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Leaps and bounds

Two local sisters take initiative to teach their peers to dance

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Emily and Lyla Hurn, sisters in the ninth and sixth grade, respectively, have nearly two decades of dance experience between them. While looking for something to do as their brother practiced with his football group, they decided to use their talents to teach other children ballet. Starting in the first week of January, the girls have weathered damp and cold weather to be

out there to teach and learn with their younger pupils.

The girls advertise these events on the Parker County Homeschool Facebook page. Coinciding with the homeschool boys' meetups for football every other week, all are free to attend ballet lessons with the girls at the Central Park's stage.

"Everyone's welcome," Emily said.

So far, anywhere from



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PLEASE SEE BALLET | A2 On a chill and cloudy March 30, Emiliy and Lyla Hurn and a group of girls gathered in Azle's Central Park.



ZACH FREEMAN | AZLE NEWS Heather Simpson says "kindness starts here" for all visitors to her

Heather Simpson celebrates eight years as Eagle Crest director

Eagle Crest director speaks on her love for her work and Azle community

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On April 13, Heather Simpson will celebrate her eighth year as director at Eagle Crest Villa in Azle. Since 1998, Eagle Crest has specialized in long-term

eldercare and providing an independent living environ-

ment for residents. "[Eight years] is an important milestone because the average long-term care administrator only stays at their job for 1-2 years," Ashley Sands, Eagle Crest Marketing

Director said.

Simpson started in Eagle Crest as activity director, holding the position for five years under Dorothy Cherryhomes.

"This year, we're celebrating 25 years of being open. In that time, we've only had

two directors," Simpson said. Being a lifelong Azle resident and having a true passion for the people under her care are just some of the reasons Simpson has been able to stay in her position for so

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HEALTH CARE & REHABILITATION





Mayor Brundrett awards groups during Azle City Council meeting

Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Child Abuse Prevention Month, Library Week and Public Safety Telecommunicators Week all recognized by proclamation

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On April 4, the Azle City Council met and declared April 2023 Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

"S.A.A.M. aims to raise public awareness about sexual violence and educate our community about how to best prevent it," Mayor Alan Brundrett said.

This is the 22nd year S.A.A.M. has been observed nationally. This year's campaign theme is "Drawing Connections, prevention demands equality." Donna Chambers and Carol Sutton - advocates from crisis intervention center and human

rights non-profit, Freedom House – were present to accept Azle's recognition of S.A.A.M. and receive a written proclamation from the mayor.

The City of Azle also recognized April 2023 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Katia Gonzales, a director of Tarrant County's Alliance for Children, received a written proclamation commemorating the occasion.

Mayor Brundrett also recognized the week of April 23 to 29 as National Library and April 9 to 15 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators week.

"They're really big on protecting our democracy,

for sure," Alan Brundrett said of libraries. "[The City of Azle] encourage[s] the citizens of Azle to visit our beautiful library and express their appreciation to the library staff." The staff of Azle Memorial Library was awarded a physical decree by Brundrett.

Azle's public safety dispatchers were also present to receive recognition for National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

"They do so much more than answering 911 phone calls and I don't see how they do it half the time," said Brundrett. "They get it done and they do an awesome job."

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Azle police dispatchers and public safety workers



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Carol Sutton and Donna Chambers receive proclamation from Mayor Brundrett



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Katia Gonzales receives recognition on behalf of Alliance for Children

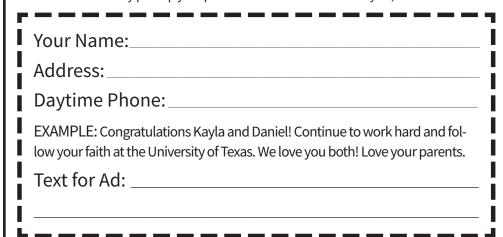


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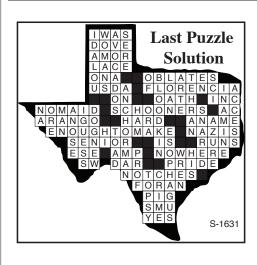
Cybersecurity students pose with teacher, Sherri Prather and Principal Nate Driver

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Azle students place first in Texas, tenth nationally

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In the booming industry of Cybersecurity, Azle students stand poised to make their mark. On April 3, Azle High School cybersecurity students competed in the National Cybersecurity Competition. The students placed first in Texas, beating out 485 other schools. Nationally, Azle students placed 10th out of 4,425 schools. Azle High School began participating in the CyberStart America competition three years ago. Since then, this program has offered many Azle students opportunities to grow their skills as well as resources through scholarships.

"Students who qualify are eligible for scholarships from the National Cyber Scholarship Foundation," Sherri Prather, computer programming and computer science teacher at Azle High School said. "To qualify for the scholarships, a student must score 20,000 or more points. To score points, students complete online missions that are based on real cybercrime scenarios. Students that score at least 3.000 points are Bronze Medal Scholars. Students that score at least 50,000 points are Silver Medal Scholars. Students that score at least 100,000 points are Gold Medal Scholars. This year,

Azle High School students excel at CyberStart competition

for the first time, we had Gold Medal Scholars; not just one, but FOUR Gold Medal Scholars!"

Since Azle began participating in this competition, it showed great promise and has only gotten better since. "In the first year, we qualified 17 students. In the second year, we qualified 29 students. This year we qualified 52 students," Prather said.

Many of the students participating in CyberStart look toward a promising future in the growing cybersecurity industry.

"According to data from CyberSeek, there are about 600,000 unfilled cybersecurity positions throughout the United States," Prather said. "If this trend continues, by 2025, the US Government estimates there will be 3.5 million unfulfilled cybersecurity jobs. This competition gives our students an excellent opportunity for their future in a field that is high-paying and has exceptional growth potential."

Students like Jack Graeber and AJ Rogers already have plans to seek careers in penetration testing and computer sciences

Reece Davis, Amanda Thorpe, Carson Cooper, and Eyvindr Lefever are the four

gold medal winners for Azle. Reece, Amanda and Carson have all competed for three years, while Eyvinder has competed for two.

"It was a momentous accomplishment," Lefever said.

Through their participation in this event, students were required to have invaluable skills including cryptography, password security, social engineering, steganography, and network forensics in order to solve these cybercrime scenarios.

Not only do competitions like these build technical skills, they also teach students to work as a team and cooperate to find solutions. Student Theo Chavez attributes their success to Azle student's collaboration as a team. Jack Graeber agreed, saying what made their overwhelming success possible was, "the way everyone supported each other through the challenges.'

Through teamwork and countless dedicated hours in and out of the classroom, these students were able to propel Azle High School to the top of the charts.

"It is such an honor for me to work with such outstanding students," Prather said. "Their parents should be extremely proud."

Attention Men and Women over 45 years old.... Do This AFTER Knee Replacement Surgery To Stay Pain-Free



By Knee Pain Expert Dr. Robert Moss PT, ScD, OCS, FAAOMPT

If you or someone you know has knee surgery then this article is for you. As a physical therapist, I see a lot of people in pain every day. And I have to say, one of the worst pains to have is knee pain because it is a constant, nagging pain that never seems to go away. Most people think when they get total knee replacement surgery that pain will go away... and it does... but what a lot of people don't know is that knee replacement surgery can leave you with a different kind of pain that will last forever if the healing process is interrupted or disturbed.

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That's why I've put together what I consider to be the knee replacement surgery survival guide that every one who has had knee surgery should read with simple tips to prevent lifelong pain in your new knee.

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- The Role Of Physical Therapy Plays In Your Recovery
- 4 "Staying Active" Tips To Help Your Knee Heal Fully

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Over three months the sisters have watched their students make leaps and bounds in their ballet skills.

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seven to 12 pupils aged from about four to nine have been making the time every other week to learn a new skill from the sisters.

"Mostly we've had kids who don't have any experience," Emily said. "So, we're just starting off with the basics and everything, nothing too crazy. We're just starting with two girls said. "They're good a good foundation and build-

ing from there."

The young students have been learning quickly and consistently according to the two sisters.

"We see progress every week," Emily said. "They catch on, we can see they're really trying their hardest." Lyla added, "it's good because they're paying attention."

"I am very proud of them," Reina Hurn, mother of the at what they do. They're al-

ready assistants and helpers at their dance studio so they've got a lot of experience already and I'm just glad to see be able to see them put this all together themselves, curate a class and just share something that they love."

As the weather warms up, the girls expect to see even more students added to their

"We love sharing this with them and if anybody else wants to join, they're welcome to," Emily added.

Spring Blitz coming April 14-15

Community leaders and Servolution hope to make change through service

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Good Neighbors, a biannual community-service project that aims to revitalize homes for veterans, elderly and disadvantaged neighbors, will be held April 14 and 15. During the Fall Blitz event in October 2022, Good Neighbors completed a major milestone by renovating their 200th home.

The alliance between Servolution, the cities of Azle & Lake Worth, local businesses, community churches, and nonprofits aims to continue their good work by renovating over a dozen homes between four communities in just two

All the recipients from Azle and surrounding communities will benefit from a wide range of services from roof, foundation, and HVAC repair to ramp building. Good Neighbor's chosen recipients consist largely of veterans and homeowners over the age of 80.

For Good Neighbors leadership, the morning starts at 6:00 a.m. with breakfast and a leadership meeting. All other volunteers will arrive by 8:00 a.m. at the Servolution Network Dream Center and will work until as late as 5:00 p.m. on both days to ensure that quality work is carried out.

For those interested in applying as a volunteer or those who want to know

how to apply as a Good Neighbors recipient in the future, information can be found at www.servolutionnetwork.com/goodneighbors or on Servolution's Facebook page.

Servolution still needs donations and resources to help meet their goals this Blitz. They're asking for monetary donations through Servolution.kindful.com and for sponsors to reach out to Servolution leadership for materials and services.

Past events have made a major difference in the lives of community members in need. Good Neighbors leadership hopes to build community and uplift through community service and compassion.

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

Mon Chicken Tenders w/ Biscuit & Gravy OR Pancakes w/ Sausage Patties Tues Soft Chicken Tacos OR Frito Chili Pie OR Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich w/Cheese Stick **Weds** Breaded Chicken Sandwich OR Orange Chicken & Rice w/Roll **Thurs** Tater Tot Casserole OR Cheesy Chicken Nachos Fri Pepperoni OR Cheese Pizza OR Chicken Fajita Wrap w/ Tortilla Chips

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BREAKFAST: Everyday - Assorted Fruits and Cereal, Juice, White or Chocolate Milk, Yogurt w/Granola Mon Breakfast on a Stick, Pears 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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Azle welcomes health fair April 22

Residents of Azle and surrounding communities will have the opportunity to get free check-ups, testing and other health services

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Health and wellness are two vital cornerstones for residents in any community. On April 22, the Hispanic Wellness Coalition will be holding the Primaveral Spring Health Fair in Azle. This is the second year the H.W.C. has held a health fair in Azle. Last year's turnout was about 50 people, but organizers hope to reach a much larger group this year. The event will be held at 404 Main Place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The health fair will be offering free services and exams testing for HIV, blood sugar levels, blood pressure, hearing, prostate exams (via blood test), mammograms, well-woman exams, BMI, anxiety, and depression. Additional services, such as COVID-19 vaccines may also be available.

Testing and regular checkups are vital for catching diseases early and ensuring they do not progress further. "Several years back a son took his dad for a prostate exam. Unfortunately, the dad's results were elevated. While there, the son decided to test for prostate also. The result? The son's results were higher than the dad's. Bottom line, both were caught in time and treatment ensued

successfully," Anelia Banda, director of the Hispanic Wellness Coalition said.

This story exemplifies the fact that even if you do not feel sick, some issues may still be lying hidden. It's cases like these that highlight the importance of monitoring and managing one's own wellness. The H.W.C. hopes to make this possible for those who might be uninsured or discouraged by copays.

"An important point to keep in mind is the difference in the cost of a doctor's visit with regular exam when you are healthy versus the cost of that same doctor's visit when you are ill. The visit may be equal, however when ill the added costs of prescriptions, loss of work time and getting family sick adds its own toll, Banda said.

By encouraging people to take advantage of what free resources are available and catch issues early, the H.W.C. hopes to cut costs that usually end up coming out of the patient's pocket.

The H.W.C. is still looking for additional volunteers for their health fair. In the past, volunteers at these events have included medical and nursing students though any and all interested in volunteering are welcome to apply through



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Last year's health fair in Azle was attended by over 50 residents.

Health professionals from a variety of organizations as well as businesses across the Dallas-Fort Worth area will be sponsoring and participating in the event.

"To serve and promote health and wellness in diverse communities through education, advocacy and access," is the H.W.C.'s mission

Hispanicwellnesscoalition.org. with their health fairs, Banda

oration, trust and sustainability to be the leading health coalition in North Texas."

"We [wish to] foster collab-

All comers and anyone willing to be tested may attend.

"Everything - health fairs and education session -H.W.C. produces for commu-

nity benefit is free," Banda

said. "We do not ask for confirmation of income, insurance, residency. We do not limit who can attend, we welcome everyone."

On May 2, the H.W.C. is presenting the story of their past, present and future as a healthcare organization and non-profit. The panel, which will be comprised of key figures from throughout the H.W.C.'s journey, will last from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Further information will be released at a later date.

To learn more and keep up with the H.W.C. and their health fairs around the D-FW area, you can follow them on Facebook or visit their

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Maw-Maw's Treats is a cottage bakery, meaning everything is made in a home kitchen, and they will celebrate two years in business in November.

Currently located off of Wells Burnett, Maw-Maw's Treats will be making the move to a new location near Cross Timbers Golf Course this summer, where they will have a complete cookie studio which will double as a class space for cookie and cake



Custom-decorated sugar cookies, cupcakes, cake balls and more!

decorating classes.

Right now, cookie classes are held at Survivors Studio, 1313 SE Parkway in Azle. Once Maw-Maw's Treats relocates, classes will be held in both the new cookie studio and Survivors Studio, so there will be plenty of opportunities to sharpen your cookie-decorating skills!

Follow along with the renovation of the Maw-Maw's Treats dream kitch-

en and cookie studio on Facebook and Instagram!

Maw-Maw's Treats offers fun, hands-on seasonal cookie decorating classes throughout the year, and will begin cake classes after they get moved into their new location.

Right now, tickets for the May cookie class are available. Buy your ticket and get a ticket for Mom half price when you enter promo code AZLENEWS.

Maw-Maw's Treats is offering a free dozen filler cookies with the purchase of two dozen custom decorated cookies. And don't forget to get your orders in for Graduation cookies! Call 817-677-8620 to order.





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The joys, mysteries of marriage are no joke

There is an old saving that declares there are three different kinds of rings during marriage. There is the engagement ring, the wedding ring, and then the suffer-ring. It is hard to hear that old joke and not crack at least a little smile. The joke is not told here in an attempt to make a mockery of the institution of marriage, but rather to acknowledge the long and continuing struggle marriage brings.

I have a unique family for one reason; The Houstons marry and stay married for a long time. My grandparents were married just a month or two short of 74 years! There are not many people who will surpass that record of longevity. I also have two aunts/ uncles who were married for more than 70 years! All my aunts and uncles were married more than 60 years, with the lone family exception being my folks who only made 58 and that is because my dad passed.

Many times, I have sat and



FROM MY FRONT PORCH

By Sam Houston

Sam Houston is a syndicated columnist and newspaper executive. He is also an author, actor, playwright and entertainment producer/promoter.

examined all those married relationships to see what they had in common and how they were different from each other. What made this group of people stick together when so many couples don't make

The conclusion I drew was, each one of the couples were committed to each other. People nowadays seem to say the word commitment, but I am not sure they really and truly "live" the commitment. All the family members I referred to would have given their last drop of life to their mate, and never considered doing otherwise. They stayed together even when things were rough during the Great Depression, when they lived through rationing and uncertainty during World War II,

or when children were sick hurt or troubled. Oh, they had plenty of problems to face, plenty of challenges to confront, and fears to overcome, but each couple did it together, never wavering on their course and never losing faith in their partner.

It is a little humorous to reflect on, but I would have never chosen my dad to be with my Mom. She was gregarious, fun loving and outgoing almost to a fault, while my Dad was quiet and reserved and very seldom smiled or laughed out loud. Yet, they were a true team in every sense of the word. If Dad was digging out tree stumps Mom would have a shovel digging right along side him, doing work no woman should have

At the same time, when they were done and walked in the back door, dad was just as likely to turn to mom and say, "Give me the dirty clothes you have on so I can throw them in the washer, then I will start some dinner. You go jump in the bath and relax for minute. I will wash up when you get done." They were a team! Marriage truly worked for them. While love might make a heart flutter, it is the commitment, devotion and dedication to each other that creates an enduring marriage.

I am the black sheep of the family (perhaps for more reasons than one!). The mother of my two children and I ended our relationship after seven years. Not even 10% of the length of my parents' marriage. Sometimes I look back and while I can recite my ex-wife's failures with specificity, I also know I was not the perfect husband and at some level failed to make the absolute commitment my grandfather made to his

bride. Is it the contemporary time we live in, or the time they lived in, or is there a difference? Guess that is an answer I will always want.

At the end of this year, I will be married five years. After my first wife I was single for many, many years. I never gave up on marriage and hoped one day I would find the right woman to truly commit to and hoped she would do the same with me. I am certain I have many short comings and am far from the perfect husband, but with age, I have learned marriage is something for which you sacrifice, because your partner's happiness means more to you than your own. I have fallen short many times in life, but I hope this is one commitment where I never

In the meantime, one of our young reporters at the paper is getting married this fall. She is giddy and excited, and this past week she and her beau were shopping around trying to get an offer in on a

house. Her happiness overflows like pouring a gallon of water in a quart container. She has been smiling nonstop and I truly wish her and her future husband all the happiness in the world. I wish them the very best in life and urge them to live the commitment to each other the institution of marriage truly requires.

Granddad told me on their wedding night he and Grandma made a promise to each other. He would make all the major decisions in their marriage, and she would make all the minor ones. He would proudly proclaim in nearly 74 years of marriage, there was never one major decision. Then he would look at me, wink, and say, "I sure do have a fine wife." He was 100% right.

Thought for the day: In every good marriage it pays for someone to be a little deaf!

Until next time, I will keep ridin' the storm out...



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EVENTS

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Texas Ladies State Chili Championship Cookoff, Sat., April 15th 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Max Starcke
Park East. Chili, Craft and Food Vendors, Music,
-Travel Trailers, 5th Wheels, Goosenecks, Bumpe begins at 12:30 p.m. Sign up to be a chili cook, https://www.tlscco.com/registration.html, VisitSeguin.com, 830-401-5000.

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OBITUARIES

Sue Lanier 1944-2023

Sue Helene Hampton Lanier, 79, a longtime resident of Azle, went home to be with the Lord, Wednesday, April 5, 2023. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great-great grandmother.

She was born January 31, 1944, in Fort Worth to Wade and Helen (Epperson) Hampton. After graduating from Springtown High School, she married her high school sweetheart, Larry Lanier in 1962. For many vears she worked at The Old Plantation Meat, a family business. Sue loved her two boys Kenneth and Timothy and was very proud of their accomplishments. Above all else Sue loved the Lord and put him first in all things. She could always be found in church until her health prevented her from going. She loved Vacation Bible School, seeing the children learn about Jesus. She and Larry would drive hundreds of miles to hear Gospel Singings.

Sue was a great cook, and everyone wanted her recipe for Chocolate 22 minute cake. They really wanted her to make them one because hers was always so good. Sue was preceded in death

Lane, Brian and Jacob; 5 great grandchildren; 2 great

grandchildren; brothers, Ned Hampton and wife, Mary and Terry Hampton and wife, Maurine; sisters, Janice Edmonds and husband, Don and Vernell Chadwell and husband, Ken; sister-inlaw, Viola, Leonides, Nancy, Joretta; and brother-in-law, Jay; a host of nieces and nephews and friends.

by her parents, husband,

brothers, Don, David and

Kenneth Lanier and wife,

Rhonda and Timothy Lanier

and wife, Louise; grandchil-

dren, Amber, Aaron, Lauren,

brother-in-law, Bill.

Ted, her sister, Wanda and

She is survived by her sons,

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... ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY

THE ABBEY CHURCH Pastor: Paul Brownback 10400 Jacksboro Highway 817-238-1404 www.TheAbbeyChurch.com Morning Worship......10:30 AM Community Groups Various Times

ASH CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor: Dr. G. Wesley Shotwell

300 South Stewart St. 817-444-3219 www.ashcreekbc.org Sunday School......9:30 AM Contemporary Worship-TMP 10:45 AM Traditional Worship10:45 AM Evening Worship6:00 PM Wednesday Youth Refuge......6:00 PM

Wednesday Evening......6:15 PM **AZLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH** (Disciples of Christ) Senior Minister, Ashley Dargai, Katie Medlin, Worship Minister 117 Church St. • 817-444-3527

AZLE FIRST ASSEMBLY of GOD Rev. Joshua Lowrance 1020 S.E. Parkway, Azle 817-237-4903 Sunday School......9:30 AM

COMMUNITY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Pastor - Alton Davis 817-521-4510 1405 Reynolds Rd., Azle 817-444-7117 Directions: 730 N. to 1542 .5 mi. right on Cardinal, left on Reynolds

Sunday School......9:45 AM Morning Worship......11:00 AM Sunday Evening6:00 PM Wednesday Evening......7:00 PM **CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH** 2233 Hwy 199 E. • Springtown 817-221-LIFE (5433)

Sunday Worship Service10:00 AM Wednesday7:00 PM **CROSSROADS BAPTIST CHURCH**

Pastor - Jon Baker Corner FM 730S & FM 1886 817-755-0279 Transportation Available

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200 Church St., Azle 817-444-3323 Morn. Worship8:30, 9:45 & 11 AM Sunday School......9:45 & 11 AM Youth (UMYF)5:00 PM Sun & 6:30 PM Wed **HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH**

800 Highcrest Dr. - Azle 817-444-3063 Saturday......5:00 PM Sunday11 AM (Spanish) Daily Mass (M, T, Th, F)8:00 AM Wednesday Mass Religious ED 6:30 PM ConfessionsSat 4 PM

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA 4795 E. Hwy 199 - Reno 817-221-HOPE Follow us on Facebook for streaming

services Sunday School......9:00 AM Traditional Service10:00 AM **SOLID ROCK BIBLE CHURCH**

591 S. Reno Rd, , Springtown, Texas 76082 Pastor - Bill Gay - 817-304-7443

Coffee and Donuts9:00 AM Sunday School......9:30 AM Morning Worship......10:30 AM Sunday School.......9:45 AM Children's Church After Music Service

LEGACY CHURCH Assembly of God Church

Pastor: Gary D. Veazey Hwy. 199 & Jaybird Lane 817-221-2983 Morning Worship......9:15 & 11:00 AM Kidz Zone......9:15 & 11:00 AM Weds Evening Legacy Group Legacy Youth, Kids

All Services......7:00 PM THE RANCH CHRISTIAN COWBOY CHURCH Pastor: Greg Slankard 7955 Reed Rd., Azle **682-327-7082**

www.TheRanchCCC.org Sunday School 9:30 AM • Worship 10:00 AM Weds 7:00 pm • Thurs Potluck 6:30 pm

SILVER CREEK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Sheila Fiorella - Pastor 2200 Church Rd., Azle 817-444-1382 www.silvercreekumc.org Sunday School 9:30 AM • Worship 10:30 AM **SILVER CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH**

Pastor: Jay Ditty

Minister of Music: David Musick Corner FM 730 S. & Veal Station Rd. Church **817-444-2325**

www.silvercreekbc.org Morning Worship......10:50 AM

THE WORD@LAKESIDE CHURCH OF GOD 9396 FM 1886 Fort Worth, TX 76135 817-237-5500 thewordatlakeside.com

Pastors: Brandon and Kelly Bohannon **Worship Pastor**: Christen Moody Family Life and Young Adult Pastors: Jodie and Mark James, Kids Pastor: Katie Pearson, **Student Pastors**: Taylor and Sheridan Tomlin, Creative Directors: Logan and Carrie Edwards, **Connections Coordinators**: Preston and Ashley Larrew

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at the WORD 9:30 AM Empower Worship at the WORD 10:45 AM Kids at the WORD...... 10:45 AM PreK at the WORD...... 10:45 AM Emanate at the WORD (Special Needs Ministry) 10:45 AM Nursery at the WORD 10:45 AM Young Adults at the WORD 6:00 PM Wednesdays Adult Bible Class......7:00 PM The WORD Students (6th-12th grades)...... 6:30 PM

A church alive is worth the drive! For more information or rates on listing your church, call Jessica at 817-270-3340

It was a weekend to remember



BE AMAZING

By Gerry Lewis

Azle resident Dr. Gerry Lewis guides explorers to discover their AMAZING. He is an author, musician, and speaker, and a coach-sultant for individuals, churches, and organizations. More at www.discoveryouramazing.com

What was this past weekend like for you? Family gathering? Church? Easter egg hunt? Cookout? Timeout?

For us it was almost all of the above, plus a surprise birthday party.

Some of those who regularly read my posts (or follow me on Facebook) know that we are planning to move to Amarillo this summer after my retirement at the end of June. That's been pretty public for the last month or so.

What hasn't been so public (not that it's a secret, just hasn't been as relevant to public conversation) is that we already have a house in Amarillo that we've been in the process of remodeling. We've been staying there since last October every time we travel up there to see the kids.

My favorite daughter checked in with me a few weeks ago and asked about the possibility of a surprise birthday party for Mrs. Sweetie, to celebrate the 40th anniversary of her 20th birthday. The trick would be to find a reason to be in Amarillo less than two weeks after our most recent trip.

No problem. I'll just tell her that I think we should spend Easter with the family in Amarillo.

Then I had another idea: How about we invite my Mom ("Grandmother") to go with us to see our house? Mom lives in Mabank (just southeast of Dallas) and it will be a lot easier for me to go get her while we still live in Azle than it will when we move to Amarillo.

Good idea.

Then Sweetie had another idea: How about we celebrate Grandmother's 88th birthday while we're there since it is coming up in a couple of weeks?

Good idea.

So, on Good Friday, we had all our kids and grand-

kids together at our Amarillo house (known as "Las Casita de Grandpa and Sweetie") to celebrate Grandmother's and Sweetie's birthdays.

On Saturday, we had everyone back over again to dye Easter Eggs and then have the inaugural Casita Easter Egg hunt in our front yard.

Then, on Sunday, Sweetie, Grandmother, and I joined favorite son's family for worship at FBC Amarillo, where Grandmother (a former junior high choir director and church organist) got to hear a wonderful choir and massive pipe organ.

As the choir was singing, Sweetie nudged me and pointed to Grandmother. She was unconsciously directing with her right hand in her lap. Priceless.

Sometime someone asks, "Why in the world would you want to move to Amarillo?" That's why.

And here's another twist: The house we bought in Amarillo is the house in which a college friend grew up. We met our freshman year at West Texas State University (now WTAMU) in an organization called Campus Services (a group of freshmen who served as hosts/recruiters for prospective students) and have kept up for these almost 43 years.

On Friday before the birthday party, we had an appointment with a local business to give us a bid on an installation of smart blinds in our living room. During the visit, I had a flashback when he mentioned where he grew up. I didn't figure it out until after he left, but I can't wait until the installation happens so I can tell him that we met 43 years ago.

In Campus Services. As Jerry Clower used to say, "Ain't God good!" Be amazing today, my friend.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL)

To the registered voters of the Parker County Emergency Services District No. 1, Parker County, Texas: (A los votantes registrados del Distrito Numero 1 de los Servicios de Emergencia del Condado de Parker, Condado de Parker, Texas):

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 special election for or against the proposition: (Notifiquese, por lo presente, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el día 6 de mayo de 2023 para votar en la elección especial a favor o en contra de la proposición:)

For registered voters in the territorial limits of the District:

PROPOSITION AA PROPOSICIÓN AA

"Adding the East Parker County Area to Parker County Emergency Services District No. 1. (La adición del Área del Este del Condado de Parker al Distrito No. 1 de los Servicios de Emergencia del Condado de Parker.)"

PROPOSITION BB PROPOSICIÓN BB

"The East Parker County Area assuming its proportionate share of the outstanding debts and taxes of the Parker County Emergency Services District No. 1, if it is added to the District. (El Área del Este del Condado de Parker asumiendo su parte proporcional de las deudas e impuestos pendientes del Distrito No. 1 de los Servicios de Emergencia del Condado de Parker, si es agregado al distrito.)"

For the registered voters in the Defined Territory:

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7:00AM-7:00PM

ELECTION DAY SITES (Sitios del dia de las elecciones)

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

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

Springtown Senior Center, Community Room, 1070 North Main Street, Springtown, Texas 76082

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

Aledo ISD Administration Building, Louden Room, 1008 Bailey Ranch Road, Aledo, Texas 76008

Hudson Oaks Public Safety Building, Training Room, 150 North Oakridge Drive, Hudson Oaks, Texas 76087

Azle City Hall, Community Room, 505 West Main Street, Azle, Texas 76020

Precinct 3 County Barn, Break Room, 1111 FM 1189, Brock, Texas 76087

Walsh Athletic Club, Movement Studio, 13757 Assembly Park Drive,

Fort Worth, Texas 76008 Millsap Community Center,

104 Fannin Street, Millsap, Texas 76066 Garner ISD, Ryan Gymnasium, 2222 Garner School Road,

Weatherford, Texas 76088

For early voting, a voter may vote at any of the locations listed below:

(Para votación Adelantada, los votantes podrán votar en cualquiera de las ubicaciones nombradas abaio:)

> Main Voting Site (Sitio de votación principal) **Parker County Courthouse Annex** Annex Kitchen, 1112 Santa Fe Drive Weatherford, Texas 76086 Branch Voting Sites (Sitios de votación de sucursales)

Springtown Senior Center, Community Room, 1070 North Main Street, Springtown, Texas 76082

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Precinct 3 County Barn, Break Room, 1111

Millsap Community Center, 104 Fannin Street, Millsap, Texas 76066

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

Regular Early Voting Hours and Days (Horas y dias regulares de votacion anticipada)

Monday, April 24, 2023 (Lunes 24 de abril de 2023) 8:00AM-5:00PM Tuesday, April 25, 2023 (Martes 25 de abril de 2023) 8:00AM-5:00PM Wednesday, April 26, 2023 (Miercols 26 de abril de 2023) 8:00AM-5:00PM Thursday, April 27, 2023 (Jueves 27 de abril de 2023) 8:00AM-5:00PM Friday, April 28, 2023 (Viernes 28 de abril de 2023) 8:00AM-5:00PM Saturday, April 29, 2023 (Sabado 29 de abril de 2023) CLOSED (CERRADA) Sunday, April 30, 2023 (Domingo 30 de abril de 2023) CLOSED (CERRADA) Monday, May 1, 2023 (Lunes 1 de mayo de 2023) 7:00AM-7:00PM Tuesday, May 2, 2023 (Martes 2 de mayo de 2023) 7:00AM-7:00PM

beginning on April 24, 2023 and ending on May 2, 2023.

(empezando el día 24 de abril de 2023 y terminando el día 2 de mayo de 2023.)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

(Las solicitudes para boletas de votación por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Early Voting Clerk

By:

P. O. Box 639 Weatherford, Texas 76086 Email: j.hasenjaeger@parkercountytx.com Telephone: 817/598-6185 Facsimile: 817/598-6183 Website: www.parkercountytx.com 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 por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el día 25 de abril de 2023.) ISSUED this the 15th day of February 2023. (EMITIDA este día 15 de febrero de 2023.)

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NOTICE OF GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION FOR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND MUNICIPALITIES

AVISO DE ELECCIÓN GENERAL/ESPECIAL PARA OTRAS SUBDIVISIONES POLÍTICAS Y MUNICIPIOS

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The following political subdivisions will be holding a General Election: (Las siguientes subdivisions politicas celebraran elecciones generals:)

City of Aledo, City of Azle, City of Cresson, City of Fort Worth, City of Hudson Oaks, City of Reno, City of Springtown, City of Weatherford, Millsap Independent School District, Peaster Independent School District, Weatherford Independent School District, Weatherford College

The following political subdivisions will be holding a Special Election: (Las siguientes subdivisions politicas celebraran una eleccion especial:)

Aledo Independent School District, Brock Independent School District, City of Cool, City of Cresson, City of Reno, Emergency Services District No. 1, Garner Independent School District, Springtown Independent School District, Weatherford College

Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:

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long.

"I love what I do. I see it as more of a ministry," Simpson said. "Sometimes, when I'm having a bad day, I go and visit with the residents and walk around. It grounds me in what really matters. I do what I do for them."

Under Simpson, Eagle Crest has continued to maintain a culture of employee longevity and compassion-based care.

"My lead PCA, she's actually been here a couple of months longer than me. She's been here for eight years in February. One of our cook's helpers, she's been here almost since we opened," Simpson said. "The main thing I look for in an employee is do they want to be here. Do they want to work for our residents because that's who our bosses are. We work for them."

This longevity, normally a major accomplishment on its own, has had even greater significance in recent years. From 2020 to 2022, COVID-19 presented a major obstacle for long-term care facilities and caused significant turnover in many health-care industries.

"It was a feat during Covid to retain key staff," Simpson said. "When you're put to the fire, you figure out who's in it because they enjoy it and who's in it just for a paycheck."

The same trials which tested Eagle Crest have also helped them improve. Simpson says she is proud of the progress Eagle Crest has made in infection control as a result and is now better prepared and assured in how it might handle similar events in the future.

Through all her experiences in the past eight years, Simpson is glad to have the Azle community on her side. "It's amazing to see how the community still supports small business," she said. "I just appreciate Azle supporting Eagle Crest, loving on our residents and taking care of our residents."

Simpson is in it for the long haul, because for her, her residents are family.

"When I get a new resident, I tell families to give it four to six weeks for them to get comfortable and start settling in," Simpson said. "Nine times out of ten, if they go home with family or anything over a weekend they tell them they're ready to go home [to Eagle Crest] because this becomes a home for them. That's my goal, that this is their home."

"I plan on staying at Eagle Crest until I retire," Simpson added.



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Reno water infrastructure projects in the works

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Grant-funded projects to improve Reno's water infrastructure are moving along, according to a report given at last week's Reno Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.

P&Z Chairperson Brian Schrader briefed the commission and the public on these projects in his Water Task Force report.

In 2019, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality cited the city for being short of the minimum standards for water flow, pressure, and stor-

age. Engineering studies commissioned by the city backed up TCEQ's findings.

To work on these deficiencies, the city obtained a grant from the Texas Department of Agriculture to replace the 4-inch water main on Miller Road with a 6-inch line, to install booster pumps at the main water storage site, convert of the city wide water disinfection system from chlorine to chloramine and to reconfigure the pump manifold at one of the well sites.

Reno's Water Task Force was created last year as the grant expiration date approached. The grant expiration date has now been extended to Jan. 31, 2024.

Reno City Council approved the contract to replace the 4-inch water line on Miller Road with a 6-inch line in November. The work was due to start earlier this month and is expected to finish in about 120 days.

The city has received the booster pumps that are to be installed at main storage site distribution, which will replace the rented booster pumps the city has been using.

"The equipment is now in the possession of the water department, awaiting coordination of other parts and labor to complete the instal-

lation. An electrician is under contract to install the motor control drives and complete electrical conduit and cables in preparation for the piping components," Schrader said.

Supply of 480-volt, threephase power is currently being installed at this site as well. The power installation will remove the need for the city's rented generator at that well site.

"This pump installation project is the utmost urgency to eliminate the bleed on the budget for the unexpected extended rental of the generator and pumps," Schrader said.

Despite this forward mo-

tion, Schrader said city officials have had a difficult time finding vendors and suppliers for the piping components, which is needed to finish installing the booster pumps. The project has not received bids.

"(Public Works Director) Chris Albright and the Water Task Force is searching for additional resources and suppliers," Schrader said. "We will make every effort to expedite the components in the installation so the remaining rental of the pumps can be terminated as quickly as

As for the disinfection system conversion project, bids

previously were received that exceeded the project's estimated cost. City officials plan to pursue that project further after the other projects are nearly complete and the rental equipment contracts have ended, Schrader said.

"Conversion to chloramine makes the Reno water system directly compatible with the surrounding services of Azle, Springtown and Walnut Creek (Special Utility District)," he said. "This will allow Reno to finalize a contract to purchase water from Azle in amounts that will remedy at least partially one of the TCEQ violations."

Quilter's Guild of Parker County to meet April 20

STAFF REPORTS

Members of the Quilter's Guild of Parker County will have the opportunity to make quilts for people in need during this month's meeting.

vides hundreds of quilts to local organizations helping Parker County residents, such as Habitat for Humanity, Grace House, Weatherford Police Department, nursing homes, the Pythian Home

and veterans organizations, according to the guild's website. During this month's program, members will take part in a comfort quilt sew-in from 3-6:30 p.m. on April 20. There will be a business meeting to

follow. Comfort quilts are sometimes given to people in hospitals, nursing homes and shelters as well as those who have been affected by a disaster or going through a difficult time.

The guild will meet via Zoom and in person at Lakeshore Drive Baptist Church at 200 S. Lakeshore Drive in Hudson Oaks. Visitors are welcome in person and online. To join

online, email your name and telephone number to qgpc2000@gmail.com. To learn more about the guild, visit www.quiltersguildofparkercounty.org or find the guild on Facebook.



Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine and Malt Beverage On-Premise Permit (BG) by Fro-Zone Limited Company, to be located at 128 Park Place, Azle, Texas, 76020. Officer of said corporation is David Gonzales, President and Owner.



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(Aviso de Elección General/Especial Conjunta (Ciudad de Azle, Tejas, y Condados de Parker and Tarrant)

Saturday, May 6, 2023 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

Sábado, 6 de mayo de 2023 Thứ bảy, 6 tháng 5 năm 2023

TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF AZLE, TEXAS:

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Notice is hereby given that a Joint General Election will be held to elect Mayor and three (3) Council Members to Places 3, 4 and 6, for a two (2) year term.

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April (abril) 29-30 Closed

May (mayo) 1-2 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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April (abril) (tháng 4) 24-28 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. April (abril) (tháng 4) 29 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. 10.00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. April (abril) (tháng 4) 30 May (Mayo) (tháng 5) 1-2 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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Date; April 10, 2023

Alan Brundrett, Mayor

Reno Council discusses city administration structure

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Reno City Council members discussed the possibilities for how the city of Reno will be structured moving forward.

City Administrator Scott
Passmore retired from his position at the end of February,
leaving space for a new administrative structure. At
the meeting in March, Reno
City Council members talked
about what kind of roles
would benefit the city the

Council member Jody Works kicked off the discussion by asking if the city even needs a city administrator.

"When I asked (police department officials) questions over their budget, over their personnel, over that, it always went back to Scott (Passmore)," Works said during the meeting. "I think the department heads are to have more responsibility for all of that, first off. They should have their own budget. They should manage their own budget. They should input their own numbers. They should keep up with their own expenses. They should do all that. That's what we pay them for."

Works said giving depart-

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ment heads more responsibility may eliminate the need for a city administrator. He also asked if hiring a city secretary is the right way to proceed and what qualifications that person would need to have.

"That's the reason why I wanted it put on the agenda was so that we can open that dialogue up and that discussion up. What's going to be best for the city?" he said. "I don't want to see us get back to one person that has all the information, that has every single thing that's going on, and has all the answers. I'm not throwing any eggs at Scott. It kind of got that way over time."

Deputy Pro Tem Hernando Herrera chimed in that the city should hire a city secretary instead of administrator.

"I know at one point, the biggest issue with filling that city secretary position was that we didn't have enough money allotted for that position," Herrera said during the meeting. "I'd actually like to see us do away with the city admin position and move that money over to hiring a real bona fide city secretary."

Mayor Sam White said he has asked the city's certified professional accountant to

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come to a budget workshop to determine what the city can afford before anyone is hired.

"I think before we do the actual hiring, we go through that process," White said during the meeting.

White also encouraged council members to find out the average cost of a city administrator and the average cost of a city secretary.

For now, the city secretary's position is filled temporarily, and the city has an administrative assistant to work on permits and other tasks, White said. Other duties handled by the city administrator were delegated to other staff members and departments.

"We have fantastic staff. They've stepped up. They're multitasking. They're stepped up and covering a lot of things that they didn't do before, and (they're) actually doing it with smiles," White said. "They've enjoyed it. They got some challenges."

Works struck an optimistic tone as he described this current moment in the city of Reno as a chance to rebuild.

"I think this is the opportunity for us as a city, as a council, as a leadership of the city to redefine what the city is," Works said.

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May 6, 2023 General Election

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Visit the city website for a full listing of all Early Voting locations in Tarrant & Parker Counties

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Azle High School students recognized

The Azle Rotary Club recognized five Azle High School seniors on Thursday, April 6 during the club's weekly lunch meeting. Pictured, from left: Rotary Club **President Matt Adams, Lane** Autrey, Jett Lee, Riley McKelvain, Piper Bulat, Michael Seeton, and **AHS Principal Nate Driver.**



Optimist Club annual Essay Contest winners



Pictured, from left: Azle High School Principal Nate Driver, Meagan Brady, Trinity Powers, Kalyce Richardson, Azle ISD Superintendent Todd Smith, and Optimist Club President Josh Reed.

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Optimist Club of Azle announced the three winners of the organization's annual Essay Contest on March 31.

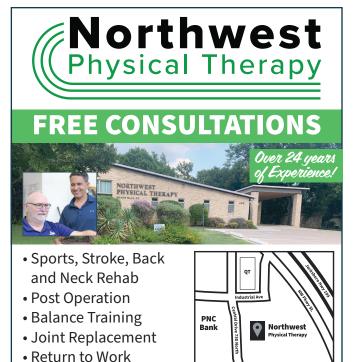
This year's topic was "Who is an Everyday Hero that Brings Out the Optimism in You?" Trinity Powers won first place and will receive a \$500

scholarship.

Powers' essay will be submited to the district contest for a chance at a \$2,500 scholarship. Meagan Brady

earned second place and will receive a \$300 scholarship. Kalyce Richardson was in third place and will receive a \$200 scholarship.





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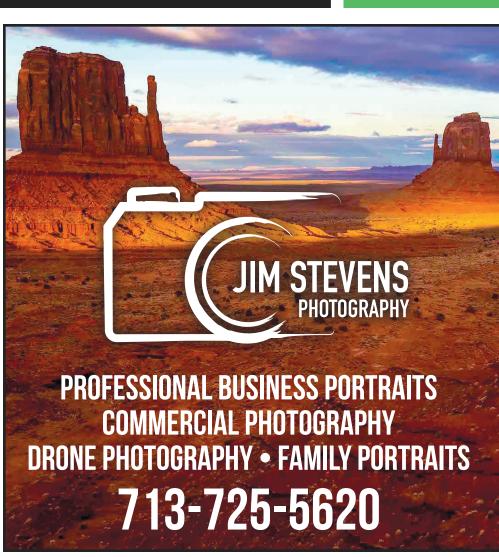
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Fun for every-bunny Kids meet Easter bunny, collect eggs at Reno's holiday event

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With the help of her family, 10-year-old Penny Schrader opens plastic eggs to retrieve the candies or prizes inside after Reno's Easter egg hunt on April 8.



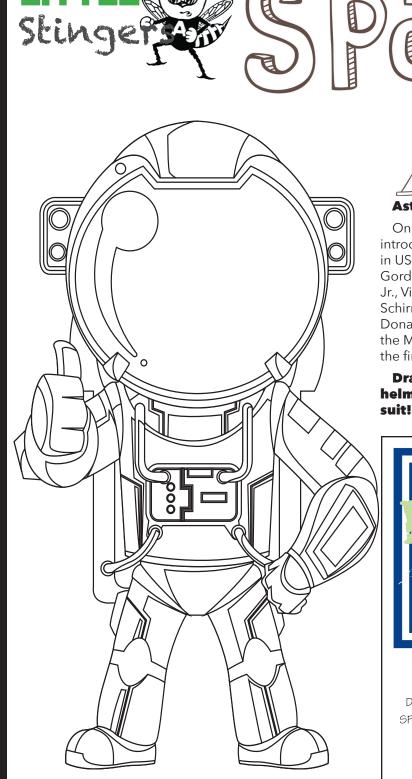
Jentzen Hampton, 9, squints in the sunlight as he shows off his basket of eggs from Reno's Easter egg hunt on Saturday.



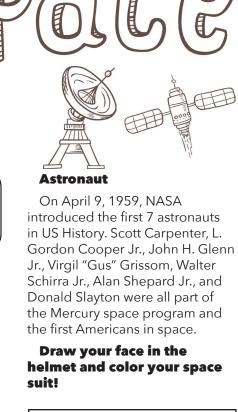
Faith Leal, 5, focuses on staying in-between the lines as she colors a picture of an Easter egg at Reno's Easter event on April 8.

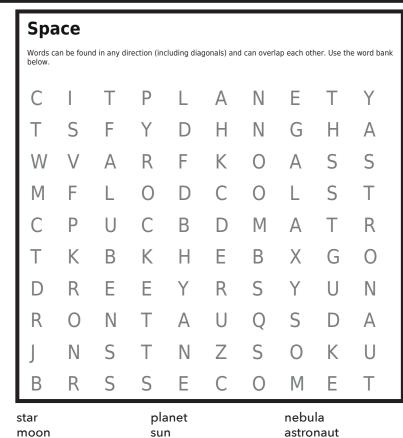


Brenda Mahon and Monica Keil wear hats with rabbit ears for their photo with the Easter bunny at Reno's Easter event on Saturday at Reno Elementary School.



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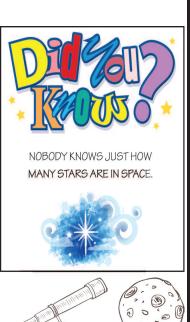
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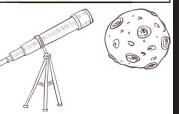
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The final crack of the baseball bat between the Azle Hornets and Stephenville Yellow Jackets was the proverbial last nail in the coffin.

Azle's walk-off hit in the final inning broke a tie and sealed a victory in front of a large home crowd gathered

'Benchwarmer' knocks in winning run

for Teacher Appreciation Night.

On April 6, the Hornets began with Jackson Davis on the mound. He surrendered a single to the first Yellow Jacket batter he faced but

forced the next batter to hit into a double play. Then, the following batter hit a foul ball toward the left field baseline in no-man's land.

Somehow, Garrin Graves made a diving catch to retire the side.

Before the game was over, Graves would exhibit other highlight-worthy plays.

Azle's first run came in the bottom of the first inning in unusual fashion.

Cole Webb hit an infield grounder and ran toward first base. A Stephenville infielder scooped up the ball and threw to first base, but it sailed wide and high over the first baseman's head. By

the time the Yellow Jackets chased down the ball, Webb was rounding third and on his way to home plate, beating the throw to score a run.

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Jake Skartvedt offers a hug after older brother Drew signs his letter of intent to play college football.

Azle Christian's first football player with DI offer chooses Ouachita Baptist

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Azle Christian School teaches kids of all ages, and the smallest of the students lined up along a stairwell and second-story guard rail inside the school to claim a bird'seye view of a historic day.

Drew Skartvedt, a senior, was about to sign a letter of intent to play football at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

He's the first ACS football player to receive an offer to play football at a Division I university, said Clayton Sanders, the football coach. Skartvedt, though, chose Ouachita Baptist, a smaller DII school with a religious background that better fits his lifestyle.

"I feel like it was a calling from God to go to Ouachita because that's where I'm going to grow in my faith," he

He plans to use his football scholarship to help pay for a college degree in sports medicine. Then, he plans to work as a graduate assistant before going into coaching as a career.

Skartvedt grew up in Iowa and moved to Azle in 2020. He played six-man football at a small school in a small league. At Azle Christian, he was a three-time all-district

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Azle softball dismounts Rider in high-scoring clash

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Azle's Lady Hornet batters swatted flies — and grounders, line drives, and home runs — to topple district rival Wichita Falls Rider on April 6.

Azle was bouncing back from the Aledo game they lost 17-1 two days earlier, and the Lady Hornets were determined to put their bats on the big yellow ball. The girls are fighting for a playoff spot, and every win is important between now and the regular season's final game on April 21.

Their determination paid off. The Lady Hornets walloped 15 hits, including four home runs, to win 12-10.

Abigail Garner was 3-for-4 at the plate, scored 3 runs, knocked in 3 runs, and hit a couple of home runs, including the go-ahead dinger in the fifth inning.



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Azle girls recognize teammates at annual hoops banquet

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Azle's Lady Hornet basketball program celebrated another season of hard work and exciting games at the annual banquet on April 3, culminating with the announcement of team awards.

Leading the way were twin sisters, best friends, and uber-talented seniors Karlee and Kendall Locke, who will continue playing the sport at Bethel College in Kansas. Other seniors included Brittany Cato and Harleigh Phillips.

"Our seniors will be missed," said head coach Mitzi Marquart. "They have left a great mark on our program. We wish them continued success in college. Overall, this season, we continued to improve, and we plan to keep working toward this next season. We are very proud of all our teams this

Varsity award winners included Kendall Locke, Most Valuable Player: Kendall Locke and Karlee Locke, Co-Outstanding Offensive Players; Cheryl Grubbs, Outstanding Rebounder; Vielka Gonzalez, Hustling Lady Hornet; Landri Seward, 3D Award; Faith Summers, Outstanding Defensive Player.

Earning freshmen awards were Abigail Balderas,

Outstanding Co-Defensive Player; Keagan Stuart, **Outstanding Offensive** Player; Yasmeen Tejeda, Hustling Lady Hornet Award: Amie Steele, Outstanding Co-Defensive Player.

Junior Varsity award winners included Eviana Quillin, Outstanding Defensive Player; Haley Carlson, Hustling Lady Hornet; Brooklyn Young, Outstanding Offensive Player.



Freshman awards winners, from left: Abigail Balderas, Keagan Stuart, Yasmeen Tejeda, and Amie Steele.



Varsity award winners, from left: Kendall Locke, Karlee Locke, Cheryl Grubbs, Vielka Gonzalez, Landri Seward, and Faith Summers.

Junior Varsity award winners, from left: Eviana Quillin, Haley Carlson, and Brooklyn Young.



MEET YOUR CHAMPS

Azle seventh grade team wins title at Meet of Champions

On April 4, the Azle Junior High School seventh grade track team won first place overall at the Big 5 Meet of Champions at Porcupine Stadium in Springtown. The Hornets brought home eight gold medals, three silver, two bronze, and numerous fourth, fifth, and sixth place medals. Once all the points were tallied, the Hornets' best track athletes had competed against and out-performed 13 other schools from around the Fort Worth, Decatur, Mineral Wells, and Springtown area.



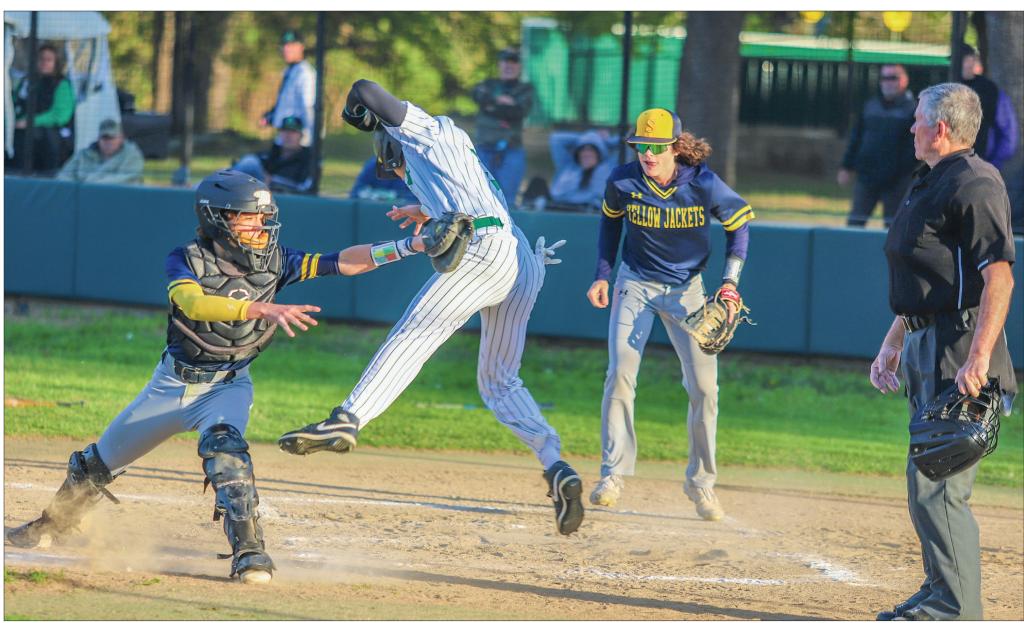
SOFTBALL

Allison Smith was 3-for-4 with 3 runs and 2 RBI. Ema Lehr went 2-for-3, scoring 2 runs and an RBI and

Kaylee Parrish and Corynne Barone were both 2-for-2 with 2 runs.

The Lady Hornets will celebrate Senior Night before their next home game against Saginaw at 7 p.m. Friday, April 14, at Jim Bob Nation's Field of Dreams.

JEFF PRINCE | AZLE NEWS Abigail Garner's eagle eye at the plate helps to topple Rider.



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Ivan Perez tries to avoid a tag at home plate.

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In the third inning, the Hornet defense turned another double play to retire the Yellow Jackets with runners in scoring position.

In the top of the fourth inning, Graves made another diving catch in left field to rob Stephenville of what appeared to be a sure hit. Then, in the bottom of the same inning, Graves hit a single and stole second base, although Hornet batters couldn't move him around to home plate.

In the fifth, the Hornet defense allowed a run to score, and the game remained tied at 1-1 heading into the final seventh inning.

Luke Olmsted led off the inning with a screaming line drive, which he stretched into

That's when Luis Cruz

stepped to the plate. Cruz usually doesn't start games. He characterized himself as a "benchwarmer," although he had started at first base against Stephenville while Davis was pitching. Cruz was doing his best to make an impact. He caught every ball thrown his way and logged a couple of hits. Head coach Stephen Smith left him in the starting lineup after Davis had finished pitching.

By the final inning, Cruz was standing at the plate with the score tied, knowing he had a chance to knock in the winning run.

The Stephenville pitcher stared at him, intent on ruining Cruz's big moment.

Mana a mano. Hornet vs. Yellow Jacket.

The pitcher threw a fastball.

Strike one!

In all his years of playing baseball, Cruz had never ended a game with a walk-off hit. Never experienced that feeling of being the hero.

Another pitch. Strike two!

Cruz, a senior, is in his final year of baseball. He knew this might be his last opportunity to be The Guy.

The Stephenville pitcher tossed another fast one toward the plate. Cruz took a mighty swing and sent the ball careening into foul territory out of reach of any outfielders.

Cruz dug his cleats into the batter's box dirt, lifted his bat, and waited. The pitcher went into his windup.

Cruz sent a long, high fly ball to right field, far enough to allow Olmsted to tag up at third and beat the throw to home plate. Cruz's sacrifice fly clinched the victory.

Final score: Azle 2, Stephenville 1.

The Hornets emptied the dugout and ran to Cruz to celebrate. Everyone yelled and jumped up and down, but nobody displayed more pure joy than Cruz. After a few minutes of celebration, he settled down enough to relive the moment.

"As soon as I got up there, I get told, 'Choke up, open your box,' by my coach," Cruz said. "He was trusting me with the bat. I knew this was an opportunity that God had given, and I'm not going to let it slip away."

Falling behind in the count didn't matter. After he hit the foul ball, he knew this was his moment. He was certain he would succeed and felt the pressure fall away.

"Even though I was behind on the count, I knew I had it in me," he said. "I knew I had it under control."

Cruz practiced hard for years whether he was a starter or not. He kept his body and mind in shape to be ready when needed.

"Even though I'm sitting on the bench, I'm always paying attention to the game," he said. "I give it my all."

When his time came, he created a great story he can remember and maybe share with his own kids one day.

"That's my biggest hit ever," he said. "I feel pumped. It feels great."

He praised his teammates, who had combined to shut down a tough team.

Graves contributed on offense and defense and was feeling about as happy as Cruz. He'd hurt himself on that second diving catch but had shaken off the pain and stayed in the game.

"I'm happy to help my teammates and do what's best for the team," he said. 'That's what you got to do to win.'

The season is winding down, with Azle set to play a few more games before the regular season ends April 28. The Hornets are fighting for a playoff spot with good seeding.

"It's good to get out here and compete and get a great win with the team," Graves said. "The team is getting better and better. We just have to stay confident and keep putting in the work."

The team's best feature is everybody's willingness to support one another, he said.

"If somebody is not doing so hot, somebody can come lift them right back up, and we are back to 100%," he said.

Not long ago, Graves was the guy who needed a lift. He'd been slumping at the plate for a couple of games and had grown frustrated. He credited Grant Tune, Luke Olmsted and other teammates for motivating him and restoring his confidence during his hitless streak.

Graves recalled how team-





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Tyler Akers escorts Kimberly Hutton onto the field for Teacher Appreciation Night.

mates had said, "You're good, man. Let it go. The more you think about it, the more it's

going to affect you.' He listened, took solace, and "moved on to the next pitch, the next at bat, the next game," he said.

BY THE NUMBERS

The Hornets used three pitchers to defeat Stephenville. Jackson Davis pitched 3 innings, allowing 2 hits. Austin May pitched 2 innings of 2-hit ball. And Ethan Bissonnette pitched 2 innings, giving up just $1\ \mathrm{hit}\ \mathrm{and}$ earning the win.

Tune, Webb, Graves, Olmsted, and Ivan Perez earned a hit apiece, and Cruz finished with 2 hits.

The Hornets are 17-5. Azle will play at 7 p.m. April 14 against Rider

at Hoskins Field next to Memorial Stadium in Wichita

TEACHER APPRECIATION

Benjamin Martin volunteers to film baseball games using a Sony video recorder. Most games, he can be seen sitting near the press box in the bleachers with his tripod and camera aimed at the field.

Before the game against Stephenville, Martin stood shoulder to shoulder with the Hornet baseball players on the diamond. They celebrated their favorite classroom instructors as part of Teacher Appreciation Night.

Martin selected computer science teacher Sherry Prather.

"She has the best class," he said. "It's always fun. Probably my favorite subject to take at school."

Prather smiled as he spoke. "I do make things fun," she

She teaches kids to work with computer programming languages such as Python, Java, and C Sharp.

Tyler Akers, a senior outfielder, selected Kimberly Hutton, a learning lab instructor.

"She shows up every day, and she makes everybody want to be a better person," he said.

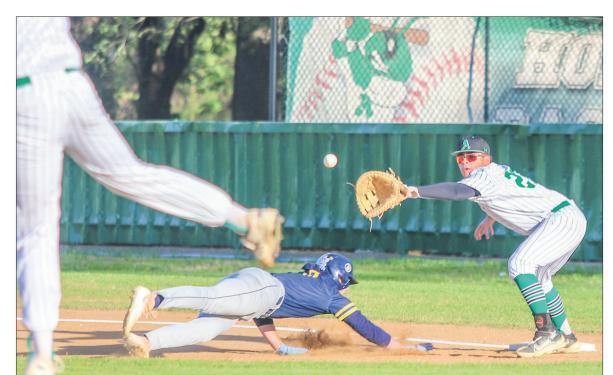
That's pretty much what the baseball players, coaches, teachers and fans shoot for every time they meet at Jim Bob Nation's Field of Dreams.

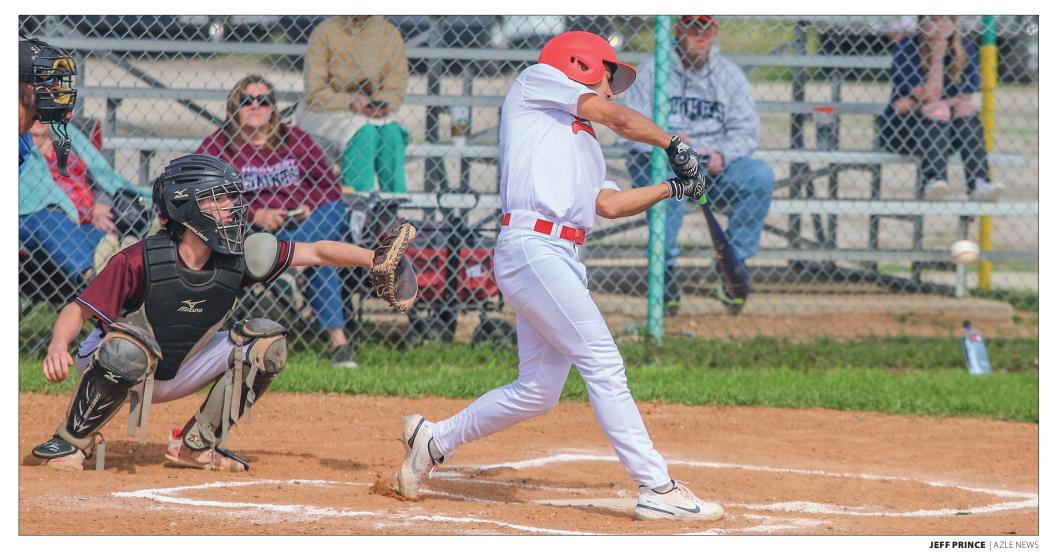
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Garrin Graves shows umpires he caught a foul ball in the first inning.



JEFF PRINCE LAZI F NEWS





A.J. Rollins' RBI helps Azle Christian defeat Abilene Christian in game 1 of a doubleheader.

Dog bite

Azle Christian splits doubleheader with Abilene Christian

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Heading into the April 7 game against Abilene Christian, the coach of the Azle Christian Crusaders was eager to see how his talented team held up against what he called the "big dog" of District 1 in TAPPS 1A baseball.

Not bad.

The Crusaders pulled out their leash in the first game. They hogtied Abilene 5-3 behind solid pitching by sophomore Kelton Schott, who pitched five innings, relinquishing just 1 earned run while striking out 5.

Andy Wisniewski pitched relief and secured the final five outs of the game, striking out the last batter for a dramatic finish.

Noah Rollins had a hit and

2 RBIs, and Andy Wisniewski logged 2 hits and scored 2 runs. Also earning RBIs were A.I. Rollins Camden Logan.

A.J. Rollins Camden Logan. In the rubber match, things didn't go so smoothly. Abilene prevailed 12-4.

"We just didn't play very good defense, and they pitched their ace and got the win," said head coach Ryan Rollins

A.J. Rollins, Levi Morrow, and Jakob Rollins pitched two innings apiece.

Noah Rollins and Andy Wisniewski logged 2 hits apiece along with RBIs. Jaxson Logan and Bill Johnson also made hits.

Azle Christian will play a district doubleheader against Wichita Christian this week, and a victory in both games

will clinch a playoff spot for the Crusaders.

"I feel really good about the way we are playing right now," Rollins said. "To win a game against Abilene Christian says a lot about where our program has come. They run-ruled us both games last year, so we are excited about where we are. It's awesome to see the boys start to get the recognition they deserve around the area. God has really blessed us."

Azle rodeo enjoys open week, holding on to second place



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The Easter holidays meant no rodeo was held in Saginaw over the weekend, and the Azle rodeo team took the week off while sitting in second place securely with three weeks remaining in the season.

Azle team members are trying to secure top 15 status in their events before the season ends. The top 15 contestants in each event qualify to compete at the finals rodeo.

Currently, 13 Azle members are in the top 15.

Next up, Azle will compete on April 14-16 at the North Texas High School Rodeo Association Arena in Saginaw.

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Kasen Scarlato and the Azle rodeo team are riding hard toward season's end while trying to secure a spot in the finals rodeo.

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tight end in football and excelled on the baseball and basketball teams.

Sanders, a first-year head coach at Azle Christian, expressed joy in seeing such a hard-working young man doing well.

"It's a really big day for him and for the school," the coach said. "As you can see by the little ones that got to see it, everybody is really excited for him."

Sanders will hate to see

him go but predicts Skartvedt will make a big impact on the world around him. The coach watched him put in countless hours and buckets of sweat to prepare.

"To get an opportunity like this is not luck," Sanders said. Skartvedt described his moment in the spotlight with all the little kids, peers, and relatives watching him as

"surreal."

"About a year ago, I was dreaming about this day, dreaming about going to a college," he said. "I was working out every day, lifting every day. Now I'm at this point. It's awesome."

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Drew Skartvedt announces his intention to play football at Ouachita
Baptist University while his family provides support.





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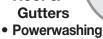
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