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Get to know your candidates

Candidates for the Tarrant Regional Water District Board, Tarrant County College Board of Trustees, and Azle City Council weigh in on the issues. SEE MORE CANDIDATES | A2

NAME:

Alan Brundrett **OCCUPATION:**

Insurance Agent and Turkey Mountain Feed Store Owner

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

• My main community involvement is with Servolution Network where together we renovate around 12 houses per year in Azle. These are owned by elderly or disabled persons below the poverty level who do not have the means to repair their homes. This program helps those in need in our community while at the same time beautifies our city.

• I initiated the recycled paint program with CWD where they refine and mix old paint and repackage it to give free of charge to our residents for home improvements.

· I also attend and volunteer at community events throughout the year including Azle clean up day, Follow the Flag, Sting Fling, Christmas on Main and others.



Alan Brundrett

FAMILY:

I am married and have 3 children, 29, 18 and 11.

In 300 words or less, describe why you are running for mayor:

This May will mark my 20th year serving on the Azle City Council with 8 years in Place 1 and 12 years as Mayor. There have been many changes and challenges in our city in that time. It has never been an easy job but it is rewarding to know I am doing my part to make

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NAME:

Larry Dale Carpenter Jr **OCCUPATION:**

Business Owner **EDUCATION:**

Tarleton State University **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

Mercy Culture Church, Fort Worth Petroleum Club FAMILY:

Grandson of former sheriff Don Carpenter. Carpenter Family of Fort Worth and Azle.

In 300 words or less, describe why you are running for the Tarrant County College board of trustees and what experiences you would bring to the position:

I believe the TCCD Board majority and the TCC Administration isn't working on behalf of the students, TCCD staff, or taxpayers as I believe they should be. TCC enrollment is down over 21% over the last 10 years but spending seems to be a problem within TCCD. I don't see the



Larry Dale Carpenter Jr

high spending benefitting the community as it should. I want to STOP increasing the tax rate every year when we're currently sitting on \$380 million in cash. I simply believe the focus of the TCC Board and of the TCC Administration should be how we benefit the community. As a small business owner, budgeting, focus on the customers, balance of profit and spending are a must. I will bring a unique perspective that will benefit the TCC Board of Trustees.

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NAME: Stacy Peek

OCCUPATION:

Teladoc Health, Management/Leadership of USG Client Operations and Configuration

EDUCATION:

Texas Tech University / South Plains College

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Azle City Council Member

Place 3 (2021 - Present), Azle Municipal Development District Council Member Place 7 (2021-Present), Azle Planning Zoning Commission, Council Liaison (2021-Present), Boy Scouts Lonestar District Nominating Committee Member (2023), DFW LoneStar Bulldog Club Rescue Volunteer (2016 - Present)

FAMILY:

Married with two adult children and three bonus adult children

In 300 words or less, describe why you are running for Azle **City Council and experiences** you would bring to the



Stacy Peek

position.

In 2021 I ran for Azle City Council to address the zoning and development issues impacting public safety, our schools, infrastructure, and overall quality of life for the citizens of Azle. The people of Azle put their trust in me to make a positive change. In 2021 I partnered with council to enact a much-needed tree preservation ordinance and burn ban. Amendments to zoning were made to

change minimum lot sizes,



Future looks bright for AVID in Azle *New curriculum and framework is being used to grow skills and connections for Azle students*



ZACH FREEMAN

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On Thursday, April 6, Azle High School held an AVID demonstration for teachers and school staff from around the D-FW area. AVID or Advancement Via Individual

Determination, is a nonprofit organization that provides resources and trains teachers to improve college and career readiness for students. Azle High School has been incorporating AVID for the last four years and is expanding key AVID tools like WICOR

to more and more classes. WICOR stands for writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and reading.

"The AVID program is more about team building, getting the kids together

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"You go in there, you expect something easy, but you got work at the end of the day. It helps people like me," said Elias Ramirez.



The Crutsingers run the store with the help of their children.

Family helps homeless vets stand strong

With the opening of a new resale store, Operation Texas Strong aims to better self-sustain

ZACH FREEMAN

azlereporter@azlenews.net **Operation Texas Strong** is a Weatherford-based non-profit that gives RVs to homeless veterans. On Monday, March 10 Bobby and Peggy Crutsinger opened the Operation Texas Strong Complex resale store. "The

money that's made here helps us be sustainable for operation Texas Strong," Bobby said. "It costs us a lot of money to move RVs, buy tires, and work on RVs. Now that I have an intake facility, I can take stuff to work on RVs as long as it's not massive stuff."

The store saw nine cus-

tomers on its first day and received an entire trailer load of donations from one family. The early success the store has had is all due to hard work and a long time spent planning.

"A year and a half ago, we were trying to open a store

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"Five people go homeless every day, that's just in Fort Worth."

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in Weatherford," said Bobby. "We had a little building, but we were using it just for the weekend sales and garage sales when we can. That helped start to fund the project. I've been looking for seven months until I found this building here. It's cheap. reasonable and the landowners are awesome. We want to be able to grow bigger and go to other places and other towns and be able to help veterans there."

The resale store is open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located at 1507 Ranger Hwy, Weatherford, Texas, Building 103. It will soon begin to post items online as well. "We're open to the public because if somebody needs something they can buy it cheap because the way everything is very expensive. I try to have nice stuff for people," said Bobby.

The Crutsingers work to develop connections with providers of homeless and veteran services throughout North Texas to ensure that

people can receive the support they need.

"The biggest thing we want people to understand is that everybody is loved and wanted," said Bobby. "I had a single mom reach out to me, she has four kids, she's sleeping in her van. We got her help, we found somebody that would help her. We're building a network of people to be able to help one another no matter who you are... If I can't help you, I'll find somebody who can."

One RV at a time, Operation Texas Strong is able to give homeless vets a new lease on life and open up a whole new world of opportunity. "We gave an RV to a veteran between Springtown and Azle in an RV park," said Bobby. "He calls me once a week to let me know how he's doing. He's been in it for about three months now. The RV is in his name, and he tells me all the time, 'I can't believe I'm a homeowner now.""

The Crutsingers are still planning and hope to build up to an even bigger and better operation in the near future. "I plan years ahead and you have to," said Bobby.

"The building I want is nine offices, three bays to take 18-wheeler loads, and 14 thousand square feet. The cost is close to \$500,000 dollars. I want to be done with that in about a year, all paid for, debt-free."

In the short time that **Operation Texas Strong has** been around, it has made amazing progress. "We're a two-year nonprofit as of last month." In the last year and four months they've been able to get 123 RVs to veterans. "We've got nine more RVs donated in just the last three days," said Bobby. "If we can get 100 vets off the street per year, that's our minimum," said Peggy Crutsinger.

The Crutsingers recently received a phone call from a 76-year-old veteran living in Rio Vista who had received an RV from Operation Texas Strong in its early days. "He had been homeless for a while," said Peggy. He was probably our 24th or 25th vet. He called us about a month ago. He was in tears as he was talking to me, he says he was doing great, he has a puppy now and he has his own place, he's happy...

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That's our whole goal to get them to feel the way that they do. You can have a million and one problems, but if you take care of homelessness, it brings a whole new light to them and it takes care of 100 other problems."

For the time being, **Operation Texas Strong** needs donations and sponsors to continue operating. "We need more volunteers, we need more people helping, sponsorships, Honor Walls, any donations. I just can't take beds or couches," said Bobby. With veterans being the focus of Operation Texas Strong, the Crutsingers hope to soon be able plaster their walls with stories from veterans and their families. "I want letters from people talking about their loved ones who were in wars. Anything they want to write," said Bobby.

The Crutsingers can be contacted through their number at (940) 452-6052 or email peggycrutsinger@rocketmail.com. Homeless vets in need of resources should reach out to (682) 803-8344. More information can be found at https://operationtexasstrong.com online.

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our city a better place. I will continue to do all I can to improve our home. It is the

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assisting with preserving the rural nature of remaining land. Much needed roadway improvements were approved, and opportunities addressed for widening of Dunaway. I brought forth previous missed occasions to enact and collect developer roadway impact fees. Plans are underway to implement such fees going forward. Additional amendments have been made to other city ordinances to protect and improve the quality of living in Azle. Efforts continue to bring in commercial amenities which will increase sales tax revenue, reducing tax burden on the citizens. There's extensive focus on our city budget to operate lean, lessoning the burden of additional tax exposure, while providing, without sacrificing the much-needed services and amenities for our

citizens. The work to preserve, repair, and prepare for our future, has just started. I am once again running for Azle City Council, Place 3 so that I may continue pushing existing initiatives forward, along with addressing new opportunities for improvements to our community. The experience I bring to this position is derived from my commitment to serve with integrity, a strong business background, and my current positions within Azle city council, MDD, and planning zoning.

council's goal to continuously improve our city including amenities, as funds are available. It's my pleasure and honor to serve our great city these past 20 years and I look forward to at least 2 more.

In 300 words or less, what goals do you have as an Azle city council member and how do you think they will be beneficial?

One of my goals as the incumbent has been to enact a defined comprehensive master plan for the city of Azle. This extensive plan will address our vision and blueprint for the future of our town, inclusive of our future land use, development, and infrastructure needs. The master plan encompasses an abundance of initiatives such as planned improvements to the overall appearance of our town, and enhancements to Main Street. Recently our council unanimously approved the proposal to move forward with this project. This is large multi-year project and will require involvement from our schools, businesses, and citizens.

Within our plan, it's imperative that we place focus on sidewalks, streets, drainage, and additional city resources necessary to accommodate previous and future growth. These are immediate needs I will address as prioritized planning.

Another area of focus will be on review of existing ordinances, identifying, and amending gaps, as well as new ordinances to address the ever-changing needs of our community.

My overall goal, during this term consists of repairing our town from the negative impact that development has imposed on our community, and proactive, strategic planning for the future growth of Azle.

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Keep it clean for Earth Day

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On Saturday, April 22 volunteers will be meeting at 7:30am in front of City Hall for a community Clean-Up Day. The event is expected to last no later than 11 a.m.

"CWD is supplying all the vests, bags, and trash grabbers so all we need now are volunteers," organizer Randa Goode said.

Volunteers may still apply by contacting Randa Goode at randa.goode@pinnbank.com so they can get an accurate headcount.

"I think it is important for a city to take pride in its appearance," said Goode. "I drive the streets every day and see trash along the side all the time. This is not how I want other people to see our city, and I don't think citizens of the city want to see this either. Azle is a great place to live and work, and we must take care of our city. But getting a handle on the trash situation can be overwhelming for just one person, so if we can get the community to help, we can start making a positive difference."

Azle residents to gather for Earth Day clean-up

The event started after Goode began speaking with other Azle residents about the problem of trash along Azle's highways.

"It's truly a community event with the community coming together to make a difference. I have been wanting to put something together for a while after seeing so much trash along 199. I was speaking with Jennifer Herrington one day, and she mentioned the same issue. We started talking and decided to just put something out there to see if anyone would help. Jennifer reached out to Robert Medigovich with CWD, and they have donated a roll off trailer, vest, bags, and trash pickers for the event. In addition, I have been wonderfully surprised with the response I have already received from people wanting to volunteer."

While Azle hosts bi-annual clean-up days, the next being May 6, where residents can clean up their properties and take trash to dumpsters located off Denver Trail, this is the first event focused on picking up trash around the roadways in Azle, according to Goode. Community clean-ups like

these may become a more

regular tradition in Azle. "If this goes well, I would like to have the event again in the fall," said Goode.

The event will have volunteers walking through tall grass, so appropriate footwear and clothing are necessary and work gloves are highly recommended.

Cleaning up the sides of 199, FM 730 and Main Street and Azle's parks will be the day's primary goal, but residents are encouraged to clean any other areas where there is need.

Clean-up days in Reno, Springtown coming up

Residents have chance to get rid of junk

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Spring cleaning season has arrived, and the cities of Reno and Springtown want to help residents to dispose of their junk.

The Reno Community

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Clean Up Day will take place from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 22 behind Reno City Hall in the public works yard.

Reno Public Works Director Chris Albright said residents can bring brush that is cut up into five-foot sections, household furniture, scrap metal and even old boats – which was one of the items received to dispose of last year – to throw away during the cleanup day.

However, Reno residents are asked to refrain from

bringing appliances with refrigerants, batteries, hazardous materials, paint, solvents, tires, oil or oil filters, old computers and printers, waste oil, roofing shingles, concrete and uncut brush, according to the flyer for the event on the city's Facebook page. Brush must be manageable to pick up by hand.

Anything that is not on the prohibited list can be disposed of on the Community Clean Up Day, Albright said.

"There is no limit for City of Reno residents, the more

the better," the public works director said. "We want residents to take advantage of this opportunity because one, it helps keep our community clean and two, it's also Earth Day and by cleaning up our community it's also helping keep our environment clean as well."

Springtown residents are invited to partake in the annual City Cleanup Event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 20.

According to the city of Springtown's website, residents can drop off junk at 1361 Walnut Creek Drive, which is the Citizens' Collection Center. Items like furniture, appliances, yard debris, fencing, clothing and other household items will be accepted for disposal. Residents are asked not to bring oil, gas, petroleum products, tires, paint, or any chemicals (labeled or unlabeled). Springtown's clean-up

springtown's clean-up event also offers paper shredding at the Municipal Annex Building at 200 N. Main St., according to the city's website.

Proof of residency is required to participate in these clean-up days. Reno residents must bring a water bill or a valid ID to take part in the Reno Community Clean Up Day, and the same – driver's license or utility bill – must be provided by Springtown residents for the Springtown City Cleanup Event.

For more information, call the Reno Public Works Department at 817-221-2500 or Springtown City Hall at 817-220-4834.

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 Walnut Creek Elementary

500 Stribling Drive

Pelican Bay Squiggly Park 1300 Pelican Circle 11-11:30 am LUNCH ONLY

June 5 - July 27, 2023

Monday-Thursday • Breakfast 7:30 - 8:30 am • Lunch 11:00 - 12:30 pm

Santo Forte Jr. High 479 Sandy Beach Rd. **Walnut Creek Elementary** 500 Stribling Drive

Pelican Bay Squiggly Park 1300 Pelican Circle 11-11:30 am LUNCH ONLY

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LUNCH: Everyday - Variety of milk. Your choice of 1 entree & 1 fruit or juice

Mon Corn Dogs OR Chicken Parmesan Pasta Tues Beefy Mac w/ Roll OR Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Weds Hamburger OR Cheeseburger OR Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich w/Cheese Stick Thurs Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce & Garlic Breadstick OR Breaded Chicken Sandwich Fri Pepperoni Pizza OR Max Sticks w/ Marinera OR Chicken Fajita Wrap w/ Tortilla Chips.

GRADES 5TH - 8TH

BREAKFAST: Everyday - Assorted Fruits and Cereal, Juice, White or Chocolate Milk, Yogurt w/Granola

Mon French Toast Sticks, Pineapples Tues Scrambled Eggs, Sausage & Toast, Applesauce Weds Glazed Donuts, Mixed Fruit Thurs Pancakes & Sausage Patty, Oranges Fri Breakfast Pizza , Bananas

LUNCH: Everyday: Variety of milk. Your choice of 1 entree & 1 fruit or juice, rolls, crackers • Salad bar offered daily

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A long obedience in the same direction

What does faithfulness look like?

On April 22, 1973 (coincidentally, my mom's 38th birthday), I was about a month away from completing my 5th grade year (Mr. Horne's class) at Gensler Elementary School in Wickett, Texas. All I knew about faithfulness at that point was that I should tell the truth, behave, do my homework and keep my promises. (Mr. Horne was a member of our church, so he saw me six days per week).

On April 22, 1973 something happened in a place I didn't know about for another 35 years. Will Aston became the pastor of

Antelope Baptist Church in Jack County, Texas (between Jacksboro and Wichita Falls).

I became acquainted with Antelope and Will when I started my ministry as executive director of Harvest Baptist Association in 2008 because the church was one of 12 in Jack County that was a member of HBA at that time. I didn't know much about ABC and Will until 2013. We happened to be having an

BE AMAZING By Gerry Lewis

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in association meeting at First
Baptist Jacksboro on April
llls). 22 and I had seen on my
th calendar that it was Will's
40th anniversary as pastor. I
mentioned that fact and congratulated him in front of the
gathering. He told me later
ne of that — other than his wife — I
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knowledged that day. That made me really sad. Will also told me that for the first 19 years of his pastorate there, he operated under an "annual call." That means the church voted EVERY YEAR whether he would remain as their pastor! As someone who spent 20 years as a pastor, I cannot imagine the anxiety of that vote coming up every year and hoping that those who wanted to keep you outnumbered those who were tired of you.

I'm not sure I would have stayed.

But Will stayed. Because the church was never large enough to provide a full-time salary, he made his living as a school teacher. When he retired from teaching, he stayed at the

church.

Yesterday I attended Antelope Baptist Church and presented Will with a plaque from HBA acknowledging his faithful kingdom service in one church for 50 years. FIFTY YEARS AS PASTOR OF THE SAME CHURCH!

There were 20 of us gathered at ABC yesterday in that little historic country church. At least three of us were guests.

Will, now 77 years old, preached his heart out.

One of my favorite pastorauthors, Eugene Peterson, wrote a book a few years ago titled "A Long Obedience In The Same Direction." I think my friend Will Aston is an example of that.

A small country church in the middle of nowhere with 20 people present for worship and an average Sunday school attendance of six. Sometimes they have a piano player and sometimes they don't. Will leads the singing regardless and preaches the word of God.

Here's what I know: God sees, even if no one else does.

Every church matters. As does every life. Be amazing in yours today, my friend.

Texas Earth Team volunteers Helping NRCS accomplish its mission

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Temple, Texas, April 17, 2023 – The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas is recognizing Earth Team volunteer efforts throughout the nation during April 16-22, 2023, for National Volunteer Week. This year's theme, "Shining the Light," shows our gratitude to the Earth Team volunteers for their superb service to conservation.

The Earth Team program allows NRCS to stretch available resources by partnering volunteers with Federal employees to provide a wide range of services to private landowners and the public. Since 1985, Earth Team volunteers have provided a valued source of talent to NRCS. These dedicated volunteers work with conservation professionals on private lands to improve soil quality, conserve water, improve air quality and enhance wildlife habitat.

"Whether Earth Team volunteers donate a year, a month or a lifetime to help producers improve their natural resources, the impacts of volunteer efforts are felt far and wide," said NRCS Texas State Conservationist Kristy Oates. "Last year, 65 volunteers across Texas donated 437 hours of service because they believe in our critical conservation work."

Oates said NRCS appreciates the important work these volunteers do.

"Their efforts help NRCS bring more conservation services to farmers and ranchers throughout the state. Across Texas in 2022, Earth Team volunteers provided more than \$12,471* of benefit to NRCS customers and taxpayers," she said. "Some examples of the work being done throughout the state included soil sampling, assistance with trade shows and events to share information about conservation technical and financial assistance available through NRCS, and helping NRCS staff measure, record and certify conservation practices for payment. The volunteer hours that continue to be performed by our Earth Team members helps NRCS improve lands and wildlife habitat, and contributes to cleaner water and air for everyone," Oates said.



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REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSAL- Data Wiring for New Construction of Hilltop Elementary Notice is hereby given that the Azle Independent School District, of Tarrant County, acting by and through its Governing Board, will receive sealed PROPOSALS for CSP #2023-05.03 Data wiring for New Construction of Hilltop Elementary; Wednesday, May 3rd at 2:00 pm Central Standard time, at the Azle ISD Administration Office, 300 Roe Street, Azle, Texas 76020. A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18th at 9:00 am at 300 Roe Street, Azle, Texas 76020. A site visit will be made available following the Pre-Bid Meeting. The Competitive Sealed Proposal package may be obtained electronically via Ionwave at https://azleisd.ionwave.net. Please contact Beverly Easter at beaster@azleisd. net if you need any assistance obtaining bid information. The Azle ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals and to waive any irregularities, technicalities, or informalities in any proposal or in the proposal process.



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Dueling tax proposals in the Lege; parental book bill passes the Senate

DUELING TAX PROPOSALS IN THE LEGE

The Texas House passed a bill promising \$17 billion in tax relief, a measure that is at odds with the Senate's tax break plan, according to the Austin American-Statesman. The House bill would lower by half a home's cap on appraisal increases. It passed overwhelmingly, 141-9. However, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who presides over the Senate, said that body will not approve it, preferring its plan to raise property exemptions from \$40,000 to \$70.000

In a press conference held Thursday, Patrick reiterated his opposition, saying appraisal caps do not have much effect on property tax bills.

"So let me be very clear, I've said before this session, I've said it at the beginning of session, I've said recently, you don't negotiate on bad math," Patrick said.

House Speaker Dade Phelan took a less confrontational stand.

"I think we need to do what's best for all Texans, and that is sit down and hammer out a compromise," Phelan said in part. "We are ready, willing and able to do



it in the Texas House."

THE SENATE

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PARENTAL BOOK BILL PASSES

The Texas Senate passed

a bill last week that would

require schools to inform

parents of all books their

News reported. The bill's

sponsor, state Sen. Angela

sponsored the bill after be-

explicit materials in school

"I cannot unsee what I

Senate floor. "More impor-

sexually explicit materials,

tantly, a child cannot unsee

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happen in a school library, of

Critics say the bill could

lead to politicized book bans

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librarians. It requires school

boards to create local library

saw," Paxton said on the

ing contacted about sexually

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libraries, The Dallas Morning

Paxton, R-McKinney, said she

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

> advisory panels made up mainly of parents. The bill now heads to the Texas House for

consideration. **DROUGHT CONDITIONS EXPAND IN CENTRAL, WEST**

TEXAS Warmer temperatures and

less rain in March expanded drought conditions throughout the central and western parts of the state, hydrologist Dr. Mark Wentzel of the Texas Water Development Board reported. More than two-thirds of the state is affected by drought, up five percentage points from the previous month. The exception is in the eastern portion of Texas, which is now drought free.

The La Niña weather system, which is at least partially responsible for drought conditions in the state for the past two-and-a-half years, is predicted to give way by fall

to El Niño conditions, which tend to be wetter, according to Wentzel.

"Why are La Niña, neutral, and El Niño conditions important to Texas? Each of these conditions sets up different atmospheric circulation patterns that impact weather around the world, including Texas," Wentzel wrote. **HUNDREDS APPLY FOR HOUSTON ISD BOARD OF** MANAGERS

With the Texas Education Agency taking over management of the Houston Independent School District, nearly 400 applications have been received to join the district's Board of Managers. In a news release, TEA said it is looking for Houston residents with "a wide array of backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives who believe all children can learn and achieve at high levels when properly supported and who can work together as a governance team."

"I am looking for Houstonians with wisdom and integrity who can be laser-focused on what is best for students," Texas **Education Commissioner** Mike Morath said. "It is exciting to see so many Houstonians express a willingness to help move the school system forward in service of students.

The Board of Managers will hold public board meetings and has the same legal requirements and obligations as any elected school board, according to TEA.

MORE FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES?

A bill approved last week by the Texas House would allocate additional funding to the state's 50 community college districts, the Statesman reported. The additional amount each district would receive would be based on several factors, including the number of degrees and certificates a college awards "that equip students for continued learning and greater earnings," the Statesman reported.

The bill is one of House Speaker Dade Phelan's priorities and has more than 90 co-authors.

"This would be the most significant state investment for community colleges in decades," said Ryan Franklin, senior director of policy and advocacy for Educate Texas.

Community colleges in Texas are funded by a combination of local property taxes, tuition and fees, state

revenue, and various other sources. The bill guarantees a certain amount of funding for rural community college districts that are unable to raise as much in property taxes as urban districts.

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MORE THAN 18,000 CATTLE KILLED IN EXPLOSION

What is being called the deadliest barn fire for cattle on record left more than 18,000 cattle dead and one worker critically injured at a dairy farm in the Texas Panhandle, The Dallas Morning News reported. The fire swept through the holding pens of Southfork Dairy Farm in Dimmitt last week as the cattle were waiting to be milked.

"It's mind-boggling," Dimmitt Mayor Roger Malone said. "I don't think it's ever happened before around here. It's a real tragedy.

The cause has not been determined, but Castro County Sheriff Sal Rivera told KCBD-TV that overheating electrical equipment in the holding pens may have ignited methane gas. Photos and video posted on social media show a massive plume of smoke rising from the facility.



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Hardee Electric, Inc., is a family owned and operated business. Luke and Carrie Hardee took over the business from Luke's parents, Glen and Kathy, after they retired in 2017.

Luke is a Master Electrician with over 25 years of experience as an electrician in the Fort Worth area. Carrie is the owner

and bookkeeper and has over 20 years of experience in customer service and office administration. The technicians at Hardee Electric, Inc. bring more than 15 years of experience to their customers and are dedicated to customer satisfaction.

Hardee Electric, Inc. is one of three electricians contracted with the State of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, traveling to various state parks around Texas to make electrical repairs and upgrades to cabins, administration buildings, and park headquarters.

They were in Lakeside for more than 20 years before moving to their current location at 1661 E. Highway 199 in Springtown, right next to Ingram Concrete Plant and the R&R RV Park.

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OBITUARIES

Lois Guthrie 1938-2023

Lois Gass Guthrie, 84, passed away April 3, 2023, surrounded by her family in Azle, Texas.

She was a beloved sister, mother, grandmother, greatgrandmother, and friend. She lived the meaning of her name, 'battle maiden full of grace'— fighting for those she loved and her belief in God.

She was preceded in death by husband, Mac Guthrie; parents John and Nellie Gass; and brothers, James and Dan.

She is survived by her siblings, Edna Newkirk, Deborah Schmidt, Vickie Bollman, Kenneth Gass; and her children, Jonna Perkins-



Jones, Greg Guthrie, and Crystal Guthrie, along with seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

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Marva Morehead 1930-2023

Marva Pearl Morehead, 92, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, April 16th, 2023.

Marva was born the second child of five to Irvin Lee and Hazel Audrey Craycraft of Fairview, Oklahoma.

Marva was preceded in death by her husband of 23 years Eddie Cmakal and husband of 35 years John Morehead, her parents, and siblings.

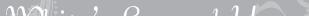
Marva is survived by Daughter; Diana Goode, husband Hubert (Sonny); grandchild Heather and husband Jeff and son; Ed Cmakal Jr.; along with many nieces, nephews, cousins



and cherished friends. Memorials may be made to Ash Creek Baptist Church. The Azle News,

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ZACH FREEMAN | AZLE NEWS

Another teacher, Cody Zydb, uses WICOR to reinforce learning in his auto technology classes. For example, he recently had students write a story about what might happen if you don't follow safety protocols when working on cars. "They got really creative," said Zydb. "Anytime you get them to write something down, it sticks."

AVID FROM PAGE A1

and getting them to work together collaboratively," said AVID teacher and coach, Bo Maines. "It teaches them selfawareness, self-advocacy, college prep, how to study, how to learn, how to tutor, how to do all those things. At the same time, it's teaching them to do well academically. What I love about it is it builds relationships with all the AVID kids because it's all about working with a group and doing things together, so that would be the biggest difference I would say.'

The 32 students who started their freshman year in Azle's first AVID class four years ago agree with Coach Maines' assessment. You're building a family for four years and you get to know each other in those four years," said one student. "It's beautiful, that's what it is." Another student. Elias Ramirez, didn't have high expectations for his high school academics. "But with the support of Ms. Milosh, I became

more comfortable asking questions in class and being able to speak and communicate with them," said Ramirez "Some of these kids were shy, they didn't want to talk

to anybody. But we grew as a group and became friends." "I definitely feel like I am a lot more confident in my ability and what I can succeed

in," said another AVID senior, Lexie Cantrell. "I did not see myself as being able to take honors classes or on-ramps classes. Now I'm wanting to do them and I'm striving for them. I'm getting out of my comfort zone... I actually got accepted into a college, which I didn't think was going to happen, and I got a scholarship because of my grades. It definitely feels good to know that I'm going to be prepared and I'm not all that scared."

Cole Miller, a fifth-year on-level and honors English teacher at Azle High School, is impressed with how AVID curriculums have been implemented across subject levels. "The utility of WICOR is ubiquitous," said Miller. "Any class you can use it and get something out of it. Especially for these on-level

kids... it's extremely helpful to alleviate some of the 'what are we doing this for?' that's accented in every on-level classroom.

By using novelty, discussion, and activities designed to foster conversation and questions, Miller has been able to better get through to his students. "Those are the days that education is education and that's really the days we live for as teachers. (WICOR) is educational best practices." Along with improving the quality of education provided, Miller described how WICOR made teaching easier and more efficient. "My first year it felt like I had 20 books that all kind of said the same thing, whereas when AVID started, they collected all of that into a concise format that was a lot easier to lesson plan from," said Miller. "I wish I had AVID when I was in school."

Azle High School leadership is also excited and appreciative of the progress AVID has been making.

"It's just a tremendous help to our campus," said Principal Nate Driver. "We want to see it in every classroom. We're going to continue to grow that model. We can't wait to see what else AVID will bring to this campus and how it's going to impact staff and students alike."

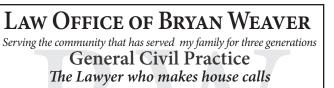
One parent described the differences she saw between one of her children who was in AVID and the other who was not.

"She is my shy one and a lot of teachers are like you don't know she's there because she doesn't talk. I have noticed that it does boost confidence in them. With AVID she has soared when it comes to grades, confidence, her being the first generation in our family to go to college. I am very proud and so happy. I could not imagine a better group for the kids than AVID."

Students have been taught how to go to interviews, do taxes, buy houses, use credit wisely, save, invest and a wide range of other practical skills needed for life after high school. "For the most part they rely on each other for solutions, which is really interesting to watch," said AVID teacher, Sarah Milosh.

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Get to know your candidates

NAME:

Brian Conner

OCCUPATION:

Instructional Technologist, Azle ISD

EDUCATION:

Masters Degree, Educational Technology Leadership

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Served on Council for the past 5 years. Azle ISD Employee for 19 years

FAMILY:

Married, wife and 2 daughters In 300 words or less,

NAME:

Bill Greenhill OCCUPATION:

Attorney - corporate, finance and capital markets

EDUCATION:

University of Texas at Austin - undergraduate and law school

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Tarrant County College District Board of Trustees. Board of Directors for: Community Healthcare of Texas, Jordan Elizabeth Harris Foundation, Presbyterian Night Shelter, Gladney Center for Adoption, The WARM Place, and Big Brothers and Sisters of Tarrant County. Served on: Fort Worth Zoning Commission, City of Fort Worth Parks and Community Services Board, Development Advisory Committee to the City Manager of Fort Worth and Disciplinary Appeals of the Texas Supreme Court

FAMILY:

Ann, wife of 50 years. Three adult sons: Duke,



Brian Conner

describe why you are running for Azle City Council Place 6 and what

Bill Greenhill

Frank and Joe. Two (very active) twin grandchildren.

In 300 words or less, describe why you are running for the Tarrant County College **Board of Trustees and what** experiences you would bring to the position.

I'm a father, grandfather and husband. A grateful resident of Fort Worth and Tarrant County. I'm a man of spirit and faith who believes in kindness, justice, and in working with and supporting my neighbors, my fellow residents, our city and county,

experiences you would bring to the position.

Running for re-election to the City Council Place 6 is an opportunity to continue building on the work we've already accomplished and to take on new challenges that will benefit the residents of Azle. I have developed an indepth understanding of the city's policies, procedures, and priorities, as well as a strong understanding of how local government functions and the ability to work collaboratively with city staff and the council.. Additionally, I bring a diverse set of skills

One of the most important

responsibilities we have as a

community is to make sure

all individuals who want to

have the opportunity to do

This includes, but is not

limited to young adults, as

high school graduates and

students taking dual-credit

courses and participating in

Those who have a desire for

knowledge should have ac-

cess to affordable higher

learning, continuing edu-

cation, job skills instruc-

tion and career preparation.

Only by maintaining a well-

educated and well-trained

workforce can we continue

growing our economy and

attracting new jobs to our

I am fully committed to

provide responsible steward-

ship of tax dollars and other

resources to meet the needs

of students and our commu-

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going commitment to fiscal

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and experiences to the position, such as my experiences in education and technology. I have an understanding of the city's inner workings, collaborative spirit, and my diverse skill set make me an excellent candidate for this important role.

In 300 words or less, what goals do you have for the Azle City Council Place 6 and how do you think they will be beneficial?

One of the goals we have as a council is to create and implement a new comprehensive master plan to guide the

responsibility and transparency—a commitment that enables TCC to work with the business community to build a workforce for Tarrant County employers, lift up individuals and families, and strengthen the prosperity of our region.

During my tenure, I have supported and continue to carefully maintain the successes and services of TCC. The TCC Board will pursue initiatives and programs which will continue to improve and add efficiencies to technology used by administration and students. Further guidance by the Facilities Master Plan which provides a framework for developing TCC campuses in the future and ensuring TCC is prepared for the future and appropriately preserving long-term physical assets and focusing on efficient daily operations.

In 300 words or less, what goals do you have for the **Tarrant County College Board** of Trustees and how do you think they will be beneficial?

city's growth and development over the coming years. This plan would include policies and strategies related to land use, transportation, infrastructure, economic development, and community services. The process of developing the plan will involve extensive community input and engagement. and the final product will reflect the shared vision and goals of the community. The plan will help ensure that the city's growth and development are guided by a clear and shared vision for the future, provide a framework for sustainable and responsible

I've achieved this mission by

focusing on what I call The

three Cs: Cost, Community

and Collaboration. One of the

most important responsibili-

ties we have as a community

is to make sure all individu-

als who want to pursue ad-

ditional education have the

opportunity to do so. Only by

maintaining a well-educated

can we continue growing our

economy and attracting new

It is my goal to ensure the

taxpayers, public and com-

munity stakeholders contin-

ue to have a seat at the table

by continuing to enhance

all aspects of the organiza-

tion-with a keen focus on

efficiency and transparency.

We must continue to keep all

of the District's projects on

jobs to our region.

and well-trained workforce

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development, and build community engagement and participation. Other important goals will include improving infrastructure, promoting economic development, enhancing public safety and emergency services, and strengthening community engagement and participation. The success of these goals will depend on effective collaboration and communication among City Council members, city staff, and community members, as well as a commitment to transparency, accountability, and responsible governance.

My mission during the time or below budget as well as es-I have been blessed to serve tablish and maintain reasonas a trustee has always been able timelines. to serve the community by Furthermore, I am strongly putting students first and aware of and committed so meeting students where they the important need for transare because thriving stuparency and accountability dents mean a thriving TCC, of the TCCD Board to keep and a thriving TCC means a our community informed and flourishing Tarrant County.

understand how public funds are being managed and spent, how decisions are made and why, and the evidence and information to support decisions.

Finally, as our region continues to be one of the fastest growing in the nation, we must continue to foster opportunities to make sure all individuals who want to pursue additional education or skills training have the opportunity to do so. This includes, but is not limited to young adults, as well as older adults who are retooling their skills, high school graduates, students taking dual-credit courses and participating in early college high schools.

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NAME:

Joe Ashton **OCCUPATION: City Management EDUCATION:**

Bachelor of Arts, University of Alabama

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Mayor of River Oaks, 2020 - Present; River Oaks City Council (2012 - 2020)

FAMILY:

Wife, Cassie; Daughter, Ruby

In 300 words or less, describe why you are running for the Tarrant Regional Water **District Board of Directors** and what experiences you would bring to the position.

I'm a lifelong Tarrant County resident, and my 20plus years of experience in local government make me uniquely qualified to help the district serve its mission of providing quality water and improving flood control. My experience includes 11 years as an elected official as well as five years as a city administrator/manager. I have a passion for public service and will bring that

NAME:

Caleb Castaneda

OCCUPATION:

Student

EDUCATION:

Working towards Nursing Bachelor's degree

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: I volunteer and work with Fig Leaf Boutique, Servolution, and Community Bible Fellowship Church.

FAMILY:

Single

In 300 words or less, describe experiences you would bring why you are running for the Azle City Council and what experiences you would bring to the position.

I'm running for Azle City Council in hopes that I can improve the city's infrastructure as it grows while



passion to this position.

In 300 words or less, what

goals do you have for the

District Board of Directors

and how do you think they

The district is lacking in

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also making the city have a

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grounds in our great city

which gives me good knowl-

edge of what is needed to

help our city be the best it

ships without there be-

setting.

citizens.

to the position.

Tarrant Regional Water

will be beneficial?

NAME: Laura Forkner Pritchett

OCCUPATION:

Technology sales executive and co-owner of insurance agency

EDUCATION:

Laura earned a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in International Studies with a concentration in Political Science and completed coursework in the Masters of International Management (M.I.M.) program, both at the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Laura honors her family legacy of community service by facilitating grassroots bipartisan solutions issues at the local, state and national levels. As Tarrant County GOP Precinct Chair 4340. Laura is responsible for getting voters out to cast an informed vote for constitutionally aligned candidates and legislation.

Laura also serves as Director of North Texas for Restore Liberty, a 501c3 and 501c4 organization committed to restoring the original intent of the Constitution so that its citizens are able to embrace true liberty, free from government control beyond their consent.

At her home church, Eagle Mountain International Church, Laura serves as Committee Leader for Patriots in Faith, a nonpartisan biblically centered resource ministry to help voters make informed decisions regarding candidates and the election process; and teach them how to get involved to serve as biblical patriots in their local communities. Laura is a Constitutional

Coach, Patriot Academy, un-



In 300 words or less, what goals do you have for the Tarrant County College Board



Laura Forkner Pritchett

der Rick Green, facilitating constitutional truth, intended to fuel the desire for genuine freedom in this and future generations.

FAMILY:

Laura, her husband and daughter have lived in Azle since 2017.

In 300 words or less, describe why you are running for the Tarrant County College **Board of Trustees and what** experiences you would bring to the position.

Laura comes from a family of servants who pour themselves into their community and step into leadership positions when the status quo just isn't working anvmore. Laura has honored that legacy through service to her own community, especially through civic engagement. In various leadership roles for a number of organizations, Laura has worked to educate and inform voters on the importance of constitutional principles and what true freedom beyond government control looks like. Laura encourages people to get involved in their elections and mentors other leaders to be lights for truth in their own communities.

of Trustees and how do you

think they will be beneficial?

I believe the TCC Board

of Trustees should reflect

what the people of Tarrant

County want, which is to act

in the best interest of the en-

Now more than ever, young people need leaders like this. Educators at Tarrant County College are charged with the increasingly demanding job of teaching students; but more and more progressive culture pushes back on traditional academics and demands we teach students what to think

Laura is running for the TCC Board of Trustees to establish policies that will prioritize the success of students over political and social agendas. Laura is in this fight to develop programs and opportunities that will land our students good jobs without the crushing debt. As a duly elected Trustee beholden to the community, Laura will stop the overtaxation and do what is right for the taxpayers.

Laura is committed to an audit of the budget to ensure there's no waste and fraud and a cut to the property tax rate to provide meaningful relief to taxpayers. As a small business owner and a technology sales executive selling to large and global organizations, Laura knows how to manage a budget and prioritize funding.

In 300 words or less, what goals do you have for the **Tarrant County College Board** of Trustees and how do you think they will be beneficial?

Property taxes keep rising and the TCC tax rate continues to increase.

Laura will ask why TCC increased the tax rate on homeowners during the biggest inflationary period in 40 years. Laura will find out why tcc began cutting faculty pay within days of increasing taxes.

Laura will uncover any waste and fraud in the TCC budget including hundreds

tire community in this great County 1). Lower the tax rate 2). No more race based hiring practices 3). No more bonds. (Don't issue the last portion of the bond from 2018, until prices and inflation subside).

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of budgeted but unfilled positions. Why does TCC annually request funds for positions which go unfilled? Where does the budgeted money for those positions go when the positions remains unfilled?

One of Laura's top priorities for TCC is quality education and equipping students for the workforce. Progressive policies like Diversity, Equity and Inclusion are not going to get us there. Instead, this practice of political grandstanding wastes time and money and promotes division despite its name.

Laura will end the racebased hiring which is in violation of state and federal law. Laura will set policy to

uphold the constitution and laws.

Quality education, job skills training and workforce development need to be the focus of TCC's practice, not teaching social constructs. Laura plans to expand partnerships with local employers to ensure students are properly educated in alignment with employers' needs. Whether learning through an apprenticeship program, earning a two-year degree or studying in preparation for a four-year higher education institution, students need to be job-ready for the workforce.

Tarrant County deserves the best subject matter expert faculty at the college to best represent and educate students to prepare them for the workforce.

Laura will be an advocate for District 4 and communicate with the people in the district. Laura will be the voice of reason and compassion for the voters and community.

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I want to re-focus attention of the TCC Board on the students, staff, and taxpayers. We should think of the entire TCC community as our customers and treat them as such.

can be. I also bring a fresh perspective to keep the city government relevant to all In 300 words or less, describe why you are running for the Azle City Council and what

My main goal for Azle City Council is to get the younger voters more involved in the community and their local government. I believe that by doing this we will create a stronger city for years to come. 1 Timothy 4:12



Get to know your candidates

NAME:

Paxton Motheral

OCCUPATION:

Vice President of Cassco Development Co.

EDUCATION:

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Masters of Science in Real Estate Development

Texas Christian University, B.B.A Finance w/ Real Estate and B.S. Ranch Management

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Urban Land Institute
('08-'22), Small Scale Dev.
Product Council ('18-'22)
Greater Fort Worth Real
Estate Council ('08-'17),
Board of Directors ('13-'19)
City of Fort Worth Development Advisory Committee
('18-'22)

• Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo Greeting & Calf Scramble Committees ('09-'22), Board of Directors ('17-'22)

• Sportsmen's Club of Fort Worth Board of Directors ('09-'10, '12-'22)

Christ Chapel Bible Church Deacon ('20-'22), Finance Committee ('21-'22)
Boy Scouts of America – Eagle Scout

 TCU Young Chancellor's Advisory Council ('18-'20)
 Streams & Valleys Board of Directors ('12-'22), Exec.
 Committee ('19-'20), Chairman of the Board ('20-'22)
 Botanical Research Institute of Texas, Board of Directors ('16-'22), Exec.
 Committee ('21-22)



Paxton Motheral

Stormwater Management
 Stakeholder Group ('18-'20)
 Mixed-Use Zoning Advisory Group ('15-'17)
 Fort Worth Sister Cities
 Board of Directors ('13-'15)
 Leadership Fort Worth
 Leading Edge Class of 2009
 Kimbell Cosmopolitan's ('08-'15)

• The Steeplechase Club Officer ('08-'11) Board of Directors ('08-'15)

In 300 words or less, describe why you are running for the Tarrant Regional Water District Board of Directors and what experiences you would bring to the position.

Since 1848, my family has been stewards of the land and water resources of our family's farming and ranching operations. As a successful businessman and Chair of Streams and Valleys, a non-profit focused on protecting our North Texas water resources, I'm ready to fight for the future of our water supply.

I'm running for the Tarrant Regional Water District Board to continue that legacy of stewardship of our precious natural resources and keep North Texas thriving for future generations.

I bring an inherent desire to protect our water resources and have the business background to understand the economics of overseeing a large organization. It's our duty to the taxpayers to be efficient and fiscally responsible.

In 300 words or less, what goals do you have for the Tarrant Regional Water District Board of Directors and how do you think they will be beneficial?

• Oppose Tax Increases Homeowners have experienced property tax increases each and every year. We must be fiscally responsible and not let the TRWD tax be an increased burden on taxpayers.

Flood Prevention

The bulk of the tax revenue is dedicated to flood prevention. While maintaining ongoing maintenance across the system, we must target certain areas for rapid improvements that have historically flooded, causing propertydamage and threat to life. • Safe, Reliable Drinking Water

Ensuring our region has safe, reliable water is critical for our quality of life and to support our growth.

NAME:

Charles "C.B." Team **OCCUPATION:**

Commercial Real Estate Broker

EDUCATION:

BA '05 University of Texas at Austin

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Former Chair city of Fort Worth Appeals Board, Former Chair Society of Commercial Realtors, Former Member Board of **Directors Texas REALTORS**, Former Chairman Society of Commercial REALTORS, Former Chairman Greater Fort Worth Association of **REALTORS** Governmental Affairs Committee, Member city of Fort Worth Airport Advisory Board, Member city of Fort Worth Library Advisory Board, Member Board of Directors Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo and Livestock Superintendent

FAMILY:

Member First Presbyterian Church of Fort Worth, Married to Lauren Team and Father to Charlie Team (6) and Taylor Team (4)

In 300 words or less, describe why you are running for the Tarrant Regional Water District Board of Directors and what experiences you would bring to the position.

I am passionate about serving my community. For



Charles C.B. Team

nearly a decade, I have attended board meetings, mostly in person. to better understand the District's responsibilities, successes, and shortfalls. When I was appointed to the TRWD Board in January this history and knowledge allowed me to hit the ground running. I have owned and managed a small business since 2012 and take the responsibility of providing jobs in our community very seriously. My experience and skillset will allow me to draw from my experiences as a business owner, property owner, and real estate broker to tackle any problems that arise. My goal is to show the electors that I can bring transparent and collaborative leadership to the TRWD Board.

In 300 words or less, what goals do you have for the Tarrant Regional Water District Board of Directors and how do you think they

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will be beneficial?

I want to ensure the constituents, partners, and stakeholders of the District have access to board members and understand the functions of this critically important entity. In my time as a member of the board I have tried diligently to meet with as many individuals and organizations as I can to help explain what the district does and how vital our work is to everyday life here in North Texas. By creating and maintaining these relationships I am able to field questions and comments about TRWD, further opening up lines of communication all around the region and improving access for the public. My top three goals are:

1. Ensure that the public and stakeholders continue to have a seat at the table: I have been attending TRWD board meetings for almost a decade and seen first-hand how members of the public have helped push transparency on this board.

2. Keeping major projects like water infrastructure pipelines and Central City on or below budget and within a realistic timetable.

3. Maintaining a high level of water quality and stormwater management to increase river recreational opportunities and provide flood protection throughout the TRWD service area.





Get to know the candidates in the Reno mayoral, city council races

STAFF REPORTS

The News and Epigraph invited the eight candidates running for election in the Reno mayoral and city council races to answer questionnaires to provide readers with details about themselves and their platforms.

Current Mayor Sam White is being challenged by Hector Bas Jr. for the mayoral seat. The race for Place 2 includes two candidates who are not incumbents of the current city council — Planning

and Zoning Commission Chairperson Brian Schrader and Tod Siedell. In Place 4. current Mayor Pro Tem Katie Tucker is being challenged by Jennifer Vogle. The special election for Place 1 - currently filled by Jody Works,

who was appointed after the death of council member Granville "Randy" Martin III - includes current Deputy Pro Tem Hernando Herrera and Planning and Zoning Commission Pro Tem Jason Holden as the candidates.

Place 1 is a one-year term. The rest of the positions have two-year terms. Early voting starts on April 24 and ends on May 2. Election Day is on May 6. Reno residents in Parker County can vote at the Springtown Area Senior

Center, Azle City Hall or at other voting locations in Parker County. Reno voters who live in Tarrant County need to vote at Azle City Hall.

The candidates' answers to the questionnaires are provided below.

NAME: Sam White **PLACE OR POSITION YOU ARE RUNNING FOR:** Mayor

OCCUPATION:

Consultant

EDUCATION:

Associates in Information/ Computer Technology; Bachelors in Business/ **Technical Management**

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

· Partnered with others to raise donated funds to provide hams/turkeys for Thanksgiving & Christmas meal boxes and toys for kids at Christmas.

· Volunteered on numerous occasions at the food pantry.

• Set up and helped cook at all community events to date

· Assist older residents with some basic maintenance needs.

• Raising funds to donate new winter coats to kids at



Sam White

Reno Elementary and Springtown Elementary

FAMILY:

Married for 27 years this year, 5 children and a number of grandchildren

In 300 words or less, describe why you are running for mayor, and what experience you are bringing to the position.

I am running for mayor because I have a deep-rooted desire to make a positive

impact on our community. I believe I have much more to accomplish for the city over the next two years and by continuing to address the issues that have long plagued the residents of Reno and improving the city's infrastructure I can positively put Reno in a better position than when I took office in 2021. While I'm only bringing two years of experience to the table as a mayor, I believe my extensive operations and management background has provided me the skills necessary to help facilitate some of the repairs and replacements needed in the city's infrastructure thus far. Having experience from another governmental agency helped provide the problem-solving skills and financial acumen needed to help manage the city's needs and budgets. I believe building community involves a collaborative mindset of working with other local, county and state officials to achieve common goals to improve our city. I have worked hard to rebuild long lost relationships with Parker County by working closely with the Sheriff's office, the County Judge and the County Commissioner to help better serve the needs of Reno. The knowledge of the city that I have gained over the past two years has provided an understanding of the city's history, culture and the people including the strengths and challenges the city faces. Being the mayor is much more than reciting agendas at meetings and signing ordinances into the books. Being the mayor means being a leader that builds strong teams of educated and experienced professionals to assist in the common goals and needs of our city. At the end of the day, I represent all citizens regardless of who they voted for. My goal is for a better Reno. In 300 words or less, what

goals do you have that you feel will help serve Reno residents?

After the retirement of the city administrator, I assumed

the responsibility of overseeing the city financials. Since March 2023, the staff and myself have been able to identify key deficiencies and have taken action to complete the 2021 and 2022 audits. I am working closely with the staff and CPA to ensure all financials are accurately updated and entered into our single source accounting system. By accomplishing this, we will be able to provide a comprehensive and transparent working budget for each department in the city. This is crucial to provide the citizens with an accurate accounting of what the city departments are spending tax dollars on and it is equally important for the citizens to see the repairs and needs of the city being met.

Another important goal is to continue to manage the growth that is upon us. This is critical in maintaining our identity separate of the other cities around us, and with the second largest available landmass in Parker County, getting our ordinances, developer's agreements and impact fees established will ensure only necessary and desirable growth is approved in Reno. I want to ensure Reno stays a city and is not disincorporated by the group being led by a former mayor and several candidates currently running for elected positions here.

Utilize the independent water reports in combination with the expertise of the Water Task Force to bring the water infrastructure into compliance with TCEQ and utilize grants and low interest loans to improve the water/road infrastructure that has been seriously neglected for some time without unfairly putting a burden on our residents.

My main goal is to make Reno a desirable place to raise a family, open a business and be part of a caring community, Reno is "Country Living That is Community Driven."

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NAME:

Hector G. Bas Jr **PLACE OR POSITION YOU ARE RUNNING FOR:**

Mayor of Reno

OCCUPATION:

Train Dispatcher for BNSF RR and Vice General Chairman for American Train Dispatcher Association (ATDA)

EDUCATION:

Graduated in 1986 and have some college.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

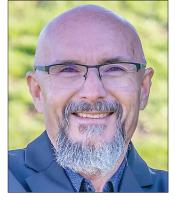
Volunteer time and donations whenever I can improve the community.

FAMILY:

Married to Jody Bas for 35+ Years, approaching 36 Years Aug. 15, 2023. We have four boys, Matthew (34), Kevin (32), Hector III (28), and Roy (26), along with four grandchildren and another on the way

In 300 words or less, describe why you are running for mayor, and what experience you are bringing to the position.

I am running for Mayor of Reno to be a voice for ALL Reno citizens. It does not matter if you live in an RV, Modular Home, or Housing Subdivision. The City of Reno should be committed to every citizen in Reno, without regard to their tax contribution. My work with the ATDA has prepared me to represent the underrepresented by fighting for their benefits and rights. It has given me invaluable leadership and teamwork skills that would be an asset to the City of Reno. I believe



Hector G. Bas Jr

everyone in the community counts, and I will work hard to make sure everyone feels valued.

In 300 words or less, what goals do you have that you feel will help serve Reno residents?

My goal, if elected Mayor of Reno, is accountability on the budget. I believe there should always be a budget discussion before any council member votes to allocate any funds outside of the budget. Equally important is the water infrastructure so Reno can provide safe water for customers. When those items fall in line, my goal would then be to focus on roads in Reno, developing a systematic approach to repairing the worst first. But first and foremost, can the budget accommodate all of this? The answer can only be sought after knowing what the budget looks like and the budget needs. These questions cannot be solved by one person or in a quick fashion; however, I believe with a council working together with the mayor, we can work diligently to serve every citizen of Reno.

NAME:

Brian D. Schrader **PLACE OR POSITION YOU ARE RUNNING FOR:**

City of Reno City Council, Place 2

OCCUPATION:

Semi-Retired, Part-Time Consultant, Engineering and Management Services focusing on the Satellite Earth Station Industry.

EDUCATION:

Graduated from Arlington High School, Arlington, Texas; Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from Texas Tech University, Master's Degree in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M University **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

Chairman of the Reno Planning & Zoning Committee, Head of the Water Task Force

FAMILY:

My wife, Michele and I have been married 42 years. Both of our families have been in Texas since the 1800s. We raised four sons in Longview, Texas, and currently enjoy our 5 grandchildren.

IN 300 WORDS OR LESS, **DESCRIBE WHY YOU ARE RUNNING FOR CITY COUNCIL, AND WHAT EXPERIENCE YOU ARE BRINGING TO THE POSITION.**

As a Registered Professional Engineer in Texas, my career duties and decisions have always been logic-driven, derived from analysis of facts, figures, regulations, and standards. During my service on the Planning & Zoning Committee, I have learned



Brian D. Schrader

much about how our city government operates. With very few exceptions, I have attended every budget workshop, every Council meeting, every P&Z meeting and workshop for the past two years. I have studied the Engineering water reports that were commissioned prior to 2019 for a total cost of \$95,000. The recommendations by the Engineers and the TCEQ violations dating back to 2019 were undisclosed until the Mayor and the Water Task Force conducted in-depth investigations.

When presented with facts, figures, recommendations, and deadlines our city appeared incapable of constructive discussions, evaluation of proposed actions, and unable make informed decisions on urgent matters impacting our community. The citizens could observe the city often ineffectively opting to table and delay actions on an issue rather than evaluate the merits and be decisive. Our citizens deserve forward thinking, action-oriented leaders that can exercise discernment and make decisions that are in the best in-

terest of Reno, for both now and the future.

I have managed large teams of multi-disciplined professionals on programs domestic and international, commercial and government, short term and multi-year contracts. These programs required budgets, planning, scheduling, staff, execution and accountability. Our city has many needs, and the council must be able to prioritize capital projects and budgets. My proven performance in managing large scale design and construction projects provides a skill set that is needed for the fu-

ture of the city of Reno. I am running for council to make a change, to make a positive difference, to restore credibility to the council and accountability to all levels of our city government.

IN 300 WORDS OR LESS, WHAT GOALS DO YOU HAVE THAT YOU FEEL WILL HELP **SERVE RENO RESIDENTS?**

The first goal is a reliable and trustworthy budget. The Mayor has been pushing for a single set of books that are traceable and provide accountability for every transaction. The former accounting methods moved budgets between QuickBooks, FundView, and Excel. Traceability and documentation would get lost in translation between software platforms. An independent audit is underway to establish the starting point after the city administrator retired in February. Once an accurate budget is established the city will be able to properly plan for staffing and infra-

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structure improvements. An accurate budget with proper account numbers will also allow consolidation of services and reduce waste.

The current loans and grants must be reviewed in detail. Grants and loans have expirations and maturity dates that must be reviewed to ensure the city remains qualified and in good favor with grant agencies. Low interest loans and grants are vital to stretching our limited property tax income.

The Water Task Force and the Water Department along with the council must take actions to remedy the violations and enforcement actions that have been imposed since 2019. Several corrective actions are scheduled to be funded by grants. These actions must be completed in a timely manner before grants expire and within the time frame imposed by the TCEQ.

Parker County is ranked within the top 10 counties in the nation that experienced the largest percent population growth from 2021 to 2022. Growth is all around our city. Developers are eager to fill the gaps as growth has leapfrogged from Lake Worth to Springtown. Legacy landowners will be tempted to sell to developers for large profits. This growth can be managed through proper ordinances and a well-developed Comprehensive Plan. Recent experience has proven the infrastructure must be planned and ready before development commences.

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BALLOTS BY MAIL

(BOLETAS PARA VOTACIÓN EN AUSENCIA POR CORREO)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 25, 2023.

(Las solicitudes para boletas de votación adelantada por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 25 de abril de 2023.)

Applications for Ballot by Mail may be obtained by calling (817) 598-6185. Applications for ballots by mail must be received by the Early Voting Clerk NO later than the close of business day on Tuesday, April 25, 2023. Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

CITY OF RENO, PARKER COUNTY NOTICE OF GENERAL & SPECIAL ELECTION (CIUDAD DE RENO AVISO DE ELECCIÓN GENERAL Y ESPECIAL) TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE **CITY OF RENO, PARKER COUNTY, TEXAS**

(A LOS VOTANTES REGISTRADOS DEL CIUDAD DE RENO TEXAS)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 am to 7:00p.m. on Saturday, May 6, 2023, for voting in:

• a General Election for electing a Mayor and City Council Members to Place 2 and Place 4; and

• a Special Election for filling a vacancy for Council Member Place 1.

Por la presente se notifica que los lugares de votación que se enumeran a continuación estarán abiertos de 7:00 am a 7:00 pm. el sábado 6 de mayo de 2023, para votar en:

• una Elección General para elegir tot Concejal Lugar 2 y un Concejal Lugar 4; y

• una Elección Especial para llenar una vacante para un Concejal Lugar 1.

MAIN VOTING SITE Parker County Courthouse Annex 1112 Santa Fe Drive, Weatherford, 76086 Annex Kitchen

BRANCH VOTING SITES

Springtown Senior Center Community Room 1070 N Main Street Springtown, 76082

Peaster ISD Rock Gym Back Room of Gym 8512 FM RD 920 Peaster, 76088

Aledo ISD Admin Building Louden Room 1008 Bailey Ranch Road Aledo, 76008

Millsap Community Center 104 Fannin Street Millsap, 76066

Azle City Hall **Community Room** 505 W Main Street Azle, 76020

PCT 3 County Barn Break Room 1111 FM RD 1189 Brock, 76087

Hudson Oaks **Public Safety Bldg** Training Room 150 N Oakridge Drive Hudson Oaks, 76087

Early voting by personal appearance begins April 24, 2023, and ends May 2, 2023:

- Monday, April 24, 2023, through Saturday, April 28, 2023, 8:00 am to 5:00 p.m.
- NO VOTING ON SATURDAY, April 29, 2023, and SUNDAY, April 30, 2023
- Monday, May 1, 2023, and Tuesday, May 2, 2023, from 7:00a.m. to 7:00 p.m..

La votación anticipada en persona comienza el 24 de abril de 2023 y finaliza el 2 de mayo de 2023:

Fechas y horarios para localidades de tiempo completo:

- Del lunes, 24 de abril de 2023 al sábado, 2 de mayo de 2023, 8:00 am. a 6:00 pm
- NO VOTACIÓN EN 29 abril de 2023 y 30 de abril de 2023
- Del lunes, 1 de mayo de 2023 al martes, 2 de mayo de 2023, 7:00 am a 7:00 p.m.)

Early Voting Clerk

PO BOX 639, Weatherford 76086 Email: j.hasenjacger@parkercountytx.com Fax: (817) 598-6183 Website: www.parkercountytx.com

Las solicitudes de boletas por correo deben ser recibidas por el Secretario de Votacion Anticipada. No mas tarde que el cierre del dia habil el Martes 25 de Abril de 2023. Las solicitudes de bolete electoral por correo se enviaran por correo a

Early Voting Clerk PO BOX 639, Weatherford 76086 Email: j.hasenjaeger@parkercountytx.com Fax: (817) 598-6183 Website: www.parkercountytx.com

ELECTION DAY SITES (Sitios del dia de las elecciones)

Election Day sites for voting by personal appearance for the GENERAL/ SPECIAL ELECTION to be held on SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023, as conducted by Parker County, Texas are as follows: Los hugares del Dia de Elecciones para votar en persona para la ELECCION GENERAL/SPE-CIAL que se llevara a cabo el 6 de MAYO de 2023 segun lo realizado per el Condado de Parker, Texas son los siguientes:)

Parker County Courthouse Annex 1112 Santa Fe Drive Weatherford, 76086 Annex Kitchen

Springtown Senior Center Community Room 1070 N Main Street Springtown, 76082

Peaster ISD Rock Gym Back Room of Gym 8512 FM RD 920 Peaster, 76088

Aledo ISD Admin Building Louden Room 1008 Bailey Ranch Road Aledo, 7600

Hudson Oaks Public Safety Bldg Training Room 150 N Oakridge Drive Hudson Oaks, 76087

Azle City Hall Community Room 505 W Main Street Azle, 76020

PCT 3 County Barn **Break Room** 1111 FM RD 1189 Brock, 76087

Walsh Athletic Club Movement Studio 13757 Assembly Park Dr. Fort Worth, 76008

Millsap Community Center 104 Fannin Street Millsap, 76066

Garner ISD Ryan Gymnasium 2222 Garner School Road Weatherford, 76088

ELECTION WEBSITES (SITIOS WEB DE LA ELECCIÓN)

City of Reno (Ciudad de Reno): www.renotx.gov/government/elections Parker County (Condado de Parker): www.parkercountytx.com/118/Elections Issued this the 10 day of April 2023. (Emitida este día el 10 de abril de 2023.) Sam White, Mayor

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NAME:

Tod A. Siedell
PLACE OR POSITION YOU ARE
RUNNING FOR:
Place 2

OCCUPATION:

Financial Advisor/ Self Employed

EDUCATION:

B.S. Management from Mississippi State University

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: served on Justin Civic

Foundation, Justin EDC, Justin Master Plan committee



Tod A. Siedell

FAMILY:

Wife/Candy

In 300 words or less, describe why you are running for city council, and what experience you are bringing to the position.

I hope to have an influence on the growth and maintenance of our community. I have several years of experience working with another small community and its growth from a volunteer position. My wife and I have been residents here for 17 years which gives us the perspective of time to observe the diverse area in which we live and work.

In 300 words or less, what goals do you have that you feel will help serve Reno residents?

We have a very diverse community, with large landowners, small landowners, individual residences, designed communities and residents with large and/or small animals. It is important to find a balance between these lifestyles, which is very different

from our larger cities in our area. Reno should seek a master plan that takes in mind this and the future growth coming our way, instead of reacting to what comes our way. We should look at the possibility of establishing an EDC to help guide us with potential businesses looking to expand or establish in our area.

We need to review several areas with how the city functions, starting with the budget, water and roads, while being good stewards of our taxpayer money. Reducing

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the minimum one acre rule to add more rooftops and hoping this solves our financial difficulties, simply isn't a workable plan. We need a review and update our Developers Agreement, subdivision ordinances and codes, while finding ways to help our neglected areas.

I look forward to meeting many of you before and after the election.

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION AVISO DE ELECCIONES GENERALES THÔNG BÁO TỔNG TUYỂN CỬ

TOWN OF LAKESIDE, TEXAS CIUDAD DE LAKESIDE, TEXAS THỊ TRẤN LAKESIDE, TEXAS

To the registered voters of the Town of Lakeside, Texas in Tarrant County in Precinct Numbers 4242, 4259 and 4273:

A los votantes registrados de la ciudad de Lakeside, Texas en el condado de Tarrant en los números de precinto 4242, 4259 y 4273:

Đối với các cử tri đã ghi danh của Thị trấn Lakeside, Texas trong Quận Tarrant trong Khu vực bầu cử Số 4242, 4259 và 4273:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 6, 2023, for voting in a general election to elect City Council Mayor and Places 2 and 4.

Por la presente se notifica que los lugares de votación enumerados a continuación estarán abiertos de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m., el 6 de mayo de 2023, para votar en una elección general para elegir al Alcalde del Concejo Municipal y los Lugares 2 y 4.

Thông báo bằng văn bản này được đưa ra rằng các địa điểm bỏ phiếu được liệt kê dưới đây sẽ mở cửa từ 7:00 sáng đến 7:00 tối, vào ngày 6 tháng 5 năm 2023, để bỏ phiếu trong cuộc tổng tuyển cử để bầu Thị trưởng Hội đồng Thành phố và Địa điểm 2 và 4.

LOCATION OF ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACES UBICACIÓN DE LOS LUGARES DE VOTACIÓN EL DÍA DE LAS ELECCIONES ĐỊA ĐIỂM BỔ PHIẾU NGÀY BẦU CỬ

Lakeside Town Hall Community Center 9830 Confederate Park Rd Lakeside, TX 76108

Centro Comunitario Lakeside Town Hall 9830 Confederate Park Rd Lakeside, TX 76108 La votación anticipada por comparecencia personal se llevará a cabo en: Việc bình chọn sớm bằng cách xuất hiện cá nhân sẽ được tiến hành tại:

Main Early Voting Polling Place Tarrant County Elections Center 2700 Premier Street Fort Worth, Texas 76111

Principal Lugar de Votación Anticipada Centro de Elecciones del Condado de 2700 Premier Street Fort Worth, Texas 76111

Địa điểm bỏ phiếu sớm chính Trung tâm Bầu cử Quận Tarrant 2700 Premier Street Fort Worth, Texas 76111 Tarrant County Sheriff's Office -North Patrol Division 6651 Lake Worth Boulevard Lake Worth, Texas 76135

Oficina del Sheriff del Condado de Tarrant - Tarrant División de Patrulla Norte 6651 Lake Worth Boulevard Lake Worth, Texas 76135

Văn phòng Cảnh sát trưởng Quận Tarrant -Bộ phận Tuần tra Bắc 6651 Đại lộ Lake Worth Lake Worth, Texas 76135

Registered voters may also vote at any early polling location within Tarrant County. Please visit <u>www.tarrantcounty.com/elections</u> for additional polling locations.

Los votantes registrados también pueden votar en cualquier lugar de votación temprana dentro del Condado de Tarrant. Visite <u>www.tarrantcounty.com/elections</u> para conocer los lugares de votación adicionales.

Các cử tri đã ghi danh cũng có thể bỏ phiếu tại bất kỳ địa điểm bỏ phiếu sớm nào trong Quận Tarrant. Vui lòng truy cập <u>www.tarrantcounty.com/elections</u> để biết thêm địa điểm bỏ phiếu.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Early Voting Clerk - Heider Garcia Tarrant County Elections

P.O. Box 961011, Fort Worth, Texas 76161-011 • 817-831-8683 Email: <u>votebymail@tarrantcounty.com</u> Website: <u>www.tarrantcounty.com</u> Las solicitudes de boleta por correo se enviarán por correo a: Secretario de

Votación Anticipada - Heider Garcia Elecciones del condado de Tarrant, Apartado de correos 961011, Fort Worth, Texas 76161-011 • 817-831-8683

Correo electrónico: votebymail@tarrantcounty.com Sitio web: www.tarrantcounty.com

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	arrant. Visite <u>www.tarra</u>	votar en cualquier lugar de votación dentro antcounty.com/elections para conocer los	2700 Premier Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76111-3011
		iếu tại bất kỳ địa điểm bỏ phiếu nào trong r <u>antcounty.com/elections</u> để biết thêm địa	Elecciones del condado de Tarrant 2700 Premier Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76111-3011
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siguientes días y ho	oras:	ia personal se llevará a cabo durante los nhân sẽ được tiến hành trong những ngày	Applications for Ballots by Mail (ABBMs) must be received no later than the close of business on April 25, 2023
và giờ sau:	-		Las solicitudes de boletas por correo (ABBM) deben recibirse a más tardar al cierre de operaciones el 25 de abril de 2023.
April 24-28	Monday-Friday	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Đơn xin Bỏ Phiếu Bằng Thư (ABBM) phải được nhận không muộn hơn thời
	April 29 Saturday 7:00 a.m 7:00 p.m. April 30 Sunday 10:00 a.m 4:00 p.m.		điểm kết thúc công việc vào ngày 25 tháng Tư, 2023.
			Federal Post Card Applications (FPCAs) must be received no later than the
May 1-2	Monday-Tuesday	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	close of business on April 25, 2023.
			Las solicitudes federales de tarjetas postales (FPCA) deben recibirse a más tardar al cierre de operaciones el 25 de abril de 2023.
24-28 de abril	Lunes-Viernes	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Đơn xin Thẻ Bưu điện Liên bang (FPCA) phải được nhận không muộn hơn
29 de abril	Sábado	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	thời điểm kết thúc hoạt động kinh doanh vào ngày 25 tháng 4 năm 2023.
30 de abril	Domingo	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Issued this 20th day of March 2023.
1 y 2 de mayo	Lunes-Martes	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Expedido el día 20 de marzo de 2023. Ban hành ngày 20/3/2023 này.
Tháng Tư 24-28	Thứ Hai-Thứ Sáu	8:00 sáng - 5:00 chiều	/s/Patrick Jacob, Mayor
Tháng Tư 29	Thứ bảy	7:00 sáng - 7:00 tối	/s/Patrick Jacob, Alcalde
Tháng Tư 30	Chủ nhật	10:00 sáng - 4:00 chiều	/s/Patrick Jacob, Thị trưởng
Tháng Năm 1-2	Thứ Hai-Thứ Ba	7:00 sáng - 7:00 tối	
24-28 De Abril	Lunes-Viernes	8:00 sáng - 5:00 chiều	
29 de abril	Sábado	7:00 sáng - 7:00 tối	Extra! Extra!
30 de abril	Domingo	10:00 sáng - 4:00 chiều	
1 y 2 de mayo	Lunes-Martes	7:00 sáng - 7:00 tối	Read All About It!
Early voting by pers	sonal appearance will b	e conducted at:	817-270-3340 www.azlenews.net

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NAME:

Jennifer Kay Vogle **PLACE OR POSITION YOU ARE RUNNING FOR:** Place 4

OCCUPATION:

Area Manager Media Spokesperson D/FW **Emergency Medical services** Supervisor Dispatch EMT/CVT

EDUCATION:

Weatherford College, **Tarrant County College** Medical

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Animal Rescue, The Abbey Church

FAMILY:

I married my high school sweetheart. Damian Vogle. in 1997. We were engaged for 7 years. We were only 15 and 16 when we met at the local volunteer fire department. God sent me my soulmate when I was young. We fell in love and I knew that we would grow old together but we had a few things to do before we could get married. We had to graduate high school, go to college and get good jobs! He's been with Haltom City FD for 30 years. I have spent most of my career working EMS, volunteer and paid. In 2008, we had our son, Joseph. At that time, we were Foster parents and we took in a 12-month-old little girl, Sara. We adopted her when she was 3. We have been blessed to have great family support locally. Damian's mother retired from Liberty Elementary as the school nurse. Both of his parents served in the Air Force and his father retired from the Air Force and the post office. My parents are both retired as well. My mother spent her



Jennifer Kay Vogle

entire career working for the state of Texas helping people with disabilities. My dad was a manager for M&N Ditching and his crew loved working for him. We could not be as successful as we are now without having such great role models of work ethic, strength, and kindness.

In 300 words or less, describe why you are running for city council, and what experience you are bringing to the position.

We built our home in Reno over 20 years ago. I noticed Reno politics seemed to be a mess, when a proposed animal ordinance surfaced. It didn't suit a small town such as Reno. I've been involved in Wildlife animal rescue since 2009. I attended meetings at the city hall and was voted to lead the Reno Animal Care and Protection in 2018. I had other concerns as well.

Working management and EMS long term, I know how to problem solve under pressure. I'm great at mediation and research. I served as the Media Spokesperson for a nationwide tax corporation for 4 years. I've served Reno's citizens as an EMT and volunteer for over 30 years. I'm ready to serve as a council

member. I believe that every person has a right to vote. In 300 words or less, what goals do you have that you feel will help serve Reno residents?

First, we have not been provided a service that we pay for every month. Something every person has a right to. Safe, consistent drinking water. We are under boil water notices frequently. One lasted nearly 6 weeks. Our water infrastructure needs to be fixed. Citations need to be fixed in a timely manner and not many months past TCEQ deadlines.

Second, the City of Reno's budget is a mess. There has not been an external audit in more than 2 years. How can you run a city when you don't know the budget? Budgeting with transparency is some thing I plan to achieve.

Third, growth is coming to Reno. I would like to see minimum of one acre lots, 2 would be better. That helps keep Reno rural and would allow property owners to build wells. Our water infrastructure can't support the homes it has. Our roads need to be improved. We must be smart while planning.

Finally, we need teamwork in Reno. Fighting between council members and citizens is not going to solve problems. We must work together to problem solve. Blaming previous council members will never fix anything and we will never have peace in Reno if this continues. I strive to teach my children that positive changes can be made. I take them with me to vote. Every voice matters and doing the right thing, especially when it's hard, is necessary.

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 6, 2023, for voting in a general election to elect two (2) members to the Tarrant **Regional Water District Board of Directors.**

A list of Election Day Polling locations within TRWD voting boundaries are attached as Exhibit "A".

For early voting by personal appearance, locations within TRWD voting boundaries are attached as Exhibit "B".

See <u>http://www.tarrantcounty.com/elections</u> for additional voting information and a complete list of locations. Registered voters may vote at any location within Tarrant County. Call 817-831-VOTE (8683) to confirm locations have not changed.

To confirm voting eligibility for the TRWD Election, see your tax statement for the code: 223 TARRANT REGIONAL WATER **DISTRICT.**

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to::

Heider Garcia Tarrant County Elections Administration/Early Voting Clerk Mailing Address: PO Box 961011 Fort Worth, Texas 76161-0011

Express Courier Delivery: Tarrant County Elections 2700 Premier St. Fort Worth, Texas 76111-3011

Phone: 817-831-VOTE (8683) Fax: 817-850-2344 Email: votebymail@tarrantcountytx.gov https://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/elections.html

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 25, 2023. MORE **RENO** | A13

AVISO DE ELECCIÓN GENERAL

Se brinda el presente aviso acerca de que los sitios de votación indicados a continuación estarán abiertos desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 6 de mayo de 2023, para votar en la elección general a dos (2) miembros de la Junta de directores del Distrito Regional de Agua de Tarrant.

Se adjunta como Anexo "A" una lista de las ubicaciones de votación en el día de la elección dentro de los límites de votación del Distrito Regional de Agua de Tarrant (Tarrant Regional Water District, TRWD).

Para votar de forma temprana y presencialmente, se adjunta el Anexo "B" con las ubicaciones dentro de los límites de votación del TRWD.

Consulte http://www.tarrantcounty.com/elections para obtener información adicional sobre la votación y conocer una lista completa de ubicaciones. Los electores registrados pueden votar en cualquier ubicación dentro del condado de Tarrant. Llame al 817-831-VOTE (8683) para confirmar que las ubicaciones no han cambiado.

Para confirmar la elegibilidad de la votación para la elección del TRWD, vea su declaración fiscal y busque el código: 223 DISTRITO REGIONAL DE AGUA DE TARRANT.

Las solicitudes de votación por correo se deberán enviar a:

Heider Garcia Administración de elecciones del condado de Tarrant/funcionario de votación temprana

EXHIBIT B (ANEXO B) (PHU LUC B):

EARLY VOTING SITES WITHIN TRWD BOUNDARIES (LUGARES DE VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA DENTRO DE LOS LÍMITES DE TRWD) (ĐIA ĐIỂM BỎ PHIẾU SỚM TRONG KHUÔN VIÊN TRWD)

MAY 6, 2023 (6 DE MAYO DE 2023) (NGÀY 6 THÁNG 5, NĂM 2023)

JOINT GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS (ELECCIONES GENERALES CONTUNTAS Y ESPECIALES) (KẾT HỢP TỔNG TUYỂN CỬ VÀ BẦU CỬ ĐẶC BIẾI

April (Abril) (Tháng Tư) 29Saturday (saApril (Abril) (Tháng Tư) 30Sunday (Don		Monday - Friday (Lunes – Viernes) (Thứ Hai – Thứ Sáu)	8:00 a.m. – 5:00	p.m.	
		Saturday (Sábado) (Thứ Bảy)	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.		
		Sunday (Domingo) (Chủ Nhật)			
		Monday – Tuesday (Lunes – Martes) (Thứ Hai – Thứ Ba)	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.		
Location (Lugar) (Địa điểm)		Address (Dirección) (Dia chỉ)	City (Ciudad) (Thành phố)	Zip Code (Código postal) (Mã Bưu Điện)	
	ctional Support Center	483 Sandy Beach Road, Suite C	Azle	76020	
2 Como Commu	inity Center	4660 Horne Street	Fort Worth	76107	
3 Diamond Hill/.	Jarvis Branch Library	1300 NE 35 th Street	Fort Worth	76106	
4 Charles F. Griff	fin Building	3212 Miller Avenue	Fort Worth	76119	
5 Handley-Mead	dowbrook Community Cent	er 6201 Beaty Street	Fort Worth	76112	
6 James Avenue	Service Center	5001 James Avenue	Fort Worth	76115	
7 North Crowley	r High School	9100 S Hulen Street	Fort Worth	76123	
8 Northside Con	nmunity Center	1100 NW 18th Street	Fort Worth	76164	
9 Southside Con	nmunity Center	959 E Rosedale Street	Fort Worth	76104	
10 Southwest Reg	gional Library	4001 Library Lane	Fort Worth	76109	
11 Southwest Sub	o-Courthouse	6551 Granbury Road	Fort Worth	76133	
12 Summerglen B	Branch Library	4205 Basswood Boulevard	Fort Worth	76137	
13 Tarrant Count WFSC 1403A	y College Northwest Campu	s 4801 Marine Creek Parkway	Fort Worth	76179	
Main Early Vo	o de votación adelantada)	2700 Premier Street	Fort Worth	76111	
15 Tarrant Count	y Plaza Building	201 Burnett Street	Fort Worth	76102	
16 Worth Heights	s Community Center	3551 New York Avenue	Fort Worth	76110	
17 River Oaks Ani Old Library Bu		4900 River Oaks Boulevard	River Oaks	76114	
18 Edgecliff Villag	ge Community Center	1605 Edgecliff Road	Edgecliff Village	76134	

Application for a Ballot by Mail may be downloaded from our website: elections.tarrantcounty.com/ballotbymail (Solicitud para Boleta por Correo se puede descargar de nuestro sitio web): elections.tarrantcounty.com/ballotbymail (Có thể tải Đơn xin lá Phiếu Bầu qua Thư trên trang mạng của chúng tôi): elections.tarrantcounty.com/ballotbymail

Information by phone: Tarrant County Elections Administration, 817-831-8683 (Información por teléfono): (Administración de Elecciones del Condado de Tarrant 817-831-8683) (Thông tin qua điện thoại) (Điều Hành Bầu Cử Quận Tarrant, 817-831-8683)

Applications for a Ballot by Mail must be submitted between January 1, 2023 and April 25, 2023 by mail, fax or email to: Note: effective December 1, 2017 - If an Application for Ballot by Mail is submitted by fax or e-mail the original application must also be mailed and received by the Early Voting Clerk no later than the 4th business day after receipt of the faxed or e-mailed copy

(Solicitudes para una Boleta por Correo pueden ser sometidas entre el 1 de Enero de 2023 y 25 de Abril de 2023 por correo, fax o por correo electrónico a:

Nota: efectivo el 1 de Diciembre de 2017 - Si una solicitud de boleta por correo se envía por fax o por correo electrónico la solicitud original también debe ser enviada por correo y recibida por el Secretario de Votación Anticipada no más tarde del cuarto día hábil después de recibir la copia enviada por fax o por correo electrónico.)

(Đơn xin lá phiếu bầu qua thư phải được gửi vào giữa Ngày 1 Tháng 1, Năm 2023 và Ngày 25 Tháng 4, Năm 2023 bằng thư, fax hoặc email đến: Lưu ý: có hiệu lực từ ngày 1 tháng 12 năm 2017 - Nếu Đơn Xin Lá Phiếu bầu qua thư được gửi bằng fax hoặc e-mail, đơn xin bản gốc cũng phải được gửi bằng thư đến và nhận bởi Thư Ký Phụ Trách Bỏ Phiếu Sớm không muộn hơn ngày làm việc thứ tư kể từ ngày nhận được bản sao từ fax hoặc e-mail.)

Early Voting Clerk (Secretario De Votación Adelantada) (Nhân Viên Phụ Trách Bỏ Phiếu Sớm) PO Box 961011 Fort Worth TX 76161-0011 Fax: 817-850-2344 Email: votebymail@tarrantcountytx.gov

Dirección de correo: PO Box 961011 Fort Worth, Texas 76161-0011

Entrega exprés por mensajería: **Tarrant County Elections** 2700 Premier St. Fort Worth, Texas 76111-3011

Teléfono: 817-831-VOTE (8683) Fax: 817-850-2344 Correo electrónico: votebymail@tarrantcountytx.gov https://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/elections.html

Las solicitudes de votación por correo se deberán enviar antes del término del horario hábil el 25 de abril de 2023

THÔNG BÁO TỔNG TUYỂN CỬ

Bằng văn bản này, chúng tôi xin thông báo rằng các địa điểm bỏ phiếu được liệt kê dưới đây sẽ mở cửa từ 7:00 a.m. đến 7:00 p.m vào ngày 6 Tháng Năm, 2023, để bỏ phiếu trong cuộc tổng tuyển cử để bầu hai (2) thành viên vào Hội đồng Quản trị của Khu Cấp nước Khu vực Tarrant.

Danh sách các địa điểm Bỏ phiếu Ngày Bầu cử trong ranh giới bỏ phiếu TRWD được đính kèm dưới dạng Phụ lục "A".

Đối với việc phiếu sớm bằng cách đích thân đến, các địa điểm trong ranh giới bỏ phiếu TRWD được đính kèm dưới dạng Phụ lục "B".

Xem http://www.tarrantcounty.com/elections de biet them thong tin bo phiếu và danh sách đầy đủ các địa điểm. Cử tri đã đăng ký có thể bỏ phiếu tại bất kỳ địa điểm nào trong Quận Tarrant. Gọi 817-831-VOTE (8683) để xác nhận các địa điểm không thay đổi.

Để xác nhận tình trạng hội đủ điều kiện bỏ phiếu cho Cuộc bầu cử TRWD, hãy xem bản khai thuế của quý vị để biết mã: 223 KHU CẤP NƯỚC KHU VỰC TARRANT.

Đơn xin bỏ phiếu qua đường bưu điện sẽ được gửi đến:

Heider Garcia Tarrant County Elections Administration/Early Voting Clerk Địa chỉ Nhận thư: PO Box 961011 Fort Worth, Texas 76161-0011

Chuyển phát nhanh: **Tarrant County Elections** 2700 Premier St. Fort Worth, Texas 76111-3011

Điện thoại: 817-831-VOTE (8683) Fax: 817-850-2344 Email: votebymail@tarrantcountytx.gov https://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/elections.html

Đơn xin bỏ phiếu qua đường bưu điện phải được nhận không muộn hơn giờ làm việc vào ngày 25 Tháng Tư, 2023.

WEDNESDAY, April 19, 2023

Who are you voting for?

Get to know the candidates in the Reno mayoral, city council races

NAME:

Kathleen "Katie" Tucker **PLACE OR POSITION YOU ARE RUNNING FOR:**

Running for Reno City Council Place 4

OCCUPATION:

Retired communications technician

EDUCATION:

Attended UT Arlington and UNT

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Heavily involved in my church. Volunteer for Reno city events.

FAMILY:

Married for 37 yearsthree children and six grandchildren.

In 300 words or less, describe why you are running for city council, and what experience you are bringing to the position.

I am running for reelection because I want to continue to serve the community and improve the quality of life for all Reno residents, newcomers and long timers. I have lived in several different states, so I think I bring knowledge of some actions that do and do not work for a city. I served in the USAF, so I know that it is very important for everyone to follow the same set of ordinances and be treated fairly and equally under the law.



Kathleen "Katie" Tucker

I have shown in the past two years that I will stand for what I believe even when I am standing alone. I have demonstrated that I can take criticism from the public without lashing out, admit my mistakes, and move on. I have also shown that my vote on an issue will be based upon all the information presented and not upon my personal feelings.

My opponent is one of the people behind the petition to disincorporate the city of Reno. She is also one of the people pursuing an active lawsuit against the city. My efforts have been and will be to improve services to Reno citizens, not remove them. Since the retirement of the City Administrator, many of his duties have been assigned to other city employees, increasing their workload. In an effort to relieve this added burden, I have stepped up and am currently performing some of the City Administrator duties without compensation.

In 300 words or less, what goals do you have that you feel will help serve Reno residents?

Repair and upgrades to the existing water system are a must to ensure that clean drinking water is provided to residents and to provide the proper water pressure to assure the Fire Department has the water they need to extinguish a blaze. Repairs and improvements to the roads and updating some intersections will improve the safety of residents. Reno needs to procure and use grant money wisely for these projects.

Developers need to shoulder the burden of infrastructure costs for new developments, not the taxpayers. Businesses need to be attracted to set up in Reno to increase revenue while keeping taxes low for residents. Growth has come to Parker County and Reno needs to have a plan for that growth so it does not destroy the "country feel" that was the reason so many moved here.

City government needs to be transparent in decision making and financial obligations. The use of executive sessions, which exclude the public, needs to be minimized. Citizen input needs to remain a part of the process of deciding when, where, and how their taxes are spent.

NAME:

Hernando Herrera

PLACE OR POSITION YOU ARE RUNNING FOR:

I am running for Reno. Parker County City Council, Place 1

OCCUPATION:

I have worked in the medical industry as a paraprofessional my entire adult life. I started as a 91 Alpha Combat Medic for an Army Reserve Medical unit, where I got my active-duty status, serving Operation Desert Storm. I worked in the mental health and mental retardation industry for a while, until I discovered the sleep testing industry. I am an RPSGT, Registered polysomnographer, where I score and process sleep study data and help manage patient CPAP therapy compliance. My most important job to date is helping raise my granddaughter.

In 300 words or less, describe why you are running for city council, and what experience you are bringing to the position.

offsetting spending, before This will be my third term we can address our issues on Council, where I have with our infrastructure, we served as Mayor Pro Tem, have to address our finanand Deputy Mayor Pro Tem. cial crisis here in RENO. Our

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focus going forward should start with an authentic realistic accounting. My goal will be to continue pushing this effort. Some of my goals for the upcoming year are to see the city fund a line item on the budget to hire a Certified Government Accountant or Government financial management firm to help develop a real accounting of our finances, to come up with a financial plan, and help the city stay the course on this council's commitment to function without taking out new loans. I would like for us to do away with the city administrator position, and use that salary to finally hire a certified city secretary. During my time on council, we have supported this city's public service departments, I would like to continue my support of the departments that serve our community.

I have enjoyed my time serving Reno and would love your support in continuing to do so.

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<u>EXHIBIT A (ANEXO A) (PHŲ LŲC A)</u>
ELECTION DAY VOTING SITES WITHIN TRWD BOUNDARIES
(LUGARES DE VOTACIÓN EL DÍA DE LAS ELECCIONES DENTRO DE LOS LÍMITES DE TRWD)
(ĐỊA ĐIỂM BỎ PHIẾU NGÀY BẦU CỬ TRONG KHUÔN VIÊN TRWD)

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023 POLLS OPEN FROM 7:00 AM TO 7:00 PM

Sábado, 6 de Mayo de 2023 - Las casillas abren de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. Thứ Bảy, ngày 06 Tháng Năm, 2023 - Các phòng phiếu mở cửa từ 7 giờ sáng đến 7 giờ tối

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Lugar de Votación del Condado	<u>Dirección</u>	<u>Ciudad y Código</u>	Highland Hills Community Center	1600 Glasgow Road	Fort Worth, TX 76134
<u>Địa Điểm Bỏ Phiếu Toàn Quận</u>	<u>Địa Chỉ</u>	<u>Thành Phố và Mã Bưu Điện</u>	A. M. Pate Elementary School	3800 Anglin Drive	Fort Worth, TX 76119
Tarrant County Plaza Building	201 Burnett Street	Fort Worth, TX 76102	St. Luke Cumberland Presbyterian Church	1404 Sycamore School Road	Fort Worth, TX 76134
Van Zandt-Guinn Elementary School	600 Kentucky Avenue	Fort Worth, TX 76104	St. Matthew United Methodist Church	2414 Hitson Lane	Fort Worth, TX 76112
Versia L. Williams Elementary School	901 Baurline Street	Fort Worth, TX 76111	Oakmont Elementary School	6651 Oakmont Trail	Fort Worth, TX 76132
Community Christian Church Education Bldg	1720 Vickery Boulevard East	Fort Worth, TX 76104	Parkway Elementary School	1320 West Everman Parkway	Fort Worth, TX 76134
Handley-Meadowbrook Community Center	6201 Beaty Street	Fort Worth, TX 76112	Candlewood Suites Hotel	4200 Reggis Court	Fort Worth, TX 76155
Greenbriar Elementary School	1605 Grady Lee Street	Fort Worth, TX 76134	Legacy Fellowship Church	5320 Norma Street	Fort Worth, TX 76112
International Newcomer Academy	3813 Valentine Street	Fort Worth, TX 76107	East Regional Library	6301 Bridge Street	Fort Worth, TX 76112
Andrew "Doc" Session Community Center	201 South Sylvania Avenue	Fort Worth, TX 76111	Glen Park Elementary School	3601 Pecos Street	Fort Worth, TX 76119
St. Matthew's Lutheran Church	5709 Wedgwood Drive	Fort Worth, TX 76133	First Baptist Hurst at the Trails	9208 Trammel Davis Road	Fort Worth, TX 76118
Precinct One Garage	800 East Rendon Crowley Road	Burleson, TX 76028	North Crowley High School	9100 South Hulen Street	Fort Worth, TX 76123
Southside Community Center	959 East Rosedale Street	Fort Worth, TX 76104	Lowery Road Elementary School	7600 Lowery Road	Fort Worth, TX 76120
Greenway Church	1816 Delga Street	Fort Worth, TX 76102	Lone Star Elementary School	4647 Shiver Road	Fort Worth, TX 76244
E. M. Daggett Elementary School	958 Page Avenue	Fort Worth, TX 76110	Iglesia Palabra de Amor	3402 Northwest 28th Street	Fort Worth, TX 76106
Christ Cathedral Church	3201 Purington Avenue	Fort Worth, TX 76103	M. G. Ellis	215 Northeast 14th Street	Fort Worth, TX 76164
D. McRae Elementary School	3316 Avenue N	Fort Worth, TX 76105	Trinity Terrace	1600 Texas Street	Fort Worth, TX 76102
Lily B. Clayton Elementary School	2000 Park Place Avenue	Fort Worth, TX 76110	Fire Station Community Center	1601 Lipscomb Street	Fort Worth, TX 76104
Carroll Peak Elementary School	1201 East Jefferson Avenue	Fort Worth, TX 76104	J. P. Elder Middle School	709 Northwest 21st Street	Fort Worth, TX 76164
William M. McDonald YMCA	2701 Moresby Street	Fort Worth, TX 76105	George C. Clarke Elementary School	3300 S. Henderson Street	Fort Worth, TX 76110
Riverside Community Center	3700 East Belknap Street	Fort Worth, TX 76111	Springdale Elementary School	3207 Hollis Street	Fort Worth, TX 76111
Beth Eden Missionary Baptist Church	3208 Wilbarger Street	Fort Worth, TX 76119	Worth Heights Community Center	3551 New York Avenue	Fort Worth, TX 76110
James Avenue Service Center	5001 James Avenue	Fort Worth, TX 76115	Northside Community Center	1100 Northwest 18th Street	Fort Worth, TX 76164
Sagamore Hill Elementary School	701 South Hughes Avenue	Fort Worth, TX 76103	North Hi Mount Elementary School	3801 West 7th Street	Fort Worth, TX 76107
Morningside Elementary School	2601 Evans Avenue	Fort Worth, TX 76104	River Oaks United Methodist Church	4800 Ohio Garden Road	River Oaks, TX 76114
Kingdom Manifesters Church	2401 McCurdy Street	Fort Worth, TX 76104	Luella Merrett Elementary School	7325 Kermit Avenue	Fort Worth, TX 76116
S. S. Dillow Elementary School	4000 Avenue N	Fort Worth, TX 76105	Jo Kelly School	201 North Bailey Avenue	Fort Worth, TX 76107
Bradley Center	2601 Timberline Drive	Fort Worth, TX 76119	Westworth Village City Hall	311 Burton Hill Road	Westworth Village, TX 76114
R. L. Paschal High School	2911 Forest Park Boulevard	Fort Worth, TX 76110	Riverside Applied Learning Center	3600 Fossil Drive	Fort Worth, TX 76111
Oakhurst Elementary School	2700 Yucca Avenue	Fort Worth, TX 76111	Southcliff Baptist Church	4100 Southwest Loop 820	Fort Worth, TX 76109
McLean 6th Grade School	3201 South Hills Avenue	Fort Worth, TX 76109	R. D. Evans Community Center	3242 Lackland Road	Fort Worth, TX 76116
Westminster Presbyterian Church	7001 Trail Lake Drive	Fort Worth, TX 76133	Tanglewood Elementary School	3060 Overton Park Drive West	Fort Worth, TX 76109
Como Community Center	4660 Horne Street	Fort Worth, TX 76107	Richard J. Wilson Elementary School		Fort Worth, TX 76110
All Peoples Church Unitarian Universalist	1959 Sandy Lane	Fort Worth, TX 76112	Worth Heights Elementary School	900 West Fogg Street	
Martin Luther King Community Center	5565 Truman Drive	Fort Worth, TX 76112	Ŭ,	519 East Butler Street	Fort Worth, TX 76110
Charles F. Griffin Building	3212 Miller Avenue	Fort Worth, TX 76112	River Oaks Annex	4900 River Oaks Boulevard	River Oaks, TX 76114
Bruce Shulkey Elementary School	5533 Whitman Avenue	Fort Worth, TX 76133	Country Inn & Suites	2730 South Cherry Lane	Fort Worth, TX 76116
Eastern Hills High School	5701 Shelton Street	Fort Worth, TX 76113	Diamond Hill/Jarvis Branch Library	1300 Northeast 35th Street	Fort Worth, TX 76106
W. M. Green Elementary School	4612 David Strickland Road	Fort Worth, TX 76112 Fort Worth, TX 76119	Victory Forest Community Center	3427 Hemphill Street	Fort Worth, TX 76110
New Hope Fellowship	6410 South Freeway	Fort Worth, TX 76134	Hubbard Heights Elementary School	1333 West Spurgeon Street	Fort Worth, TX 76115
Carter Park Elementary School	1204 East Broadus Avenue	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Bluebonnet Elementary School	7000 Teal Drive	Fort Worth, TX 76137
,		Fort Worth, TX 76115	Southwest Regional Library	4001 Library Lane	Fort Worth, TX 76109
Victory Temple Worship Center	2001 Oakland Boulevard	Fort Worth, TX 76103	Eagle Mountain Elementary School	9700 Morris Dido Newark Road	Fort Worth, TX 76179
St. John Missionary Baptist Church	3324 House Anderson Road	Euless, TX 76040	Summerglen Branch Library	4205 Basswood Boulevard	Fort Worth, TX 76137
Paul Laurence Dunbar High School	5700 Ramey Avenue	Fort Worth, TX 76112	Azle ISD Instructional Support Center	483 Sandy Beach Road, Suite C	Azle, TX 76020
Edgecliff Village Community Center	1605 Edgecliff Road	Edgecliff Village, TX 76134	Harvest United Methodist Church	6036 Locke Avenue	Fort Worth, TX 76116
Southwest Sub-Courthouse	6551 Granbury Road	Fort Worth, TX 76133	Northbrook Elementary School	2500 Cantrell Sansom Road	Fort Worth, TX 76131
Sunrise-McMillian Elementary School	3409 Stalcup Road	Fort Worth, TX 76119	Blue Haze Elementary School	601 Blue Haze Drive	Fort Worth, TX 76108
Trinity Cumberland Presbyterian Church	7120 West Cleburne Road	Fort Worth, TX 76133	Chisholm Ridge Elementary School	8301 Running River Lane	Fort Worth, TX 76131
Meadowcreek Elementary School	2801 Country Creek Lane	Fort Worth, TX 76123	Sonny and Allegra Nance Elementary School	701 Tierra Vista Way	Fort Worth, TX 76131
Genesis United Methodist Church	7635 South Hulen Street	Fort Worth, TX 76133	Northwest Branch Library	6228 Crystal Lake Drive	Fort Worth, TX 76179

EXHIBIT A (ANEXO A) (PHU LUC A)

Hernando Herrera

residents?

In 300 words or less, what

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While on council, I have

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Get to know the candidates in the Reno mayoral, city council races

NAME:

Jason Holden

PLACE OR POSITION YOU ARE RUNNING FOR:

City Council Place 1

OCCUPATION:

Senior Project Manager for High Hazard Emergency Response

EDUCATION:

· State of Texas Certified Firefighter

· Department of Defense-Certified ARFF and Industrial Firefighter

· OSHA 40 Hour Hazardous Waste Operations and 80 Hour Hazardous Materials Technician

· Trench and Excavation Safety- Qualified Individual · Project Management

Training- Special Operations **Response Tactics**

· Compressed Gas Transfer Techniques and Advanced Patching and Repair

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Response

· Anhydrous Ammonia - Live Agent Training Instructor · Confined Space - Rescue, Entrant and Stand-by \cdot Instructor - Advanced Tank Car Course - SERTC

· Instructor - Advanced Tank Truck Response Course -

SERTC · Instructor - Louisiana Emergency Training Center · Instructor - Rail Related Re-

sponse - Texas A&M University · Instructor - Chlorine Institute - CHLOREP Seminars, Advanced Instructor for Chlorine Institute

• Instructor - Advanced Tank Car Damage Assessment • Instructor - Ethanol and Crude Oil Specific Fire Suppression and Foam Application

· Instructor - Crude Oil Considerations for Container Fires • Tank Car Awareness, Tank Car Advanced Responder

• Tank Car Specialist

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· Department of Defense-Urban Chem/Bio

· Chlorine Institute Committees – Emergency Response Kits, Recovery Vessels, CL2 Gaskets, Leadership, Orphaned Cylinders

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Volunteer at Our House Food Bank, City of Reno Planning & Zoning Committee, Member of the Water Task Force, Volunteer FF for River Oaks and Lake Worth FD FAMILY:

I have 3 daughters and 5 grandkids with #6 on the way in June of 2023

In 300 words or less, describe why you are running for city council, and what experience

you are bringing to the position.

I plan to serve all of Reno, not just those that voted for me or agree with me. As a council member, it will be my job to make sure everyone has a voice and that can only be accomplished through an environment of trust and respect. I believe that together, we can work to accomplish making our city a safe, friendly and fun community to live in. I believe that the work of the Water Task Force should continue, so it can help mitigate the water issues that have plagued Reno for so long. I will help to make sure Reno has clean, reliable drinking water and do it without financially burdening the residents and landowners of Reno. I also support the installation of the previously approved electronic meters so residents can monitor their water usage, and detect any possible leaks right away,

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which is a huge "plus" for the resident. I also believe that the city's budget process must be streamlined so that it is fair and equitable to all departments and transparent and easy to understand. I support having an outside auditor/controller come in and address the city's financials and to make any changes needed. I look forward to serving each and every one of our Reno residents!

In 300 words or less, what goals do you have that you feel will help serve Reno residents?

1. Bring trust and transparency back to citizens, City Hall, and Council.

2. Have reliable, safe drinking water.

3. Over-all life safety for our citizens.

4. Keep our taxes as low as possible.

We must have these four basic items to have a successful city.

Native Plant Sale set April 29

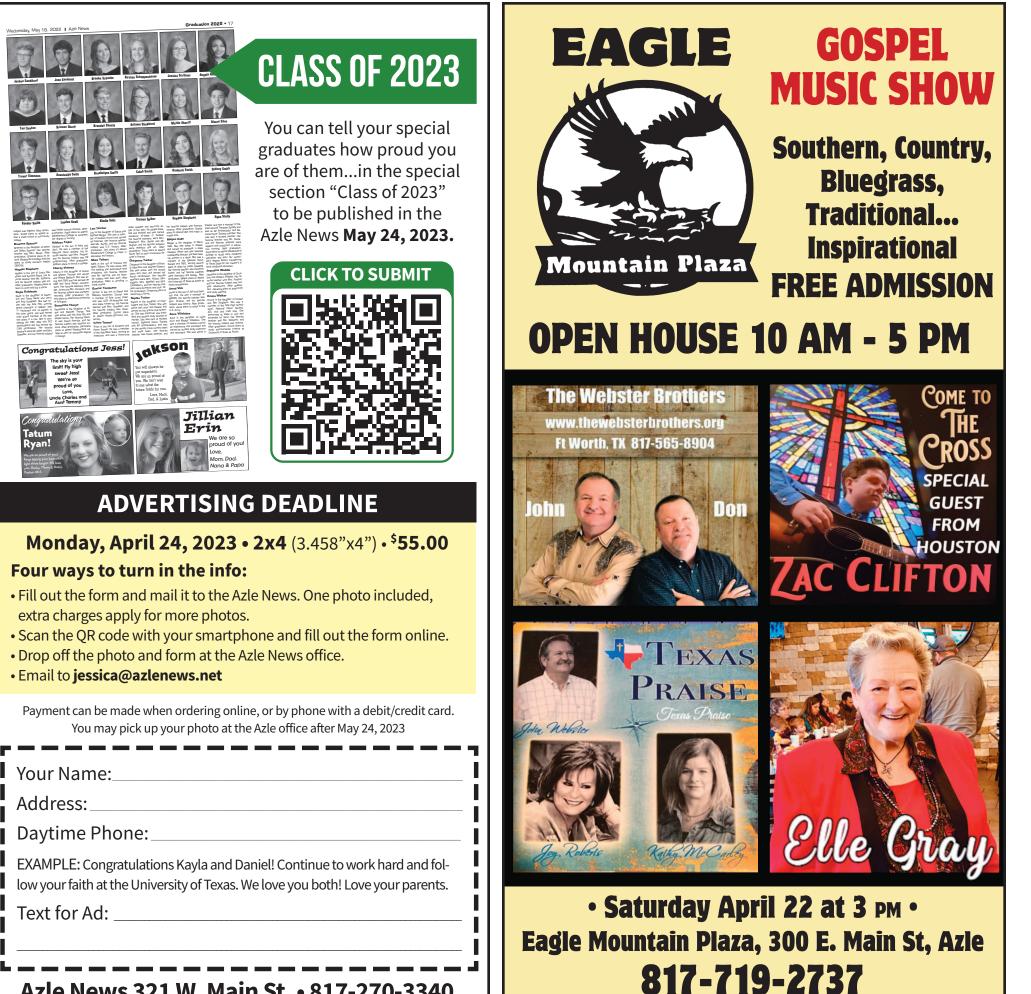
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The Cross Timbers Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas is scheduled to have its annual Native Plant Sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 29 in Weatherford's Heritage Park. The sale will be held during the First Monday Trade Days, which is a new location for the chapter's annual event.

The sale will feature dozens of native species including grasses, flowering perennials, groundcovers and shrubs.

Attendees can find natives for sun or shade, moist or dry environments, patio pots or large landscapes, butterfly gardens and lots more. Chapter members will be on hand to answer questions and offer educational materials.

A list of plants in the sale will be posted soon on the Cross Timbers Chapter website at npsot.org/wp/crosstimbers/ online.





Introduce biodiversity to your yard with Texas natives like Purple Coneflower (Echinacea purpurea)







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AHS bands earned a superior rating at UIL

All three bands earned a '1' in the concert and the sight-reading portions of the contest.



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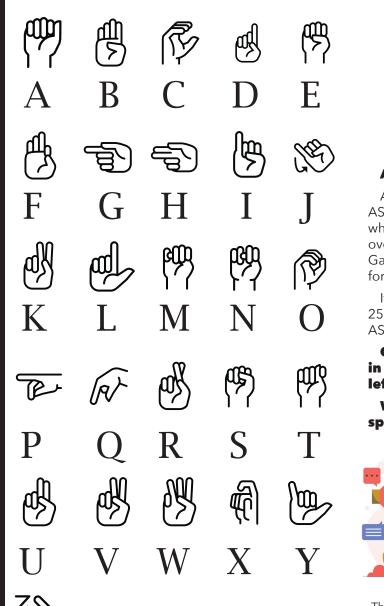
Last week AHS bands competed at the UIL concert and sight-reading contest at Chisholm Trail High School. "We are beyond proud of what these students have accomplished," Director Aaron Martin said. All three bands earned a superior rating in the concert and the sight-reading portions of the contest.





APRIL 15 IS NATIONAL AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE DAY







American Sign Language

American Sign Language or ASL is a language for people who can't hear. It was developed over 200 years ago by Thomas Gallaudet at the American School for the Deaf.

It is estimated that between 250,000 and 500,000 people use ASL to communicate.

Can you spell your name in ASL using the chart to the left? Try it!

What other words can you spell?



There are many reasons a person may not be able to hear. The most important thing to remember is to treat the person with respect while trying to communicate with them.

A statue of Thomas Gallaudet and Alice Cogswell. Gallaudet founded the American School for the Deaf on April 15, 1817. Alice was his first student and inspired him to create American Sign Language.

American Sign Language

Words can be found in any direction (including diagonals) and can overlap each other. Use the word bank

S	W	Х	G	С	U	Ρ	Т	L	А
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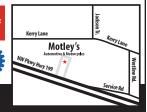
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Dylan Dorris competes in triple jump for the junior varsity.

District done Azle track sending numerous athletes to upcoming area meet

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The triple jump requires athletes to run down a straight portion of track, being careful not to cross a white line before executing a hop, a step, and, finally, a

jump. Whoever jumps farthest wins.

On April 12-13, Denim Fields competed at the UIL District 5-5A track meet, representing the Azle Hornets in an event he had attempted for the first time a month

earlier. He'd made about 20 jumps in his career and was competing against athletes with far more experience. Fields, though, is a natural athlete fresh off a successful wrestling season, where

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Denim Fields and Ashlyn Norton earned the right to compete at the area meet.



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Giant killers

Azle Christian sweeps Wichita *Christian in wild* doubleheader at Stinger Field

A.J. Rollins receives a throw from Camden Logan to prevent a Wichita runner from stealing second base.

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Azle Christian School and Wichita Christian School played a doubleheader, and the only common thread between the two baseball games was that the Crusaders came

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Hornet diamond dwellers keep hitting paydirt

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Another week, another stretch of impressive baseball by the Azle Hornets, who split a two-game series with Wichita Falls Rider, and demolished Southwest.

On April 12, the Hornets took on Rider at home, and Jackson Davis pitched a complete-game 3-hitter with 7 strikeouts.

Tyler Akers went 2-for-4 at the plate, stole a base, and scored a run.

Cayden Fowler and Garrin Graves logged singles, and Billy Spratt and Luke Olmstead hit doubles and drove in two runs apiece.

The Hornet defense was impenetrable, as Azle knocked out Rider 5-0.

On April 14, the two teams played again, this time in Wichita Falls, and with a different outcome.

The Hornet defense played well again, and pitcher Declan Dahl threw the ball with authority. He pitched a 2-hit complete game with 12 strikeouts.

The Hornet offense, however, struggled to make timely hits. Akers logged a couple of hits, including a triple, and Spratt, Olmsted, and Ivan Perez had one hit apiece, but the team crossed home plate just once.

Final score: Rider 2, Azle 1. On Saturday, April 15, the Hornets were back on the field, this time at Southwest in a non-district clash.

The Hornets made up for any missed opportunities at the plate against Rider by peppering hits consistently against Southwest. Ten Azle players found success at the plate.

Noah Lehr smacked a home run

Cole Webb logged 3 hits.

Akers, Spratt, and Grant Tune collected 2 hits apiece, including a couple of triples for Tune and two doubles for Spratt.

Others with hits included Perez, Michael Seeton, Ryland Liptow, Tyler Vaughn, and Cale Cohen.

On the mound for Azle, Lane Springfield picked up the win after tossing 2 innings with 4 strikeouts. Korbyn Coleman, Jacob Martin, and Austin May pitched one inning each before the mercy rule ended the game.

Final score: Azle 25, Southwest 7.

The Hornets were 19-6 for the season heading into the April 18 contest against district rival Aledo at Bearcat Field.

Next up, Azle will play Aledo at 7 p.m. Friday, April 21, at Jim Bob Nation's Field of Dreams at AHS.

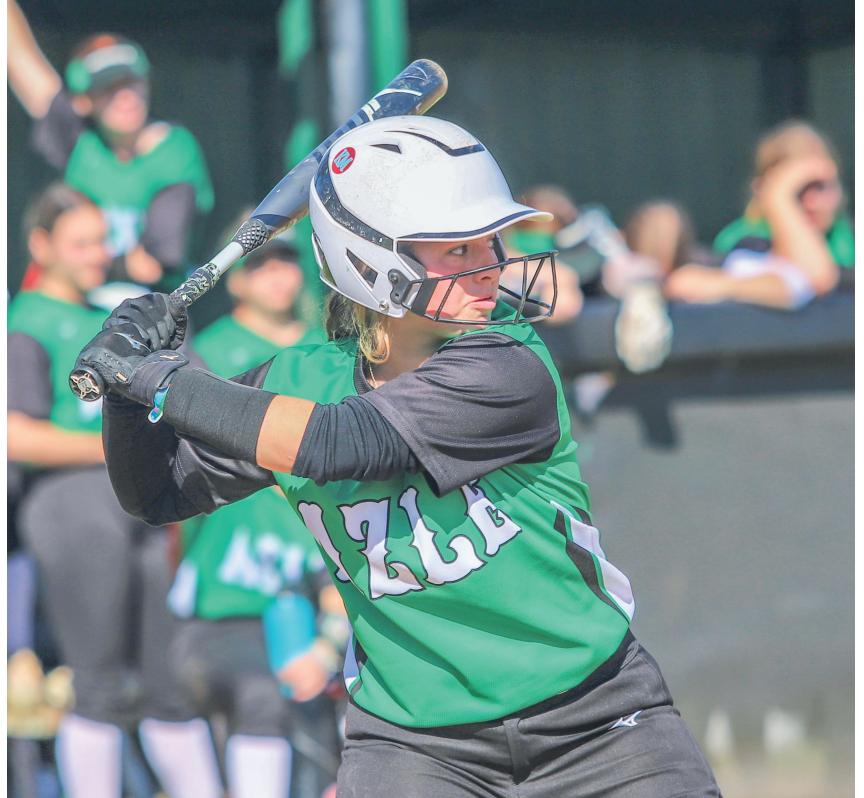


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Austin May and three other Azle pitchers combined their efforts against Southwest.

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Azle fighting for softball playoff seeding in final week



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The Azle Lady Hornets beat Saginaw 2-0 on April 14 to keep their softball playoff aspirations alive with one game remaining in the regu-

lar season. "We needed to win that game for sure to stay in," said head coach Macy Pruit.

The victory boosted the team's record to 5-5.

"We are in a great position to make it to the postseason," Pruit said. "The girls are playing really well. We are pitching awesome. Our bats are starting to really light up. The girls are working super hard and are more determined than ever to win."

Before the Saginaw game, the Lady Hornets celebrated Senior Night. Azle's roster is composed of mostly young players, but the team's three seniors have played pivotal roles on and off the field. Those three – Abigail Garner, Emily Marshall, and Casey Morrison – were lauded for their contributions to the softball program at AHS.

Garner, who is having a banner season, went 3-for-4 at the plate against district rival Wichita Falls Rider recently, socking two home runs and driving in five runs.

The Lady Hornets end their regular season by taking on Brewer at 7 p.m. Friday, April 21, at home. The softball and baseball teams will celebrate Little League Night prior to their contests.

JEFF PRINCE | AZLE NEWS Torrie Johnson and the Lady Hornets will play their softball regular-season finale at 7 p.m. Friday, April 21, at home.



Sarae Perez earned first-team all-district recognition for her superb performances on the soccer pitch.

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AHS girls earn soccer awards

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Numerous members of the Azle High School girls soccer team are reaping rewards for the hard work they put into the 2023 season. Academic all-state recognition went to Samara Boccia, Brittany Cato, Reagan Cortes, Trinity Thornton, and Madi Yunger. Sarae Perez and Rebecca Marx earned first team all-district recognition. Anahi Colmenero and Melanie Harder received second-team alldistrict status.

The district's Defensive Newcomer of the Year Award went to Emma Nelson. Earning All-District honorable mention were Eliana Tejeda, Arely Licerio, McKenzee Roberts, and Sophie McIntyre.

Looking back

Drew Skartvedt preparing for long snapping at Ouachita Baptist

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When Drew Skartvedt looks ahead, he envisions himself looking backward. And upside down.

The Azle Christian School senior plans to become a deep snapper on the football team at Ouachita Baptist University soon. Preparing himself requires spending an inordinate amount of time bent over, head down, looking between his legs, and snapping a football 14 yards with pinpoint precision.

"It's kind of a niche position," Skartvedt said. "Three years ago, I just decided, why not pick it up? I'm not ginormous. I'm not a big dude. So, a way for me to get picked up (by a college team) is by long snapping."

Skartvedt played linebacker and other positions at ACS, but he found his future in snapping. He figured it was a good way to earn a scholarship. He was right.

He is listed at no. 4 in Texas and no. 36 nationwide among long snappers, according to Kohl's Professional Camps, a group that ranks them. Kohl's bio says: "Skartvedt has worked extremely hard to refine his mechanics, and it shows with how consistent his snapping has become. He recently competed at the Kohl's Senior Challenge and earned his way onto the final film through the overall snapping competition. At the Kohl's Fall Ranking Camp, Skartvedt finished with the highest overall charting score and won the campwide snapping competition with a .68-second snap time. Skartvedt has the talent to not only snap a great football

Ouachita Baptist and paying for a four-year degree will require staying in top shape as a deep snapper, Skartvedt said. Training is specialized and constant.

"Most of the time, it's just doing the same thing over and over again," he said. "I want to hit the (punter) on the right hip. I want to hit him there every time. Consistently."

The ball must arrive in a half-second after leaving Skartvedt's hands.

"Every night, I snap probably 40 balls," Skartvedt said. "I do slow snaps, just slowly going into it and just practicing the mechanics."

During football season, he might snap as many as 200 balls a day.

Long snapping is one of those positions that is overlooked by fans when things go right.

"But if you screw up, it can change the entire outcome of the game," Skartvedt said. "It's a position where, if you're not noticed, you're doing your job. If you miss, that's a possible touchdown or a possible turnover that could lead to a score."

Earning his coaching staff's trust to become the starting long snapper means being perfect 99.9% of the time.

"To get close to becoming perfect, you have to do repetitions," he said.

He and another freshman will be battling for the job at Ouachita Baptist.

"I want to win the job," Skartvedt said. "I'm really competitive. I don't want to lose."

Skartvedt sat out baseball this season, in part to rehabilitate a leg injury but also to avoid injuring himself



but also make plays down field."

Skartvedt plans to use his football scholarship to help pay for a degree in sports medicine, work as a graduate assistant, and go into coaching.

Winning the starting job at

again while preparing for his college football career. He has spent the past couple of months mentoring younger players on the baseball team and serving as an assistant to head coach Ryan Rollins.

"I support Drew not playing (baseball) and concentrating

Drew Skartvedt will be looking at things upside down for the next four years.

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on football," Rollins said. "He still goes to games and cheers us on. He is a great teammate and a great Christian young man from a great family. He will do great things in life. He shows the youngsters how you're supposed to act."

JEFF PRINCE | AZLE NEWS Mentoring younger baseball players keeps Drew Skartvedt's involved in sports at ACS.

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he was the district champion. Becoming a triple jumper was a pleasant aberration before summer vacation began.

"It sounded like something fun to do, and I didn't have any other sports going on once I got done with the wrestling," he said.

Fields made it to the district finals and jumped more than 41 feet, 7 inches to secure fourth place. The top four in each event qualify to compete at the area meet on Friday, April 21, at Northwest High School in Justin.

"I feel great going into area," Fields said.

On the second day at the district meet, the field events were held in the morning, and running events were scheduled later in the day. Fields would compete in the 4x200meter and 4x400-meter relays and faced several hours of down time before his next event.

"I need to get rest between now and then," he said. "I'm fixing to go take a nap."

He began walking toward the hangout.

"It gets a breeze going through there," he said.

THE HANGOUT

At track meets, teams create camp sites where they can hunker down between events. Some teams camp in the bleachers and erect awnings

for shade. Those kids sit or lie down on the bleachers and enjoy breezes that tend to blow high.

The Hornets relied on another option - camping underneath the bleachers in the shade.

Sometimes, being underneath bleachers can be stifling. The Hornets, though, staked a claim beneath a portion near the front entrance that received a healthy amount of breezes.

Throughout the meet, various Hornets congregated at the hangout, where they stretched out. used backpacks as pillows, ate snacks, pored over cellphones, napped, or chatted with teammates. Some brought padded mats to lie on. Others endured hard concrete.

A large group of long-distance runners were stretched out side by side. They had jumped on the bus with everyone else at 9:30 a.m. to head to the meet even though running events weren't scheduled until after 4 p.m.

The long-distance events weren't expected to begin until after 6. That meant about eight hours with nothing scheduled, but they embraced the down time.

"We leave when the bus does and show up as a group, show up as a team," said Barak Geary. "We hang out. We watch other races. We support our teammates." Canaan Kaznowski was

lying on his back with his phone perched on his chest, working the screen with his thumbs. The sophomore would be competing that afternoon in a relay race for the first time as a varsity track member at district. To stay relaxed, he was content to sit quietly and surf.

"Just watching TikTok and going through Instagram and stuff," he said. "Just trying to kill time.'

Ryner Boenisch was stretched out on his back, hands behind his head, smile on his face, feeling good.

"It's better than being in a classroom," he said. "I'd much rather be here early because you can talk to your teammates about whatever race you have coming up. We always talk about our race strategies and all that. You can't really do that in a classroom because we don't have classes together usually."

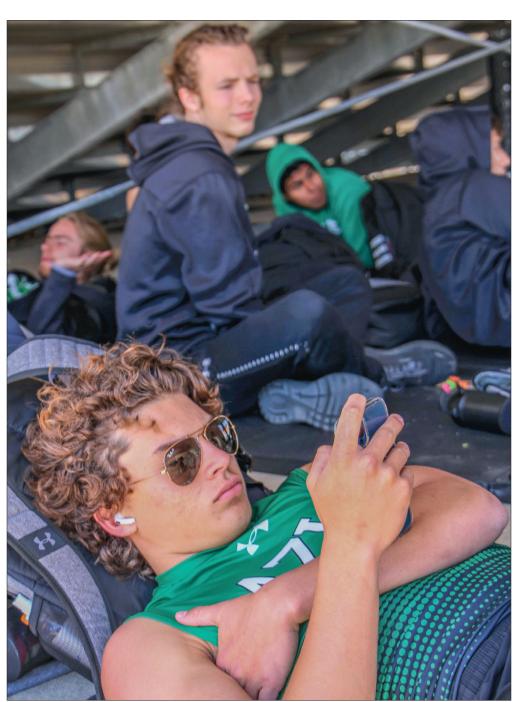
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Ashlvn Norton planned to compete in various relay events later that day. Until then, she stood in the sun rooting for teammates competing in field events.

"The weather is perfect," she said.

A couple of meets held early in the season were cold, wet, and windy. The temperature at the district meet settled into the mid-70s by noontime with a breeze.

"This is my favorite track weather," she said.





Natalie Vasquez competes in the long jump for the junior varsity.

She looked forward to running with her teammates later in the day.

"We've got a solid group of

girls running," she said. "I'm excited." After high school she

naturally."

At district, she long jumped 11 feet, 5 inches, about a foot short of her personal record. Maybe the wind had something to do with her performance, someone suggested.

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· Raegan Williams - third place, 100-meter

- · Denim Fields fourth
- place, triple jump
- · Austin Gatewood-Hale -
- fourth place, 800-meter
- · Berkley Huffaker fourth

JEFF PRINCE | AZLE NEWS Canaan Kaznowski surfs social media with Barak Geary and other teammates nearby at the hangout.

aims to attend Texas A&M University, major in kinesiology, and become a physical therapist. Until then, she was focused on being the best Hornet she could be at the district contest and beyond.

"It's a good way to end my senior year, for sure," she said. "I'm just hoping we can push through these races and make it to area."

Natalie Vasquez, a sophomore, competed for the junior varsity. She had never participated in track prior to this year but made the team and gravitated toward the jumping events.

"I was like, hmmm, I can jump pretty far — why not?" she said. "It was easy. It came

Yes, she said. The wind was place, 3,200-meter at fault.

The wind, however, had been at her back, someone pointed out. Theoretically, Vasquez should have jumped farther with the wind's help.

Vasquez laughed and said track was fun no matter how far she sailed through the air. She enjoyed being outside on a nice day with her teammates.

"It's relaxing," she said.

AREA MEET QUALIFIERS

- · Tyson Schreier second place, pole vault
- \cdot Josh Montelongo second place, 400-meter

 \cdot Jessie Heath – second place, 400-meter

· Girls 4x100-meter relay second place: Jessie Heath, Savana Panter, Raegan Williams, Ashlyn Norton · Girls 4x200-meter relay second place: Rebecca Marx, Savana Panter, Raegan Williams, Ashlyn Norton

· Girls 4x400-meter relay

- third place: Sophie Mc-Intyre, Rebecca Marx, Emilee Norvell, Jessie Heath

· Boys 4x100-meter relay fourth place: Vance Guthrie, Tyler Ulrich, Canaan Kaznowski, Josh Montelongo · Boys 4x400-meter relay fourth place: Denim Fields, Josh Montelongo, Jordan Ritcherson, Cayden Lawson

ACS **FROM PAGE B1**

out on top.

On April 11, the two district foes met for the first time this season, playing at Stinger Field. In Game 1, the Crusaders were dynamic at the plate, peppering WCS with hit after hit in what head coach Ryan Rollins dubbed an "offensive explosion."

All nine ACS starters collected at least one hit in a 23-4 triumph.

A.J. Rollins, Noah Rollins, Camden Logan and Kelton Schott logged three hits apiece, and Andy Wisniewski and Jakob Rollins had two hits each. Levi Morrow, Jaxson Logan, and Bill Johnson also logged hits.

Noah Rollins pitched a complete game with five strikeouts.

The second matchup was an opposite, as Azle Christian batters struggled at the plate in what Rollins characterized as a "pitchers' duel." Azle Christian topped Wichita Christian 1-0.

wasn't throwing hard but was just crafty," the coach said. "We hit the ball, but they made plays."

Andy Wisniewski, who has been enjoying a banner season, hit the ball in the first inning and stole second base. Then, he moved to third on a ground ball and scored on a wild pitch to score the sole run for Azle Christian.

Fortunately for Azle Christian, their defense stood firm and prevented Wichita from scoring.

Kelton Schott pitched a remarkable complete game that put his season record at 6-0 on the mound.

"The sophomore lefty just knows how to pitch," Rollins said. "He throws multiple pitches to any location. Gets lots of weak contact and lets the defense work. I couldn't ask for more.'

ACS's two victories clinched a playoff spot and earned the Crusaders the title of co-district champions with Abilene Christian.

Winning a district title is a marked improvement from last year's team that lost "Wichita ran out a lefty that more games than it won and floundered against district rivals.

"To go from not making the playoffs last year to district champions this year is just an amazing feeling," Rollins said. "The boys have worked so hard. We don't plan on stopping here.'

Azle Christian is tentatively scheduled to host a playoff game on Monday, April 24.

"It looks like it's going to be (against) Wylie Prep," the coach said.

Watch for the results of that contest in next week's Azle News.

The 1A Azle Christian squad, competing in the TAPPS league, is one of the smallest schools in Texas to field a baseball team this season. The Crusaders have challenged bigger schools at every contest.

"Having to play up, since there's no 1A in TAPPS baseball, the boys have kind of taken to the mantra of being giant killers," Rollins said. 'We thank God, and we're go ing to see what we can do in the playoffs."

Azle Christian basketball players earn all-state recognition

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Three basketball players at Azle Christian School have been recognized for their recent season on the hardwood court.

Camden Logan, a senior, earned TAPPS 1A secondteam All-State status after averaging 26 points, 13 rebounds, and 3 blocked shots a game. It is Logan's second year earning all-state recognition.

Senior Noah Rollins and junior Jake Skartvedt earned TAPPS 1A academic all-state rankings.

JEFF PRINCE | AZLE NEWS Camden Logan was one of three ACS basketball players who received all-state recognition.







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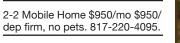
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