

Ruff news for puppy mills

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During a March 7 meeting, the Azle City Council unanimously passed a revision to section 2.02.006 of Ordinance No. 2023-05. The amendment revises Article 2.02 "Dogs and cats" of Chapter 2 "Animal Control" of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Azle. In effect, it prohibits local pet shops from selling cats and dogs under most circumstances and prevents individuals from selling the animals outside the home. It may help keep pet stores that source from puppy mills from operating in Azle.

The subject came under discussion during the Feb. 21

City Council ordinance to restrict retail, public sale of dogs, cats

council meeting after a pet store reached out to council members to express interest in expanding its operations in Azle. In response, Council member Peek requested an ordinance prohibiting the sale of puppies in pet stores.

"There are relationships between many pet stores and less-than-legitimate animal sales groups (aka puppy mills); this ordinance will help our shelter by not bringing more pets into the area that may eventually require our services," said animal control supervisor Jessie

Williams. "Additionally, we are pleased with the ordinance in that it will prevent our shelter from competing with a store where the sourcing of the animals may be unknown."

Section 1b of the newly passed ordinance also places restrictions on the sale of other animals, stating, "it shall be unlawful for any person to sell, exchange, barter, lease, rent, give away or display" any live animal, regardless of age, along roadsides, public spaces, recreation areas, flea markets, commercial

or retail parking lots. Dogs and cats, specifically, cannot be sold in any location other than where they were born.

"Other neighboring cities have adopted similar ordinances due to numerous concerns and complaints of unhealthy puppies purchased from pet stores or other facilities, said Council member Peek. "The ordinance is a proactive approach to assist in protecting the consumer from acquiring a dog or cat from breeder, individual, or

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PHOTO COURTESY AZLE ANIMAL SHELTER

Fozzie Bear is a 3 month old male mixed breed medium dog. He will be about 44 lbs fully grown. The ordinance is expected to keep the shelter from having to compete with a store, and will potentially get animals like Fozzie adopted sooner.



Rebel and Tigger training in the arena.

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Rebel with a cause

Young Azle resident shares her story leading up to 4-H wins and her passion for horses

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On March 5, Rebel Yale, a sixth grade Azle Elementary School student, earned second place in the Horse Skill-a-thon, fourth place in Showmanship, and sixth place in Halter Showing at a Tarrant County Junior Livestock Show. This is Rebel's first year competing and her third-year riding horses.

Despite so few years of experience, Rebel was able to wow judges with her veterinary knowledge of horses and her performance handling her horse, Tigger. Rebel started her journey a few short years ago at Melody Acres Stable.

"When she was 10, she

would clean stalls to pay for her horse-riding lessons. (Melody Acres) taught her everything. They made sure she was very well-informed on how to take care of horses. It's incredible what they did for her here," said Brittanie Yale, Rebel's proud mother.

"(Tigger) was boarding here and she was working with another horse that she really loved, and they ended up selling that horse. Because Rebel was upset, they offered to sell us (Tigger), who didn't have an owner. They sold him to us for what they paid, so they weren't trying to make money off us. I thought that was really awesome. We bought him about a year and a half ago and she started working with him and she got really good."

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Reno PD investigates livestock massacre

The slaying was allegedly carried out by two pit bulls

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Reno's animal control officer is trying to identify two pit bulls that were associated with the slaughter of multiple livestock animals.

During the week of Feb. 27, about 21 goats and lambs were killed allegedly by the pit bulls, Reno Police Deputy Chief Nathan Stringer said.

"(Animal Control Officer Joe) Harris is working the case. He's currently talking

to people in the area to see if they can identify the dogs," Stringer said. "We're getting conflicting stories. Some people tell us that they're strays. Some people tell us one of them had a collar on."

If the dogs are owned, Stringer said the owner would be liable for the damages.

Some details of the incident are still unconfirmed by police.

"That seems like an awful large number of animals to

be killed by two dogs. I'm not saying it didn't happen. I'd say we have to explore other possibilities, too," Stringer said. "We live in a rural area. It could have been a pack of wild dogs. It could be coyotes. There's no telling what did it."

The deputy chief said the pit bulls could've been part of a wild dog pack, or they could have come across the livestock after they had al-

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FILE PHOTO

Azle Area Chamber of Commerce's Clay Shoot for 2022 was a great success.

Chamber Clay Shoot set for March 24

STAFF REPORTS

The Azle Area Chamber of Commerce is gearing up to host its 17th Annual

Sporting Clay Shoot on March 24 at Fossil Pointe Sporting Grounds.

Lunch and team registra-

tion will start at 11:30 with Shotgun Start at 1 p.m.

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Katie Thomas of Fidelity National Title wins Rising Star Award

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Azle Fidelity National Title Branch Manager and Escrow Officer Katie Thomas was honored with the Rising Star Award from Fidelity National Financial Group at its 2022 Awards Banquet and 2023 Kickoff Event March 8 at The Star in Frisco, home to the Dallas Cowboys.

The Fidelity National Financial Group (FNFG) Rising Star Award recognizes the sales officer who has demonstrated significant growth

within the year and greatly contributes to the success and performance of their branch.

“The admin at Fidelity are the ones who choose the Rising Star Award,” Thomas said. “We didn’t even know until (the banquet) that I was getting the award.”

In addition to the encouraging Rising Star Award, the Azle Fidelity National Title branch was honored as a Top Performer in the North Texas region. Based on number of closings and revenue generated for Fidelity, Thomas

and the members of the Azle branch were one of 15 recipients in the region out of several hundred branches.

“I have a really wonderful team,” Thomas emphasized. “We are a pretty solid group. Our office is well-known for doing a good job, so we all take that very seriously. This is such a stressful job, but this is a really good group and a really great place to work.”

A true family business, Thomas took over after her mother, Rebecca McNutt, retired from the Azle Fidelity National Title branch in 2022.

“My mom ran this office for 23 years and I just followed in her footsteps,” Thomas said. “I’ve grown up in this industry. My mom worked really hard for (this business), so we’re keeping that reputation going.”

Fidelity National Title in Azle assists buyers and sellers, builders, developers and others in closing real estate transactions. Located on Main Street, the office contributes to the Azle and Springtown area’s growth and development including helping with new development sales, re-financing, and commercial deals.

“Azle and Springtown are growing like crazy with all the new developments,” Thomas said. “I think this area will be Keller-Southlake type growth in the next 20 years or so. I think we’re going to see a huge influx of people.”

Despite the anticipated growth, Thomas plans to



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Katie Thomas is the Branch Manager and Escrow Officer for Fidelity National Title.



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Displayed in her Main Street office, Katie Thomas was awarded the Rising Star Award at the Fidelity National Financial Group Awards Banquet on March 8.

stay and help the community thrive for as long as possible.

“I have zero intentions of leaving,” Thomas continued. “I live here, and my kids go to school here, so I’m not going anywhere.”

Awards aside, Thomas finds working with the Azle and Springtown communities to be the most rewarding part of her career.

“Sometimes you sit in closing with a buyer who has

bought their first home, or their last home, and they’re just absolutely thrilled — that is a lot of fun,” Thomas said. “Seeing a project from its infancy to its completion is really rewarding.”

CLAY

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Registration is open until Friday, March 17. For current chamber members, registering a team of five is \$500 and,

for non-chamber members, the registration is \$525.

Individuals can register for the clay shoot as well. Registration for chamber members is \$100, and \$105 for non-chamber members. Use the QR code to register.

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BOOK REVIEW

'Storm Watch' is an edgy, modern Western thriller

TERRI SCHLECHMEYER

You just can't see it. There's something in the way, bad weather, a road-block, a geographical shape that blocks your view, something physical. You can't see it. Or you can't see because you're unfamiliar, dubious, uninformed, or you just plain don't want to see it. But as in the new novel "Storm Watch" by C.J. Box, you really need to watch out.

For the first time since he'd moved to Saddlestring, Wyoming, Game Warden Joe Pickett hated the winter weather.

Snow hadn't bothered him much before, but when he got a call about a wounded elk cow that needed to be put down on the Double Diamond Ranch, he eyed his easy chair and wished he were anywhere else. A snow-storm was coming over the Big Horn Mountains, but it was Joe's responsibility to see to that elk.

He tracked the animal a fair way before he found her and the source of a whooshing sound that echoed loudly through the valley.

Someone had erected a small shed there, crammed

with large fans that screamed like airplanes on the tarmac. Hanging from a window was the bottom half of a man who'd been shoved head-first into those fans. But when deputies went to retrieve what was left of the guy, there was no blood, no body. And Joe was told to keep the whole thing under wraps.

Just north of Joe Pickett's new house, Nate Romanowski plowed his driveway with a modified 1948 Dodge so that fellow falconer and friend, Geronimo Jones, could get to Nate's compound safely. Jones was on his way with a business proposal, but the first person up the driveway was a stranger with a different kind of offer.

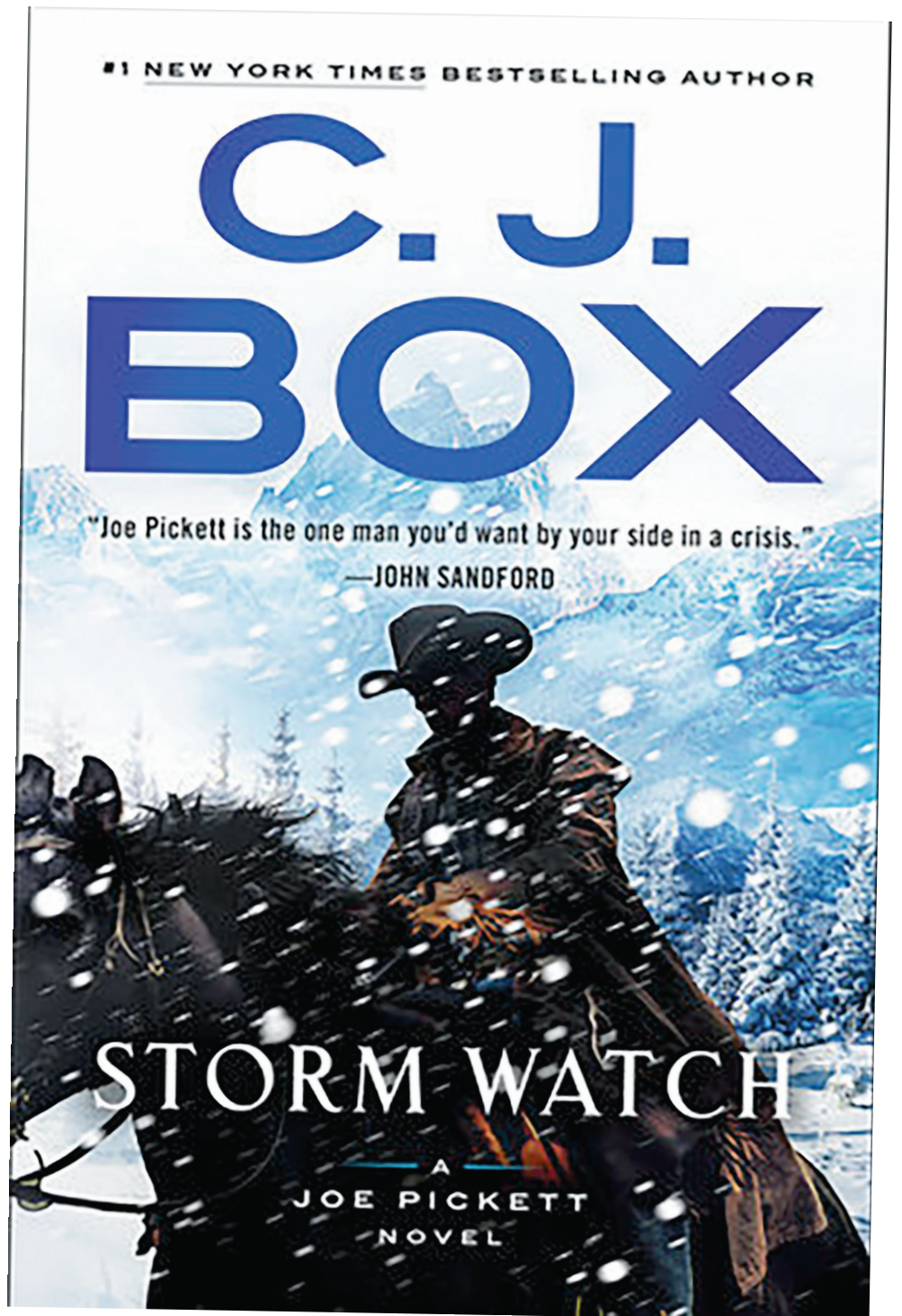
Jason Demo invited Nate to a meeting to talk about how "coastal elites" see folks in the West, and how his group The Keystoneers weren't going to "stand down." Yep, things were going to change in this country, starting in Saddlestring, Wyoming.

So, have you followed the news much lately? Maybe brushed up on your current events? You'll need 'em before you tackle "Storm Watch."

Take that as a bit of a warning: author C.J. Box ripped newspaper headlines pages one through six to craft this very fine thriller, and you'll be happier and have a better understanding of this tale if you're at least a little bit in the know. Like Box's last couple of novels, this one brushes against the edges of the newest technology, and the bad guys get savvier. It should be noted that they're also more violent, angrier, but more purposeful than you might find in a usual thriller; the outlaws inside "Storm Watch" aren't madmen, which is a bit unsettling and can remain so for a while, long after the semi-cliff-hanging ending of this book.

Still, fans of western thrillers won't want to be without this novel on the table next to their easy chairs. Just brush up on your current events first, is all, know what's going on in the world, and yeah, "Storm Watch." You could see it.

**"Storm Watch" by C.J. Box
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Happy spring break!

Azle Hornet Community - Happy spring break! This is a time for students and staff to have some downtime before approaching the final months of the academic school year. The upcoming months are extremely busy as all campuses prepare for state assessments and other spring-related activities.

As our community continues to experience fast growth, we remain committed to making sure Azle ISD is prepared for the future. Our Azle ISD Long Range Planning Committee has been meeting monthly since last May. Discussion amongst our administration and Board of Trustees



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

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

has been taking place as well and will continue to be a top priority for all Azle ISD stakeholders.

The first of March marked the celebration of Public Schools Week 2023. The teaching and learning in local public schools across the state positively impact

students and families, along with neighborhoods, communities, and the nation as a whole. This is evident with all of the great things we have happening in Azle ISD. Regretfully, we could not have our annual Azle ISD Showcase event this spring due to all of the construc-

tion taking place at Azle High School. The exceptional students, staff, parents, and Azle ISD community exemplify our mission of *Making a Difference to Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day.*

The recent Hornet Academy graduation ceremony is just one of many examples highlighting our motto of *It makes a difference to this ONE.* The February 20 graduation ceremony marked 680 graduates since the inception of this program in 2009. Hornet Academy has allowed almost 700 students who had struggles or challenges with a traditional high school program the opportunity to earn

a high school diploma.

Spring also brings the potential for severe weather events. A quick reminder, Azle ISD has severe weather protocols in place to help our students and staff be prepared for similar events. This includes actively monitoring weather situations, routine severe weather drills at all campuses, and school personnel being in communication with local emergency management officials.

Please be sure to mark your calendars and spread the word with anyone who has young children ages 4-5 who will be starting school in August. Our annual Pre-K and Kindergarten Round-

Up event will be on Tuesday, April 11, from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. at each individual PreK-4th grade campus. Incoming Hilltop Elementary students will register at the Azle ISD administration building. For additional details and information, including information on the attendance zone boundaries for next school year, please visit our website, www.azleisd.net/BackToSchool.

In closing, I wish a safe and restful spring break for all.

We Are Azle - Todd Smith, Superintendent of Schools - Azle ISD

It's "Bluebonnets in Bloom"; send us your photo and win!

It is my favorite time of year, and I don't think I am the only person who feels that way. We live in Texas, and it is time for the bluebonnets to bloom! This means thousands, if not millions of people will seek out bluebonnets which have bloomed and take photos. Over the years I have seen a great many bluebonnet photos. Some are of whole families, some of children, occasionally of the family pet in a patch of bluebonnets, and sometimes simply a beautiful Texas landscape photo which includes bluebonnets.

The bluebonnet is our state



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.

flower, and other than a cowboy hat and the "lone star", I know of no other symbol which says "Texas", more than bluebonnets.

With this important rite of spring upon us and in order to celebrate the event, we decided to have a contest at each one of our newspaper

outlets. All our staff believed readers would be as excited about "Bluebonnets in Bloom", as we are. Starting the week of March 20, we are asking folks to send us their favorite bluebonnet photo. It does not have to be taken this year, so you can use an older photograph as well

as those taken this year. Go to your newspaper's website and click on the link to the "Bluebonnets in Bloom". You can upload your photo and will then be entered in our "Bluebonnets in Bloom" contest.

When you submit your entry, it will appear as part of the "bluebonnets gallery" on the newspapers website, making all entries available for viewing to the public. Beginning the week of March 20, the newspaper will select a weekly winner, and will select additional weekly winners for a period of 5 weeks. Each weekly winner will

receive a "Bluebonnets in Bloom" t shirt, recognition on the newspaper's social media sites and website and a free years subscription to the newspaper. At the end of the 5 weeks of weekly winners, a Grand Prize will be awarded and the winner shall receive \$100 cash, a Bluebonnet t-shirt, and a years long subscription to the newspaper. The winning photo will adorn the front page of your newspaper!

We hope you have a great time seeing some tremendous entries. I am sure some will make you smile because of their jocularity, and others

will take your breath away because of their beauty. I am looking forward to seeing them all and eventually announcing the grand prize winner. Tell your friends, dig out those old photos, go and take new photos but let's have some fun and show how Texans feel about their beloved bluebonnets.

Thought for the day: If heaven does not have a large blooming field of bluebonnets, not sure I want to go.

Until next time I will keep ridin' the storm out.
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While the Azle Independent School District pauses for spring break March 13-17, Azle Memorial Library is ramping up the fun by offering a series of free events to keep Azle students busy and

entertained during the break. Starting on Tuesday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m., AML will kick off the series with a DIY Sugar Scrub event, in which adults and teens (14+) can create their own sugar scrub in preparation for the summer months. All supplies will be provided by the library.

Doubling the fun on Wednesday, March 15, AML will be hosting two events. At 10:30 a.m., an Azle local presents All About Animals: Live Show! for kids ages 4-12. Seating for that event is limited, so arrive early to the Library Community Room to guarantee your spot.

Azle Memorial Library spring break events set March 13-17

AML continues the fun with Lego Club: Golden Brick Edition on Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. All ages are welcome, and the Lego bricks will be supplied by the library. Even though AISD will be paused, AML keeps the learning going with a Water

Conservation Education Activity on Thursday, March 16 at 10:30 a.m. For ages 5-12, the event will be held in the library parking lot. Throughout the week — March 13-17 — AML is hosting a St. Patrick's Day themed Scavenger Hunt in the chil-

dren's area guaranteed to keep the kids entertained all week long. Join the fun this Spring Break at Azle Memorial Library. For more information about upcoming events and library news, visit cityofazle.org/203/Library online.

LEGACY COMES TO LIFE

Benjamin Medford Hancock: frontiersman, farmer, family man

EDITOR'S NOTE: The story of Benjamin Medford Hancock is told by his great-great-nephew Gerry Gieger. Gerry is a member of The Sons of the Republic of Texas and serves as President of the E.M. Daggett Chapter in Fort Worth, Texas. Gerry lives in Burleson, Texas.

My name is Benjamin Medford Hancock. My family and friends called me Medford, but I always wished they had all called me Ben. I was born in the year 1822 in Perry County, Missouri. The Territory became part of the United States the year after I was born.

I descend from a long line of Hancocks going back to the American Revolutionary War. My father William Wilson Hancock was born September 22, 1787, in Stanton, Goochland County, Virginia. He fought in the War of 1812 but never told me much about it. But I do know he does not care much for the British or Indian tribes that helped them. My mother was the sweetest woman on earth, and she was smart, too. Her name was Anelia West Hancock, but everybody

called her "Neeley". Mother was born in Delaware in 1791. My parents had a total of nine children: six boys and three girls. Mother died in 1833 when I was just 11 years old.

On June 17, 1835, my father married a lady named Sarah Sally Harrison. She was nice enough to us kids, but it sure didn't feel like home anymore. My young brother Charles and I started talking about striking out on our own. We weren't far from grown; I was 13 and Charles was 12; about five years later, we headed for Texas.

We migrated to Texas during the Republic, years before Texas decided to join the United States, and settled in Red River County. The county had been an old Mexican Municipality (District) that encompassed the areas of

present Red River County plus all the lands of Bowie, Morris, Titus, Franklin, Delta, Cass and parts of Hopkins and Marion Counties. We chose the area south of Clarksville near the South Pecan Bayou, which was inhabited by black bears, wampus cats and red wolves, plus a good many elk and deer.

We had to defend ourselves against renegade Indians because there wasn't any help around. The nearest settlement was Robbinsville, and that was a good half-day ride from our place. They would cross over the Red River, from Oklahoma, or really a better name was Indian Territory. They stole horses, cattle, or whatever else they could rustle or carry off.

I had learned to read, write, spell and work math problems before we left Missouri, so I was literate and read the Holy Bible. I was closely associated with Dr. John Witherspoon Pettigrew McKenzie, an early Methodist

missionary to the Choctaw Nation. Dr. McKenzie was the founder of Young Men's Retreat (a school) that became McKenzie College. It was situated 3 miles south of Clarksville adjacent to and partially on our land. During the years of the Republic, the school grew from 16 students educated in a log cabin to over 300 students and 9 faculty members occupying four large buildings in 1854. It was the largest institution of higher education in Texas during the 1850s and 1860s (McKenzie College closed during the Civil War and merged with Marvin College, which became Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas.)

When I was 23 years old, I married Elizabeth "Eliza" Coffman, on November 19, 1847, in Red River County, Texas. She was called "Eliza" by her family. I got along well with her father Lovell Coffman, and he accepted me into his family like a son.

Eliza and I had eight surviving children: Jonas born in 1847, Thomas born in 1848, Martha born in 1849 who married James Norville, James born in 1850, William Lovell born in 1851 who married Laura Miller, Melissa Texanna born in 1856 who married Thomas Buford Poulter, Sarah Ellen born in 1858 who married John Taul Hart, Benjamin Medford born in 1861 who was first married to Myra Cox and then to Ann Beatrice (Turpin) Brady.

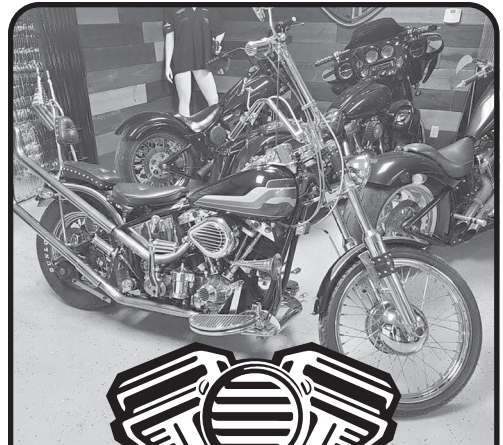
We farmed prime virgin soil that was excellent for cotton, corn and purple-hull peas. The kids were taught to be hard workers, and they did not have to be told when chores or anything else needed to be done. We raised hogs, chickens and guinea hens that always alerted us when things were not right in the barnyard. The monogamous birds roost on tree branches and always are high enough to see intruders, then sound out a long

loud cackle that may go on for hours. Guns were scarce, but I kept my muzzle-loading black powder long gun in the corner behind the front door, loaded and half-cocked.

Spring in Northeast Texas brought wildflowers and the blooming of the bluebonnet, which became the State Flower. Bluebonnets made the prairies look like oceans of blue water, but other things in Texas were not so pleasant. We battled Indians, tornados, droughts, floods and blizzards, but it was all worthwhile to live in the great Republic and the state of Texas.

I died on March 24, 1861, from Congestive Fever (Malaria) in Bogota, Texas. My dear Eliza followed me 53 days later, on May 15, 1861. She died of the same malady, leaving our 9-day-old baby and other children for family to raise. Eliza and I were proud and thankful to be Texans, citizens of The Republic of Texas.

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Pauline "Lou" Woolsey 1931-2023

Pauline Louise "Lou" Pappas Woolsey, 91, went to be with the Lord Saturday, March 4, 2023.

Funeral is 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18, 2023, in Greenwood Chapel. Entombment Greenwood Mausoleum. Visitation 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Greenwood.

Lou was born in Fort Worth to Theodore and Katherine Tesar Pappas on July 23, 1931.

She worked for Dr. Leon Smith for over 20 years. She was a licensed massage therapist with her own business, Azle Massage Therapy, for 45 years, until she retired at the age of 90.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband of 58 years, Michael D. Woolsey; sons, Terry Michael, Michael James Reed and Thomas Allen Reed; sisters, Helene, Irene, Stella, Christine and Alice; and brother, Ted



Pappas.

Survivors are children, Larry C. Reed and wife, Diane, Russell D. Reed and wife, Patti, and Kenneth W. Reed and wife, Regina; sister, Sophia Garbin and husband, Tom; brother, Tony Pappas; 15 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

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Daniel Brock 1936-2023

Daniel Morrow Brock, age 86, passed away Wednesday, March 8, 2023.

Visitation is from 10 a.m. until service time Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at Crossroads Baptist Church, 6003 FM 1886, Azle, 76020.

Service is 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at Crossroads Baptist Church.

Daniel was born March 19, 1936, at home in Perrin, Texas to Dan S. and Grace Morrow Brock. He served in the United States Army and retired from Lockheed-Martin in 2006.

Daniel enjoyed horses, calf roping, and agriculture. He was affectionately known as "Pappy" to his family and their friends.

Daniel was preceded in death by his parents and many siblings.

Daniel is survived by his



wife of 57 years, Regina Brock; daughter, Donna Jo Brock; grandsons, Jay Brock White, and Teo Dewayne Tompkins with wife, Andrea; great-granddaughter, Piper Tompkins. All surviving family remains together in Fort Worth, Texas.

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Richard Rash 1969-2023

Richard Wayne "Rick" Rash was born April 15, 1969, in Hobbs, New Mexico, and passed from this life on March 8, 2023 at his home in Azle.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. March 25 at The Church at Azle.

If you would like to send flowers, please send them on Friday, March 24 to The Church at Azle, 1801 South Stewart Street Azle, Texas, 76020.

Rick attended school in Hobbs, and later at Paschal High School in Fort Worth. He was fun-loving, big-hearted and funny to the bone. He was a great carpenter who loved working with his hands. He loved fishing and camping, but most of all, he loved a good joke - even if it was at his own expense.

Rick was preceded in death by his grandparents, Jim and Midge Rash of Hobbs, New Mexico, and Orville "O.D." and Pat Jones of Azle; and his best friend, Ronnie Dale Graham of Hobbs, New Mexico.

Left to cherish his memory are his mother, Cathy



Stewart of Azle; father, James Rash and wife Liz of Burleson; sisters, Barbara Kent and husband Robby of Azle; and Jami Golden of Burleson; nieces, JoAnna Johnson and Caitlin Caswell both of Azle; nephew Alton Kade Brooks of Azle; great nephews, Preston Johnson and Kyler Brooks, both of Azle; aunts and uncles, Bob and Debbie Jones, Johnny and Sherry Jones and Tanya Burnett of Azle and Melanie Jones of Weatherford; and his best friend, Moose, a black Labrador retriever.

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One of the unusual mailboxes on Vickie Drive.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Will someone please explain the new type of mailboxes that are showing up on the northwest side of Azle, on Kerry and Vickie Streets. Cannot believe any homeowner would install something so dark, black and ugly, made from a six-foot-tall tree stump with branches. Almost appears like some sort of voodoo, or just gloom and doom. Hope it's not a fad that will become the norm, in and around our beautiful area of Texas.

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Love, **The Lou Woolsey Family**

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House pushes armed officer at all schools

HOUSE PUSHES ARMED OFFICER AT ALL SCHOOLS

Under legislation prioritized by House Speaker Dade Phelan, every Texas school would have an armed police officer, and aspiring teachers would receive extra support.

The Dallas Morning News reported the bill would also provide \$15,000 in annual funding for safety measures for each school in the state. Another bill would increase the annual allotment per student for safety measures from \$10 to \$100.

Another House measure is aimed at improving teacher retention and recruitment, The Morning News reported. The measure, sponsored by state Rep. Harold Dutton, D-Houston, would create a new grant to help prospective teachers pursuing special education or bilingual certification, and would increase funding for educator mentoring. Special education and bilingual teacher positions are especially hard to fill in Texas.

RIISING CAR INSURANCE RATES CAUSING STICKER SHOCK

Average statewide auto insurance rates are up nearly



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.

24% over last year, according to a report by the Texas Standard. That is the highest increase in at least 20 years, according to the Texas Department of Insurance. That comes on top of increased costs for vehicles both new and used, and higher fuel costs.

Michael Schnurman, a business columnist with The Morning News, was interviewed on the Standard and had this to say, in part:

"There are several elements that play into it. One... is the higher values of cars and used cars in particular - they really shot up during the pandemic," he said. "But the claims are also up a lot... When driving resumed, the number of accidents and the severity of accidents has really been a lot higher. If you look at fatalities, I think they were up 18%."

Schnurman suggested consumers shop around for auto insurance and look for

discounts for bundling it with homeowners' insurance or multiple vehicles on the same account.

PUC RECOMMENDS FINE AGAINST POWER COMPANY

The Public Utility Commission has recommended that the Texas-New Mexico Power Company pay a \$1.74 million fine for inaccurate estimates of its customers' electric usage.

In a report released last week, The PUC said the power company failed to correct a violation of an order to install new meters that can be read remotely in a timely manner.

The commission said "TNMP's new meter rollout was significantly delayed," resulting in the utility "estimating thousands of meters for months on end."

The investigation found that TNMP was given three-years' notice that the "communication backbone" of its metering system was going to

be discontinued by its third-party provider but failed to produce a plan until halfway through that timeframe. It also failed to have a backup plan in case its vendor could not provide the 170,000 new meters on schedule, according to the PUC.

TEXAS SENATE PASSES FIRST BILL OF SESSION

The Texas Senate last week passed a bill that would close a loophole in state law that allowed gun sales to people between the ages of 16 and 18 who have been involuntarily hospitalized for mental illness. The Texas Tribune reported it was the first bill passed by the Senate this session.

Courts are supposed to report all involuntary mental health hospitalizations to the Texas Department of Public Safety, which then sends them to the FBI's national background check system. However, problems with how existing state law was written led to those hospitalizations not being reported by courts.

The measure comes after an 18-year-old shooter in Uvalde with a history of mental health problems killed 19 students and two teachers at Robb Elementary last year.

However, since that shooter was never hospitalized, closing the loophole would not have prevented him from legally buying two assault rifles.

WOMEN SUE STATE OVER ABORTION BAN

Five women are suing the state, saying its near-total abortion ban resulted in them being denied abortions despite complications in their pregnancies that put their lives and fetuses at risk. The Austin American-Statesman reported the Center for Reproductive Rights filed the suit, which asks the courts to clarify what qualifies as a "medical emergency" exception in the law.

"Politicians in Texas are prohibiting health care that they don't understand; they could do something but they're not, and it's killing us," Lauren Miller, one of the plaintiffs, said. "It shouldn't be controversial for an individual to make health care decisions for themselves in consultation with their doctor. But you can't get that in Texas anymore."

The Statesman reported that Miller was pregnant with twins when doctors told her one of the babies had a se-

vere genetic condition and was not going to survive, which threatened her life and the life of the other baby. She ended up traveling to Colorado to have an abortion and is scheduled to give birth to the healthy remaining twin this month.

DROUGHT MAP SPREADS IN PARTS OF STATE

Drought conditions by the end of February covered 62% of the state, up nine percentage points from a month earlier, according to Dr. Mark Wentzel, hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board. Drought-free areas include all of East Texas up to Dallas County to the west and Jefferson County to the south. The most severe drought conditions are in the far northern edge of the Panhandle, the counties surrounding San Antonio, and nearly all of South Texas.

"The latest seasonal drought outlook from the National Weather Service is optimistic for East and North Central Texas," Wentzel wrote. "Through the end of May, that part of the state is expected to remain drought-free. Unfortunately, drought is expected to expand in the rest of the state."

WC Academic Support Center awarded top certifications

STAFF REPORTS

The internationally recognized College Reading and Learning Association has awarded certification to Weatherford College's Academic Support Center as a Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 certified tutor training program.

According to a Weatherford College news release, the Academic Support Center is committed to "providing high-quality training to its tutors and ensuring that they are well-equipped to assist students in achieving academic success." "We are thrilled to re-

ceive this certification from the CRLA," Education Department Chairperson Shannon Stoker said in the press release. "It is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our Academic Support Center staff and tutors, who strive to provide the best possible support to our students."

The College Reading and Learning Association has almost 1,300 members and more than 2,000 certified training programs worldwide.

The Academic Support Center created a tutor training program that is in line with the association's rigorous standards and has finished the International

Tutor Training Program Certification peer review process, according to the press release. By virtue of earning the certification, the Academic Support Center has met the College Reading and Learning Association's high standards for tutor selection, training, direct service and evaluation as an integral

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Walk Across Texas! Parker County kicking off 2022 Challenge

STAFF REPORTS

Walk Across Texas! Parker County 2023 wellness and fitness challenge will kick off on March 27. The program hosted by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Parker County will run from March 27-May 21. It is a free eight-week program to help people of all ages establish the habit of regular physical activity.

The challenge is for teams of up to eight people to walk 832 miles, the distance from Orange, Texas to El Paso. Walk Across Texas is a fun, free and flexible way for our county to get active. A team can have up to eight people and can include family, co-workers, friends, church members, organizations, neighbors or anyone.

Participants can log miles walking or other ways with an equivalency chart including: walking, jogging, biking, lawn mowing, even aerobics and other activities. To begin Across Texas, here are the steps:
 1. Form a team with a team captain. Go to howdyhealth.org. Use league code: for adult teams: watL-230303-78539. For youth: watLY-230221-34554.
 2. Once your team is created a team code will be generated for your team members to us to join your team. The team must be created first.
 3. Teams of up to eight members register individually in Howdy Health and join the team using a team code given by the team captain.

4. Youth teams may have any number of members. However it is encouraged that schools and youth groups have several teams, either by class or grade.
 5. Members report individually their mileage for total team distance.
 6. Members will receive weekly e-newsletter with health tips and recipes as well as weekly challenges and events throughout the eight-week challenge.
 7. Join Facebook: Walk Across Texas Parker County. There will be weekly updates. For more information, contact the Parker County Extension office at 817-598-6168.

8. Members will receive weekly e-newsletter with health tips and recipes as well as weekly challenges and events throughout the eight-week challenge.

9. Members will receive weekly e-newsletter with health tips and recipes as well as weekly challenges and events throughout the eight-week challenge.

We will understand it better by and by

"We are tossed and driven on the restless sea of time; somber skies and howling tempests oft succeed a bright sunshine; in that land of perfect day, when the mists are rolled away, we will understand it better by and by."

I was today years old when I found out that verse existed — in a song I have sung for as long as I can remember.

Every version of the song I have ever sung started with this verse:

"Trials dark on every hand, and we cannot understand all the ways of God would lead us to that blessed promised land; but he guides us with



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By Gerry Lewis

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his eye, and we'll follow till we die, for we'll understand it better by and by."

At least the refrain was familiar: "By and by, when the morning comes, when the saints of God are gathered home, we will tell the story how we've overcome, for we'll understand it better by and by." (Hymn by Charles Albert Tindley, 1905).

I thought of that song this morning when I read John 13:7.

"Jesus replied, 'You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.'"

There is a particular context to this verse in the Bible narrative, but it got my ponderer going.

How many times in my life

has that been the case! I don't have a clue what God is doing, but I'm trusting that I "will understand it better by and by."

There are so many things that happen in our lives that we chalk up to coincidence or chance. We think, "Well, how about that! I never imagined things would go that way."

Sometimes those things are great and we celebrate them.

Sometimes those things are not-so-great and we wonder what went wrong.

And sometimes it just absolutely makes no sense — and that can make us a little uncomfortable, so we start

trying to figure it out.

Sometimes we get answers; sometimes we don't. That's life.

But there is something within us that really wants there to be more to life than chance.

Here's what I choose to believe: God is always at work behind the scenes. He's always up to something. And often — in fact, more often than not — I really don't realize what He's doing. I'm just trusting that one of two things will happen:

Either I will understand it later or I will reach a point that I no longer have a need

to understand it.

God is under no obligation to let me know what He's doing. That's what faith is for.

Trusting in the dark. Resting in the silence. Leaning forward into the unknown. Taking the next step.

There's something amazingly exhilarating about that kind of trust and so far I've survived every time I've had to exercise it.

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Peanut is a 2 year old male Terrier, American Pit Bull mix. Currently at the shelter, he is waiting for his forever home.

ANIMAL FROM PAGE A1

store, where the consumer may not have visibility to the environment or health standards that the cat/dog was born, or raised in."

Sections 1d and subsection e1 of the ordinance creates exceptions to the above ruling for veterinary clinics and hospitals, animal shelters, other registered 501(c)(3)

entities and permitted state agencies or individuals with certified rehabilitative care credentials. If a violation of the ordinance is suspected, Azle Animal Control may seize the dogs or cats found in violation of that infraction.

"Over 500K animals are brought into Texas shelters annually. In fiscal year 2021/2022, Azle impounded approximately 547 dogs and cats," stated Council member Peak. Many were adopted or

returned to their homes. I am personally an advocate of adopting vs. purchasing a dog or cat, but in the event a consumer chooses to acquire from another source, it's important that the consumer has the opportunity to ensure the breeder is responsible and strives to breed dogs and cats who are most likely to result in happy healthy pets."

The full revised ordinance can be found at the City Council Civic Clerk website.

News From Azle City Hall

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The Stormwater Utility Fee is based on the concept that every property in a watershed contributes stormwater runoff and should support the operation, maintenance, and rehabilitation of stormwater drainage systems in the City. The fee is applied to all residential and commercial properties located within the city limits.

If you have questions regarding the City's stormwater management plan, contact Stormwater Manager Jimmy Duvall at 817-444-4511; and if you have questions about the fee, contact Utility Billing at 817-444-2541.

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PreK - 4th		
BREAKFAST: Everyday - Assorted Fruits and Cereal, Juice, White or Chocolate Milk, Graham Crackers, Toast		
Mon Mini Chocolate Chip French Toast, Cherry Craisins Tues Banana Muffin w/cheese sticks, Apple Waffles, Orange Craisins Thurs Cocoa Puffs Cereal Bar w/ Cheese Stick, Orange Fri Breakfast Pizza, Banana		
LUNCH: Everyday - Variety of milk. Your choice of 1 entree & 1 fruit or juice		
Mon Chicken Tenders w/biscuit OR Hamburger OR Cheeseburger Tues Soft Chicken Tacos OR Frito Chili Pie, OR Sun butter & Jelly Sandwich Weds Max Sticks w/marinara, OR Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Thurs Spaghetti w/meat sauce OR Sloppy Joe OR Sun butter & Jelly Sandwich Fri Pepperoni Pizza, Cheese Pizza, OR Chicken Fajita Wrap, Smile French Fries		
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 Fruit Parfait, Oranges Fri Waffle & Sausage, Bananas		
LUNCH: Everyday: Variety of milk. Your choice of 1 entree & 1 fruit or juice, rolls, crackers • Salad bar offered daily		
Mon Chicken Tenders w/biscuit OR Hamburger OR Cheeseburger Tues Soft Chicken Tacos OR Frito Chili Pie, OR Sun butter & Jelly Sandwich w/cheese stick Weds Max Sticks w/marinara, OR Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Thurs Spaghetti w/meat sauce OR Sloppy Joe OR Sun butter & Jelly Sandwich Fri Pepperoni Pizza, Cheese Pizza, OR Chicken Fajita Wrap		
HIGH SCHOOL		
BREAKFAST: Everyday - Assorted Fruits and Cereal, Juice, White or Chocolate Milk, Yogurt w/Granola		
Mon French Toast Sticks, Pineapple Tues Scramble Eggs, Sausage, & Toast, Applesauce Weds Glazed Donuts, Mixed Fruit Thurs Fruit Parfait, Oranges Fri Waffle & Sausage, Bananas		
LUNCH: • Everyday: 1% unflavored or non fat chocolate milk & juice offered daily at breakfast and lunch. Salad Bar • Fruit of the day subject to change due to deliveries and shortages. • Fruit, hot and cold veggies		
Mon BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich, SW Chicken Tornadoes, Orange Chicken, Chicken Parmesan Pasta, Cheese Pizza, Hamburger/Cheeseburger Tues Chicken Tenders & Waffles, Crunchy Beef Tacos, General TSO Chicken, Cheese Pizza, Pepperoni Pizza, Chili Cheese Dog Weds Chicken Nuggets, Beef Bean Burrito, Sweet n Sour Chicken, Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Cheese Pizza, Spicy Chicken Sandwich Thurs Buffalo Chicken Wings, Chicken Burrito, Orange Chicken, Pepperoni Calzone, Hamburger/Cheeseburger Fri Fish Sticks, Cheesy Chicken Nachos, General TSO Chicken, Max Sticks SPONSORED BY		

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Scan for more information on what's happening in the City of Azle or visit us at www.cityofazle.org.

'Mama Won't Fly' comes to Azle



COURTESY PHOTO MONICA GOTH

The cast of "Mama Won't Fly" prepares for the second production in the Azle Popcorn Players 2023 series.

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Azle Arts Popcorn Players presents their next production in the 2023 season, "Mama Won't Fly," directed by Monica Goth.

The comedy centers around Savannah Sprunt Fairchild Honeycutt as she races against the clock to drive her mother cross-country for her brother's wedding. "Mama Won't Fly" takes the audience from Alabama to California,

delivering laughs at every mile.

Catch the show March 24-25, 31 and April 1 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees March 26 and April 2 at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for military, students, and seniors, and \$10 for Sunday matinees. Buy tickets at <https://www.azlearts.org/> or call 817-238-PLAY.

WHO'S WHO?

The cast members for "Mama Won't Fly" are listed below.

- Sarah Lee as Savannah Honeycutt
- Carol Braden as Norleen Sprunt
- Emily Ball as Hayley Quinn
- Cynthia Hall as Tanya Dudley, Aunt Rema Jean, Edweena, and Kiki
- Juanita Gunnels as Essie, Great Aunt Pawnee, and Sybil
- Cassie Jacobs as Aunt Ardale, Juliette, and Testa
- Ron Counts as Denton Crocker, Cousin Chicken, Mitch, Officer Dugger, Ronald, and Kelvin
- Jerry Hall as Uncle Fred, Mickey, Red, and Spud
- In the crew, Assistant Director Lauren Schillings directs Ron Counts who manages the lights, Bryson Ingle who works tech, and Scott Nurmela who creates the set.

DOGS

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ready been killed. Stringer added that the livestock's owner said he saw two pit bulls, and when the owner tried to run them off, they chased him.

"That obviously is an area of concern that we have dogs that are aggressive towards livestock and humans," he said.


As of March 14, Stringer said Harris had two leads - a pack of about eight dogs that

appeared to be unowned and a pack of coyotes have been reported in the area.

Stringer said the options for Reno-area residents to dispose of dead livestock are to bury the bodies or take them to a Parker County disposal site.

"As far as a place in the city to dispose of them, we don't have a place to dispose of any number of animals that large," he said.

Stringer recommended that anyone who comes across aggressive dogs should call 911.



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Azle 4-H at Tarrant County Junior Livestock Show



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Alyssa Flores won Reserve Champion in Fancy Poultry in this year's Tarrant County Junior Livestock Show.



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Avery Bradberry won Grand Champion with her Fancy Poultry.

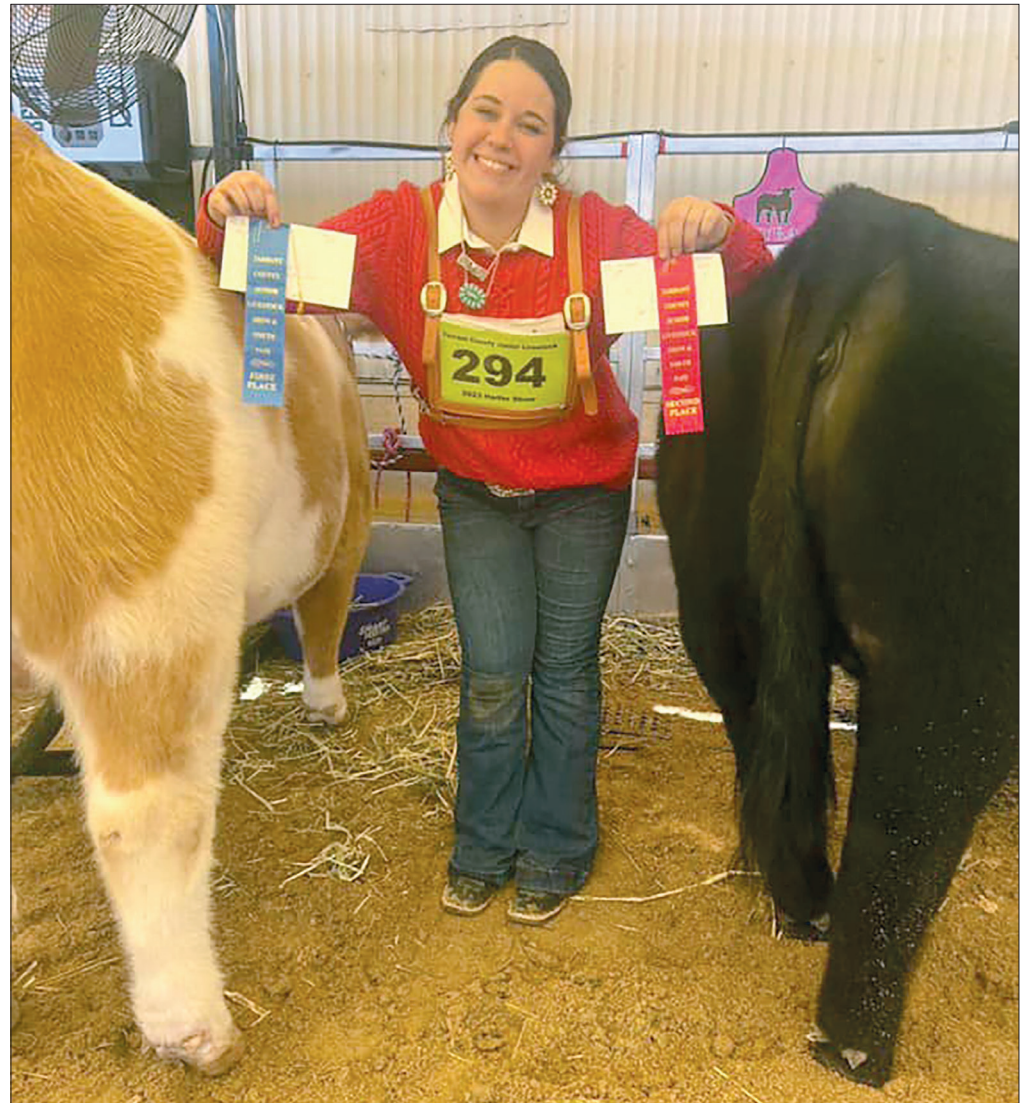


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Emily Marshal won first in class for her Charolais Cross (yellow and white), and second in class for her Chi (black).

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Rebel Yale has been working with horses since she was 10.

REBEL FROM PAGE A1

Soon, in addition to cleaning stalls, Rebel was training Tigger. Once other horse owners at Melody Acres began noticing her quick progress, they asked her to work with their horses as well. Eventually, Rebel's father in Eastland started buying her mustangs to train and even her dentist asked her to train their horses.

"She has a plan. She's saving her money to buy horses to train and then sell again. She's just 13 and she's already got her life planned out," said Rebel's mother. Rebel plans on potentially working at a 4-H affiliated ranch in Azle over the summer. "She's a good kid and I do attribute that to working with horses. I'm not worried about her going off and doing stupid stuff as a teenager because I know where her priorities are. She's found what

she loves really really young," said Yale.

Rebel attributes much of her success to the support given to her by Melody Acres Stable, her family, 4-H and, of course, her horse, Tigger. "I've always loved horses, but I probably found out once I got Tigger. Tigger is just a silly horse, he's not really scared of anything, he's just a goofy personality. He makes me smile all the time," said Rebel. "At the end of the day, (horses) just kind of relax me. It's not just riding, it's the way they make you feel."

Along with a red ribbon, Rebel won the support and admiration of attendees at her first contest. One audience member recalled on Facebook, "you would not have known it was her very first show! She did amazing!"

Always training and improving, Rebel plans on competing in future competitions with Tigger, hopeful that she will bring back the gold for Azle.



Rebel posing with her awards

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Azle cheerleader tryouts incite nerves, confidence, spirit

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What you are about to read is top secret.

A week-long cheerleader clinic at Azle High School culminated on Friday, March 10, with tryouts to determine which kids make the cut for junior varsity and varsity cheer squads. The clinic and tryouts are closed to the public, but Azle News was allowed access on March 8 to observe and report.

About 50 girls and a handful of guys attended the clinic, which served as practice leading up to the actual tryouts. Contestants were assigned numbers, and everyone lined up in numerical order for stretching and warming up. Head coach Haley Hopkins began calling out stunts and jumps, and the contestants would do them while being scrutinized.

Among the girls trying out were Gracie Hennessy and Kimber Gray, eighth graders who will be incoming freshmen next school year. Both have years of experience in the rah-rah game, beginning their careers as toddlers. Now, they are hoping to earn spots on the JV squad and become captains.

"I love cheering," Gray said. "I like to make the crowds loud. You put everybody in a good mood and bring everybody's spirits up."

Despite their experience, both were nervous about tryouts.

"Tryouts are definitely nerve-wracking," Hennessy said. "You have to have a positive attitude and work hard."

Neither girl has been cut before but realize the possibility is there. They've had friends who endured the ax. They've seen the pain and sadness that comes with be-



Kimber Gray tries to impress her cheer coaches during a clinic leading up to tryouts.

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ing cut.

What if the unthinkable happened to Hennessy or Gray?

"That just shows me there were other people who worked harder than me," Hennessy said. "That means I need to work harder and give as much as I can."

Gray said she would "keep practicing and go to more clinics and put 110% in it."

Hennessy's advice for anyone who is cut: "There is always next year, and years to come," she said. "At the end of the day, if you are working hard and giving 100%, whatever happens, happens."

Oliver "Ollie" Faoois-Olah wasn't nervous. He made the cut as a freshman and sophomore and expected to sail through again for his junior season as a member of Hornet Muscle.

Math was in his favor. "There are only nine boys trying out, and the maximum

that can make it is 12, so every boy is going to make it this year," he said.

He recalled tryouts his freshman year, the first time he had ever attempted cheerleading.

"It was a little scary," he said.

Two years later, he is expe-

rienced and positive. He credits cheerleading for bringing him out of his shell at school and in general.

"I became more confident in what I'm doing," he said. "It's given me the confidence to go talk to new people and try new things."



COURTESY PHOTO

Ryann Baker hit her first home run of the season to help topple Wichita Falls Rider, 7-1.

Whew!

Azle Lady Hornets win softball district opener

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The Lady Hornets reversed a losing trend and put themselves atop the District 5-5A softball standings to begin the new season.

On March 10, Azle traveled to Wichita Falls to begin conference action and prevailed 7-1 over Rider High School. The Lady Hornets weren't surprised by their victory.

Leading up to the district opener, Azle had lost seven games in a row, several by large margins.

The girls were shut out in four of those defeats.

"There are a lot of people that are not happy," first baseman Allison Smith said in the week leading up to the district opener.

"Our team was very separated at the beginning of the year. We had a lot of individu-

ality, but we're all bonding as a team now." Then, she made a prediction.

"If we continue to play as a team, we are going to start winning, and we're going to go far," she said.

The Lady Hornets will play seven more district games in the weeks ahead while fighting for a playoff spot.

Azle and Aledo face off in a district clash at 7 p.m. March 21 at home.

Thank you, Azle athletic trainers

Azle High School athletic trainers receive recognition for hard work, contributions

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March is National Athletic Trainer Month. Sometimes overlooked, athletic trainers at Azle High School work to help keep the Hornets from getting hurt on and off the field.

"Our job is to see (students') safe return," athletic training instructor Evan Poer said. "The most gratifying thing is watching them get back out onto the field and see them do their craft, pain-

free, having fun. It's not just slinging water, that's not all we do. Every strip of tape we lay down has a purpose. It's physically demanding, it's emotionally demanding, and it's psychologically demanding. When we're on this campus, we (have) to be ready for anything."

On March 8, the Azle Athletics Twitter account encouraged followers to nominate Evan Poer, Kyndal Font and Christine Hardee for the Perry Weather Athletic Trainer Excellence Award. The post read "Azle ISD has the BEST Athletic Trainers

who go above and beyond for our student-athletes!" The praise was not taken lightly. "We are really fortunate here to have the type of leadership that supports us," said Poer.

Teaching the next generation of athletic trainers is another major role carried out by Poer, Font and Hardee.

"I don't have any regrets. I enjoy what I do," Elaina Conner, a 10th grade student athletic trainer said. "We put a lot of hours into it, a lot of work and effort. It's a

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Jamie Drake (left), Elaina Conner (center) and Chloe Jones (right) are student athletic trainers

SPORTS Roundup

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AZLE HIGH BOYS SOCCER

On March 10, the Azle soccer boys lost their final game of the season, 5-1, to Fort Worth Brewer.

The Hornets didn't make the playoffs, but the team played an exciting brand of soccer, and the players enjoyed their time on the field together.

Emmanuel Ruiz, a senior, attended Azle High for four years and played varsity for three of them. The team made the playoffs his sophomore season but missed out during his junior and senior years.

Ruiz thought this year's team could fight their way into the postseason.

"We haven't won that much, but we're still a good team," he said. "I would want to go to the playoffs for my last year, but that's life. It's been a good year. I like this team and the friends I have."

Azle finished at 5-13-3 for the season. Last year's team finished 1-15-2.

AZLE HIGH GIRLS SOCCER

Prior to the game against Brewer on March 10, Azle soccer coach Hannah Smith summed up the situation in succinct fashion.

"We need to win, and we need Granbury to lose," she said.

It was the final game of the regular season, and the Lady Hornets would make the playoffs if they beat Brewer at home, and Granbury lost to a tough Aledo team.

Both outcomes were highly possible.

Alas, Azle tied with Brewer. Granbury knocked off Aledo.

And the season came to an end for the Lady Hornets.

Smith and the girls would have loved to make a playoff appearance, but they felt good about the season that saw them fashion an 11-8-2 record, and come within a whisker of making the playoffs.

"We're continuing to improve, which is good at this level," Smith said just before the game with Brewer. "It feels good to be competing still. That's new for us for the last few years. It's exciting, and they're excited for it, too."

It was Senior Night, and six players and a manager were celebrated for what would be their final high school soccer game.

"I've (been able) to work with them for the last three years," Smith said. "They're a great group of girls. They've been great athletes, great leaders, great supporters of each other. It's been exciting to watch them grow to now. We're competing for a playoff spot. they're a big part of

that, and it's going to be sad to see them go, but it's been nice to watch them grow."

The playoff spot didn't pan out this year, but the future looks bright for Lady Hornet soccer.

AZLE HIGH BASEBALL

On March 9-11, the Hornets were 4-1 at the Crowley baseball tournament, boosting Azle's overall record to 12-3.

In the first day of action, Azle won a close game over North Crowley. The trsmd tied 3-3, but the Hornets nabbed the win since they moved more runners to third base.

Jackson Davis pitched 6-2/3 innings with 5 strikeouts. Noah Lehr logged 2 hits, and Garrin Graves, Billy Spratt, and Ryland Liptow also had hits.

Next, Azle dominated North Side 12-0 with pitcher Lane Springfield going the distance on the mound for the win. He struck out eight batters.

At the plate, Grant Tune recorded 2 doubles and 3 RBIs. Cayden Fowler: 2 hits and 2 RBIs. Spratt: 3 hits and 3 stolen bases. Ivan Perez: 2 hits. Luke Olmsted: 1 hit.

Azle's only loss at the tournament came against Crowley, but the game was close at 8-6.

Michael Seeton pitched well in relief for the Hornets, and Davis, Olmsted, Tune, and Fowler all had doubles.



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Whether crouching behind or standing at the plate, Billy Spratt has played well for the Hornets.

Azle kapowed Arlington Bowie 16-0 behind the arm and accuracy of pitcher Declan Dahl, who threw a perfect game for the Hornets while striking out 9 batters.

Liptow, Graves, Perez, Lehr, and Tyler Akers had 2 hits apiece, and Tune, Fowler, and Spratt had 1 each.

The Hornets stung Cleburne next, although the game was a 3-2 nailbiter.

Christian Shepherd picked up the win, going 3-2/3 innings with 3 strikeouts. Ethan Bissonnette picked up the save pitching 3-1/3 innings

of solid relief.

Lehr, Akers, Spratt (a double), Fowler, Perez, and Cole Webb recorded hits.

Nathan Casperaites made a couple of skilled defensive plays to keep Cleburne from gaining momentum late in the game.

AZLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BASEBALL

On March 7, Azle Christian played a home game at Stinger Field and put a whupping on Aquilla 15-3.

The victory came on the heels of a March 4 tournament in Gorman that saw the Crusaders beat Stephenville Faith 4-1 and topple the Menard High Yellowjackets 12-0.

Earning all-tournament honors for the Crusaders were sophomore pitcher Kelton Schott, who notched a complete-game victory over Stephenville Faith and threw 7 strikeouts; junior second baseman Andy Wisniewski, who collected 5 RBI and scored 5 runs; and senior pitcher Noah Rollins, who pitched a complete-game shutout with 6 strikeouts against Menard.

AZLE JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS TRACK

On March 8, the Azle Junior High girls track team competed at the Colt Relays and sprinted, jumped and vaulted their way to the award platform.

In the 100-meter dash, eighth grader Nicole Johnson earned sixth place.

In the 200-meter, eighth grader Samantha Romero took sixth place, and seventh grader Lydia Leonard won

sixth place.

Eighth grader Elle Yelle earned fourth place in the 400-meter.

In the 800-meter run, eighth graders Valeria Macias and Racher Harder earned fifth and sixth place respectively, and seventh grader Hailey Lajjas won third place.

Macias and Harder also excelled in the 1,600-meter run, earning fourth and fifth place respectively. Seventh grader Maddie Kidlinger won fifth place.

Eighth grader Haleigh House earned sixth place in the 2,400-meter.

In the 110 hurdles, eighth grader Bella Tipton won sixth place, and seventh grader Madison Holleman took home the top prize, first place.

In the 300 hurdles, eighth grader Kellar Gunter and seventh grader Holleman earned third place.

In the 4x100 relay, Johnson, Taylor Merrill, Romero, and Cheyanne Grant won fourth place.

In the 4x200 relay, eighth graders Samantha Romero, Kellar Gunter, Taylor Merrill, and Kellar Gunter won fourth place.

The long jump event saw Johnson and Merrill earn fourth and sixth place respectively. Seventh grader Leonard won fourth place.

Seventh grader Cameron Short won first place in the pole vault, and teammate Miley Turdo took fifth place.

In the discus, Yelle won second place, and seventh graders Rylie Brekel and Abby Yoachum won second and fifth place respectively.



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Azle Christian's Jaxson Logan earns a fist bump after reaching first base on a single against Aquilla.



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Emmanuel Ruiz and the Hornet soccer team saw their season come to a close on March 10.



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Elle Yelle took second place in the discus and fourth place in the 400-meter run at the Hornet Relays.

Azle swimmers awash in awards



Hailey Fox and Karla Rodriguez shared the Most Improved of the Year Award.



Steven Manley and Brooke Nowakowski earned the Hornet Pride Award.

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Azle High School's swimmers celebrated another solid season by presenting team awards to several members.

Newcomer of the Year went to Isaiah Shelton, who qualified for regional meet in the 200 freestyle relay and 200 medley relay. His split in the 200 was 27.2, the fastest of his career.

The Most Improved of the Year Award was shared by Hailey Fox and Karla Rodriguez. Fox qualified for regionals in the 100 breaststroke and knocked off more than 3 seconds from her personal best, and she swam a stellar fly leg in the 200 medley relay. Rodriguez swam her fastest split on the

backstroke leg in the girls 200 medley relay.

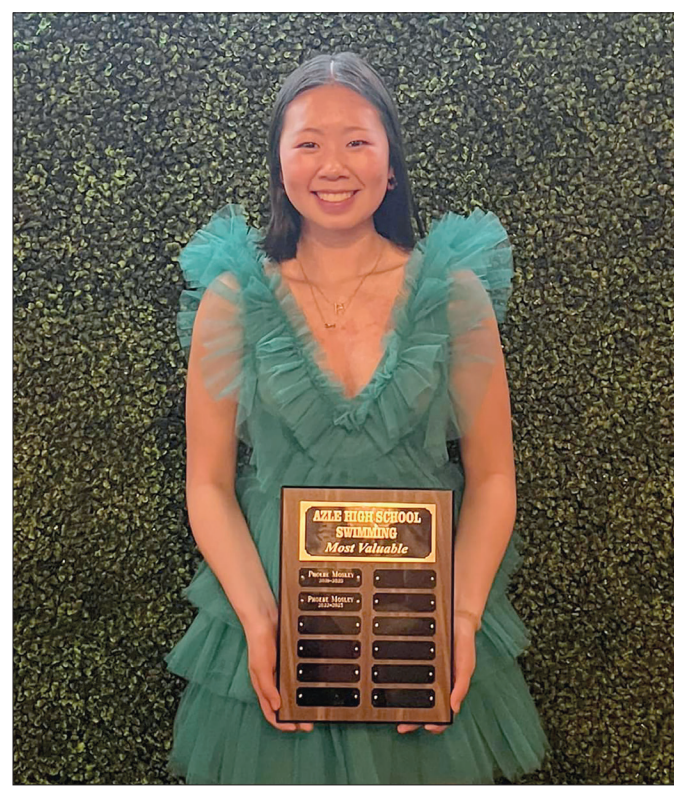
Earning the Hornet Pride Award were Brooke Nowakowski and Steven Manley. Nowakowski swam at regionals with the 400 freestyle relay team that set a school record at 4:18.21. Manley swam for personal bests at regionals in the 100 freestyle and 200 freestyle relay.

The MVP Award went to the only swimmer to qualify for the state meet, Phoebe Mosley. She competed against the best swimmers in the state and broke her personal records and Azle school records in the 200 IM and 100 fly.

"Congratulations to all our swimmers for an awesome record-breaking season," said head coach Amy Estes.



Isaiah Shelton earned Newcomer of the Year.



Phoebe Mosley, who qualified for state, earned the MVP Award.

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very hands-on experience."

Another sophomore athletic trainer, Jamie Drake, added, "It's great to be an athletic trainer at Azle High School. I say we're like a family."

The AHS athletic trainer program selects and evaluates students on a yearly basis.

"We really don't expect them to come in with a lot of skill other than their willingness to learn. If they're a student that may not excel in athletics but want to be around it, likes sports and likes science and appreciates helping other people, those are big, huge characteristics. If you want to be in here and you're willing to put up a fight for your academics, then we want you,"

remarked Poer.

"I plan on going into this profession" 10th-grade student athletic trainer Chloe Jones said. "I'm hoping on doing it four years in a row. I've always been medicine-minded, it runs in my family. I like football and I like medicine, so why not do both? You just have to pay attention and learn."

One thing shared by the roughly 20 athletic trainers at Azle High School is their dedication to helping their fellow student athletes, especially when things get messy.

"It takes a lot of practice to do some of the things we do. Wrapping wounds, bandaging, taking care of blood or any kind of biohazard, [student athletic trainers] help us with. They've been really good at that," Poer said.

Athletic trainers are the first on the scene when the

worst happens.

"The first game of the season a kid broke his leg," recalled Jones. "You have to be very attentive of what you're doing as an athletic trainer."

National Athletic Trainer Month is a time to celebrate these students and teachers for all they do to keep their peers and the athletic department in tip-top shape.

"I think Athletic Training Month highlights us," Poer said. "We run into a number of physicians who don't really know we exist, so, we're fortunate to have the ones that we have. We work really closely with the physical therapists in our community. We're all a team and we all want to see (student athletes) get back to what they're doing, safely, healthy, to the best of their ability."

The application deadline for incoming 10th through



Poer and Font working with a student with an injured ankle.

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Conner Thomlinson is a senior athletic trainer and plans to attend Texas A&M after graduating.



Kyndal Font and Evan Poer are athletic trainers at Azle High School.

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12th graders to apply to be an athletic trainer next semester ended on March 10. However, incoming freshmen still have a chance to apply until March 22.

"Look into it, try it, research it, come talk to us. Communication is paramount," urged Poer.

Conner Thomlinson, a senior student athletic trainer, reiterated the sentiment, saying, "I've learned so many organizational and team working skills. For all those reasons it's been really great for me. Ask a lot of questions, don't be afraid to really get in there and ask your head trainers and peers any questions. You'll learn pretty quickly here."

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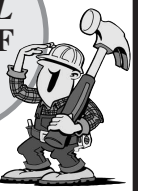
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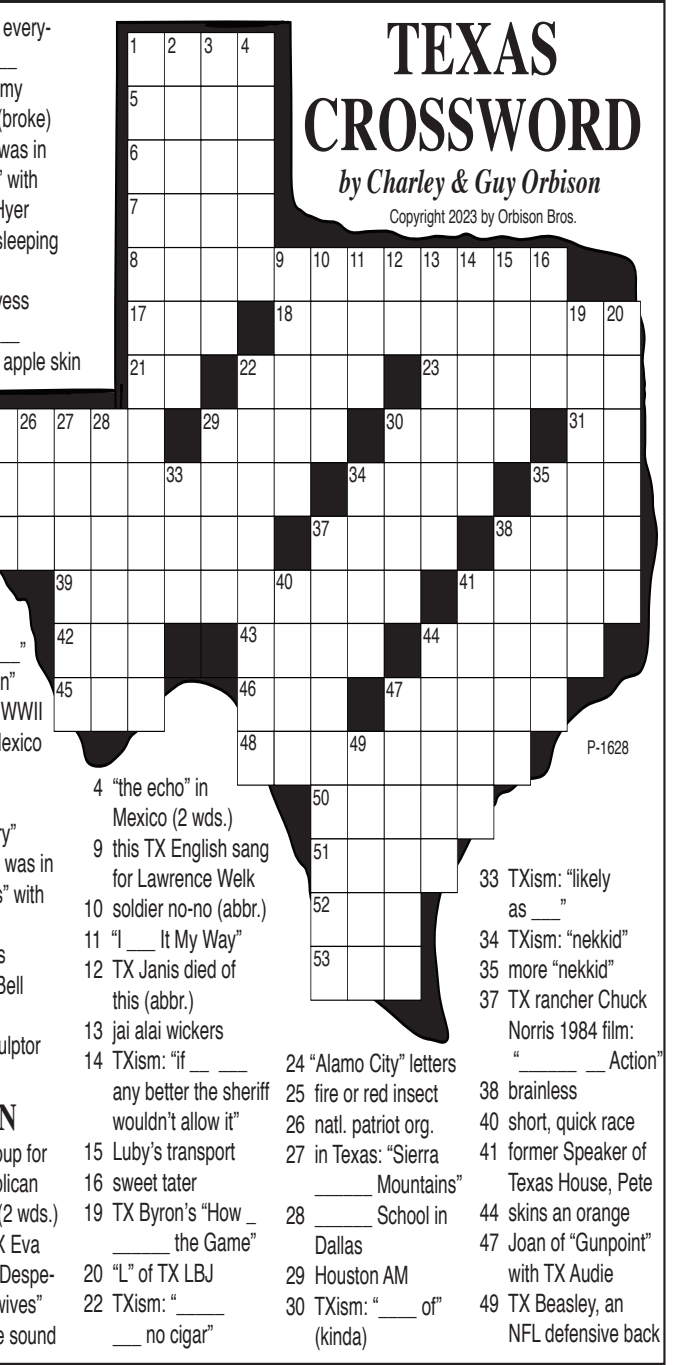
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ACROSS

1 TX Kris film: "Alice Doesn't Live Anymore" (1974)
 5 gem found in TX
 6 "San Jacinto Battleground State Historic _____"
 7 state tech. college system (abbr.)
 8 Mitchell County seat
 17 TX Benson film: "____ to Billy Joe"
 18 TXism: "he blazes _____" (big man)
 21 TX Janis sang "____ and Bobby McGee"
 22 chunk of dirt
 23 some East TX areas
 24 Iraqi dictator Hussein who was caught in 2003
 29 this was to be channel 19 in Nacogdoches
 30 TXism: "his axles _____ hot" (active)
 31 Commemorative Air Force Texas founder, Nolen (init.)
 32 TXism: "he couldn't drive _____ snow bank" (incompetent)
 34 snakes or scarves
 35 TX Jimmy Dean's "Big _____ John"
 36 plow pullers
 37 TX Tommy Lee Jones film: "Eyes of Laura _____" (1978)
 38 "Cinco de _____" is celebrated in Texas

DOWN

39 TXism: "lost everything _____ under my fingernails" (broke)
 41 this Sophia was in "Houseboat" with TX Martha Hyer
 42 TXism: "let sleeping dogs _____"
 43 Abilene's Dyess Air Force _____
 44 removed an apple skin
 45 filmed in Galveston: "Capricorn _____"
 46 "____ Houston" was sunk in WWII
 47 "mister" in Mexico
 48 Alamo book: "____ Days to Glory"
 50 this Frances was in "War Games" with TX Dabney
 51 hair products
 52 Texas Blue Bell _____ cream
 53 noted TX sculptor Elisabet

4 "the echo" in Mexico (2 wds.)
 9 this TX English sang for Lawrence Welk
 10 soldier no-no (abbr.)
 11 "I _____ My Way"
 12 TX Janis died of this (abbr.)
 13 jai alai wickers
 14 TXism: "if _____ any better the sheriff wouldn't allow it"
 15 Luby's transport
 16 sweet later
 19 TX Byron's "How _____ the Game"
 20 "L" of TX LBJ
 22 TXism: "____ of _____ no cigar"

24 "Alamo City" letters
 25 fire or red insect
 26 natl. patriot org.
 27 in Texas: "Sierra _____ Mountains"
 28 _____ School in Dallas
 29 Houston AM
 30 TXism: "____ of" (kinda)

33 TXism: "likely as _____"
 34 TXism: "nekkid"
 35 more "nekkid"
 37 TX rancher Chuck Norris 1984 film: "____ Action"
 38 brainless
 40 short, quick race
 41 former Speaker of Texas House, Pete
 44 skins an orange
 47 Joan of "Gunpoint" with TX Audie
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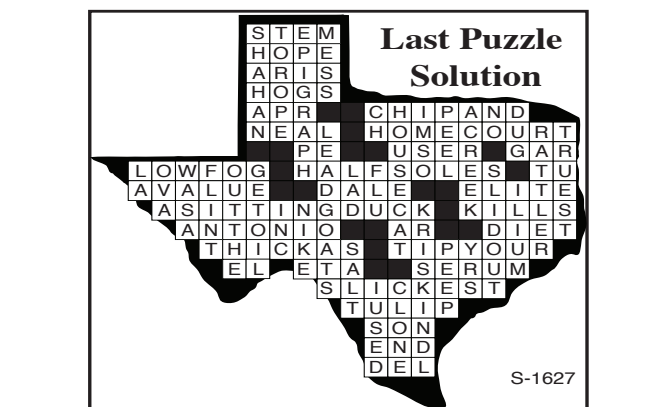
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