sent my way, regardless of who He used to do the inviting: He has invited me because He loves me so much that He doesn't want me to miss out on being part of

what He's doing.

That includes the amazing experiences I've been part of with SMONCT and it also includes the serendipitous moments of spontaneous conversations in the grocery store when I've had a chance to pass along a little encouragement.

And here's the deal: He's inviting every one of us to join Him in what He's doing in the world. We just need to pay attention to opportunities that look like Jesus and politely decline opportunities that carry us in different directions. (In other words, you don't have to accept every invitation to a squabble).

You're invited to be amazing. How will you respond today?

Reno council approves three plats for new homes

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Reno City Council approved three plats, which are expected to bring multiple new homes into Reno and its extraterritorial jurisdiction, during the April council meeting.

One of these is Dove Ranch Estates on West White Dove Street, west of Quail Run. This development would build custom homes on 10

lots situated on 51 acres. Nine of the lots are at least five acres each, and one is more than six acres. The plan is for the homes on these lots to use septic systems and water wells, though the builders would have the option to use city water, said Kerry Knott of Bridgepoint Development.

The council also approved the final plat for four lots in the Savannah Place subdivision as well as a plat showing of three lots in the Point

Break Addition.

The land for Savannah Place is almost five acres on the corner of Harris Road and East Barry Street. All lots are expected to be more than an acre.

Point Break Addition is situated on almost four acres in the city's extraterritorial jurisdiction. Walnut Creek Special Utility District is expected to be called upon to supply water to these lots.

The votes were unanimous.

Sudoku

MAY 3, 2023

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Solution to last week's puzzle

APRIL 26, 2023

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4	2	6	8	3	7	9	5	1
8	5	7	2	9	1	6	3	4
5	7	4	3	2	6	8	1	9
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LUNCH:
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5-6th Grade \$2.75
7-12th Grade \$2.55
2nd Meal \$3.20
Visitors & Employees \$3.75

PreK - 4th

BREAKFAST: Everyday - Assorted Fruits and Cereal, Juice, White or Chocolate Milk, Graham Crackers, Toast
Mon Apple Frudel, Apples **Tues** Breakfast on a stick, Oranges **Weds** Cinni Mini , apples
Thurs Cocoa Puffs Cereal w/ Graham Cracker, Oranges **Fri** Breakfast Pizza, apples

LUNCH: Everyday - Variety of milk. Your choice of 1 entree & 1 fruit or juice
Mon Macaroni and Cheese w/ roll OR Fish Sticks w/ roll **Tues** Chicken Alfredo Pasta w/ Garlic Breadstick OR cheese nachos, Peas **Weds** Breaded Chicken Sandwich OR Sun butter & Jelly Sandwich, corn **Thurs** Hot Dogs OR Turkey & Cheese Sandwich , Pinto Beans, applesauce, banana **Fri** Pepperoni Pizza OR Cheese Pizza, Crinkle fries, Mixed fruit

GRADES 5TH - 8TH

BREAKFAST: Everyday - Assorted Fruits and Cereal, Juice, White or Chocolate Milk, Yogurt w/Granola
Mon French Toast Sticks, Pineapple **Tues** Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Toast, Oranges **Weds** Glazed Donuts, Apples
Thurs Pancakes & Sausage Patty, Peaches **Fri** Breakfast Pizza, Apples

LUNCH: Everyday: Variety of milk. Your choice of 1 entree & 1 fruit or juice, rolls, crackers • Salad bar offered daily
Mon Macaroni and Cheese w/ roll OR Fish Sticks w/ roll, Mixed Veggies **Tues** Chicken Alfredo Pasta w/ Garlic Breadstick OR Cheese Nachos, Peas **Weds** Breaded Chicken Sandwich OR Sun butter & Jelly Sandwich, corn **Thurs** Hot Dogs OR Turkey & Cheese Sandwich , Pinto Beans, applesauce **Fri** Pepperoni Pizza OR Cheese Pizza, Crinkle fries, Mixed fruit, apple

HIGH SCHOOL

BREAKFAST: Everyday - Assorted Fruits and Cereal, Juice, White or Chocolate Milk, Yogurt w/Granola
Mon French Toast Sticks, Pineapple **Tues** Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Toast, Oranges **Weds** Glazed Donuts, Apples
Thurs Pancakes & Sausage Patty, Peaches **Fri** Breakfast Pizza, Apples

LUNCH: • Everyday: 1% unflavored or non fat chocolate milk & juice offered daily at breakfast and lunch. Salad Bar • Fruit of the day subject to change due to deliveries and shortages. • Fruit, hot and cold veggies
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Music in the Park begins May 5

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Once again, the City of Azle will be hosting its 2023 Concert Series every Friday in May and June from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. This summer's festivities will kick off on May 5 with a performance by Epic Unplugged. Inspired by MTV Unplugged, this Dallas-based musical powerhouse utilizes a full band, vocals, and a string quartet to cover classic and alternative rock songs from bands like Queen, Muse, Pink Floyd, The Killers, Led Zeppelin, Nirvana, and more. Food trucks from Crown

Weekly musical performances will begin on Friday with Epic Unplugged

Taco and Sally Sweets will be on-site to satisfy visitors' cravings, both sweet and savory alike. This year, canopies, tents, and umbrellas will not be permitted in front of the amphitheater so that park-goers can enjoy an unobstructed view. These items may instead be placed away from the viewing area. Vaping and smoking are also prohibited during Music in the Park concerts.

Music in the Park is made possible by sponsor contributions. Those interested in sponsoring these events can reach out to Parks Superintendent Kyle Culwell at (817) 444-7127 or visit Music in the Park's Facebook page. A full list of performances, food truck schedules and more information can be found on *MUSIC IN THE PARK - AZLE TEXAS - Thru the Years* on Facebook.

A general overview of the Texas school finance system

AZLE HORNET COMMUNITY

By now, most have received your notice of appraised value from your prospective county appraisal district. While often stunning, it is positive from a home equity or investment standpoint. "Property Tax Relief" has been a top priority this current 88th Texas Legislative Session scheduled to conclude at the end of this month.

With school district taxes being a large portion of property taxes, I will attempt to provide a general overview of an extremely complex Texas school finance system. It is important to remember the county appraisal district determines the property value, NOT Azle ISD or other taxing entities listed on your statement. They only set the required tax rates for their prospective entities. For those in Parker County, a reminder Parker County Appraisal District evaluates property values every two years with this being one of those years.

For years, high property tax values resulted in MORE revenue for the local school district. However, this changed several years ago, attempting to make public education funding more equitable across the state. The changes resulted in the state setting a per student basic allotment school districts receive. While



AZLE ISD
By Todd Smith, M.Ed., Superintendent of Schools - Azle ISD

Mr. Smith just completed his 28th school year in Azle ISD, with 13 years in campus administration and six years as a district administrator. In June 22, 2020 he was named Superintendent of Schools by the Azle ISD Board of Trustees. He is thankful for the passion and dedication exhibited by Azle ISD faculty and staff and is extremely proud of the work Azle ISD has accomplished and the impact they will continue to make in the lives of our students.

still complicated because some students, depending on programs they are in, such as special services, GT, or CTE, results in additional funding.

School district taxes comprise two parts, maintenance and operations (M&O) and interest and sinking (I&S). M&O funds are for daily school district operations, with most funds being allocated to employee salaries. Recently, the state sets the M&O tax rate school districts are allowed to adopt. State funding is based on student enrollment and student attendance rate, using the basic allotment funding factor. The state adjusts their final settle up payment to the school district based on property tax revenue. If a school district's tax rate generates more revenue than allocated by the state, the district is required to send the surplus amount to the state. This is NOT the case with AISD.

The interest and sinking (I&S) portion of the tax rate is different. These funds are solely for debt (bond) payments, equivalent to home mortgage payment, and can only be obligated with voter approval. Specific to Azle ISD, the higher property values and growth mean less I&S debt burden on individuals for both current debt and any future voter approved debt, also allowing additional bond capacity at lower pennies needed to meet that debt obligation.

The Azle ISD tax rate historically continues to be one of the lowest tax rates in the North Texas area. Our Board of Trustees remain committed to be strong stewards of your hard-earned dollars. The AISD tax rate has dropped by eleven cents over the last five years, even with voter approval of bonds in 2021.

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House OKs \$4.5 billion for teacher pay raises; voters may decide fate of broadband expansion

HOUSE OKS \$4.5 BILLION FOR TEACHER PAY RAISES

The Texas House last Thursday passed two education-related bills, one that allocates \$4.5 billion for teacher pay raises and another to increase the annual per-student base funding from \$6,160 to \$6,300 - a 2.3% increase.

The Austin American-Statesman reported the bill would create minimum salaries for teachers ranging from \$35,000 to \$63,000 depending on experience and level of education. It would also increase funding for special education and fine arts.

Some education advocates worry the per-student funding is insufficient to keep up with inflation, which has grown by 17% in the last four years, the Statesman reported.

The bill also creates a method to adjust the per-student funding for inflation every other year, starting in 2025.

VOTERS MAY DECIDE FATE OF BROADBAND EXPANSION

Voters could decide whether the state should invest \$5 billion to expand internet availability if a bill passed last week by the Texas House makes it through the Senate. House Bill 9, spon-

sored by state Rep. Trent Ashby, R-Lufkin, would create the Texas Broadband Infrastructure Fund, the Texas Tribune reported.

"This bill will have a measurable impact on each one of your districts," Ashby said last week on the House floor. "No matter whether they be urban, suburban or rural."

Nearly 7 million Texans do not have reliable broadband service, a fact hammered home during the pandemic, when connectivity often was crucial for schools and people trying to work from home. However, state Comptroller Glenn Hegar said in March that it would take closer to \$10 billion to get all Texans connected.

The state is also expected to receive federal dollars for broadband expansion out of the infrastructure package passed by Congress in 2021, though it is unknown how much Texas will receive out of the \$42.45 billion allocated for broadband expansion. The state will need to match one-fourth of whatever it receives from the federal government.

\$200 ANNUAL FEE FOR EV OWNERS GOES TO ABBOTT

A bill requiring electrical vehicle owners to pay a \$200 annual fee to the state has



CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and Cedar Park. gborders@texaspress.com.

passed both chambers and sent to Gov. Greg Abbott, The Dallas Morning News reported. Backers of the bill say the higher vehicle registration fees are needed because EV owners don't pay fuel taxes built into the price of fuel and used to fund the state's highway system. The state fuel tax on both gasoline and diesel is 20 cents per gallon.

Opponents of the bill say it would slow the expansion of EVs in the state, which pollute less than vehicles using carbon-based fuels. They also note the fuel tax funds just 29% of what is spent on Texas highways.

"The primary cause of the road funding shortfall in Texas has nothing to do with EVs, but rather with the fact that Texas has not increased their gas tax since 1991," Dylan Jaff, sustainability policy analyst with Consumer Reports, said in a memo.

FENTANYL TEST STRIP BILL STALLS IN SENATE

A bipartisan effort to decriminalize the use of fentanyl test strips has stalled in a Texas Senate committee after passing the Texas House with near unanimous report, The Morning News reported. The bill also has the backing of Abbott.

State Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, chairs the criminal justice committee. He said some members fear making the test strips legal would lead to more people feeling confident about using dangerous drugs.

Fentanyl is often mixed with more expensive drugs such as heroin, leading to thousands of fatal overdoses, including more than 5,000 in Texas from July 2021 to July 2022.

"It's just illogical, but there's a belief by some members that it might safeguard

the use," Whitmire said.

The testing strips are currently treated as drug paraphernalia. The strips are used to test for the presence of fentanyl in other drugs.

BILL CALLS FOR ARMED OFFICERS AT ALL SCHOOLS

A bill that would require school districts to place at least one armed officer on each campus has passed the Texas House, the Statesman reported. The measure comes almost a year after a gunman killed 19 children and two teachers in a mass shooting in Uvalde last May.

Any officer or school employee would have to complete handgun safety training. The measure also requires at least one audit for intruder detection each year in all districts. The state would provide at least \$100 per student and \$15,000 per campus to maintain and improve school safety.

State Sen. Roland Gutierrez, D-San Antonio, has filed several gun control measures in that chamber that have yet to receive a hearing. Gutierrez represents Uvalde and says more needs to be done besides the House measure.

"Let me be very clear: I'm for anything that's going to make our schools safer," Gutierrez said in the

Statesman story. "But the three things that is going to really make our schools safer is extreme risk protective orders, you take guns out of the hands of the mentally ill, Florida did it, it worked; raising the age limit, take guns, AR-15's out of (the hands of) 18-, 19- and 20-year-olds, Florida did it, it worked; closing the gun show loophole and universal background checks."

DISASTER DECLARATION PARTIALLY APPROVED

President Joe Biden has partially approved the state's request for a major disaster declaration for counties affected by an ice storm in late January.

The original request included 23 counties, but 13 were given access to funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency — Bastrop, Blanco, Burleson, Burnet, Hays, Henderson, Kendall, Lee, Leon, Milam, Robertson, Travis and Williamson.

The ice storm damaged millions of trees, particularly in the Austin area, and caused widespread power outages throughout Central Texas. A total of 350,000 people in Texas were without power at some point, according to Spectrum News 1.

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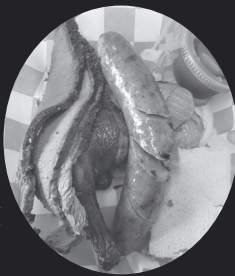
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Charlotte Gorski 1943-2023

It is with a heavy heart that the Gorski family announces the passing of Charlotte. Our loving family member passed away on Tuesday April 25, 2023, at home, surrounded by her loved ones.

Instead of flowers, the family asks for donations to Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Azle, Texas. She will be greatly missed and always in our loving memory as a strong woman.

Charlotte was born in Wichita Falls, Texas and lived an extraordinary life filled with adventure, laughter, and love.

Charlotte worked as a bus driver for Special Needs students at Azle ISD for more than 20 years.

She loved fishing, baking and singing karaoke, and enjoyed gambling too. She was a devoted wife to her husband, Don, and loved being a grandma.

Charlotte is preceded in death by her brother, Billy Mills (wife Teresa).

She is survived by her husband, Don; son, David and his



wife Christina; siblings Patti Gowen (Jeff), Judy Horton, Kathy Henson (Michael), and Michael Mills (Vicki); grandchildren Taylor Rae, Christian Lynn, and Jonathan Robert; great-grandchild Jamielynn; many nieces, nephews, and friends; and her best friend Mimi and Jean.

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Carolyn Holly 1940-2023

Carolyn Lowery Langston Holly, 83, of Azle died April 20, 2023.

A memorial service/ Celebration of Life will be held at 2 p.m. on May 7 at Azle Deer Cove. Interment will be at Greenwood Cemetery.

Carolyn was born in Fort Worth, Texas to Charles and Genevieve Lowery. She lived in Fort Worth the majority of her life. She worked at Azle State bank and was a secretary for Iron Workers Local 263.

Carolyn was an active member of Ash Creek Baptist Church, where she was a member of The Stitching Group. She also enjoyed oil painting.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Clifford Holly, and her bonus daughter, Monica Holly Inman.

Carolyn is survived by her children, Mark Langston and wife Sara of Azle, and Melissa Tinney and husband Bill of Weatherford; bonus children, Mendy Archer and husband David of Cottdale, Missy



Knox and husband Mike of Fort Worth; son-in-law John Inman of South Carolina; grandchildren, Justin Tinney and wife Melissa of Andrews, Emily Tinney and partner Justin Mathis, Robert Langston, Brad Langston, all of Azle, and seven bonus grandchildren; great-grandchildren Finley Dean, Hattie Dean, Lucas Tinney, Olivia Tinney, Lyndon Langston; and 15 bonus great-grandchildren; and sisters Helen Lowery and Charlene Lowery.

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Ashley Kelley 1983-2023

Ashley Marie Kavanaugh Kelley, 39, passed away, Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at home.

Visitation is 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday at Alexander's Midway, Springtown. Funeral is 11 a.m. Friday at New Hope Baptist Church.

Ashley is preceded in death by her father, Michael Kavanaugh; and grandparents, Charles Walker and Bobby and Shirley Paris.

Survivors include children, Bailey Kavanaugh, Kyler Kavanaugh, Caitlynn Fields and Tiffanie Kelley; mother and stepfather, Sandy and Joe Walker; grandmother, Delores Walker; brother, Michael Collins and wife, Christina; sisters, Kristy Scribner and husband, Kelly, Misty Peek and husband,



Byron, and Kyra Boling and husband, Waylon; grandchildren, Brixton and Landree; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and extended family.

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Bernice Kinchen 1924-2023

Bernice Bivins Kinchen was called home to be with her Lord March 3, 2023, in Weatherford Texas.

Memorial services will be held at Sunset Church, 247 Sunset Dr Springtown, Saturday May 6th at 2pm. Visitation and covered dish dinner following service.

Bernice was born April 7, 1924, in Wise County.

She was member, Past Worthy Matron, of the Order of the Eastern Star, Springtown, and member of First Baptist Church Springtown for over 60 years.

Bernice was preceded in death by both parents, two sisters, six brothers.

Survived by daughter Teresa Noryian Harborth and Robert Harborth; Janice and Jimmy White of Springtown;



six grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; three sisters, and many nieces and nephews.

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Refreshments and lunch were provided by Meals on Wheels to those in attendance



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The Azle Police Department, Fire Department and Azle businesses were all present to show their support and mingle

Texas Legislature pursues innovative bipartisan health care

BY CHARLES MILLER
Texas 2036 Senior Policy Advisor

With each passing year, access to affordable health care is a barrier to more and more Texas families and a greater strain on employers' budgets. The Texas Legislature is taking steps to address this through innovative, bipartisan action to foster competition, create more transparency and encourage a healthy market for health care.

House Bill 711, by state Rep. James Frank, R-Wichita Falls, and co-authored by state Reps. Sam Harless, R-Spring, Greg Bonnen, R-Friendswood, and James Talarico, D-Round Rock, passed the Texas House last week on a 146-0 vote.

It seeks to address a leading cause of higher prices — an unhealthy market consisting of high market concentrations and business practices that limit choices and innovation.

Currently, the total cost of employer-sponsored insurance averages \$22,000 per year, which is nearly one-third of the median household income in Texas. These rising costs can be attributed, in part, to Texas' hospital market consolidation, which is well above the national average.

HB 711 is just one piece of a package of health care bills designed to make the state's health care markets healthy through a more informed, competitive and engaging system.

Other bills under consideration in the Legislature offer innovative approaches to creating healthy markets: expanding existing price transparency requirements, improving the availability of information on provider quality, empowering patients to be smart shoppers, and rewarding them when they are.

Texans deserve access to affordable, high-quality health care, and the Legislature is taking important steps toward making this a reality. This package of bills aims to provide Texans with choices and enough information to make a good choice, while ensuring that they're rewarded for doing so. Given the potential benefit these efforts will have on everyday Texans, we hope more people will be able to engage in the conversations around health care reform.

The bills under consideration would help improve the three requirements for healthy markets: transparent information, abundant competition and aligned incentives. The bills under consideration address all

these issues and offer a path forward toward affordable, high-quality health care for all Texans.

The 88th Legislature has an opportunity to build upon existing price transparency requirements, eliminate restrictions preventing disclosure of quality information, address the growing impact of consolidation and market power, and limit the potential of private equity to add hidden fees to your bill.

Lawmakers can also ensure when health benefit plans encourage enrollees to obtain a health care service from a particular provider that they do so for the primary benefit of the enrollee.

Over the years, Texas legislators have been adopting measures around hospital price transparency and the elimination of surprise medical bills. Prioritizing healthy markets is the single most important thing the state can do to help empower employers to provide more affordable health care for their employees during this legislative session.

Learn more about healthy markets at texas2036.org/healthy-markets online. Charles Miller is a senior policy advisor for Texas 2036 where he works to improve the affordability and accessibility of health care for all Texans.

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"In the past five years, I've picked a local kid or somebody going through something and that way, all riders there who donate see right where the money's going," Vaughan said. "The first nine years I did it for American Cancer Society Relay for Life, and it's a good organization, but you don't really see where the money is going."

Registration for Randy's Benefit Ride starts at 11 a.m. at Newby Pavilion in Springtown Park (behind Wells Fargo), and there will be a raffle at 11:30 a.m. Bikers are expected to leave at noon and ride to Hemmingway's Craft House in Graford. Participation in the ride costs \$20 per bike, and t-shirts will be sold for \$10 each.

On the flyer for the event, Turner is described as a "leukemia warrior," which Vaughan said was the wording Turner's mother, Tessa May, chose.

Turner was diagnosed with leukemia about a year ago when he was about 15-16 months old. May said Turner had gotten sick in February 2022 and just never got better. Turner was in and out of the hospital for two months before being diagnosed.

May described finally getting the leukemia diagnosis as a "gut punch."

Turner finished treatment in February after starting in April 2022, May said.

"April 25 to Feb. 6, we were in the hospital 195 days," she said. "I think it's like out of 260 days, we were at the hospital 195."

After finishing his first round of chemotherapy, May said Turner contracted RSV, or respiratory syncytial virus, and was put on life support for 46 days. After that, there were two to four weeks between treatments, and each of the five admissions to the hospital would last a month at least.

After finishing treatment,

Turner had weekly doctor appointments, and recently those appointments have been reduced to monthly, May said.

"At every doctor appointment we go to, he gets his blood drawn. They test his blood and make sure there's nothing that looks (like) leukemia, and thankfully we've been in the clear," she said.

However, relapse is possible. May said the doctors won't consider Turner as fully cured until 10 years after he finished treatment.

May said she was grateful to have insurance that helped with the medical expenses, but the family was still affected financially as May and her partner Doug Dennis - Turner's dad - had to take off work to care for Turner.

"I would say our income went from normal income to almost nothing," May said.

May said the Springtown community has come together to support her family during this time, and there have been multiple fundraisers for Turner. She said it felt good to see people "rally together and have your back."

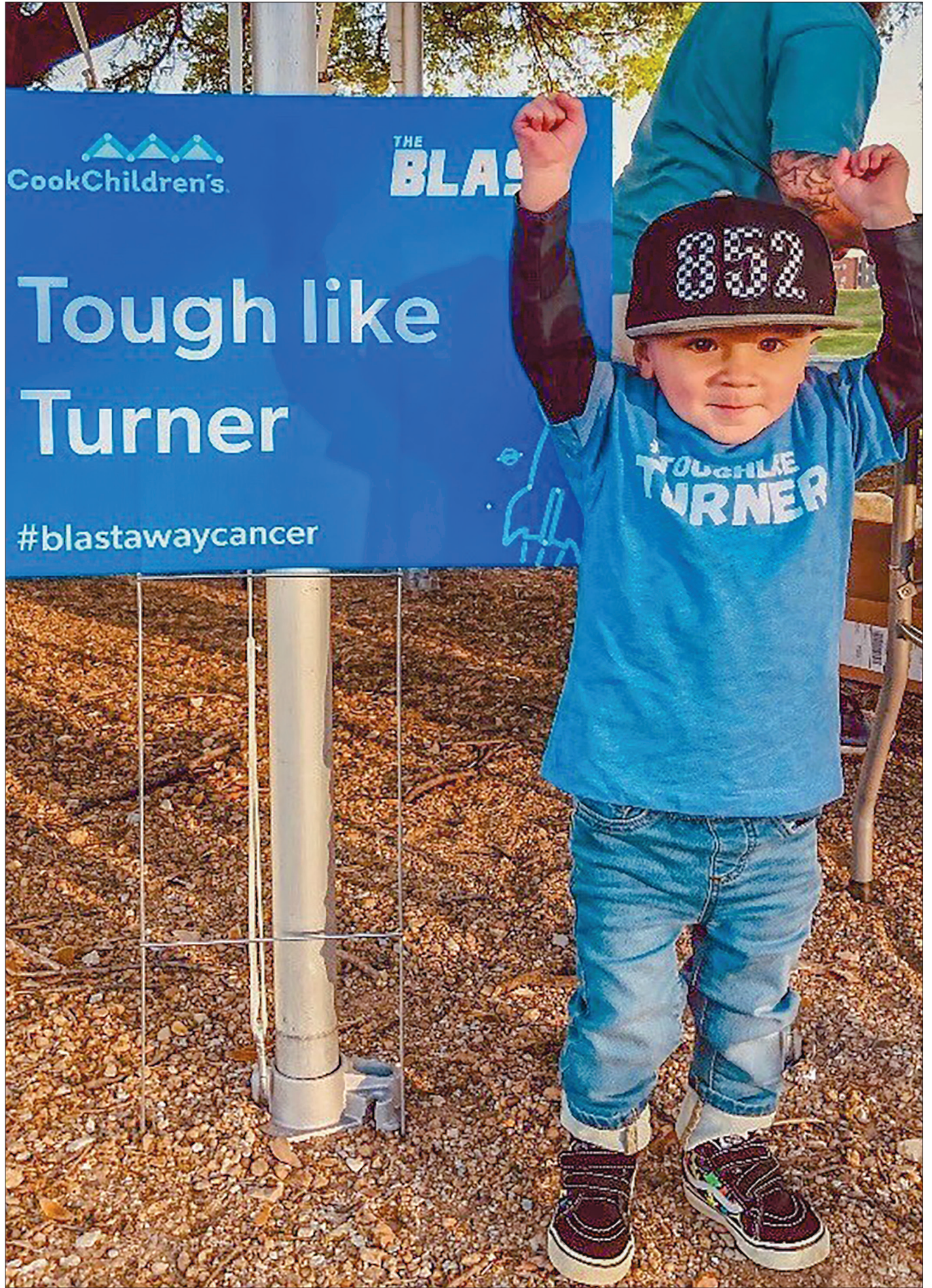
May said she was surprised to find out that Turner had been selected to benefit from Randy's Ride. She appreciates Vaughan including her family in this year's ride and the support she's received from Springtown and surrounding communities.


To donate directly to May, find her on Venmo at tmay12 or tessamay12 on Cash App.

For more information about Turner's leukemia journey, visit facebook.com/toughliketurner online.

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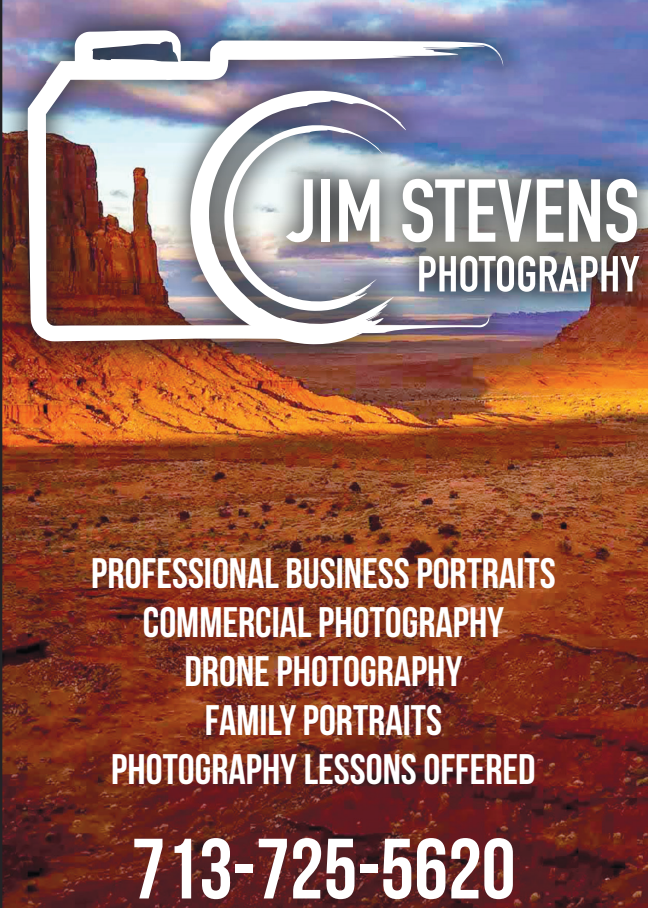
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Parker County ESD 1 hosts badge pinning ceremony for personnel

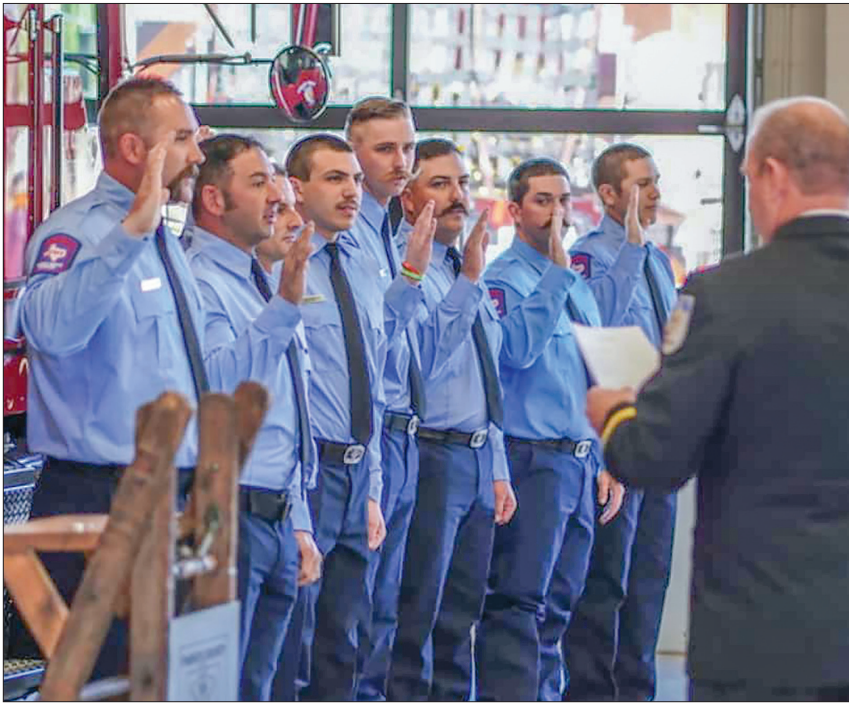


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Parker County ESD 1 firefighters were sworn in during a badge pinning ceremony on April 21.

Parker County Emergency Services District 1 hosted a badge pinning ceremony for 17 suppression personnel and administered their oath of office on April 21. They have completed training and assessment to advance in their roles.

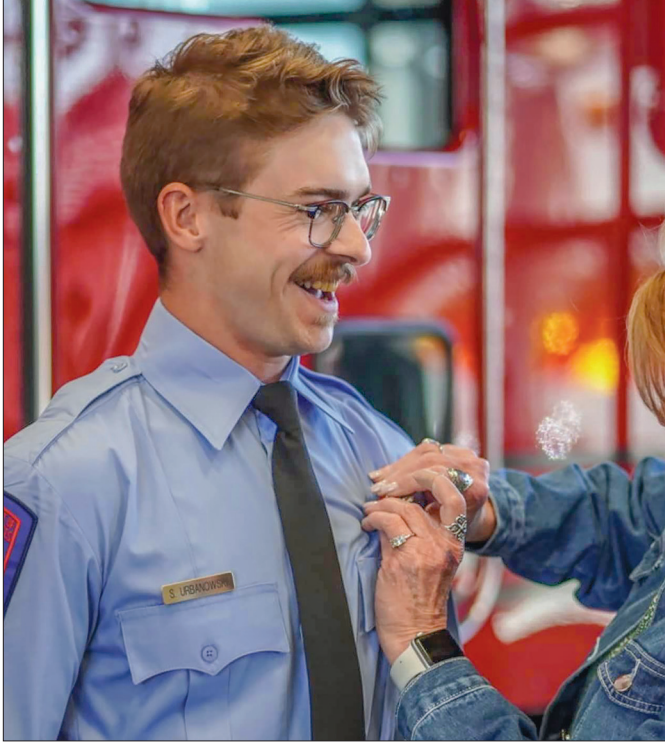


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ESD 1 engineer Spencer Urbanowski smiled while being pinned at a ceremony last week.



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Five ESD 1 engineers were sworn in on April 21, including Ismael Quintero.

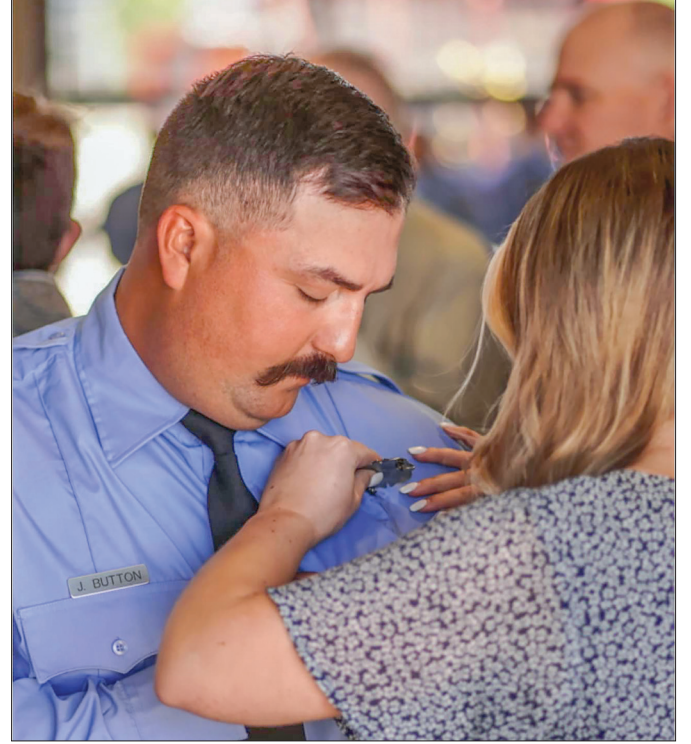


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Eight ESD 1 firefighters were pinned at a ceremony last week, including John Button.



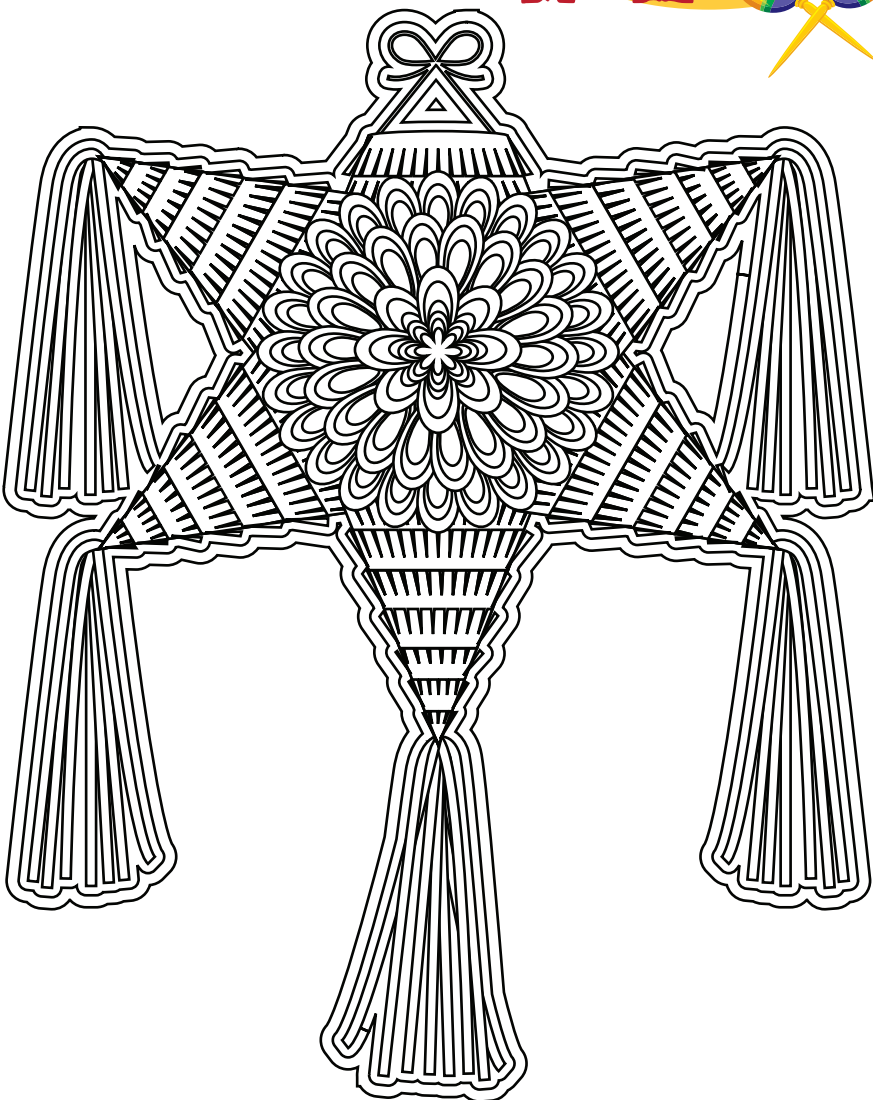
Cinco de Mayo is a holiday that is celebrated on May 5th every year. It is a special day that commemorates the Mexican army's victory over the French army at the Battle of Puebla on May 5th, 1862. Cinco de Mayo is celebrated mainly in Mexico and the United States, where it is a chance for people to celebrate Mexican culture and heritage. On this day, people often have parades, wear traditional Mexican clothing, listen to Mexican music, and eat delicious Mexican food like tacos and guacamole. It is a fun and exciting holiday that brings people together to celebrate Mexican pride and history!

Cinco De Mayo

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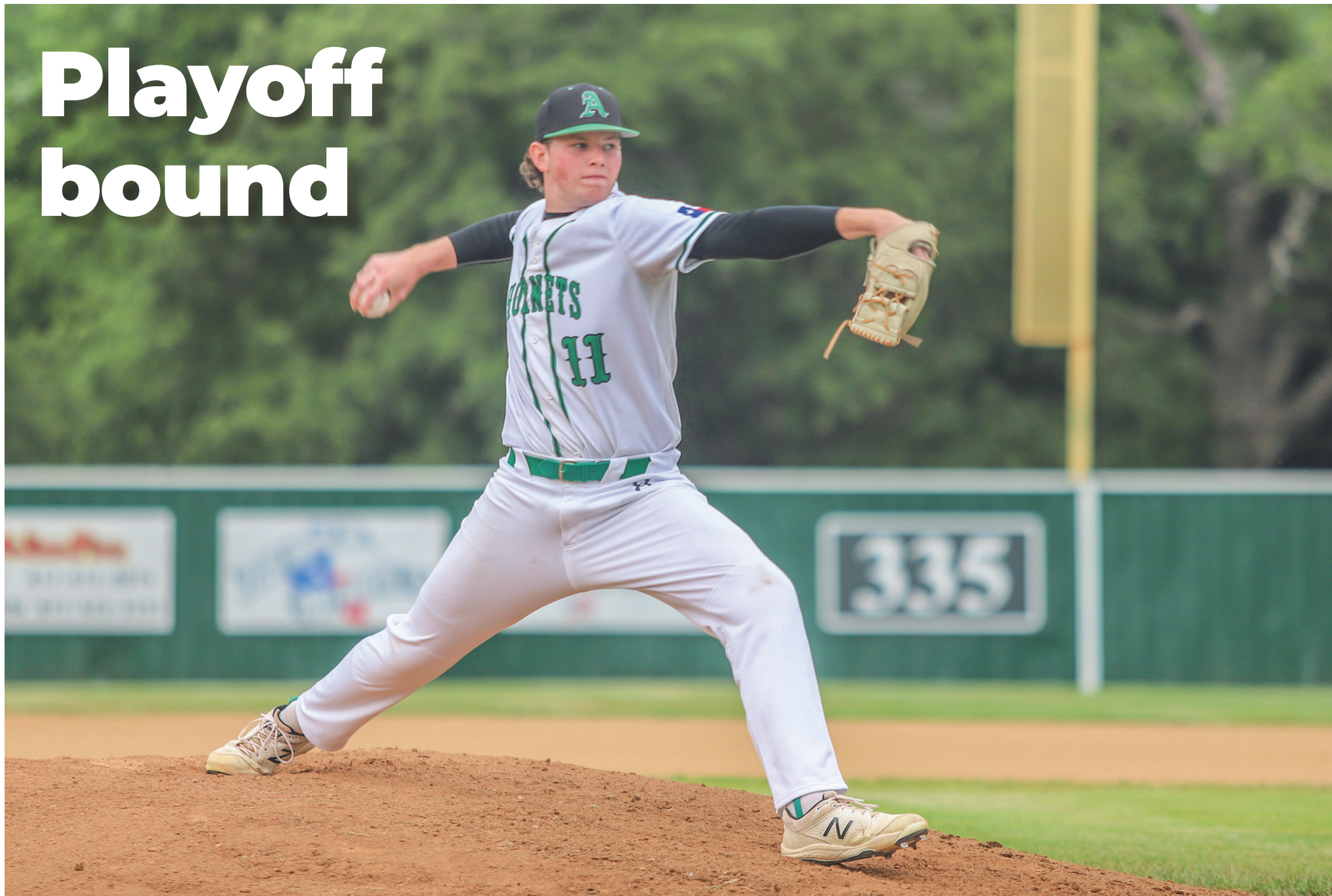
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Jackson Davis pitches a complete-game shutout over Brewer.

Hornet baseball earns trip to playoffs after sweeping Brewer

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The Azle Hornets headed into the final two games of the baseball season needing to win at least one to make the playoffs. They won both.

On April 25, the Hornets prevailed 1-0 over Fort Worth Brewer after Jackson Davis pitched a complete-game 5-hitter with 9 strikeouts. The team's defense was impenetrable, with Tyler Akers running down a couple of deep fly balls to rob Brewer

of what seemed would be sure hits. The only run driven in for either team belonged to Billy Spratt, and it was a big one – a double to score Akers. Before the game, Azle celebrated Senior Night, honoring more than a dozen roster

members who are playing their final year of high school baseball. Luke Olmsted, accompanied by parents John and Julie Olmsted, has played baseball since he was a little

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The Lady Hornets celebrate winning a bi-district title for the first time since 2019.

Azle earns bi-district softball title

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The Azle Lady Hornets bagged a bi-district softball title for the first time since 2019, sweeping Arlington Heights in two games. On April 27, the two teams

faced off in Saginaw, and Azle walloped the Yellow Jackets, 14-0. Pitcher Morgan Terrell led the way with a five-inning, one-hit performance. On April 28, the two teams met again, and Azle dominated once more. Casey Morrison pitched five strong

innings, and relief pitcher Corynne Barone shut down Heights in the final inning for a 9-1 victory. "The girls really came out ready to play," said head coach Macy Pruitt. "We've

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Azle rodeo team looking to wrangle hardware at finals

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The Azle rodeo girls took first, second, and third places in poles, one of Azle's many highlights at the last rodeo of the regular season on April 28-29 at the North Texas High School Rodeo Association Arena in Saginaw. Hevenli Scribner (first),

Lindsey-Kay Reichert (second), and Laurel Allred (third) swept the top awards and earned their team a combined 189 points while racing poles. Others who kicked up dust in the event were Shaylea Cassel, Reagen Downing, and Caydence Grnwalt. Sean Bunero won second place in calf-roping, earning 63 points for his team.

Caitlyn Colley took seventh place and 28 points in walkup goat tying. Laurel Allred picked up 10th place and 7 points. Others who competed in the event were Skyler Moore, Madison Yunger, Andrea Allred, Josalyn Langeberg, Molly Rodda, and Scribner. Laurel Allred earned sev-

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Hevenli Scribner wins poles, and her teammates grab second and third place in the last rodeo of the regular season.



Azle athletic trainer wins professional award

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Kyndall Font is in her first year at Azle High School

On April 21, Azle's baseball team was ahead 3-0 in the first inning when a Hornet hit a single and collided with the Aledo first baseman while crossing the base.

The Hornet slammed to the ground and let out a groan. He stayed down, writhing, and trainer Kyndall Font hurried to him to determine his status. After about a minute, the player stood, dusted off his pants, and stayed in the game.

A few minutes later, he scored on an RBI double by a teammate.

Afterward, Font said the player had been "shaken up" after hitting the ground but wasn't injured. The first thing

she did when tending to him was to check his ABCs.

"Their airway," she said. "Their breathing. Are they conscious?"

Once those situations were cleared, she asked questions about where the kid was hurt and what he was feeling.

It's all part of the job for Azle's newest athletic trainer, and one of the reasons why she received the North Texas Athletic Trainers' Society Young Professional Award in April. The award is given to young professionals who give back to the profession. Font has worked on numerous committees while also working as a trainer at AHS.

"I was excited," she said. "That's the first professional accolade I've won."

In 2022, Font took a job at AHS after working three years as a trainer at Waxahachie High School. She is a graduate of Timber Creek High School in Keller and earned a master's degree in education at TCU.

Her husband, Carlos Font, was already teaching and coaching at AHS. After the couple began planning for their first baby, Kyndall applied for a job at Azle to make things easier on the family.

"I love it," she said. "It's been great for our family to

all be in one place."

Trainers such as Font are available at every sporting event.

"If anybody gets hurt during a game, we go out and evaluate," she said. "We are also here for any emergency situation if that happens."

On a good night, Font spends most of her time being a bystander and watching a game like everyone else.

"It's a good thing if I don't have to do my job," she said. "That means everybody is safe. Nobody is hurt. It's always good to have one of us there in case something does happen. You hope everyone comes out safe."

Crystal clear

Azle Christian statistician returns after battling cancer

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Seeing statistician Crystal Rollins sitting near the dug-out and keeping a record of hits and pitches is like a grand slam home run for the Azle Christian Crusaders.

A third of the team's starting lineup calls her Mom.

The rest love her like one.

"She's a big presence to our team," said head coach Ryan Rollins, who is married to Crystal.

Crystal and Ryan Rollins have three sons playing on the team — senior Noah, junior A.J., and freshman Jakob. All were shaken up when Crystal broke the news to them in September about her diagnosis.

She had become ill at a football game and gone to sit in her car, where she was later discovered unconscious by her youngest son.

She was taken to a hospital, where doctors detected tumors.

"I didn't know I even had cancer," she said.

Doctors discovered a rare form of uterine cancer, endometrial stromal sarcoma. They removed the primary tumor surgically and scheduled a second surgery for December to remove the rest, she said. Currently, she is taking chemotherapy medication and is cancer free.

She doesn't know how long

she will stay that way.

"They said (endometrial stromal sarcoma) is so rare, they don't have very many cases on it," she said. "They said for people who have tried the chemo, sometimes it comes back, and sometimes it doesn't."

Before the medical emergency, Rollins, 36, had been healthy. The only medicine she had taken with any frequency was Ibuprofen.

"I'm used to being energetic and doing everything with the boys since we have a house full of boys," she said.

Crystal and Ryan Rollins have five children — four boys at home and an older daughter, Katelyn, in college studying environmental engineering. Youngest son Lane is an eighth grader at ACS.

Crystal tends to "the book" during games, tracking RBIs, stolen bases, hits, errors, how outs were made, and so on. The chore keeps her focused and tuned into games, which she enjoys.

"I'm just happy to be back out with the boys because I've missed so many of their games," she said. "I missed pretty much all of football."

She tried to keep the book during basketball season but would become too weary and sick.

Now, she keeps stats during baseball home games, but doesn't hit the road like before.

The kids were rocked by the cancer news.

"Originally, it was really rough on them," she said. "To them, cancer automatically means death. We kept them in the loop and let them know everything from the start so they weren't stressed out."

The boys were accustomed to her being involved in their activities.

"I'd go out and play basketball with them or throw the ball with them before," she said. "Then, I couldn't. It was rough on them just to see me sitting."

Since then, her trip has been "emotional," she said.

She was a teacher at Silver Creek Elementary but missed many days, and her contract wasn't renewed. Next year, she plans to teach at ACS.

In addition to teaching, she has been doing plenty of learning. Surviving cancer taught her important lessons.

"Before, I did things with the kids, but sometimes I didn't enjoy everything," she said. "Now, every minute, every second, everything. This past Saturday, I was able to get out and shoot hoops and hit a baseball with Lane and Jakob, so that felt good. They moved 20 times faster than I can right now, but just getting outside, I'm a lot better now. I still have pain here and there, but for the most part, it's almost gone."



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Crystal Rollins is taking chemotherapy but feeling much better after battling cancer.



Azle Christian knocks off Wiley Prep for bi-district title

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The Azle Christian Crusaders, who won six consecutive games to end the regular season, kept the win streak alive by beating Wylie Prep Academy 2-0 in the bi-district (first) round of the TAPPS 1A baseball playoffs.

On April 24, the two teams met at Stinger Field, and the game became a pitchers' duel. Wylie trotted out its ace pitcher to counteract Azle Christian's Kelton Schott, a hard-throwing sophomore. The game moved fast with

both pitchers throwing well and few hits being logged.

Then, in the bottom of the fifth inning, with one out, things changed.

Levi Morrow hit a ball to third base, and a Wylie infielder made a throwing error. With Morrow on first base, Jakob Rollins drew a walk to put runners on first and second. A double steal advanced the runners to second and third.

Jaxson Davis hit a ground ball to the right side that scored a run before the inning ended. Azle Christian scored again in the sixth inning after Schott knocked in Andy Wisniewski.

That was all the runs the Crusaders needed.

Schott pitched a complete game, striking out 8 and allowing just 3 hits and a walk. "He pitched an amazing

game," head coach Ryan Rollins said. "He hit spots and trusted his defense."

The coach praised the team for playing its "best defensive game we have played all year." The Crusaders made no errors.

"To be district champs and now bi-district champs is truly an amazing feeling," Rollins said. "These boys believe in themselves and work hard. I couldn't be prouder."

Azle Christian's season record was 22-3-2 heading into the game with Ovilla Christian, ranked as the No. 1 team in the state in the 1A TAPPS division.

On April 28, the two teams met to determine who would keep playing and who would go home.

The Crusaders lost 11-1 to end their season, but what a season it was.

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Camden Logan helped the Azle Christian Crusaders win a bi-district title.

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been talking about how we approach playoffs, coming out ready to hit, ready to play defense. We did both things well.”

Having four strong pitchers on the roster helps. Barone, Morrison, Terrell, and Adrianna Wiedeman are all dependable hurlers.

“It’s nice,” Pruitt said. “Not a lot of teams in this area have four pitchers.”

Morrison was feeling happy after earning the second win to clinch the series.

“We started off the season kind of rough,” she said. “Now, we’re doing good. We started putting our bats together and our defense cleaned up a little. I think we’re going to have a pretty deep run.”

Pruitt said the team has been working on adjustments at the plate.

“The girls have really started to make those adjustments,” she said. “It’s starting to show in our scores and how many hits we’re getting each game.”

The Lady Hornets lost 12 of their first 13 games to start the season but finished 6-6 in district to make the playoffs.

“I always told them, it’s not how you start the season, it’s how you end the season,” Pruitt said. “Right now, the way they’re playing, I think this is going to be a long postseason.”

It’s about time, said Abigail Garner, a senior who has seen her share of postseason disappointment.

“It took all four years to do it, but, by golly, we made it past the first round,” she said with a grin after beating Heights.

Garner started high school in 2019. COVID-19 exploded in early 2020, shutting down schools right about the time softball began. The Lady Hornets were poised to go far in the playoffs that year.

“I thought we were going to go really deep, but COVID wouldn’t let us,” Garner said.

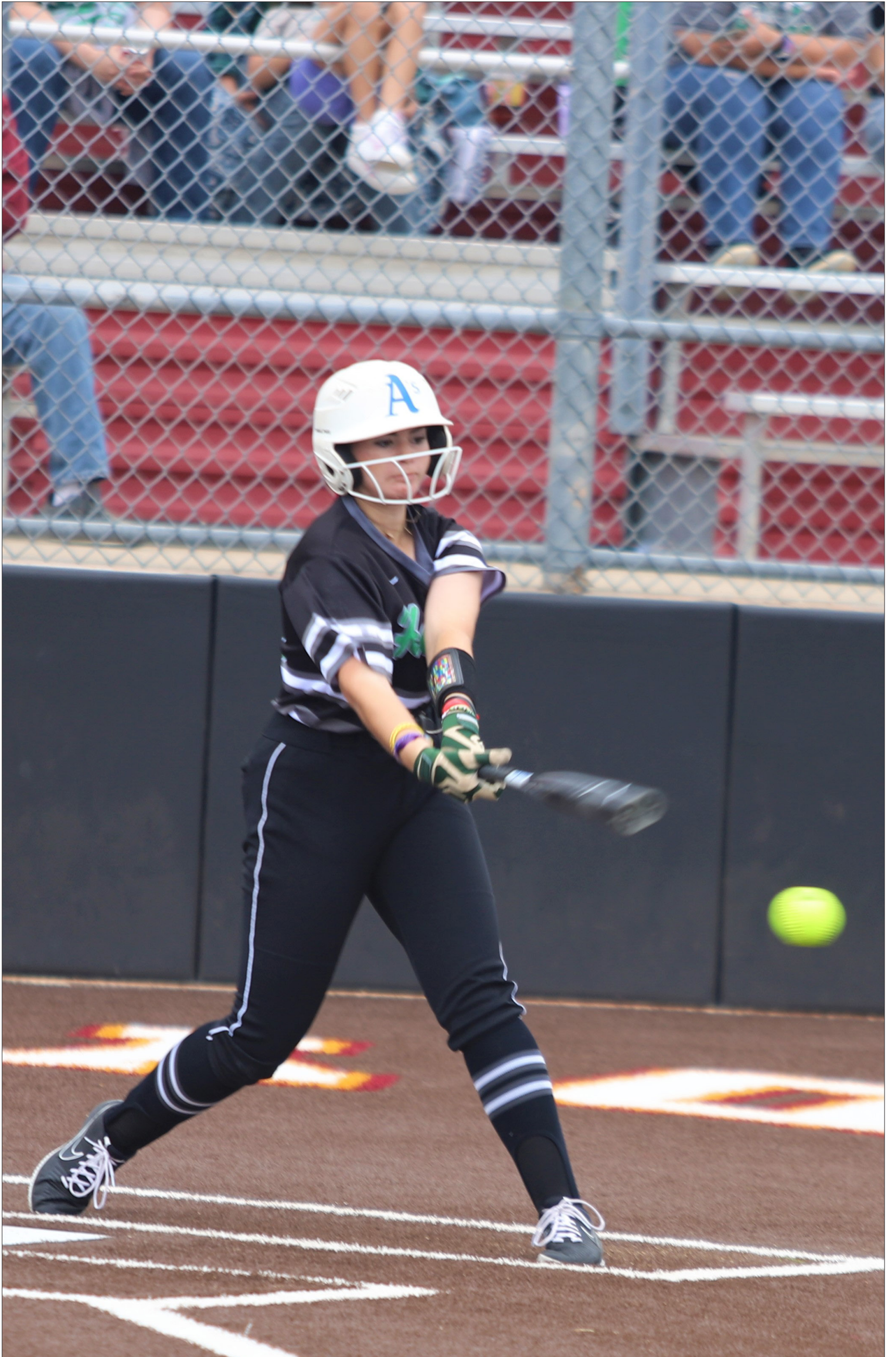
During the next two years, the Lady Hornets lost in the first round of the playoffs.

This year, they’re heading to the area round.

“It feels good,” Garner said. “I get to play more softball.”

Playing more softball means spending more time with the teammates she loves.

“The farther we go, the more games I get to play with them, so that’s pretty awesome,” she said. “We are getting together amazingly. We have a really fun group. We like to keep it nice and light-hearted. It’s really fun to be around.”



Ryan Baker and teammates have been socking the ball in recent weeks.

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The Lady Hornets head to the area playoff round next.

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Cayden Fowler jumps high with help from Austin May during team introductions.



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Tyler Akers smiles after helping Azle earn a trip to the playoffs.

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kid. Most of his current teammates have been with him every step of the way.

"It feels special being out here with all my friends I've been with since elementary school," he said. "It's pretty special to be out here with them on Senior Night."

John Olmsted was about to watch his son play his last game at Jim Bob Nation's Field of Dreams, and the moment was huge.

"It's kind of emotional a little bit," he said, although the "little bit" description was an obvious understatement.

John Olmsted was doing his best to keep his voice from shaking and his eyes from tearing up.

"I'm proud of him and excited to see what the future brings for him," he continued. "He is going off to college in the fall. I'm excited to see him be on his own and play baseball."

Luke will attend Rose State College in Midwest City, Okla.

"We've been watching him play baseball since he was 5," said mom Julie Omsted. "We're just so proud of him.

We're ready to watch him play in college. We're super excited for where life is going to take him."

The hardest part of the long journey for Luke was last year, as a junior, when he spent time on the bench.

"I knew I had to work hard to get to be a starter this year," he said. "I always believed in myself. I knew I'd get my chance when the time

came. When I got the chance, I executed."

On April 28, the two teams met again at Brewer, and Azle unleashed its offensive power to win 7-2. Olmsted hit a timely double to fuel the Hornets in the seventh inning, when Azle scored 6 runs to take the lead.

At the plate, Akers went 2 for 3 with 2 runs scored and 3 stolen bases.

Grant Tune knocked a double for 2 RBIs.

Cole Webb hit a double and a home run to drive in three runs.

Billy Spratt and Cale Cohen had a hit apiece.

Declan Dahl tossed 3-2/3 innings of 4-hit ball, and Austin May picked up the win going 3-1/3 innings, allowing no hits. The Hornets are 22-8 overall.

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enth place in rideup goats. Colley was 15th.

Kasen Scarlato and Jesus Leyva lassoed their way to 11th place in team roping. Braden Langston and Ethan Langston placed not far behind.

Scribner won another 21

points by placing eighth in barrel racing. Reichert, who has been on a win streak lately, finished just out of the points in 12th place. Others who competed were Colley, Mackinzie Campbell, Reagen

Downing, Caydence Grnwalt, Laurel Allred, and Cassel.

In the chute dogging event, J.W. Gilbreath nabbed sixth place and 35 points. Wyatt Allison finished in eighth place with 21 points.

Other competitors included Braxton Preston, River Cassel, and Diego Aguilar.

Azle completed the season in second place among the 75 teams who participate in the NTHSRA and qualified more

than a dozen members for the rodeo finals.

The finals are set for May 19-20 at the NTHSRA Arena in Saginaw.

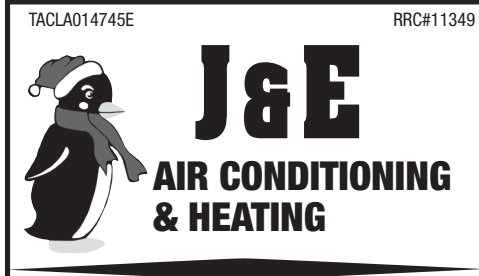
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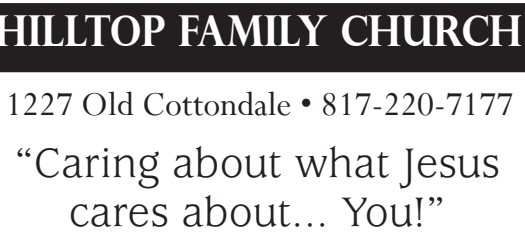
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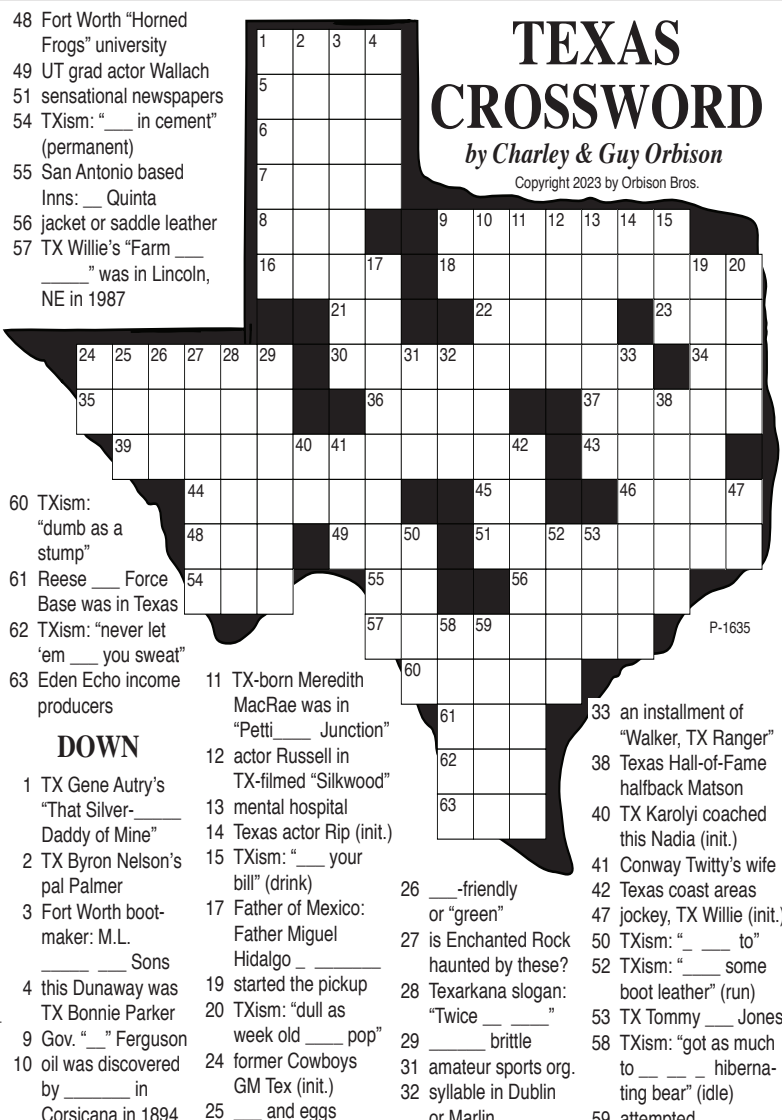
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- 1 TXism: "got ___ a mind to"
- 5 Lufkin's ___ code is 956
- 6 TX A. J. Foyt won here four times
- 7 traveled by horse
- 8 Texas Tarzan, Ron Hewlett-___ runs its U.S. business from Texas
- 16 USS Texas aided the Normandy landings on ___
- 18 great sound at Dallas' Meyerson
- 21 John Connally's wife (init.)
- 22 actor Grant of 1958 "Houseboat" with TX Martha Hyer
- 23 TX Mahomes, e.g. national clothing retailer (2 wds.)
- 30 TXism: "let's ___ ___ horse trading" (negotiate)
- 34 anno Domini abbr.
- 35 Dallas NE suburb
- 36 TXism: "nuff ___"
- 37 TXism: "she has to sneak ___ ___ mirror to fix her hair" (homely)
- 39 romantic night setting? (3 wds.)
- 43 TXism: "does a bull give ___?" (no)
- 44 TX Ivory Joe's "___ Met You Baby"
- 45 dir. to Nacogdoches from Trinity
- 46 "a whole ___"(lots)
- 48 Fort Worth "Horned Frogs" university
- 49 UT grad actor Wallach
- 51 sensational newspapers
- 54 TXism: "___ in cement" (permanent)
- 55 San Antonio based Inns: ___ Quinta
- 56 jacket or saddle leather
- 57 TX Willie's "Farm ___" was in Lincoln, NE in 1987
- 60 TXism: "dumb as a stump"
- 61 Reese ___ Force Base was in Texas
- 62 TXism: "never let 'em ___ you sweat"
- 63 Eden Echo income producers
- 11 TX-born Meredith MacRae was in "Petti ___ Junction"
- 12 actor Russell in TX-filmed "Silkwood"
- 13 mental hospital
- 14 Texas actor Rip (init.)
- 15 TXism: "___ your bill" (drink)
- 17 Father of Mexico: Father Miguel Hidalgo ___
- 19 started the pickup
- 20 TXism: "dull as week old ___ pop"
- 24 former Cowboys GM Tex (init.)
- 25 ___ and eggs
- 26 ___-friendly or "green"
- 27 is Enchanted Rock haunted by these?
- 28 Texarkana slogan: "Twice ___"
- 29 ___ brittle
- 31 amateur sports org.
- 32 syllable in Dublin or Marlin
- 33 an installment of "Walker, TX Ranger"
- 38 Texas Hall-of-Fame halfback Matson
- 40 TX Karolyi coached this Nadia (init.)
- 41 Conway Twitty's wife
- 42 Texas coast areas
- 47 jockey, TX Willie (init.)
- 50 TXism: "___ ___ to"
- 52 TXism: "___ some boot leather" (run)
- 53 TX Tommy ___ Jones
- 58 TXism: "got as much to ___ ___ hibernating bear" (idle)
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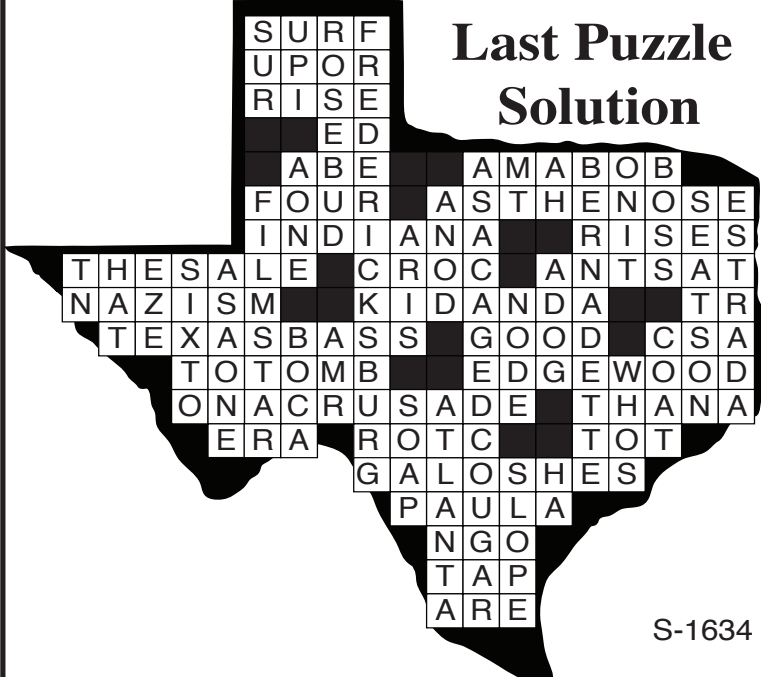
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