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Reno P&Z discusses code compliance complaint process

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The Reno Planning and Zoning Commission met on Feb. 21 in a workshop to discuss the code compliance complaint process.

The P&Z spoke with Reno Police Chief Scott Elsner, and by the end of the meeting, commission members

seemed satisfied with the chief's plan to handle the complaint process.

At the beginning of the workshop, P&Z Chairperson Brian Schrader said the commission would be discussing the complaint policies and procedures, not individual cases or code enforcement.

Schrader said complaints should be logged, dated and

serialized. He said follow-ups should be conducted in a timely manner, as opposed to residents approaching the City Council to say they never received a response after filing a complaint.

"I think our citizens deserve some type of reporting back to them, so they know that their city is working for them, not just falling on deaf

ears," Schrader said.

Elsner said an online system to file complaints will be set up, and forms will be available at city hall.

"We're going to revamp the code compliance office," Elsner said. "What we would like to do is the same thing that we're going to do with emergency calls is prioritize them. And everything won't

be addressed immediately; it will be addressed within a certain timeframe. But they'll come in, and they'll be categorized — one through three, one through four, whatever they may be — and it will be addressed in that order."

P&Z discussed anonymity in filing complaints, what qualifications a person

should have to file a complaint, and how to protect against using the complaint process for retaliation.

In addition to the police department, the Briar-Reno Fire Department was also represented at the meeting. Fire Chief Moses Druxman said a report is generated for

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Magic on stage for Azle High's production of 'The Wizard of Oz'

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Azle High School's drama troop presented the timeless classic "The Wizard of Oz"

last Thursday night. The students have been working tirelessly for months perfecting their performance.

Abigail Garner, who played Dorothy, said it is all worth-

while, being able to work with her friends and people she's known all her life, even if it is only for a few nights of magic.

"You know, you spend

months working so hard for just a few shows, but it is worth it," she said.

The play is a musical production of the famous book written by Lyman

Frank Baum. Baum wrote the "Wizard of Oz" in May 1900, and he also wrote the 14 sequels in the Oz series.

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From left to right, Braden Crews as the Cowardly Lion, Abby Garner as Dorothy Gale, Kameron Weger as the Scarecrow, and Paul Leonard as the Tin Man in the Azle High School production of the Wizard of Oz.

Fire and EMS dispatch to be provided by Everman

Azle Police Department will continue to use their own dispatch services

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It's a comfort to know emergency help is just a three-digit phone call away. No matter who they are, a cit-

izen can rely on the fast and caring voice on the other end of the call to deliver reliable services. But what if the person you're talking to on the other end of the call isn't a member of your community?

In a recent Azle City Council meeting that convened on February 21, the city council voted to accept a proposal to authorize the city mayor to engage in an agreement with the Tarrant

County Fire Alarm Center (TCFAC) to allow the City of Everman to provide Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) dispatch services to Azle.

For the past 10 years, the

Azle emergency dispatch for Fire and EMS services have been handled by the TCFAC through the City of Saginaw. On December 28, 2022, the Tarrant County Fire Alarm Center was relocated to the

City of Everman Public Safety Dispatch Center. So far, the citizens of Azle haven't noticed the difference. Fire Chief Thomas Scott has said

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Candidates file for May 6 election in Reno

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The upcoming Reno City Council and mayoral election will give residents a chance to choose who will lead the city for the next two years.

Three places on the Reno City Council as well as the mayor's seat are up for election.

For the mayoral race, current Mayor Sam White is being challenged by Hector G. Bass Jr.

In Place 2, the two candidates who filed are not incumbents of the current city council — Planning and Zoning Commission Chairperson Brian Schrader and Tod Siedell.

In Place 4, current Mayor

Pro Tem Katie Tucker is being challenged by Jennifer Vogle.

Reno will also have a special election for Place 1.

Council previously appointed Jody Works to this seat after the death of council member Granville "Randy" Martin III.

Council member Jody Works did not file for Place 1. Instead, current Deputy Pro Tem Hernando Herrera — who has served in Place 2 on the council — has filed for Place 1 along with Planning and Zoning Commission Pro

Tem Jason Holden.

Council members and the mayor have two-year terms, except for Place 1 which will have a one-year term. Election Day is set for May 6, and early voting will take place from April 24 through May 2.

New proposed city property maintenance codes

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'A man's house is his castle'. These words are on the forefront of every Texan's mind when purchasing land or a home. When cities change their property maintenance codes, normal homeowners may find themselves in violation without even realizing.

For the previous four months, David Hawkins, Director of Planning and Development, and the new code enforcement staff has been reviewing the current maintenance property maintenance codes that Azle has

been operating on.

Last Tuesday, they recommended that the city adopt the 2021 International Property Maintenance Codes (IPMC) to raise the standard of what is acceptable for building and living conditions. Many other cities have already adopted the new codes. Cities like Benbrook, Burleson, Cleburne, Coppell, Granbury, Haltom City, Hurst, Keller, Murphy, Roanoke, Sachse, and Weatherford.

The IPMC outlines property maintenance regulations from minor infractions such as tall grass and unkept front yards, but also includes more critical issues such as dilapi-

dated and abandoned houses. According to Hawkins, one of the key benefits that was outlined in the meeting is that the IPMC will give the city the ability to enforce codes against inoperable vehicles, visible trash or 'rubbage' in front of a person's property. He said this would increase property value and deepen community pride.

According to Article 8.04.004 of the IPMC, the following will not be permitted in plain view of the public on private property.

MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

- Building materials with no sign of in-progress

construction

- Trash bags, unless set out at curb or edge of road for weekly pick-up
- Inventory, equipment or supplies for a business
- Chemicals, paint cans and supplies
- Firewood
- Furniture designed for indoor use
- Ice chests, broken toys, broken swing sets and pet kennels
- Appliances and other items not designed or intended for outdoor use
- Lawnmowers and other lawn care equipment
- Tools
- Boxes, bins, barrels, and

buckets

- Motor vehicle parts and accessories; including, but not limited to, engines, transmissions, electrical equipment, suspension parts, tires, hubcaps, up-holstered items, and other motor vehicle parts.

The city council did not wish to pass the entirety of the IPMC, as many of them were worried this would upset many in Azle. Mayor Alan Brundrett was one of the councilmembers who was hesitant on adopting the amendment.

"If you want your neighbor's grass to not be more than four inches tall, and you

want his house to be painted a certain color, then you need to move to a neighborhood that requires that kind of stuff, not move into a regular neighborhood and expect people to live up to your expectations," he said.

The council directed Hawkins to amend the current proposition, to pick out the few things the council will want, and to come back in the next city council meeting with an amended proposal that better suits the City of Azle. The next city council meeting is on March 7 at 6 p.m.

Native Plant Society set to meet on March 9



COURTESY PHOTO

Dr. Adam Mitchell is an Assistant Professor of Entomology at Tarleton State University

STAFF REPORTS

The Cross Timbers Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas will meet in the community building at Cherry Park on Davis Street in Weatherford on March 9.

The business meeting will start at 6 p.m., and the program starts at 6:30 p.m. The program information is listed below:

Biological invasions and global insect decline: What can we learn from alien plant invasion?

Members will understand the mechanisms in which the introduction of alien plant species impacts the diversity, evolution and behavior of

native insects and related arthropods through an examination of multiple functional groups (herbivores, detritivores, predators, pollinators and others) with evidence provided from local and international studies. In addition, the group will discuss opportunities promoting the importance of mitigating the impact of plant invasion and incorporating native plants in the landscape.

Adam Mitchell is an assistant professor of entomology at Tarleton State University. He received bachelor's degrees in agriculture and natural resources, entomology, plant protection and

wildlife conservation at the University of Delaware in 2011, his master's degree in fish and wildlife management at Montana State University-Bozeman in 2014, and his doctorate degree in entomology and wildlife ecology at the University of Delaware in 2019. Mitchell and his lab conduct research exploring how anthropogenic (or human-induced) disturbances affect arthropod biodiversity and ecosystem services, which include disturbances from climate change, invasive species, urbanization, and pollution. Mitchell's past research has included exploring arthropod food

webs in response to plant invasions in Texas and in the Mid-Atlantic region of the U.S. Current research in the Mitchell lab includes exploring pollinator performance of drought-tolerant plants for landscape plantings, using native grass pollen as supplemental feed for pollinating insects, monitoring pollinators of concern through environmental DNA, assessing habitat quality of freshwater turtles through aquatic insect surveys, and exploring how microplastic pollutants move through aquatic plant and insect food webs.

Azle School Menu March 6-10, 2023

BREAKFAST:
PreK-4th Grade, 7-12th Grade \$1.55
5-6th Grade FREE
2nd Meal \$2.00
Visitors/Employees \$2.75

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

PreK - 4th

BREAKFAST: Everyday - Assorted Fruits and Cereal, Juice, White or Chocolate Milk, Graham Crackers, Toast
Mon Mini Chocolate Chip French Toast, Cherry Craisins **Tues** Banana Muffin w/cheese sticks, Apple **Weds** Mini Maple 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/marinera, 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 Soft Chicken Tacos OR Frito Chili Pie, OR Sun butter & Jelly Sandwich w/cheese stick **Tues** Max Sticks w/marinera, OR Turkey & Cheese Sandwich **Weds** Breaded Chicken Patty Sandwich OR Orange Chicken **Thurs** Spaghetti w/meat sauce OR Sloppy Joe OR Sun butter & Jelly Sandwich **Fri** Pepperoni Pizza, Cheese Pizza, OR Chicken Fajita Wrap w/tortilla chips

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 Tornado, 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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Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash. Deposit for removal and cleanup may be temporarily required. Seller reserves the right to not accept any bid and to withdraw property from sale. Property in each space may be sold item-by-item, in batches, or by the space. Property being sold includes contents in spaces of the following tenants, with brief description of contents in each space. Brice Rippley: Power Tools, household items, furniture, pictures, bags of misc items Jodi Thompson: kitchen table & chairs, dishes, boxes, household items Marvin Wiggins: boxes, chest, household items, kitchen items, sporting goods Cody Mahan: clothes, bedroom furniture, suitcase, tools, knife.



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Opinions are like _____, everybody has one.

I'm sure there are variations on the saying I subtly referenced in the headline. You get to fill in the blank yourself.

No matter what word you choose, you will actually be proving the point – you even have an opinion about how to fill in a blank.

Here's a confession: I have LOTS of opinions. That's why I write every week as a blogger/newspaper columnist. I'm not an investigative journalist writing articles to educate and inform. I'm writing my opinion and observations about life with the goal of encouraging and inspiring.



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.

Some of my opinions are based on my understanding of objective facts and historically verifiable events, but I don't objectively report on those things.

I reflect on those things. I try to interpret those things, but I do so through my own lenses and personal biases.

Here's my point: I know

what my lane is.

For me to attempt to pass off my opinions as objective truth would be disingenuous at best and potentially dangerous.

The list of topics on which I could be considered an authoritative expert is extremely short.

The list of topics on which my experience allows me to

offer a helpful and encouraging perspective is a little longer, but it's still a short list.

Because of the above reasons, choosing to stay in my lane means that I feel no compulsion whatsoever to weigh in with my opinion on every hot topic.

If you ask me my opinion, I'll tell you the truth – about my opinion.

If I'm going to share a public opinion (such as in this post), I'm going to ask myself these questions (in no particular order):

Is it beneficial to people who think differently?

Is it respectful and kind to everyone?

Does it challenge people to be better?

Is it hopeful?

Does it build bridges instead of burning them?

Does it open the door to ongoing dialogue?

Would it be better, in this case, if I kept my opinion to myself?

I can't tell you how many deleted sentences have resulted from that last question!

In the New Testament, there are two different accounts of a particular incident (Mark 9, Luke 9) in which it is recorded that the Apostle Peter said something because "he did not know what to

say."

Sometimes we think we just have to say ... SOMETHING.

Maybe – in those moments – the best thing to say is "I don't know what to say."

There are certainly times when we know what we WANT to say, but an intentional pause might allow us to consider what we SHOULD say.

That's the approach I try to take.

You get to choose your own.

But I think sometimes that less may be more.

At least that's my opinion.

Be amazing today, my friend.

Sudoku

MARCH 1, 2023

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Solution to last week's puzzle

FEBRUARY 22, 2023

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Puzzle by websudoku.com

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every phone call that the department receives, and complaints are marked as such. Those reports are logged into the department's report management system.

Druyman also said code enforcement should not be driven by complaints.

"If your code enforcement office is only complaint driv-

en, they will not be effective," he said. "Code enforcement needs the ability to go out, perform building inspections, perform septic inspections and those things on their own. That is their job. It shouldn't be just because a citizen is calling and complaining on another citizen. They need to be able to go out and do their job."

As far as anonymity, Elsner and Druyman said they don't allow complainants to be anonymous because that information is needed for

documentation purposes. However, they said complainants' names won't be shared with the public.

One of the city's attorneys, Alan Wayland, added that he needs live witnesses in order to prosecute for code violations in municipal court.

"We're not going to go and tell this guy's neighbor, 'Hey, your neighbor called you in.' We're going to send (Code Enforcement Officer) Joe (Harris) out and take care of the problem, whatever the problem may be," Elsner said.

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The City of Reno will receive bids for Providing LAS Equipment until 10:00 AM on March 17, 2023 at 195 W, Reno Road, Azle Texas 76020. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 10:00 AM on March 17, 2023 at 195 W Reno Road, Azle Texas 76020.

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Why can't businesses simply tell you the bottom line for what items cost?

There are many times and many ways retailers attempt to "hide" the actual price of an item.

When I go to purchase something I want to know the cost so I can make a reasonable determination if the product is worth the price asked. I do not want to be surprised by "add on" costs to the final bill.

Some time ago I went to purchase a truck. This was long before the internet and it was a true mystery to most consumers what a fair price was for an automobile. Back then it was a lot more difficult to compare prices and some dealers seemed to delight in setting a price and then making numerous additional charges that the consumer may not have wanted or needed.

On this occasion I went to a dealer, found a truck I liked and sat down with the salesman. He began his sales pitch, and I politely interrupted and said, "I have one check in my pocket. I would like to purchase the truck, however, what I want to know from you is the num-



FROM MY FRONT PORCH

By Sam Houston

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ber I write the check? Please listen carefully — I don't care what you call additional charges. You may list it as "dealer prep" or some other special fee or service. I want you to give me a price that includes everything. I want a single number and I will write a check in that amount or I will leave. I will not bid back and forth."

The salesman was a little taken aback by my comments but said he was going to talk to his general manager and would come back with a number. As he walked away, I called at him and said, "Remember I only have one check, so make it your best offer."

In a about 15 minutes the salesman came back with a price written on a piece of paper and slid it to me across the table. I looked at the note and read a num-

ber, which was very close to what I thought was the best price I could get. I pondered for a second and true to my word, I told the salesman I would take the vehicle. He smiled and said, "Let me get the paperwork drawn up and we will get you out of here." I reached into my wallet and wrote out the check that would pay for the truck.

In a few minutes, the salesman came back with the paperwork, and lo and behold the "final price" was about \$1,500 more than the number on the piece of paper. When I saw what was written on the sales contract, I looked at the rep and said, "This is not the number you gave me." The salesman gave me his best bewildered look and said, "well the number I gave you did not include the sales tax and dealer prep. Everybody knows that is not

part of the sale price."

I took the check, which was already made out and signed, held it up for the salesman to see and then ripped it in half. The salesman stammered and stuttered, as I repeated my previous disclosure. "I told you I had one check and to give me the number that I would write the check for. I told you I didn't care what you called the extra fees, like dealer prep, or clear coating, etc. I want to know what I would pay!" and then I walked out the door.

This week I was on VRBO, a vacation home rental website looking for places I might take a trip. I saw a nice cabin my wife would love, and it said the price was \$165 a night. That is certainly not cheap but it is reasonable. I pulled up the reservation page and completed the form saying I wanted two nights. My math may not be the best but \$165 x 2 is \$330, and of course in this instance I would expect to pay sales tax.

When I clicked the summary page, I found my \$165

a night room was now going to be more like \$295 a night because there were cleaning fees, service fees, agents fees and so on — and they were all added to the cost of the room. Doesn't a room always get cleaned at any overnight stay facility, or are we to expect when we rent a room we only get clean amenities if we pay extra for it?

That is similar to going to a sit-down restaurant, ordering a steak for \$23 dollars, and then being told the plate is an extra \$5, and the silverware is \$4, and if you want a napkin, the meal becomes even pricier. Are you kidding me? Why don't they simply say what a place costs and let the consumer decide if he wants to pay the price or not? Why make him go through a process to only disclose the true price at the very end when it is time to pay? Where does this stop?

I got the cable bill for my friend, Miss Jayne this week. She is immobile, so she has signed on to receive about every channel she can get. The total for the services was \$185. However, there were

seven additional charges that made the bill jump to \$221. The difference was a 911 fee, a franchise fee, state tax, FCC fee, city sales tax and then an electronic payment fee. Yes, they even charged a fee for paying your bill in such a way they get their money immediately! Where does this stop?

I never bought the truck from the place where I destroyed the check. About a week later, at a different dealership, I got a check out of my wallet and wrote it for a little less than the one I wrote the week before. The salesman understood I only wanted to know the "actual price." He got a sale, and I got a truck. Shouldn't it always be that way?

Misleading pricing is out of control and we all need to stand up against such practices by shopping elsewhere.

Thought for the day: The speed of light is faster than the speed of sound. That is why some people seem bright until they speak.

Until next time...I'll keep ridin' the storm out.

DISPATCH

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that the service changes should be seamless.

"There will be no lapse in services provided to Azle,"

he said.

The original agreement, which was approved October 18, 2022, compels the TCFAC to provide 24 hour-a-day dispatching services to Azle, and for them to reliably relay that information to the appropriate services in Azle.

They are also required to record all 9-1-1 calls, and to make such recordings available to Azle upon request. The TCFAC will abide by all city policies and procedures, as well as provide a "general liability" insurance policy in the amount of one million

dollars.

The City of Azle agreed to provide all necessary maps and street information to the TCFAC. Azle will abide by the Standard Operating Procedures and its rules and regulations. The city will also pay \$35,000 every year the

contract is in effect.

The amendment to the original agreement simply states that the City of Everman, its citizens, administration, or public servants, cannot be held liable for the reasons stated in the agreement.

More information can be found on the city website at <https://azletx.portal.civic-clerk.com/event/9/overview>

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Street takeover spurs governor's action; TxDOT proposes \$100 billion transportation plan

STREET TAKEOVER SPURS GOVERNOR'S ACTION

Gov. Greg Abbott has created a statewide task force after several "street takeovers" recently took place in Austin in which motorists obstructed intersections, shot off fireworks and drove recklessly.

Videos posted after the events showed vehicles doing donuts, crowds gathering around intersections, and people setting off fireworks, according to the Austin American-Statesman.

Seven people were arrested in the incidents, which occurred at four Austin intersections.

Abbott directed the Texas Department of Public Safety to investigate the events and "target the organized crime aspect" of the events, according to The Dallas Morning News.

"We are seeing fireworks fired at officers in crowds, lasers pointed at aircraft, drivers driving upwards of 130 miles per hour with no lights on in the dark of night — all of it is reckless, and it needs to be stopped," DPS Director Steve McCraw said.

Additional arrests are expected, law enforcement officials said.



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.

TxDOT PROPOSES \$100 BILLION TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The Texas Department of Transportation is proposing a record \$100 billion, 10-year transportation plan to improve congestion, increase safety and maintain the state's roadways. That's a \$15 billion increase over the original plan and comes after record projected revenue for the state, generated by oil and gas fees that are dedicated to highway projects.

The latest plan would increase funding in a number of areas, including "safety, energy sector, rural and urban connectivity, border infrastructure, maintenance and preservation," according to a TxDOT statement.

"Safety is a top priority for TxDOT, and these funding levels reflect that," TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams said.

TxDOT now has more than \$33 billion in transportation projects under construction throughout the state. More than 7,000 projects are either underway or scheduled to break ground this year.

BILLS WOULD BAN COVID RESTRICTIONS

A trio of bills by state Rep. Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham, would address Gov. Greg Abbott's calls to end COVID-related restrictions put in place as the pandemic began in 2020.

"This legislation is aimed at preventing future repeats of these controversial public health measures, which did little to slow the spread of the virus and did serious damage to the economy and education systems," Kolkhorst said in a statement, as reported by the Statesman.

The measures, if passed, would codify executive measures issued by Abbott in 2021 that prohibited employer or governmental COVID-19 mandates requiring people to wear masks or to be vaccinated.

Since Abbott has made the COVID-19 package an emergency measure, it bypasses many of the rules put in place by the state constitution to slow passage of legislation, the Statesman reported.

SENATE REVIVES EFFORT TO MAKE ILLEGAL VOTING A FELONY

After lowering the penalty for illegal voting to a misdemeanor in 2021, leaders in the Texas Senate appear poised to again raise the penalty to a second-degree felony, the Texas Tribune reported. Legislation filed by state Sen. Bryan Hughes, R-Mineola, would also modify the standard for determining a person's intent to vote illegally.

Current law says a person commits a crime if they "knowingly or intentionally" vote or attempt to vote and know they are not eligible. Under Hughes' bill, the language changes that to say anyone who votes or attempts to vote in an election in which "the person knows of a particular circumstance that makes the person not eligible to vote" could be charged.

That means, for example, that someone who knows they are not a U.S. citizen but did not know they were ineligible to vote could still be prosecuted. An attorney with the Texas Civil Rights Project criticized the proposed change as a "very nasty and very potentially consequential provision."

"That is why this intent requirement exists, because it's not fair for people to go to jail for good-faith mistakes," attorney James Slattery said.

STATE COULD FOOT AG OFFICE'S LEGAL BILL

A \$3.3 million settlement of a whistleblower complaint filed against the Texas attorney general's office should be paid by the state and not personally by Attorney General Ken Paxton, an agency attorney said. The AG's chief of general litigation told lawmakers that the agency, not Paxton personally, is the defendant under the Texas Whistleblower Act, and that taking the case to trial would cost even more.

"The agreement itself is contingent on legislative funding," he said. "It's a settlement that we made in order to save money for the state of Texas. It was the prudent thing to do to minimize litigation risk," Chris Hilton of the AG's office said, according to kut.org.

However, House Speaker Dade Phelan has said he does not support using taxpayer dollars for the settlement. Abbott has said "this is an issue that the attorney general is going to have to fully explain to both the House and the Senate."

TEA RELEASES TEACHER VACANCY RECOMMENDATIONS

A task force appointed last year by the Texas Education Agency has released its recommendations to address the teacher and staff vacancy crisis in Texas, as record numbers of both leave the education field in the wake of the pandemic and other issues.

The Teacher Vacancy Task Force, established last March, was comprised of teachers and school system leaders from across the state. The recommendations include:

- A significant increase in overall teacher salaries
- Enhancing teachers' total compensation package, including reducing cost of health care insurance.
- Provide incentives and support for hard-to-staff areas, such as special education and bilingual education teachers.
- Improve the pipeline and pre-service preparation of novice teachers.
- Expand training and support for teacher mentorship.
- Provide access and support for high-quality instructional materials.
- Demonstrate respect and value for teacher time.
- School culture and discipline supports.

The task force urged the Legislature to increase funding for teacher salaries, noting the state ranks 28th in the nation for average teacher salary.

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Southern Honey Giftique is celebrating two years in business this month!

JoAnna Johnson and Barbara Kent are co-owners and designers at Southern Honey Giftique and they are overjoyed by the support that their business receives from the community. They were named Best Boutique in the 2022 Azle Area Chamber of Commerce People's Choice Awards and Best Jewelry Store for the 2022 Best of Azle contest.

Located in the Redwood Village Business Park at 252 W. Main Street in Azle, Southern Honey Giftique offers unique gifts and handmade items from 60 local vendors.

"Our goal is to be a one-stop shop for all your gift buying needs," said JoAnna.

The variety of items offered includes candles, freeze dried candies, embroidery and custom t-shirts, home décor, kids cloth-



Barbara Kent, left, and JoAnna Johnson bring together 60 different vendors offering many handmade gifts at Southern Honey Giftique.

ing, rocks and crystals, jewelry and more.

You can also grab some fan gear to show support for your local teams at Azle, Azle Christian School and Springtown.

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OBITUARIES

Robyn Owens-Miille 1971-2023

Robyn Lynne Owens-Miille, age 52, passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 19, 2023, at her home in Fort Worth, Texas.

A Celebration of Life memorial service will be held at the Azleland Chapel on Saturday, March 4th 2023, at 2 p.m.

Robyn was born on January 14, 1971, in Fort Worth, Texas, to David and Tina Owens (Griffin). She lived in Azle, Texas for a majority of her young life and was a 1989 graduate of Azle High School.

After graduating high school, she earned her BSN degree from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in June of 1995. Robyn obtained her RN and worked as a nurse in the Texas Health Resources System for several years before moving to Missouri.

On November 30, 2002, she married Paul Miille in Blackburn, Missouri. In 2003, they welcomed their son, Allan David. After Allan's birth, they moved back home to Azle where she resumed her nursing career at THR Azle and then welcomed their second son, Jacob William, in 2006. Robyn worked in various roles, including managerial and director, for over 18 years, leaving in October



2022. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Sarah and Al Griffin, and HD and Marie Owens.

She is survived by her husband Paul Miille; sons Allan and Jacob Miille; parents David and Tina Owens; sister Randi Dustin, brother-in-law Ed Dustin, and nieces Sarah and Sadie Dustin; along with many other family members and friends.

In lieu of flowers the family is asking for donations to be made in her name to the Good News 4 Seniors organization. This organization was near and dear to Robyn's heart. <https://goodnews-4seniors.org/donate>.

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Wayne Green 1950-2023

Wayne Green, 72, of Azle passed from this life Monday, February 20, 2023 at Azle Manor with his daughter by his side.

A celebration of life will be held at the home of his daughter, Bonnie, on Saturday, March 4 from 1 to 3 p.m. Please contact her directly for details. A second celebration of life will be held specifically for family during Memorial Day weekend, 2023 in Lake Brownwood.

Wayne was born March 30, 1950 in Terry County to Bill and JoAnn Green.

He grew up in Higginbotham in Gaines County on the family farm. Growing up, Wayne helped his parents with the farming, drove a tractor, combine, hay swather, and other farming equipment. After he graduated, he farmed alongside his dad for some years.

Wayne eventually left farming and began working as the bus foreman of Denver City ISD. In 1985 he moved to Azle where he took on the position of Transportation Supervisor for Azle ISD, until he retired.

He loved his family, friends and especially his grandkids more than anything and was truly loved and well respected by so many.

Wayne enjoyed grilling, fishing, hunting, camping, gardening and simply being outdoors. He had a couple of sailboats that he redid



and learned to sail by reading books. He also loved woodwork, clock making and leatherwork and was talented at every craft he pursued.

Wayne had one daughter, Bonnie Frances.

Wayne was preceded in death by his brother James; and his parents Bill and JoAnn Green.

Wayne is survived by daughter Bonnie Cochran and husband Jeremy of Azle; grandkids Logan, Lauren and Ollie; sister, Kathy Smiley and husband, Dennis of Denver City; brother, Jay Green of Brownwood; long-time partner/girlfriend, Paula Gray of Azle; Paula's daughters, Krystal and Kerri and her granddaughter, Brook; many nieces and nephews, Melissa, Starla, Ashley, Clark, Randall, TJ, Dusty, Kyle, Allen; and his long-time best friend, who was like a brother, Tom Waldrep.

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Dwayne Hopkins 1953-2023

Dwayne Ray Hopkins passed away February 20, 2023.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. March 11, 2023 at Way of the Cross Church, 247 Sunset Dr., Springtown.

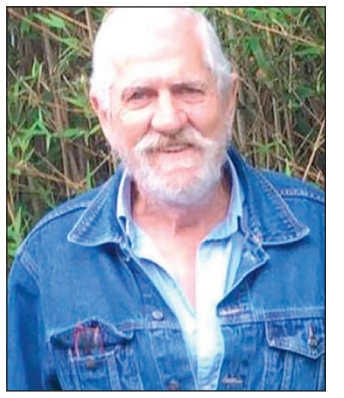
Dwayne was born June 10, 1953 in Fort Worth, Texas to James and Ina Hopkins.

He worked as a contractor and was happily retired. He was married to the love of his life, "Bunny" for 48 years.

He loved working outside and would start hanging Christmas lights in October. His family will miss gardening with him.

Dwayne was an avid fisherman and was blessed to leave this earth doing what he loved most. His favorite place to be was on the Brazos River.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Ina, along with many other family members.



Dwayne is survived by his wife, Lynn "Bunny" Hopkins; daughters Latashua Kendrick and Crystal Hillier; son Dwayne Ray "D.J." Hopkins Jr.; six grandchildren, Addam Wright, Angelea Wright and Kamyll Wright, Christian Nelson, and Brayden and Riley Hillier; and five great-grandchildren.

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BY JACKIE "JJ" JOY
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We provide nutritious hot meals from the kitchen of Meals On Wheels, Inc., of Tarrant County **MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, SERVING AT 11:30 A.M.** These are ordered in advance, so please let us know by 9:30 a.m. the day before you plan to eat.

Can you believe we are going into the third month of 2023 and there are lots of things on our calendar? For instance, on **WEDNESDAY, THE 1ST**, Sixty and Better will be with us to start a new program called Bingocise. This is a once-a-month special exercise session combined with some bingo. The class starts at **10 A.M.** and

will go until **11 A.M.**, just in time for lunch.

We have started doing our regular Bingo twice a week now, **TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS** following lunch. Prizes are "white elephant" items that are in good condition and have been donated.

On **WEDNESDAY THE 8TH**, there will be a special presentation from Senior Medicare Patrol. We will be highlighting MY HEALTH CARE TRACKER and the Scam of the Month: Diabetic Supplies Scam. Each attendee will receive a tracker to take home with them.

Joyce Herndon, one of our awesome ladies, will be in the craft room at **10 A.M. MONDAYS** to show us how to make items from the cardboard centers of toilet paper, paper towels and gift wrapping. We have been collecting these cores for a while, but if you have some you would like to donate, just bring them with you or drop them off at the center.

On **MARCH 17**, AARP will be here again to do a Safe Driving Course. Class begins at **9:00 A.M.**, but you must

call the center ahead to reserve a seat. Please arrive early so the instructor can meet with you before class begins. If you would like to eat with us, let the receptionist know when you call. She can let you know what is on the menu that day.

That is also St. Patrick's Day, and we thought it would be fun if everyone came in green. No pinching is allowed if you choose not to do so.

Coming in **APRIL**, we will have a week of celebrating the 37th anniversary of our center. With that, we will have a "Patio Sale." If you have items you would like to clear out of your home or garage, we are starting to collect donated items. (No clothing, please!)

We ask you to call ahead to make arrangements for delivery. More information will be announced at a future date.

The Azle Adult Activity Center is a safe place to have fun, visit with your friends and make new friends. Come join us soon!

Remember: "Kindness always makes a difference!"



JESSICA MCKINNEY | AZLE NEWS

AHS Principal Nate Driver, left, introduced John Williams and Alyssa Anderson to members of the Optimist Club. Club president Josh Reed, right, presented certificates to the two students, who were chosen as the February Young Texans.

AHS seniors recognized by Azle Optimists

Williams, Anderson named Young Texans for February

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The Optimist Club of Azle recognized two hard-working Azle High School seniors as their Young Texan and Texanne for the month on Friday, Feb. 24 during the club's weekly meeting.

John Williams is currently ranked No. 44 out of 390 seniors and holds a 99.82 GPA. Williams will attend Weatherford College in the fall. He plans to study cy-

bersecurity and information technology.

Williams told club members that he was interested in that career field because "it's pretty interesting ... and everything is hiring really, really well."

He is most proud of attaining his drone pilot license his sophomore year, and he has earned all A's throughout high school.

Alyssa Anderson is ranked No. 45 in the senior class with a GPA of 99.57.

Anderson has been accepted into Texas Tech University for the fall, and she plans to obtain a business degree.

She has been a band member since sixth grade and plays the clarinet as well as a variety of other instruments.

This year, Anderson joined the Future Business Leaders of America at AHS. They will be competing at the state level this year, with Anderson being part of the graphic design team.

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The musical play was written two years later, in 1902, and was originally produced for Broadway in New York City. The Azle high students have chosen to produce the later 1987 version of the musical that focused mainly on the events from the 1939 movie.

The students put their own spin on the classic adventure. All of the set pieces, costumes, and designs were thought up and constructed by the students themselves. Drama director Bailey Brewer said she acts as a guide for the students while they figure out where the play should go and how it should look and feel.

"I knew that we had the right people to do this play, I know what it takes and what these kids are capable of," she said.

The drama students

were't the only ones to put their hands in this wonderful performance. The school band lent its talents to bring Oz to life. An orchestra of 20 students played the iconic melody. Coordinator for Fine Arts for Azle Independent School District, Aaron Martin, directed the orchestra. He indicated that a live orchestra performance helps bring the stage to life and draws in audiences in a way that music played over an intercom can never touch.

"A live performance can be a big help for everyone, if a actor forgets a line or an action is a bit out of time the orchestra can adjust to that," Martin said.

More than 100 students helped bring the musical to the stage. The actors, stagehands, band, extras, and all the wonderful teachers made the performances possible. Among those present were faculty, parents, students, friends, family, as well as AHS Principal Nate Driver.



From left to right, Jettson Lee as Professor Marvel, and Abby Garner as Dorothy Gale.

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From left to right, Kameron Weger as Hunk, Braden Crews as Zeke, Abby Garner as Dorothy Gale, Paul Leonard as Hickory, Ben Derting as Uncle Henry, and Zoey Thompson as Aunt Em.



Makayla Dorris as the Wicked Witch.

CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY

History of Women in Sports

Today, we know that exercise is good for everyone's health — boys and girls, men and women.

Today, girls and women can play sports for fun. They also can compete and become professional athletes. But that was not always the case.

Imagine being told that you can't do something you love to do. Or that you are forced to wear clothing that

makes it difficult to do what you love to do. Or that you can't find anyone to play a sport with you. Or that you aren't allowed on a golf course, a tennis court or other sporting fields.

How would all of that make you feel? Frustrated? Lonely?

That is how girls and women who enjoyed sports felt before the year 1972, a year of important change.

Standards Link: Read informational text in history.

Would you want to play tennis dressed like this?

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What's a corset?
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Title IX Changes Girls' Lives

Today, girls have equal access to playing sports at public schools because in 1972, the United States Congress signed into law that everyone in the United States, regardless of their gender, has equal rights to play sports. This law is called **Title IX**. (*Title IX is the same as Title 9. The number 9 is written in Roman numerals.*)

Before and After Title IX

Before 1972, less than 300,000 girls participated in school sports in the United States. Write down the numbers on the correct path through the maze to discover how many girls participate in school sports today!

More than 300,000 girls participate in school sports today!

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1800s Today

How many differences can you find between these two baseball players from different years?

Use the code to discover when each of these important moments happened.

● = 0 ● = 2 ● = 4 ● = 7
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Two women, Mrs. Edwards and Miss Kussin, boxed each other and showed women can throw punches.

Billie Jean King beats the No. 1-ranked men's tennis player, Bobby Riggs, showing women can compete with men.

Aileen Riggins became the first female Olympian to win medals in two different sports at the same Olympic Games. She medaled in both swimming and diving. Some say she was the first athlete, male or female, to win two medals in the same Olympic Games.

Extra! Extra!

Roman Numerals

I = 1 Title IX uses the Roman numeral IX to show the word nine.
 II = 2 Look through the newspaper for five numbers and rewrite each one as a Roman numeral.
 III = 3
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 VII = 7
 VIII = 8
 IX = 9
 X = 10

Standards Link: Math: Understand the use and system of Roman numerals.

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Picture Puzzles

A rebus is a puzzle that uses pictures to reveal a word or phrase. Can you solve this rebus puzzle?

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Standards Link: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop Together

The Amazing Babe Didrikson Zaharias

Babe Didrikson Zaharias is considered one of the greatest athletes of the last century. Few, if any, have matched her achievements in sports.

Babe was born on June 26, 1911. When she was young, most girls did not participate in sports. Babe loved sports. In her lifetime, she was an Olympic gold medalist in track and field, an All-American basketball player, a champion golfer and an extraordinary baseball player, swimmer, bowler, diver and tennis player.

A Running Start

When the news of the 1928 Olympic Games filled the newspapers, Babe decided to begin her own training. She practiced hurdles by soaring over seven hedges in her neighborhood. When one of the hedges was a bit too high, she asked the people who lived there to cut it down to the right size, and they did!

How many differences can you find between these two pictures?

Standards Link: Read biographical text.

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Women in Sports Collage

For one week, look through the newspaper for pictures and articles about women in sports. Cut these out and make a collage with everything you find.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Identify parts of speech.

Write On!

The Woman I Most Admire

Write about a woman you know that inspires you.



Off The Mat

Megan House is stepping down as girls wrestling coach after bringing home state titles

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As newborn has pinned Megan House, who is stepping down as Azle High School's girls wrestling coach. House will continue teaching at Azle but will no longer coach "for the foreseeable future," she said.

She plans to return to AHS and teach classes next year after she returns from maternity leave.

"This is my first child, and due to schedule conflicts between my husband's work schedule and coaching, we decided it was best for me to drop my coaching responsibilities," she said.

House plans to continue teaching professional communications and debate classes and leading the speech and debate teams.

She is proud of her tenure as wrestling coach.

"The Azle girls wrestling team has definitely made a name for themselves these past few years," she said. "People want us at their tournaments and know we produce quality wrestlers. We have had incredible success individually and as a team, and I know the program will continue to grow in my absence."

House, a graduate of UNT, began teaching and coaching at AHS in 2017. She saw the girls wrestling program grow from about six girls in 2017 to more than 20 members this season.

"That number grows every year with our new middle

school program," she said. "Wrestling is a growing sport for our young female athletes, and Azle is a great representation of how much it has grown within the last couple of years. Our program is still on the rise, but I have no doubt that within these next few years, we will be known as the best wrestling program in the state of Texas."

She will carry away many memories, including Annabelle Davis winning a state title this year, and Pella LeFever nabbing a state title in 2022.

"There are too many memories to choose from when it comes to the wrestling room," House said. "Each one of the wrestlers I have coached has given me so much to look back on. My favorite of all is just being there when one of my wrestlers achieves their goals on the mat. The pride on their face when they pin that tough opponent, reclaim a match, or successfully hit a move they have been practicing on will be something I hold on to for the rest of my life."

Seth Bell, who served as assistant to House this year, will take over as head coach for the girls.



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Azle's Megan House, shown working with wrestler Jacy Williams, will step down as head coach to focus on motherhood and teaching.



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Braden Crews earned third place in the district meet and qualified for regionals.

Azle powerlifting boys ripped, ready for regional meet

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About a dozen Azle Hornets will be pushing iron at the boys regional meet — the most in school history.

To qualify for regionals, powerlifters needed to excel at the district meet on Feb. 21.

Winning individual district championships were Alan Hard and Cash Moore.

Second-place finishes were earned by Vance Guthrie, Joseph Sandozal and Tyler Ulrich.

Those taking third place in the meet for Azle were Braden Crews, Denim Fields, Corbyn Pentoja, and Bradley Skrdla. Case Moore earned fourth place, and Drew Dorris took fifth.

Head coach Bo Maines was pleased with the showing. Nine of his 12 lifters set personal records and improved their regional standings.

The Hornets earned second place out of 10 teams, finishing six points behind district champ Glen Rose.

"It's going to be an enjoyable regional meet," Maines

said. "We will see how we stack up as a team against the best lifters in the region."

CAMARADERIE RULES

Medals and records are fun to chase, but athletes say the best part of powerlifting is the camaraderie. Kids from different schools enjoy meeting as much as competing.

Eli Hansen, a senior at Springtown, holds his school record in the squat and bench press in the 220-pound weight class. At the district meet, his goal was to beat his personal re-

cord. However, he shed body weight and entered to compete at 198 pounds rather than his usual 220, thinking he would gain an advantage over smaller competitors.

One of his main rivals at meets is Azle senior Drew Dorris, who also competed at 220 pounds this season. Dorris has been beating Hansen's lifts by about 15 pounds in previous meets.

Hansen was surprised to discover that Dorris, too, had trimmed down for the district meet and signed up to

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Azle basketball girls receive all-district recognition

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Azle's Lady Hornets missed the basketball playoffs this season but performed with such intensity that more than half the roster received all-district honors.

Kendall Locke led the way with first team all-district. Twin sister Karla Locke went down with a hand injury early

in the season, and Kendall took control of the team and willed the Lady Hornets to numerous wins, through perseverance and skill.

Earning second-team all-district recognition were Lady Hornets Brittany Cato and Vielka Gonzalez.

Honorable mentions went to Azle's Cheryl Grubbs, Abbey Natusch, and Faith Summers.



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Vielka Gonzalez is expected to return next season to lead the Lady Hornets as a senior.

SPORTS Roundup

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AZLE HIGH GIRLS SOCCER

Azle was on a two-game win streak heading into the Feb. 24 soccer match against the undefeated and district-leading Wichita Falls Rider squad.

The Lady Hornets couldn't find the net. The Lady Raiders could. Final score: Rider 6, Azle 0.

The loss dropped Azle to 5-2-1, but the girls remain in the race for a playoff spot.

Azle plays at 7 p.m. Friday at home against Saginaw.

AZLE HIGH BOYS SOCCER

The first time Azle and Rider played soccer this season, the game ended in a 0-0 tie.

On Feb. 25, the district rivals met again. This time, the Raiders came out on top 4-1.

Azle will play at 5 p.m. Friday at home against Saginaw in another district clash. The regular season ends March 10.

AZLE HIGH BASEBALL

The Hornet baseball team won four of its six games in the Southwest Ford Classic on Feb. 23-25 at Arlington

Heights.

Against Trinity Valley, the Hornets were down 9-0 after the third inning but battled back to win the game 11-10 in walk-off fashion. Grant Tune, Jackson Davis, Garrin Graves and Ivan Perez logged two hits apiece. Graves batted in four runs. Davis drove in two runs. Michael Seeton picked up the win in relief, pitching 2-2/3 innings.

Graves enjoyed another big game against Nacogdoches, pitching four innings for an 8-1 victory. Davis pitched two innings of scoreless relief with two strikeouts.



Melanie Harder and the Lady Hornets soccer team play at 7 p.m. Friday at home against Saginaw.

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Yair Macia Osorno battles a Rider player for the ball during Azle's 4-1 loss on Feb. 24.

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Declan Dahl stuck out 12 batters in five innings against All Saints.

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Tune went 2-for-3 with three runs scored and three RBI. Noah Lehr scored two runs. Perez, Billy Spratt and Ryland Liptow recorded hits.

Pitcher Declan Dahl earned the win in Azle's 8-1 victory over All Saints. Dahl stuck out 12 batters in five innings, and Ethan Bissonnette tossed an inning of scoreless relief. Graves went 2-for-2 with two runs scored.

Azle lost a close one to Arlington Martin, 7-6. Jacob Martin threw 3-2/3 innings of scoreless relief. Tyler Akers and Luke Olmsted had two hits and two RBI apiece, and Tune, Spratt, Cayden Fowler logged hits.

Azle fell to Mansfield Legacy 14-6. Lehr, Graves, Olmsted and Gavin Green hit the ball, and Christian Shepherd pitched 1 1/3 innings of relief with two strikeouts.

Azle shut out Amarillo Caprock 10-0 with pitcher Lane Springfield throwing a perfect game with eight strikeouts. Lehr went for 3-for-3 and stole two bases. Tune was 2-for-3 with three RBI and two stolen bases. Graves went 3-for-4 with three runs scored and a stolen base. Liptow went 3-for-3 with four RBI and a double.

Azle soccer player Czech-ing out new surroundings

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It would be reasonable to assume that a vowel-rich guy named David Bodrouzek from Hradec Kralove, a city in the Czech Republic, would have little trouble pronouncing Azle.

A-Zull. The foreign exchange student at Azle High School didn't see it that way. He thought the city was pronounced Oz-Luh.

Bodrouzek has had time to figure out how to say Azle and plenty of other new things since arriving at the school in September. He will stay a year before heading back home.

Hradec Kralove has a population of about 100,000. The biggest difference he's noticed between the two cities is Azle's lack of public transportation.

"It's weird not having buses and trains," he said. "Otherwise, it's normal high school."

Friends have come easily on the soccer team, where Bodrouzek plays on the junior varsity squad. He is athletic naturally but lacks experience in American sports.

At 6 feet, 4 inches, he was as tall as anybody on the Porcupines basketball team but had never played. Dribbling a basketball for the first time can be challenging.

"It was hard," Bodrouzek said. "Everyone else was just



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David Bodrouzek attends Azle High School as a foreign exchange student.

better than me."

Soccer came easier for him, since he had played in pickup games with friends back home. Still, it wasn't his main sport.

In the Czech Republic, Bodrouzek specializes in volleyball — a sport offered to

girls only at AHS.

So, until he returns home, Bodrouzek will continue playing soccer, attending classes, hanging out with friends and enjoying "American life," which is "pretty good," he said.



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Azle's Gavin Dean earned first team All-District and Co-Offensive POY in the District 5-5A voting.

Azle's Gavin Dean named Co-Offensive POY in basketball

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Scoring sensation Gavin Dean won a prestigious award after displaying formidable skills on the basketball court this season, and

several Azle High School teammates raked in accolades of their own.

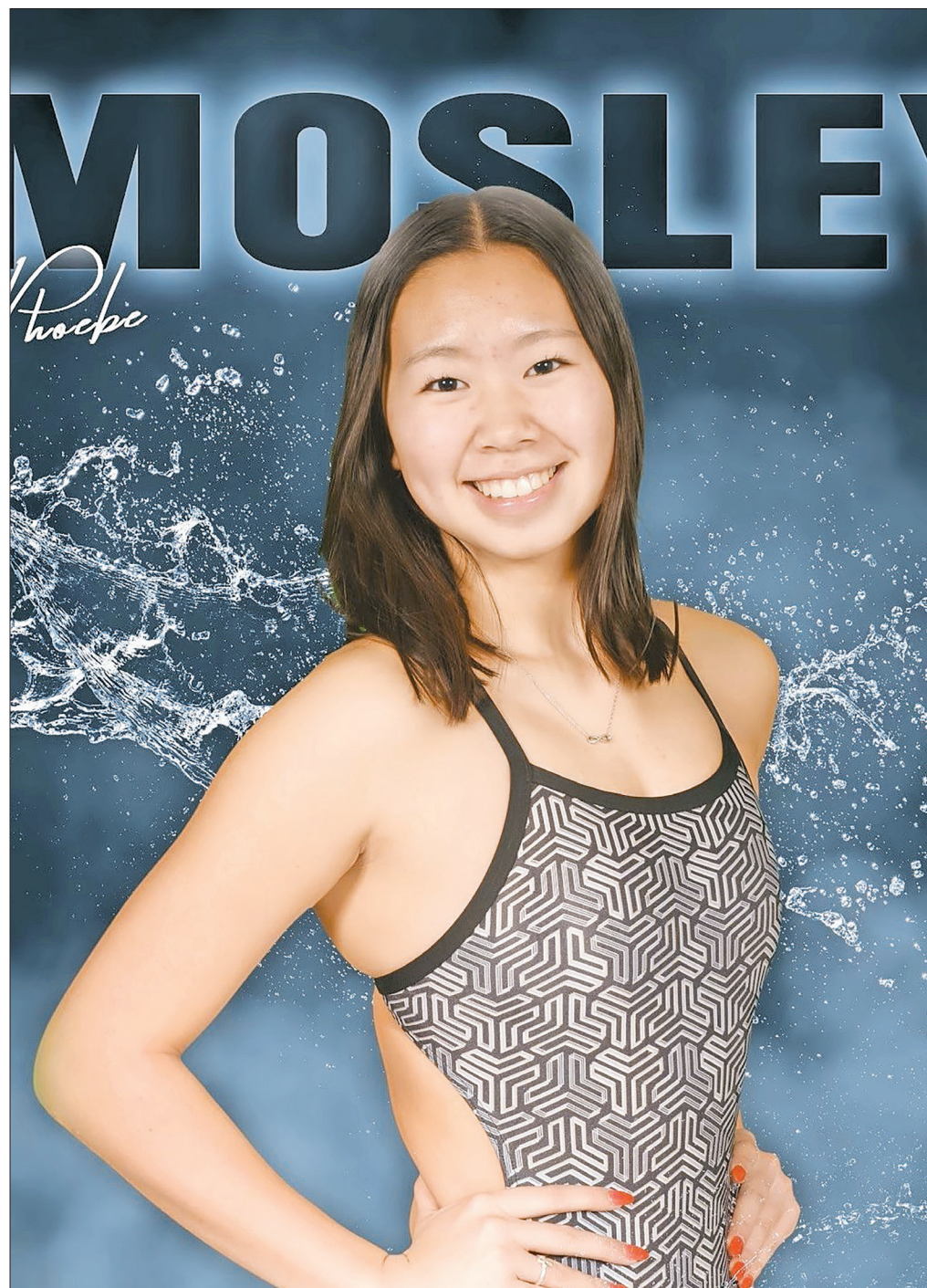
Dean, the leading scorer for the Hornets, earned first-team All-District status and was named Co-Offensive Player of the Year in District 5-5A.

Sawyer Dotson, a freshman, received first-team All-District recognition.

Jackson Davis earned second-team All-District.

Honorable mention went to Jayden Rollins and Gunner Crow.

Phoebe Mosley's big day at state worth reexamining



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Phoebe Mosley missed out on the medals but snagged respect, memories, and records at the state swimming championship.

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An Azle High School swimmer competed in the UIL Class 5A state swimming championship Feb. 17-18 in Austin and placed 16th and 19th in two events.

Putting it like that, however, leaves out important details of what was a most extraordinary day for an exceptional athlete.

Phoebe Mosley competed in the 200 IM and 100 fly and broke personal records and school records in both

events.

"She had a spectacular meet," said head coach Amy Estes.

Thousands of kids swim for high school teams, but only two dozen qualify to compete for the state championship.

Mosley specialized in the 200 individual medley, or IM, for four years at AHS. She swam the race at district and regional meets in 2020 and 2021.

At February's state preliminaries, Mosley cut three seconds from her regional time

but missed qualifying for the finals by just hundredths of a second.

In the 100 fly, Mosley improved her time enough to record a sub-minute score. She qualified for the final and swam a lightning-fast split of :27.41, the fastest leg she'd ever swim.

"Phoebe closed out her high school career with a bang," Estes said. "We had a plan going into this meet. Phoebe delivered on every aspect of the plan. It was a magical weekend. Phoebe left everything that she had in that pool."

POWER

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compete at 198 pounds.

The friendly rivalry would continue.

"He's the best competitor I ever went against," Hansen said. "I like it. It's fun. He's really strong, but he's not too far past me. I have a chance at winning."

Dorris feels the same way about Hansen.

"He's a great competitor to go against," Dorris said. "He has always been super friendly to me. It's fun every time we get to go against each other. It keeps things interesting. We're pretty close in totals."

Everyone competes against themselves mostly,

trying to lift more weight every time.

"It's just us against the weights," Dorris said. "It's a very friendly sport."

Hansen and Dorris had their hands full trying to keep up with another Azle powerlifter at 198 pounds. Case Moore, a sophomore, has been dominating the weight class this year.

"I'm just trying to compete with him at this point," Dorris said, nodding to his younger teammate. "That dude is good."

Moore was excited to be lifting in the same weight class as Dorris, his friend and mentor.

"This is the first meet we've competed against each other," Moore said. "He is two years older than me, but we're pretty good friends

outside of this and on the football field."

On the day of the district meet, Dorris told Moore he'd dropped down in weight. Moore said, "I know you are going to be competition, but good luck to you - and also good luck to me."

Moore began powerlifting as a freshman and increased his total more than 300 pounds in one year. He thanked older teammates, such as Dorris, for pushing him to be his best.

"Even guys from these other schools," Moore said. "That's one of the biggest parts about powerlifting. It brings everybody together."

The Region 6 Division 1 powerlifting meet is scheduled to start at 9 a.m. Saturday at Keller Central High School.



Case Moore helps wrap a teammate's knee before a lift at the district meet.

Congratulations, Azle wrestlers!

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Congratulations to the Azle wrestlers who won meets this season, qualified their highest number of athletes for the state meet in recent years, and brought home a state title. Annabelle Davis won the UIL Class 5A state champion at 145 pounds. Jacy Williams earned third place, and Dominick Evans placed sixth. "The goal every year is to build and improve the program," head coach Tyler Harrison said. Mission accomplished in 2023!



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ACROSS

- 1 "___ Free Press" published in Kyle
- 5 TX Janis album: "___ Dem Ol' Kozmic Blues Again Mama!"
- 6 TXism: "___ enough to pucker a pig"
- 7 Lindsay High class
- 8 Sinatra ___ it his way
- 9 Levi first made jeans for these workers
- 15 TXism: "couldn't ___ hide nor hair of it" (lost)
- 16 TXism: "___ _ horse on a merry-go-round"
- 19 deer horns
- 21 Texas wheeler-dealer, Billy Bob
- 22 in WWII, this was an escort ship
- 27 actress Meredith in "The Son of Davy Crockett" (1941)
- 28 trijet wide-body airplanes
- 29 this Jean was a Cowboy tight end (1972-75)
- 30 Davy Crockett rifle: he ___ "Betsy"
- 32 dir. to Azle from Springtown
- 33 TXism: "gone ___ _" (deteriorated)
- 36 means of 47-across
- 37 TX McFarland was on TV's "___ Gang"
- 38 "Dandy Don" would sing "___ the lights ___" on ABC
- 39 America started this in the 1980s but we're not much healthier (3 wds.)
- 41 Texas-filmed "___-wee's Big Adventure" (1985)
- 42 dissertation
- 45 TXism: "fought tooth and ___"
- 46 Asner of "JFK," partially filmed in the Dallas area
- 47 egress
- 48 American conglomerate
- 49 increase the quality of "Just ___" (to drugs)
- 53 TXism: "he's kin ___ rattler" (mean)
- 54 Gulf pirates' drink
- 55 TXism: "his facts ___ elastic" (liar)
- 11 follows Bible's OT Data Systems (1962)
- 13 Boot Hill epitaph: "___ in Peace"
- 14 completely satisfy
- 15 beefed up livestock
- 16 "___ Reaper" (death)
- 17 gratifying the senses
- 18 declare forcefully
- 20 historical periods
- 22 Texas actress, Fawcett who was 17-down (init.)
- 23 TXism: "lower than a snake's belly in a wheel ___"
- 10 TX George Strait's "Ace ___ the Hole"
- 31 parent to child: "___ I say, not as I do"
- 34 TX Willie's "Why ___ I Have to Choose"
- 35 "___ of killer"
- 37 TXism: "finally got the hang ___"
- 40 TX Brooks who played at UNT and now the USFL
- 43 TX Strait's "All My ___ Live in Texas"
- 44 Frank of 1963 film "4 for Texas"
- 50 "what's in ___?"
- 51 "___ can do" (unable)

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