



Lights and glamour

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The Walnut Creek Elementary School had their first annual talent show last Friday night. The show delivered laughs and cheers from the crowd for the enthusiastic performers.

The show was set up and produced by the Walnut Creek PTO to give the students a chance to show off their dazzling talents for a crowd of adoring fans. This was the first year Walnut Creek Elementary put on a talent show.

"We wanted something that builds character and confidence for the kids," Tiffany Baisden, president of the Walnut Creek PTO said. "To

make the students feel like stars".

The night was filled with singers, dancers, comedy, and magic. There was even a combat demonstration. Some of the performers were part of a group, while others took the daunting task of performing alone. There were 32 participants who performed for a crowd of over 200 spectators. Each of the 19 acts took the stage with excitement.

The show was led by Tyler Busby of Jakovall Music Entertainment, a local DJ based in Fort Worth. He introduced the performers to the crowd who greeted them as if they were the main attraction. Many came to the

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Reno city administrator to retire on Feb. 28

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Reno's city administrator intends to retire by the end of the month.

Mayor Sam White confirmed that Scott Passmore's last day working at the city of Reno is set for Feb. 28.

White said an interim city administrator will likely be appointed before a permanent one is hired.

In addition to being city administrator, Passmore also founded the food pantry Our House, which distributed food to people in need for the last time on Feb. 16. Passmore said the food pantry was closing because the building it was in at 1530 E. Reno Road was being sold.

Passmore and his wife Jodie announced that the food pantry was closing via

a post on the Our House Facebook page.

"We want to thank all of our amazing volunteers for helping us for all these years and we want to thank everyone who donated to help others," Scott and Jodie Passmore said in the post.

The News and the Epigraph were unable to reach Passmore for comment about his retirement before press time.



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Scott Passmore, Reno's city administrator and founder of the food pantry Our House, is expected to retire from the city on Feb. 28. Passmore is pictured working at Our House, which has closed.



Azle student has prize-winning heifers

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Azle High School Senior Emily Marshal continues to impress stock show judges with her heifers. Emily attended the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo on Feb. 11-12 and took 3rd in class with her Charolais cross heifer, Oakley, and 5th in class with Tyra, a Chianina cross heifer. Emily's heifer Oakley was 4th in class at the Fort Worth Stock Show earlier this month. Next up for the Azle 4-H member is the Tarrant County Junior Livestock Show March 7-11. There, she will show both heifers as well as her steer, Mater. On March 13, she will travel to the Austin Stock Show and Rodeo to show her two heifers once again.

Interlocal agreement offers better training for a better police force

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Mental health has become an important issue for many people in recent years. Especially for those who might have relatives with mental handicaps or those who may experience a mental health crisis. Crisis intervention teams (CIT) are specially trained police officers that handle possible situations that may occur with those with mental handicaps. Azle City Council voted in their last session to accept an intercity agreement to share training and resources with surrounding cities and create a special-

ized task force to handle such incidents.

Azle City Council voted Tuesday February 7, to enter into an agreement with surrounding cities like Lake Worth, Reno, Saginaw, White Settlement, Pelican Bay, and the My Health My Resources of Tarrant County (MHMRTC), a community center created to offer resources and help with those with mental health issues, to make an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) to share resources and training. This agreement will allow Azle police to partner with neighboring agencies to share information and training to jointly monitor and provide

follow-ups to those individuals who may need it. The agreement would also authorize the creation of the Northwest Tarrant County Crisis Intervention Team (NWTC CIT) to establish a cooperative and mutually beneficial relationship with all involved.

The program itself has been in development for the past nine months. It was started by Fort Worth Police and the MHMRTC to better serve their communities. The program was then pushed to be more encompassing of all surrounding cities by Lake Worth Commander Landon

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Fire chief to update Reno emergency management plan

Druxman said more preparation for future emergencies is needed

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When the recent winter storm came to Reno, Briar-Reno Fire Department Chief Moses Druxman said the city was not prepared to address the icy roads.

Now, Druxman is updating the city's emergency management plan.

Druxman, who also serves with the mayor as the emergency management director for Reno, said the city's emergency management plan has included meetings with department heads periodically. During times of high fire danger or extreme weather, Druxman and the fire depart-

ment manage the allocation of resources and monitor weather conditions.

Moving forward, Druxman said Reno's emergency management team also needs to prepare to handle future urgent situations.

During the recent winter storm, he said fire trucks and ambulances struggled to drive on the icy roads in the Reno area. Because the Texas Department of Transportation focused its resources on major highways like interstates 820, 30 and 35, the responsibility to address Reno roads fell on the city.

"When the ice storm recently happened, it is the

city's responsibility to get out and plow those roads or put sand and gravel on the road," the fire chief said. "Currently, the city is not prepared for that because the city didn't recognize that was a need. So, what I explained to council (at the Feb. 13 meeting) was moving forward, we have to put a plan in place so that when this happens, we can get the roads opened back up."

Druxman also pointed out that Reno only has one tornado siren, which is on top of the fire station. He said he's working on getting grant funding to buy more sirens and spread them across the community.

Fire hydrant placement in certain neighborhoods also needs to be updated, Druxman said.

"The new subdivisions in Reno have hydrants that meet fire code, but there's no plan to add hydrants to existing areas that don't meet their requirements," he said. "For ISO purposes and for people's safety, that's something we've got to address."

Beyond fire hydrants, Druxman is concerned about Reno's water system as a whole. He said Reno's well sites are not ready for large capacity use, and the addition of new housing developments is putting a strain on the wells. If the fire depart-

ment had to put out a large commercial fire that required a lot of water, the city's water system could be in danger of collapse.

Druxman said he was recently added to the city's water task force, which was created last year to make recommendations to the council regarding water infrastructure improvements.

"I think that's going to be beneficial because I can bring some things in on the emergency management side that they may not see," he said.

Druxman will work on updating the emergency management plan, and department heads will meet

for emergency management meetings quarterly. He said the city will have to decide whether to allocate funding for these kinds of needs.

"We're taking more of an active role in emergency management working with the fire department, so that when we have storms, like with ice and stuff, we start applying for grants so we can get sanding equipment," Mayor Sam White said. "The county and state doesn't have enough resources, and they're passing that responsibility more and more to the cities for emergency management, like de-icing roads and things, so we're getting more and more proactive with that."

CIT

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Rollins.

The Azle Police Department currently keeps 10 CIT who specialize in interactions with those who may be experiencing a mental health crisis. A part of these officer's jobs is to follow-up with individuals to ensure they are receiving the services they need. This service helps to prevent any possible mental health crisis that may occur in the future, so they do not become a danger to themselves or others. These follow-ups are difficult since those who may need additional help are located outside of the jurisdiction

of Azle Police Department. Other surrounding cities are experiencing the same challenges. While all officers receive a mandatory 40 hours of training in mental health crisis, Chief Bennet Hall hopes that all his officers will be trained CIT in the coming months.

"It's about giving meaningful service to our community," Hall said.

The agreement will last until all cities involved decide to disband it. If a city decides they no longer wish to be a part of the agreement, they may terminate their involvement at any time for any reason, as long as they provide a written notice to the other parties. Each participating

city is required to provide at least one mental health peace officer to the NWTC CIT. The officer provided will receive hostage negotiation training and certification within one year of joining the NWTC CIT.

The cost of this agreement is the responsibility of each city involved. None of those in the agreement will be reimbursed by any other party involved for costs incurred. All wages, payments, damages, clothing, expenses, will be paid for by the officers' regular employer. Hall assured the city council that there would be no significant financial burdens due to participation in the agreement.

"There may be a small expense for uniforms for the



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task for members," he said. Team members will wear

subdued uniforms, as traditional uniforms often trig-

ger apprehension in mental health patients.

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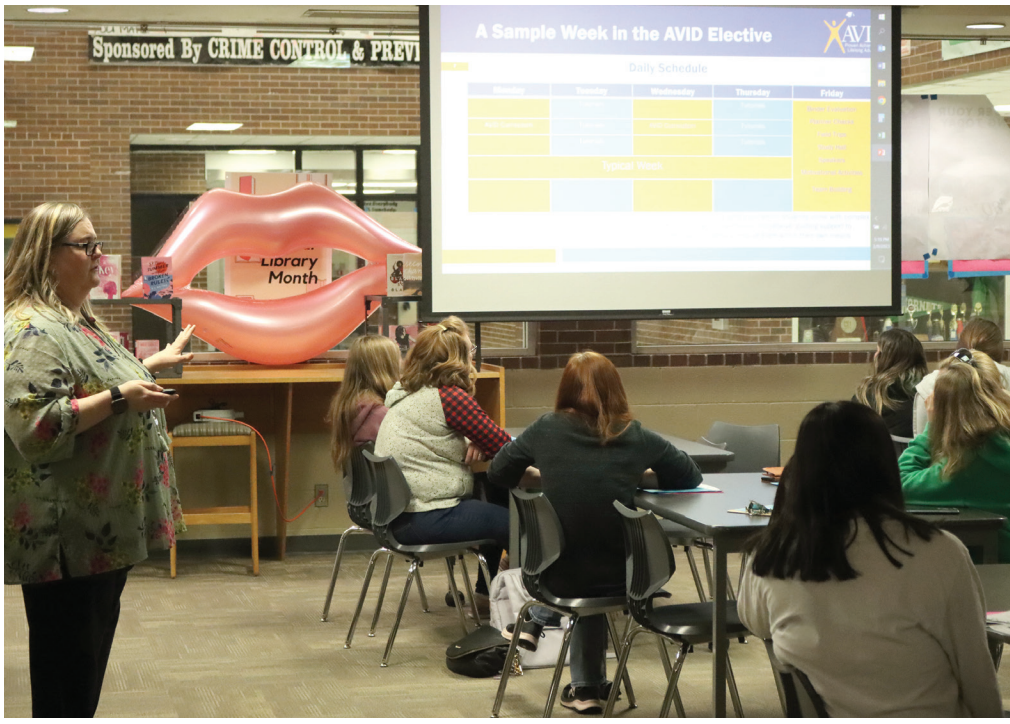


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Sarah Milosh, the AVID campus coordinator presents program to students in AHS library

Students AVID for a Better Future

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For many students the future is a far-off place that has no real bearing on their here and now. But for others it is a gnawing unknown that must be illuminated. The crowd of students who attended the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) interest night at Azle High School in early February were the latter.

AVID was founded in 1980 by a high school English teacher named Mary Swanson. San Antonio, Texas became the first city to implement AVID initiative. Since then, AVID has expanded to hundreds of schools in districts all over the lone star state. AVID is made to prepare students who may be struggling in their academics for the possibility of college, especially those students under-represented in underdeveloped schools. All students are encouraged to apply for AVID.

AVID held a presentation

at Azle High School in the student library. AVID campus coordinator, Sarah Milosh, presented the program to a room full of students. Some were freshman, most were seniors. Milosh was accompanied by five former AVID students who were there to answer questions and help those attending make their decision. Some of those students had been in the program since they were in the 8th grade.

"We're here to help students," Milosh said. "Sometimes that's helping with note taking skills sometimes its helping with test preparation."

All those who apply will go through an interview process and are required to sign a contract to reinforce their knowledge of their responsibilities to the program, themselves, and their intentions to succeed. AVID is an elective course, meaning it will take the place of one of their classes, but the students must also enroll in one or more advanced placement

classes. The AVID curriculum includes writing for both college and professionally, and strategies for success.

AVID proports to incorporate something that is needed by both teachers and students that are determined to make a better life, support. Jessica McKinney, a parent of a student at Azle High School thought it would be a great opportunity for her daughter.

"I learned about the AVID program from my eighth grader," she said. "We found out that it's an elective class that would help provide additional learning support for students who are planning to go to college, so we thought that it would be a good fit for her."

The teachers who volunteer their time, and the other students who want to succeed both work with and help each other to make the program a success. Since 1990, tens of thousands of students who participated in AVID graduated high school, and more than 95% of those have graduated from college.

Dangerous rumor leads to arrest

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It's every parent's nightmare, to hear from your children's school that there was an incident involving a firearm. It conjures terror that springs into their minds and triggers all kinds of images and inferences. This is the maelstrom of thoughts and emotions that parents of Azle Jr. High School students started their day with.

Tuesday morning, a mass email was sent out to all parents and guardians of the Junior High School explaining that earlier in the morning a rumor had been spreading that a student had brought a firearm to the campus. The rumor turned out to be a fabrication. The lie was started by another unnamed student on the campus, who was taken into

custody by Azle police. The exact reason for the student starting the rumor is unknown.

Brian Roberts, Principal of Azle Junior High School, assured parents in an email, that there was never an immediate threat to the students at any time, but asked parents to please educate their students about the seriousness of such comments.

"We take all threats seriously," Roberts wrote in the email. "Even making a joke about such a serious matter can lead to severe consequences and AJH will take appropriate disciplinary action, per our Azle ISD Student Code of Conduct."

Roberts then thanks parents and guardians for their continued support of Azle Junior High School.

According to the Student

Code of Conduct, if a student engages in an action, whether it is verbal or physical, that disrupts the regular school day, or puts other students in danger, they will face appropriate disciplinary action. According to school district officials, the student's punishment will be assessed based on what the student is formally charged with by the Azle police.

This is the second time in less than a year where a student in Azle Independent School District has made violent threats and rumors that resulted in an arrest of a minor. The last incident happened in September 2022 when an underage former student threatened violence on popular social media websites. That former student was quickly taken into custody as well.



Azle Junior High's campus.

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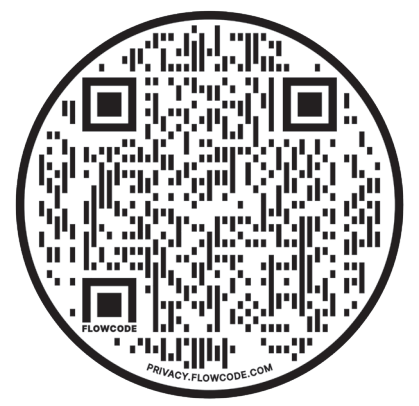
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PreK - 4th

BREAKFAST: Everyday - Assorted Fruits and Cereal, Juice, White or Chocolate Milk, Graham Crackers, Toast
Mon Berry Blast French Toast, Cherry Craisins **Tues** Banana Muffin w/ Cheese Stick Apple **Weds** Cinnamon Toast Crunch Soft filled, Strawberry Craisins **Thurs** Apple Frudal, Orange **Fri** Strawberry Cream Cheese Bagel, Banana

LUNCH: Everyday - Variety of milk. Your choice of 1 entree & 1 fruit or juice
Mon Steak Fingers w/ Roll OR Mac n Cheese w/ breadstick, Pinto Beans **Tues** Corn dogs OR BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich, Apples, Pears **Weds** Breaded Chicken Patty Sandwich OR Orange Chicken w/roll **Thurs** Tater Tot Casserole w/biscuit OR Cheesy chicken Nachos, Elote (corn) **Fri** Pepperoni Pizza, Cheese pizza OR Chicken Fajita Wraps w/tortillas chips

GRADES 5TH - 8TH

BREAKFAST: Everyday - Assorted Fruits and Cereal, Juice, White or Chocolate Milk, Yogurt w/Granola
Mon Breakfast Pizza, Pears **Tues** Sausage Biscuit w/ Jelly, Pineapples **Weds** Dutch Waffle, Peaches **Thurs** Oatmeal, Apples **Fri** Biscuits & Gravy, Bananas

LUNCH: Everyday: Variety of milk. Your choice of 1 entree & 1 fruit or juice, rolls, crackers • Salad bar offered daily
Mon Steak Fingers w/ Roll OR Mac n Cheese w/ breadstick, Pinto Beans **Tues** Corn dogs OR BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich **Weds** Breaded Chicken Patty Sandwich OR Orange Chicken w/roll **Thurs** Tater Tot Casserole w/biscuit OR Cheesy chicken Nachos **Fri** Pepperoni Pizza, Cheese pizza OR Chicken Fajita Wraps w/tortilla chips, Crinkle French Fries, Banana

HIGH SCHOOL

BREAKFAST: Everyday - Assorted Fruits and Cereal, Juice, White or Chocolate Milk, Yogurt w/Granola
Mon Breakfast Pizza Pears **Tues** Sausage Biscuit w/ Jelly Pineapple **Weds** Dutch Waffle Peaches **Thurs** Oatmeal, Apples **Fri** Biscuits & Gravy OR Assorted Cereal w/Graham Crackers, 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 Beely Mac w/roll, Cheese Enchiladas, Orange Chicken, Cheese OR Peperoni Pizza, Cheeseburger **Tues** Chicken Tenders, Beef Nachos, General TSO Chicken, Chicken Alfredo w/Breadstick OR Cheese Pizza Spicy Chicken Sandwich **Weds** Chicken Tenders, Chicken Tacos, Sweet n Sour Chicken, Meatball Sub, Cheese Pizza, Breaded Chicken Sandwich **Thurs** Spaghetti w/ Meat sauce, Chicken Quesadilla, Orange Chicken, Chicken Fajita Wrap, Max sticks w/Marinera, BBQ Chicken Sandwich **Fri** Tater Tot Casserole, Taco Soup, General TSO Chicken, Cheese OR Pepperoni Pizza

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SNAP to attention for Lone Star Card holders

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For many families in Azle, and across Texas, the government assistance program Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) provides money for food is a vital necessity for being able to put food on the table. However, there has been an increasingly disturbing trend of scammers and thieves coming up with ways to steal money benefits.

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has been receiving several reports of scammers targeting people who receive SNAP benefits. The organization has urged recipients of the government assistant program to be as cautious as possible with their benefits and to monitor purchases on

their Lone Star Card through the Your Texas Benefits mobile app.

HHSC recently released an updated version of the Your Texas Benefits mobile app that helps people better manage their benefits. This would make the Lone Star Benefits cards act in the same way that debit bank cards are used and monitored. Using the updated app, available for both Apple and Android smart phones, card holders can monitor purchases, hold and unfreeze their card, and change their PIN.

"We hope these resources and outreach efforts will minimize the fraud we're seeing in Texas," Texas HHS Access and Eligibility Services Deputy Executive Commissioner Wayne Salter said. "We encourage clients

to take immediate action to secure their benefits."

The HHSC has reported scammers are primarily using primarily two forms of scam called 'Skimming' and 'Phishing' to obtain Lone Star Card numbers and PIN. 'Skimming' is a process where devices are placed on card readers, like the keypads at registers, to get the card holders' vital information. 'Phishing' is when a card holder will receive a text message or email is sent to trick people into clicking a link or calling a number to share card information.

HHSC recommends that if a Lone Star card has been compromised, to call the service immediately. A new card will be issued within a week, allowing people to access their benefits. Currently HHS cannot issue new funds to people



Recipients of the government assistant program are urged to be as cautious as possible with their benefits and to monitor purchases on their Lone Star Card through the Your Texas Benefits mobile app.

with compromised cards, and they highlight the importance of reporting concerns quickly. Most fraud occurs within one hour of a card being compromised.

SNAP is one of the most popular and most used government assistance programs. According to report published by the USDA Food and Nutrition Services

of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Texas is one of the states with the highest number of Families who receive SNAP benefits.

State Rep. Glenn Rogers announces Texas Legislature committee assignments

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Texas lawmakers are meeting in Austin for the state's biennial legislative session, and the state representative for Parker, Palo Pinto and Stephens counties has been appointed to serve on three committees.

Texas House of Representatives Speaker Dade Phelan appointed State Rep. Glenn Rogers to serve as the vice chairman on the Land and Resource Management Committee and as a member on the Natural Resources Committee and the Local and Consent Calendars Committee.

work on all three committees to benefit the citizens of District 60 and the State of Texas," Rogers said in a news release from his office.

According to the Texas House of Representatives' website, the Land and Resource Management Committee has authority over topics such as:

- The management of public lands
- The power of eminent domain
- The creation, modification, and regulation of municipal utility districts
- Annexation, zoning, and other governmental regulation of land use

· The School Land Board, the Board for Lease of University Lands and the General Land Office

As for the Natural Resources Committee, the Texas House of Representatives' website states the committee has authority over the following:

- The conservation of the state's natural resources.
- Control and development of Texas' water and land.
- Oversight of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality related to the regulation of water resources.
- The creation, modification and regulation of ground-

water conservation districts, water supply districts, water control and improvement districts, conservation and reclamation districts and similar local government organizations related to water and water supply.

- Irrigation, irrigation companies and irrigation districts, and their incorporation, management, and powers.
- Certain state agencies related to rivers and water, including the Texas Water Development Board.

"As Texas continues to grow, appropriate allocation of land and natural resources is essential to maintain-

ing Texas' advancement and stability," Rogers' news release states. "This is especially important in District 60, as Parker, Palo Pinto and Stephens counties experience unprecedented growth. As economic development continues to boom throughout the state, thorough water policy is necessary to meet the demand. Both the Natural Resources Committee and Land & Resource Management Committee will provide Representative Rogers and District 60 a major voice for the future of water and natural resource policy in Texas."

Calendar committees set

priorities and schedules for bills to be discussed by the House of Representatives members. For the Local and Consent Calendars Committee, the legislation being scheduled is local and/or uncontested bills and resolutions.

"The Local and Consent Calendars Committee lends a platform to local governments so they can be heard on the House Floor," Rogers' news release stated. "Typically, the bills that go through this committee are uncontested and can expedite the needs of local communities."

Sudoku

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Solution to last week's puzzle

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The Texas Science Festival Can Help Texans Change the World

As a chemistry professor at The University of Texas at Austin for the past 25 years and Dean of the College of Natural Sciences for the past two, I've worked hard to help Texas students not only better understand the world around them — but to become better citizens of that world.

I've seen that the best students are often those who are persistently curious. They engage, innovate, and use the knowledge they develop to transform their communities for the better.

That's true for traditional students in classrooms, studios, and laboratories. It's just as true for lifelong learners who want to explore ideas



GUEST OPINION

David Vanden Bout

David Vanden Bout is dean of the College of Natural Sciences at The University of Texas at Austin. To learn more about the Texas Science Festival or to register to attend, visit sciencefest.utexas.edu.

beyond the limits of human imagination in fields they may not have even previously known existed.

And it's not just true on any single college campus — it's true in every corner of the state.

It's why I'm excited about sponsoring the Texas Science Festival over the next two weeks.

From now through March 4, the festival will welcome

the persistently curious for a hybrid gathering open to science enthusiasts from around the state.

All events are free, but space is limited. To register to attend online, visit sciencefest.utexas.edu.

The festival offers a unique opportunity to interact with industry-leading researchers in a setting where everyday Texans can cultivate their intellectual curiosity and ex-

ploration science.

Texas is widely known for its festivals dedicated to music, film, and interactive technology — and a State Fair that celebrates all things Texas and all things fried. We hope the Texas Science Festival becomes just as much of a destination, especially for lifelong learners who want to explore complex concepts outside the classroom.

Participants can choose from in-person and virtual formats, including panels, podcasts, storytelling, activities, and social events that tackle everything from medical breakthroughs to energy innovation. They can “glimpse the early universe” by hearing from scientists

working with the new James Webb Space Telescope; take a tour of deep sky views with McDonald Observatory experts; and be part of the annual STEM Girl Day that offers dozens of different hands-on activities for all kids in elementary and middle school.

I grew up in Texas, so I'm particularly excited about the virtual Texas Independence Day panel that explores the science of native foods, long-horns, and bluebonnets.

These discussions go beyond classroom education, so everyday Texans can ask complex questions and explore nuanced responses that can help them elevate their communities. We will chal-

lenge them not only by asking the obvious “who,” “what,” and “where” but also “why” and “how.”

As UT Austin strives to become the world's highest-impact public research university, the Texas Science Festival will support that mission by delivering impactful education to some of the people who matter most — my fellow Texans. This education aims to develop citizens who can contribute to the world beyond the campus in thoughtful ways, open to discovery and new possibilities powered through science.

That's what excites me as a professor, a teacher, and a Texan. And I hope you come and join us as a learner.

Texas Science Festival Schedule 2023

All events are held at the University of Texas Campus. Find individual events and their locations at: www.sciencefest.utexas.edu

FEBRUARY 21, 2023
TWO GUYS on Your Head In-person: The Psychology, Science & Performance of Play, 4:00 PM-7:00 PM CT, Deep Dive, Hands-On Science

FEBRUARY 22, 2023
COEXISTING WITH AI: Embedding Ethics in Education & Practice, 4:00 PM-5:00 PM CT, Deep Dives

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FEBRUARY 25, 2023
TEDXUTAUSTIN 2023: How & Why [Ticket Purchase Required], 9:00 AM-3:00 PM CT, Outer Limit, Deep Dive, Hands-On Science

STEM GIRL Day at UT Austin, 11:30 AM-4:00 PM CT, Outer Limit, Hands-On Science

GLIMPING THE Early Universe: A James Webb Space Telescope Journey through Space & Time, 2:00 PM-3:00 PM CT, Deep Dives

FEBRUARY 26, 2023
HUMAN THREATS to Native Plants: Tipping the Balance Back, 1:00 PM-3:00 PM CT, Deep Dive, Hands-On Science

FEBRUARY 27, 2023
“SCIENCE-ING” YOUR Way to More Health & More Wealth, 12:00 PM-12:45 PM CT, Science Sparks

FEBRUARY 28, 2023
THE TEXAS Grid Under Pressure, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM CT, Deep Dives

MARCH 1, 2023
A SHOT to Stop the Triple-demic: Promising RSV Vaccines on the Horizon, 12:00 PM-12:30 PM CT, Deep Dives

TEXAS GIRLS in STEM Day 2023: WiSTEM Outreach Ambassadors Panel, 12:00 PM-12:45 PM CT, Outer Limits

TEXAS GIRLS in STEM Day 2023: WiSTEM Alumni Role Model Panel, 4:30 PM-5:15 PM CT, Outer Limits

MARCH 2, 2023
DEEP IN the Heart of Science: A Peek Into the Science of What We Love about the Lone Star State, 12:00 PM-12:45 PM CT, Science Sparks

ARE WE There Yet? Driving to Health Equity in the Treatment of Obesity, 6:30 PM-8:00 PM CT, Deep Dives

MARCH 3, 2023
AN IMMENSE World: In Conversation with Ed Yong about All that Lies Beyond our Human Sensory Bubble, 12:00 PM-1:00 PM CT, Deep Dives

SCIENCE FESTIVAL Social at Easy Tiger — The Linc, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM CT, Outer Limits

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OBITUARIES

Dennis King 1958-2023

Ralph Dennis King, 64, passed away February 5, 2023 at his home where he resided with his wife Mary in Weatherford, Texas.

A celebration of life honoring Dennis was held Saturday, February 18, 2023, at Trinity Bible Church in Willow Park, Texas.

Dennis was born May 14, 1958 in Wichita, Kansas. He moved to Texas with his son Chris and began his career in April 1980 at Lockheed Martin. Dennis and Mary were married June 30, 2006.

He is preceded in death by parents, J.R. and Fannie King, and sister, Janene Wilson.

He is survived by his wife Mary King; son Chris King and wife Jessie; son Jon Aiken and wife Brytiany; daughter Stephanie Davis and husband Mark; grandchildren, Brandon and wife Christina,



Jorden and Parker King, Jonathon and Hudson Aiken, and Kennedy Davis; brothers, Ronnie King and wife, Jody King and wife, along with nieces and nephews.

Dennis was a man of faith; loving son, brother, father, husband, papa and beloved friend.

The Azle News, February 22, 2023 Edition

Kimberly Shoemaker 1965-2023

Kimberly Diane Shoemaker, 57, went to be with the Lord Friday, February 17, 2023, with her dad and sister by her side.

Kim was born October 26, 1965, in Fort Worth to Roger Dale Allmon and Sherry Nadine Holt Allmon.

She was preceded in death by her son, Chad Watson.

Survivors include father, Roger Allmon; mother, Sherry Allmon; stepmother, Janice Allmon; children, Brandon Shoemaker and wife, Lauren and Summer Shoemaker and Dru Howeth; grandchildren, Reagan, David, Wyatt, Gatlin and Preslee; sister, Lisa O'Connor and husband, Don



O'Conner; many aunts, cousins, nephews and nieces and friends.

The Azle News, February 22, 2023 Edition

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,
AMANDA WIMPEE

Amanda Wimpee, the Azle ISD Curriculum Director, is one of the very best Curriculum Directors with whom I've had the pleasure to work. As a member of the Azle Education Foundation (AEF) Board, I have directly observed her work, skills and knowledge, and I am so impressed with her outstanding job, I am compelled to express it.

To qualify the applause I've made above, please understand.

I served in two Texas ISDs for a total of 15 years, and for over 6 years in my military career, I wrote assessments on full Colonels for over 6 years. I've also made assessments of award proposals on people of equivalent responsibilities, and thus my assessment of how rare I find Amanda to be. She always speaks with a respectful demeanor from well-grounded experience based on facts to support her recommendations to the AEF Board.

Amanda Wimpee's Distinguished Meritorious Performance reflects distinct credit on herself, the Curriculum Department and Azle Independent School.

- Ray Ivey, Azle

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A Tale of Two Sundays

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair." (Charles Dickens, "A Tale of Two Cities" - 1859)



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.

gathering.

At the first one, regrets about the past and anxiety about the future were an undercurrent. At the second, joyful celebration of the past and visionary anticipation of the future were the focus.

For obvious reasons, I will not identify the first one. I was there preaching because the church had just gone through the resignation of their pastor—a resignation

suggested by church leadership. I was there in my official capacity as Executive Director/Lead Strategist of Harvest Baptist Association to encourage the church and meet with leadership to strategize next steps.

I can enthusiastically identify the second one. I was there to join with Ash Creek Baptist Church to celebrate the 25th anniversary of their pastor, my friend, Dr. Wesley

Shotwell. I was there as a longtime friend of Wesley and many folks at ACBC.

At the first church, there was an "elephant in the room" that nobody mentioned.

At Ash Creek, there was nothing in the room but "family."

Different people told stories and offered affirmation and gratitude in a room full of laughter and a few heart-felt tears.

I'd already been a pastor in the Azle area for seven years when Wesley came to Ash Creek. He immediately engaged with the community and became a friend and encouragement to other

pastors. We served together through the Azle Ministerial Alliance and Tarrant Baptist Association.

We probably got to know each other best through taking kids from our churches to the same pre-teen camp every summer. That's the place where I came to appreciate his sense of humor and found out that of all the things Wesley Shotwell takes seriously, Wesley Shotwell is not one of those things.

Since I left the pastorate and went on to my current ministry, it has been my privilege to fill in for Wesley a few times preaching at Ash Creek and grabbing an occasional cup of coffee.

In everything I've seen over the past 25 years, Wesley has prioritized loving the people of ACBC and helping them to love their community.

That was so obvious last night when he was able to speak at the end of his anniversary celebration. After all the great things that had been said about him, he reminded his congregation that none of this was about the "he" of Wesley; it was about the "we" of ACBC.

We've done this, he said. And that's how he's been able to stay for 25 years. He recognizes the power of "we."

A good lesson for all of us. Be amazing today, my friends.

Remember the Alamo: how could we forget?

Tomorrow is February 23. On that date 187 years ago marks the beginning of the siege at the Alamo.

Texas was not yet a republic and a long way from becoming a state in the Union of the United States. It was a possession of the sovereign nation of Mexico and its President Santa Anna, had traveled north bringing 10,000 Mexican soldiers to south Texas. He was intent to once and for all, eliminate all opposition to the authority of the Mexican state. Trouble had been brewing for months with the independent minded Texian population dissatisfied with the authoritative nature of Mexican government, with many expressing the desire for independence.



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.

facing an experienced, well-trained army, perhaps the best one in the western hemisphere. They were fighting overwhelming numbers and were short of food and supplies. They were not an army, they were a rag tag group of men, hardly even militia. They were an odd collection from different backgrounds and cultures, but all shared the dream of independence and freedom. If necessary, they were all prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice to

achieve that dream.

After 13 days of siege the valiant defenders of the Alamo were overwhelmed and perished to the man. Their bodies were removed from the old mission by their opposition and burned as a warning to all who would oppose Mexico. Their bravery and dedication will forever live in the hearts of their fellow Texans.

On March 27, following the battle of Refugio and the Battle of Coleto, 425 prison-

ers of war from the Texian Army were executed by the Mexican army in the town of Goliad. The Texans had surrendered under the belief they would be treated as prisoners of war and would be set free in a few weeks, however this was not to be. General and President Santa Anna ordered the mass execution to take place, including Colonel James Fannin the commander of Mexican forces.

The Texian population attempted to flee the Mexican army by heading east in what has become to be known as the "Runaway Scrape". General Sam Houston, the commander of all military forces of Texas faced hardships and a divisive army, as many troops wanted to stop and engage the enemy, but

Houston knew the Texans were severely outmanned and out equipped. The only hope for Texas was to wait for the right opportunity to end the hostilities in a single blow.

On April 21, this opportunity came at San Jacinto. The battle lasted a mere 17 minutes with the army of Texas inflicting over 1500 casualties on the Mexicans. The Army of Texas suffered casualties of 6 killed and 23 wounded, with Sam Houston being one of the injured. During the battle the enraged Texans called "Remember the Alamo" and "Remember Goliad" as they went about destroying the Mexican forces. Who could have imagined such a one-sided victory? February, March and April

are important Texas history months. We should all stop and say a prayer for the men and woman who fought and died to create our Texas. We should remember their resolve and the principles for which they stood. Don't take what they sacrificed for granted. Remember our heroes and remember the Alamo!

God Bless our Texas! Thought for the day: "The cost of freedom is always high, but Americans have always paid it. And one path we shall never choose, and that is the path of surrender, or submission." John F Kennedy

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ORDINANCE No. 23-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PELICAN BAY, TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS CONTINUING ITS JUVENILE CURFEW; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS, CREATING OFFENSES; CREATING DEFENSES; PROVIDING ENFORCEMENT REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; DETERMINING THAT THIS ORDINANCE WAS PASSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PUBLICATION CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN ENROLLMENT AND ENGROSSMENT CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Section 5. Penalties.

- A. A person who violates this Ordinance is guilty of a separate offense for each day or party of a day during which the violation is committed, continued, or permitted. Each offense, upon conviction or plea, is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.
- B. When required by TEXAS FAMILY CODE Sec. 51.08, as amended, the municipal court shall waive original jurisdiction over a minor who violates this Ordinance and shall refer the minor to juvenile court. Section 10. Effective Date. That this Ordinance shall become effective from and after its passage and publication as required by law. **AND SO, IT IS RESOLVED. PASSED** and approved this 14th day of February, 2023.

ORDINANCE No. 23-002

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PELICAN BAY, TEXAS, ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF NOT EXCEEDING \$500 GENERALLY OR NOT EXCEEDING \$2,000 FOR VIOLATIONS RELATING TO FIRE SAFETY, ZONING OR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION OR NOT EXCEEDING \$4,000 FOR VIOLATIONS RELATING TO DUMPING OF REFUSE; PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF SUCH CODE; AND PROVIDING WHEN SUCH CODE AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.

Section 5. Unless a differing penalty is expressly provided for within the Code, every person convicted of a general violation of any provision of the Code or any rule, ordinance, or police regulation of the City shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$2,000.00 for violations of all such rules, ordinances and police regulations that govern fire safety, zoning, or public health and sanitation, not to exceed \$4,000.00 for violations of all such rules, ordinances and police regulations that govern the dumping of refuse, and not exceeding \$500.00 for all other violations. Each act of violation and each day upon which any such violation shall occur shall constitute a separate offense. The penalty provided by this section, unless another penalty is expressly provided, shall apply to the amendment of any Code section, whether or not such penalty is reenacted in the amendatory ordinance. In addition to the penalty prescribed above, the City may pursue other remedies such as abatement of nuisances, injunctive relief and revocation of licenses or permits.

Section 8. This ordinance and the Code adopted hereby shall become effective upon final passage of this ordinance. **PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by an affirmative vote of the City Council of the City of Pelican Bay, Texas, this 14th day of February, 2023.

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Abbott lays out seven top priorities; black lawmakers blast Abbott's hiring directive

ABBOTT LAYS OUT SEVEN TOP PRIORITIES

Gov. Greg Abbott, in a State of the State address last Thursday, outlined his seven top priorities for the ongoing legislative session before an invitation-only audience at a manufacturing facility in San Marcos, the Austin American-Statesman reported. Those priorities include \$4 billion for border security, property tax relief and more school choice for parents, which he called "education freedom." He avoided use of the word "vouchers."

The governor, beginning his third term, announced that school safety would also be a legislative priority, while avoiding any mention on curtailing the availability of guns, something Democrats hammered on in their 10-minute rebuttal.

Abbott is proposing that \$15 billion of the state's hefty surplus go toward cutting property taxes.

PATRICK ALSO ANNOUNCES PRIORITIES

Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick a few days earlier released 30 legislative priorities, which also includes property tax



CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders

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relief. Patrick, who presides over the state Senate, also wants to increase the punishment for illegal voting, protect children "from obscene books in libraries" and eliminate tenure at public colleges and universities.

The Houston Chronicle reported other items on Patrick's list include banning critical race theory in higher education and prohibiting COVID-19 mandates.

"Just because a bill does not make the priority list does not mean it is not a priority for me or the Senate," Patrick said in a statement. "We will pass over 600 bills this session. As I like to say, every bill is a priority to someone, otherwise, we would not pass it."

Patrick is also pushing for teacher pay raises, expanding mental health services in rural areas, and strengthening

the state's power grid.

BLACK LAWMAKERS BLAST ABBOTT'S HIRING DIRECTIVE

A directive from Abbott to state agencies ordering them to end the use of diversity, equity and inclusion practices in hiring employees has drawn the ire of the Texas Legislative Black Caucus and the Texas NAACP. Both groups met last week to urge major national sports groups to refuse to hold championship games in Texas if the governor does not reverse his ruling.

The Statesman reported that the groups called on the NBA and MLB to not host All-Star games in the state, the NFL not to hold Super Bowl games, and the NCAA to decline to host championship games in Texas, unless the ruling is reversed.

"I am proud to say that the NAACP urges all citizens of

goodwill to join us and our partners in fighting to stop our state from continuing to move back to Jim Crow," NAACP President Gary Bledsoe said. Some employment law experts have said the governor's interpretation of DEI practices is misguided.

The governor's office has said that hiring on factors other than merit violates state and federal law.

STATE PARK TO BECOME GATED COMMUNITY

A popular Texas state park located 90 miles southeast of Dallas will close at the end of the month, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department announced. After more than 50 years of public use, Fairfield State Park was notified by Vistra, the power company that leased the property to the state, that it is terminating the lease and selling the property to a private developer.

Vistra closed the coal power plant located on the lake in 2018. Despite months of negotiation, the company would not consider selling just the parkland to the state. The new owner, Todd Interests, plans to develop a high-end gated community with a pri-

ivate golf course, according to The Dallas Morning News.

"This loss is especially unfathomable at a time when we are celebrating 100 years of state parks, yet absent any cooperation or interest in working with us from the developer, we have no other options," said Arch "Beaver" Aplin, TPWD chairman, said.

A number of state legislators have expressed outrage over the park's closing. State Rep. Angelia Orr, R-Hillsboro, whose district includes Freestone County where Fairfield State Park is located, has filed a bill that would allow the state to acquire the parkland through eminent domain. TPWD, however, will remove equipment and relocate staff members after Feb. 28.

SABINE PASS BATTLEGROUND SITE REOPENS

A Civil War battleground and memorial site closed after damage from Hurricane Harvey in 2017 has reopened after repairs were made to the seawall. The Sabine Pass Battleground State Historic Site in Port Arthur is now open to the public seven days a week, according to the Texas Historical Commission.

In the battle, Confederate Lt. Richard "Dick" Dowling and 46 men fought back against a Union assault on Sabine Pass, which was the main port for Confederate shipments during the war. The battle lasted less than an hour. Two Union gunboats were destroyed, along with significant casualties and the capture of about 350 prisoners. It kept Union forces from entering the Texas interior in the Civil War, according to THC.

FINAL COVID-19 REPORT RELEASED

With this edition of Capital Highlights, we are ending our weekly report on the number of new COVID-19 cases and hospitalization, since reporting agencies, such as the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University, are doing the same. The center reported 18,407 new cases in the past week in Texas, along with 133 deaths. The Texas Department of State Health Services reported 1,782 lab-confirmed hospitalizations in the state.

Since reporting began, 8.417 million confirmed cases were reported in Texas, along with 93,041 deaths.



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stage to showcase their voice as they sang their favorite songs. There were dance

groups dressed in matching outfits showing off their choreography as they danced and sang their way across the stage. One student unleashed her inner Bruce Lee showing off her fighting skills with her



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One student showed some martial arts skills with her instructor.



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STAAR testing in progress.



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Winners of the talent show, the Hornet 5.




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A student performed a classical piano piece.

instructor who accompanied her. A young magician, who must be expecting a letter by owl soon, dazzled the crowd with her magic wand and table of tricks. There was even a student who performed by playing the classical piano and delivered a stunning piece of music as her feet dangled off the performance chair.

Every performer left the stage to the sound of applause and cheers. At the end of the show every act was given an award for their performance. The prize of 'Best in Show' was taken by a boy band. The Walnut Creek PTO said on their Facebook page that every student who performed did so with talent and showmanship. The post congratulated everyone, including parents for making the First Annual Walnut Creek Talent Show a success.



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Azle swimmer Phoebe Mosley makes waves at state

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Racing against the best high school swimmers in Texas, Phoebe Mosley made her hometown proud.

On Feb. 17-18, she traveled to Austin for the UIL state championship — the lone swimmer from Azle to qualify for the meet. On the first day, Mosley swam the 100-meter fly in 59.53 to set a personal record and qualify for the finals. She finished 16th out of 24 girls.

In the 200 IM, she finished 19th of 24 swimmers.

Qualifying for the state meet is difficult, especially for a girl who attends a high school without a pool for practicing. Azle swimmers commute more than an hour round trip for practices.

TOUGH SPORT, TOUGHER GIRL

Awake at 4. Get ready for school, prepare lunch, clean kitchen. Climb into the car with mom for the 45-minute drive from Jacksboro to Azle High School. Climb into a frigid bus for another 35-minute drive to Decatur with team-

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From left, Amy Estes is coach, friend, and fan to top swimmer Phoebe Mosley.

Phoebe Mosley is Azle's lone swimmer to qualify for state.

COURTESY PHOTO

Azle Christian celebrates seniors as season ends

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What a wild year the Azle Christian Crusaders experienced on the basketball court.

Injuries and illnesses hit hard early in the season, and the boys found themselves with an overall record of 3-9 after beginning the season with such promise.

Last season, Azle Christian had moved up to the TAPPS league for the first time and won 14 games. Most of the starters returned this season, ready to go deep into the playoffs. No one expected to start 3-9.

Head coach Ryan Rollins

encouraged his team to stay focused.

"The boys kept working hard, and we went on a 12-game win streak," he said.

The team's roster included a dozen players, and each one was relied on for court minutes.

Ending the season at 15-10 and earning a trip to the playoffs was "absolutely amazing," Rollins said.

"This has been a very rewarding year as a coach to see the boys overcome so much and be successful," he said. "Back-to-back double-digit-win seasons and making playoffs in TAPPS is a big deal. I think we are officially not just a football school any-

more. Azle Christian School basketball is on the map."

Helping create that map were three seniors who made huge impacts on the basketball court and at the school campus — Camden Logan, Noah Rollins and Drew Skartvedt.

The team entered the playoffs on Feb. 11 and faced Prestonwood Christian North, a team that won 18 games in the regular season and was ranked as the fifth-best in the state.

The Crusaders played Prestonwood close during the first half but fell behind in the second before losing by a

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Camden Logan scored more than 1,000 career points on the varsity basketball team.

Azle mat slappers find success at state

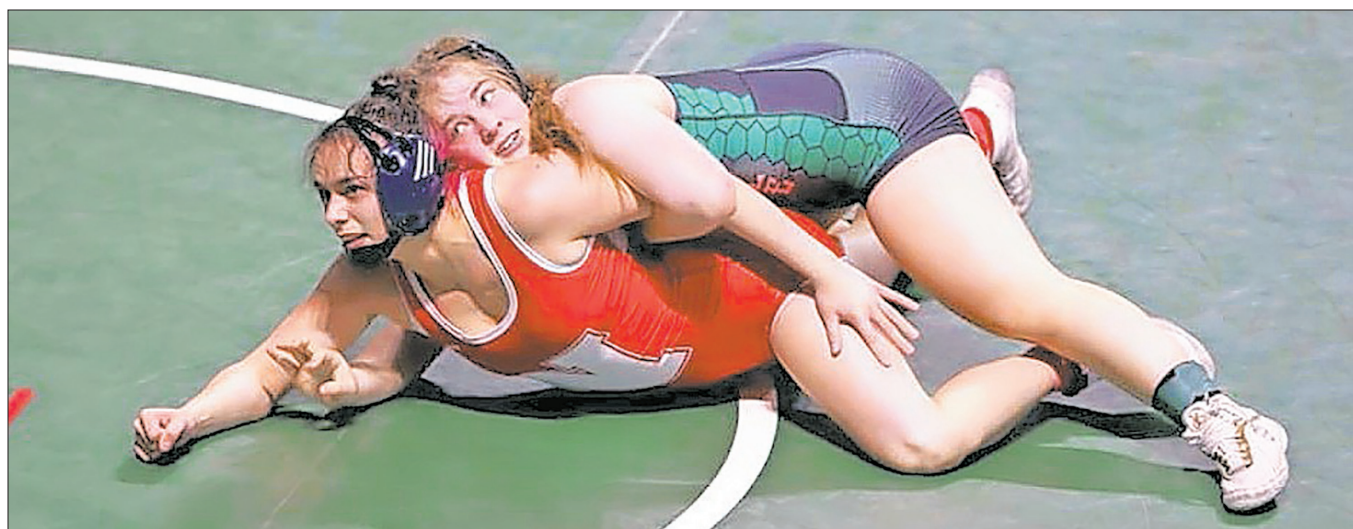


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Annabelle Davis wins this match on her way to nabbing the state title.

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Several Azle wrestlers earned medals at the state meet, and a Lady Hornet took the top prize in her weight class.

Annabelle Davis is the new UIL Class 5A state champion at 145 pounds.

The sophomore's dominance wasn't surprising. She was the top-ranked wrestler in the state leading up to the meet. Last year, as a freshman, she finished as runner up after coming down with bronchitis the week prior to the championship meet.

Davis refused to come in

second this year.

"This year, I really want it," she said prior to the meet.

She set the tone early, knocking off a previous state champ during her semifinal round.

Davis has wrestled since age 8 after growing up in the Krum area. In 2020, she moved with her family to Azle, and Davis became one of the high school's best wrestlers.

Another Lady Hornet who enjoyed a stellar performance at state was Jacy Williams, who earned third place at 100 pounds.

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SPORTS Roundup

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AZLE HIGH BOYS SOCCER

On Feb. 14, the Hornets traveled to Fort Worth to take on Brewer and came up short on the scoreboard.

Brewer won 4-0, dropping the Hornets to 0-5-1 in district competition.

The record might look dire, but the Hornets remain in contention for a playoff spot. Numerous games remain on the schedule, and Azle could climb into the postseason race with a few wins.

The boys enjoyed a restful bye on Feb. 17 and were set to play Granbury on Tuesday at press time. The results of that game will be shared in next week's paper.

Next up, the Hornets play at 5 p.m. Friday at home against Wichita Falls Rider.

AZLE HIGH GIRLS SOCCER

The Lady Hornets lost to Brewer 4-0 on Feb. 14 and didn't play a game on Feb. 17 due to an open date on their schedule.

That left them with an 0-5-1 district record and consternation about a promising

season that began with seven non-district wins.

Five games remain in the regular season, and the girls can still earn a playoff spot with a few wins.

The Lady Hornets will play at 7 p.m. Friday at home against Wichita Falls Rider.

AZLE HIGH BOYS POWERLIFTING

A handful of Azle powerlifters traveled to College Station to compete in the Aggieland Showdown meet. The Hornets nailed down third place despite bringing just six of their 12 lifters.



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Jayden Mendoza and the Azle soccer boys are keeping their playoff hopes alive.



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Madison Yunger and the Lady Hornets soccer team play at 7 p.m. Friday at home.



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River Cassel competes in the chute dogging event.



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Azle powerlifters earned third place at the Aggieland Showdown.

AZLE HIGH GIRLS POWERLIFTING

The powerlifting girls competed at the district meet over the weekend, won the championship, and qualified more than 20 athletes for the upcoming regional meet.

AZLE HIGH RODEO

The Hornets rodeo team competed on Feb. 17-18 in Saginaw and earned enough points to maintain its solid lock on second place in the North Texas High School Rodeo Association.

Laurel Allred won first place in poles, and Hevenli Scribner took third for a combined 126 points. Allred won second place in walk-up goats, and Scribner took third place for a combined 119 points. And Allred finished fifth in ride-up goats for another 42 points.

The two girls earned a whopping 287 points for their team.

Wyatt Allison earned 50 points for the team after winning third place in chute dogging. J.W. Gilbreath, River Cassel and Diego Aguilar finished out of the points in the event.

Sean Bunero earned eighth place in ribbon roping and ninth place in calf roping.

Braden Langston and Ethan Langston earned 17th in team

roping, and Jesus Leyva and Kasen Scarlato took 23rd.

Lindsey-Kaye Reichert finished in ninth in barrels.

At the Feb. 10-11 rodeo, Allred earned first place in walk-up goats and ninth place in ride-up goats.

Reichert took first place in poles, followed by Allred in 10th.

Reichert won second place in barrels, with Scribner in sixth and Allred in ninth.

Allison earned third place and Cassel was seventh in chute dogging.

Bunero earned fifth place in calf roping. Leyva and Scarlato took seventh place in team roping.

Azle held the top spot in the NTHSRA standings early in the season but dropped to second place behind Weatherford in recent weeks.

"We have had few members out due to personal injuries, surgeries, and some have broken a bone and needed a cast," said team sponsor Kristy Scribner. "Everyone is healing up and hopefully on the mend. We have also had a few members whose equine partners have passed away, and some that have become injured during the season."

The team hasn't given up. "We are still fighting to get that top spot," Scribner said.



COURTESY PHOTO

Azle powerlifting girls muscle their way to a district title.

"We have had a few members out due to personal injuries, surgeries, and some have broken a bone and needed a cast... We have also had a few members whose equine partners have passed away... We are still fighting to get that top spot."

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SENIORS

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66-35 margin. "Their depth and full-court press just overtook us in the second half," the coach said. "They were a great team with great coaching."

The Crusaders saw their season end, and the three seniors are one step closer to graduating high school and moving on to the next phase of their lives.

Coach Rollins will miss them.

"Losing these three seniors is especially hard on me," he said. "They have a special place in my heart. They are the reason we changed the culture to a winning program. They are great Christian young men and put God first in everything they do. It was about 'we,' not 'me,' and everybody else followed."

Nine teammates are expected to return for next year's basketball season, and Rollins wants to resume their winning ways.

"There's absolutely no reason we shouldn't make the playoffs again next year," he

said.

SO LONG, SENIORS

In late February, the Crusaders celebrated their three seniors on the basketball court, prior to the start of one of their games.

Camden Logan, the son of Cheryl and Chris Logan, has become legendary at the campus for his exploits in football, basketball and track. He is one of the few athletes to score more than 1,000 points on the varsity basketball team, and he was the primary scorer on the football team while he was there.

He plans to play college basketball and earn a business degree.

His favorite Bible verse is Proverbs 3:5,6 — Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Noah Rollins, the coach's son, plans to attend TCC and study to become a nurse. He thanked his parents, Ryan and Crystal Rollins, and his family for "always being there for me," and he thanked his teachers and everyone at

the school for "helping me grow in my walk."

He will miss his friends in class who are "very funny and entertaining," he said. His favorite verse is Proverbs 14:2,3 — There is profit in hard work, but mere talk leads to poverty.

Drew Skartvedt plans to attend a four-year university and play football. Long snapping is one of his football talents. He wants to study exercise sport science and nutrition.

He thanked parents, Jim and Danelle Skartvedt, for "being great examples of what it means to be a godly person" and for passing on their work ethic to him.

He will miss "all the laughs and basketball wins with the guys, and the times traveling in the van and hanging with my team," he said.

In the future, Skartvedt plans to rely on his favorite verse, Romans 12:2 — Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is, His good, pleasing, and perfect will.



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Seniors (from left) Noah Rollins, Camden Logan and Drew Skartvedt will put the Crusaders' basketball future in the hands of younger players.



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Zach Miles is among the young players expected to return next season and lead the Crusaders back to the playoffs.

MOSLEY

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mates. Jump into a cold pool and practice swimming for an hour. Then, back to Azle for a full day of classes.

Mosley's routine is well-oiled and precise. Throw in homework at night, and it's a wonder she has time to sleep. It's an even bigger wonder she qualified to compete at the UIL State Swimming Championship. Only the top swimmers in the state earn an invitation.

"I just like to swim a lot," she said. "It's fun. I've been doing it since I was 8, so it's just part of me."

The Jacksboro resident attends Azle ISD because her mother teaches at Hoover Elementary School. That makes for a long commute each day, followed immediately by another commute to Decatur since AHS doesn't have its own pool for swim

practice.

Waking at 4 isn't easy, but "I'm used to it," she said. "I started in 8th grade, and I've just been doing it since."

She relies on her phone alarm clock to wake her each morning. Then, she climbs out of bed, lets out the dogs, tidies up the house, and packs her bags for school and swim practice. She is a Rowdy member, too, and helps cheer at games and pep rallies.

Despite her full schedule, Mosley makes time to study. She is ranked eighth in her senior class out of 390 students with a GPA of 103.88.

"I don't like to slack off," she said. "Working hard motivates me."

Her coach might be her biggest fan.

"She is not a scattered kind of kid," said coach Amy Estes. "Everything is meticulous. She doesn't miss practice. She doesn't miss her obligations. She is a competitor like I've never worked with. She

reminds me of myself in little ways."

Mosley owns nine of the 11 swim records at AHS. One of the records she broke — the 200 IM — had been previously owned by Estes.

Estes used to dominate the school record books. In 1986, as a freshman, she founded the Azle swim team as its only member. She finished in third place at state that year.

Qualifying for state in any sport is an honor and a rarity, Estes said.

"You established yourself as one of the best," she said. "To qualify for state in swimming is extremely tough. It displays how hard you've worked for it."

Last year, Mosley earned the right to compete at state in the 200 IM. Estes considers it the sport's toughest event.

The 200 IM includes four disciplines — the fly stroke, back stroke, breaststroke and freestyle. Estes described it as a "grueling" race for

swimmers.

This year, Mosley also qualified in the 100 fly, which Estes described as "the second most grueling event."

At state, Mosley had just 30 minutes to recover from her first race to prepare for the second.

"It's a hard program for her," Estes said.

Mosley headed to state feeling "a little nervous" about both races, wondering whether her best times could hold up. Her times weren't good enough to earn a title, but she swam at the top of her game while under pressure.

Now, she plans to graduate high school, choose a college, keep on swimming and study engineering or medicine.

No matter which career direction she chooses, Mosley will most likely succeed like she does at swimming and schooling.

"I like being the best," she said.



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Mosley and Estes share a hug after a race.

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Azle basketball boys end season by beating Granbury



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Top scorer Gavin Dean will graduate this year and leave a hole in the Hornet roster.

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Missing the basketball playoffs was disappointing for the Azle Hornets, but the boys ended their season on a high note by beating Granbury in a tight game, 62-58, on Feb. 14. The victory wasn't easy.

Azle took a 13-12 lead in the first quarter but trailed 30-24 at halftime. The Hornets were still behind when the fourth quarter began, but a strong scoring night for Gavin Dean and teammates prevailed in the final minutes. Dean scored 30 points, Sawyer Dotson 12, and

Jackson Davis 10. Azle head coach James Crafton praised his team for its hard work and resilience while competing in the formidable District 5-5A. The Hornets had qualified for the playoffs during the previous two seasons after a decade-long drought.

STATE

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The Azle native tried wrestling as a kid but didn't enjoy the sport. She tried again in 2020 as a freshman at AHS, and she thrived. She won about half of her matches as a freshman and about 75 percent as a sophomore. The percentage kept climbing through her junior and senior seasons.

She was determined to qualify for state, and she did it.

Kaitlynn Kirkland and Pella LeFever earned trips to state, as well.

For the boys, Dominick Evans finished in sixth place at 175 pounds to close out his senior year. He is one of the few wrestlers on the boys team to win more than 100 career victories at varsity meets. He won 44 matches this season against just eight losses. Twice he placed at state meets and was the Azle team leader in wins and pins.

Wyatt Hicks was 1-2 at state and finished his first varsity season at 28-12 overall. The freshman won a district championship while

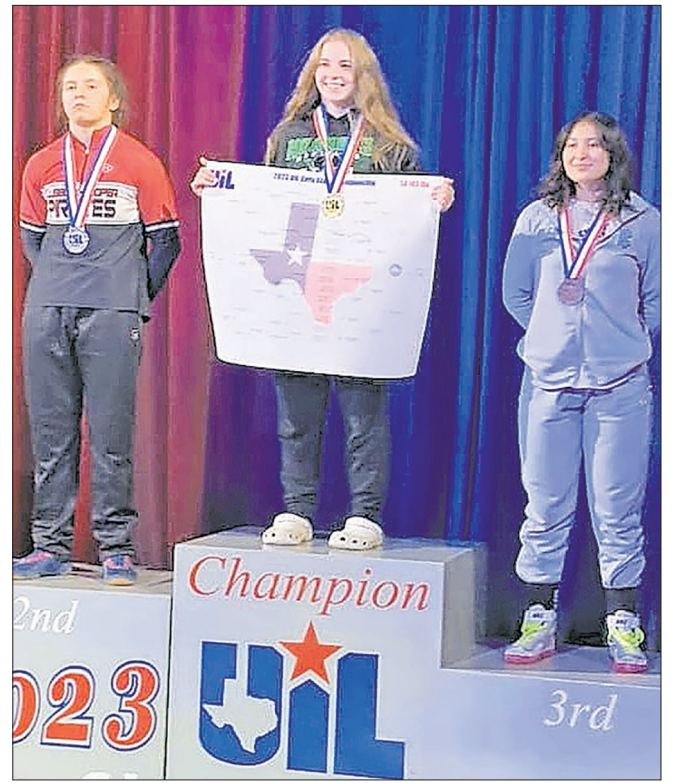
maintaining straight A's in the classroom and looks to be prominent fixture for the next three years.

Braxton Cates, Billy Spratt and Elias Ramirez ended their senior seasons by earning district titles, placing at

regionals and qualifying for the state meet.

Cates went 44-11 for the season and 2-2 at state.

Spratt was 40-7 overall, 2-2 at state, and the team leader in points and winning percentage.



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Annabelle Davis nabs the top spot on the podium and a state title.



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Dominick Evans earns sixth place.

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Standards Link: Identify cause and effect using visual cues.

Grow a Picture

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If I Were President

Imagine that you have been elected President of the United States. What would you do? What would you change?

Winning swimming



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Azle High School swim coach Amy Estes, a former champion herself, characterized her team's performance at regionals this year as historic. "We have never had a more successful meet in my tenure," she said afterward. Each Hornet swimmer set a personal best, and Phoebe Mosley qualified to compete at state in two events.



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KARL KLEMENT

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Springtown, TX • Mobile **817-846-6645**

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ACROSS

1 TXism: "he's holding all the ___" (in control)

5 boot underside

6 ___ shoe, Texas

7 West Texas climate

8 "keep a stiff upper ___"

9 TXism: "fits like scales ___ fish"

12 golfing mistake

17 many diets call for this (2 wds.)

19 wax your car, e.g.

21 TX Larry Hagman 1960s sitcom: "I ___ Jeannie"

22 the first King Ranch land was purchased for 2-cents ___

23 TXism: "cowboy ___" (jukebox)

28 flower stalk

29 "if I ___ then what I know now"

30 electrical installation in a house, e.g.

31 Marie Osmond's "___ Wanted You"

35 long-tailed parrot

36 end result of a terrorist situation? (2 wds.)

42 TX Dan Jenkins novel (hyphenated)

44 TX Ty who was a skating cowboy in "Mighty Ducks" films

46 type of drilling used at Spindletop (2 wds.)

48 Benny of UH's "Phi Slama Jama"

49 Rock of 1956 Texas epic "Giant" (init.)

50 song "___! San Antonio"

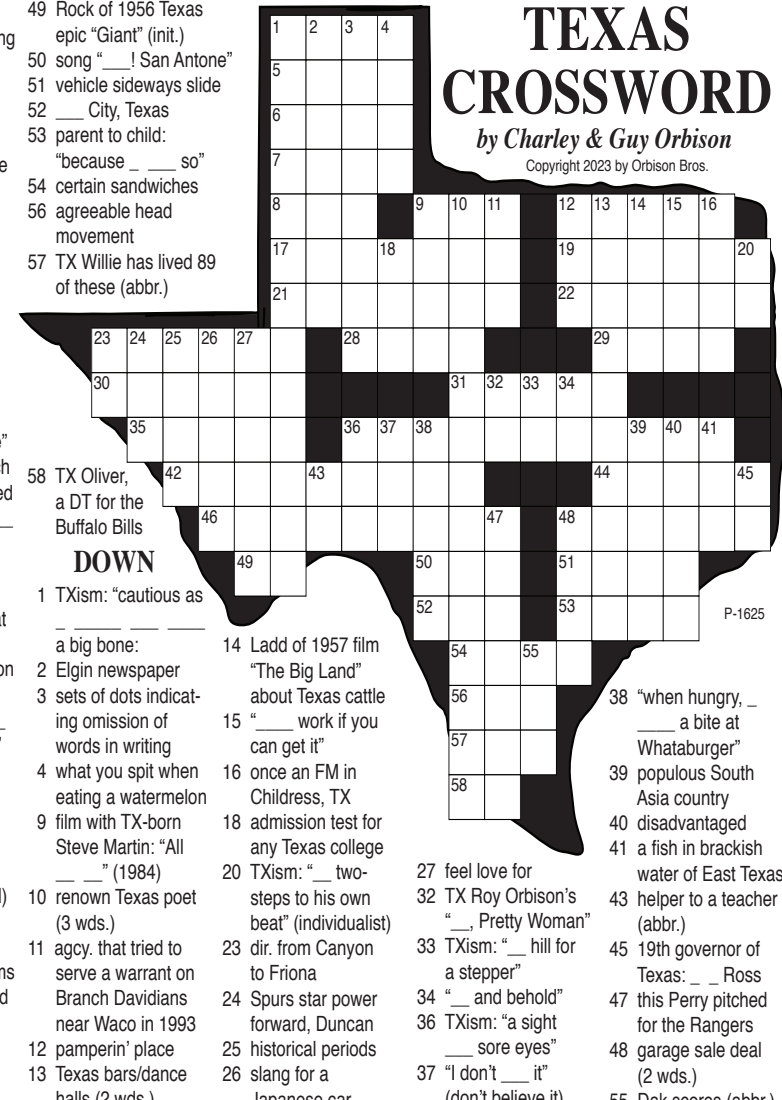
51 vehicle sideways slide

52 ___ City, Texas

53 parent to child: "because ___ so"

54 certain sandwiches agreeable head movement

57 TX Willie has lived 89 of these (abbr.)



DOWN

1 TXism: "cautious as a big bone:"

2 Elgin newspaper

3 sets of dots indicating omission of words in writing

4 what you spit when eating a watermelon

9 film with TX-born Steve Martin: "All ___" (1984)

10 renown Texas poet (3 wds.)

11 agcy. that tried to serve a warrant on Branch Davidians near Waco in 1993

12 pamperin' place

13 Texas bars/dance halls (2 wds.)

14 Ladd of 1957 film "The Big Land" about Texas cattle

15 "___ work if you can get it"

16 once an FM in Childress, TX

18 admission test for any Texas college

20 TXism: "___ two-steps to his own beat" (individualist)

23 dir. from Canyon to Friona

24 Spurs star power forward, Duncan

25 historical periods slang for a Japanese car

27 feel love for

32 TX Roy Orbison's "___, Pretty Woman"

33 TXism: "___ hill for a stepper"

34 "___ and behold"

36 TXism: "a sight ___ sore eyes"

37 "I don't ___ it" (don't believe it)

38 "when hungry, ___ a bite at Whataburger"

39 populous South Asia country

40 disadvantaged

41 a fish in brackish water of East Texas

43 helper to a teacher (abbr.)

45 19th governor of Texas: ___ Ross

47 this Perry pitched for the Rangers

48 garage sale deal (2 wds.)

55 Dak scores (abbr.)



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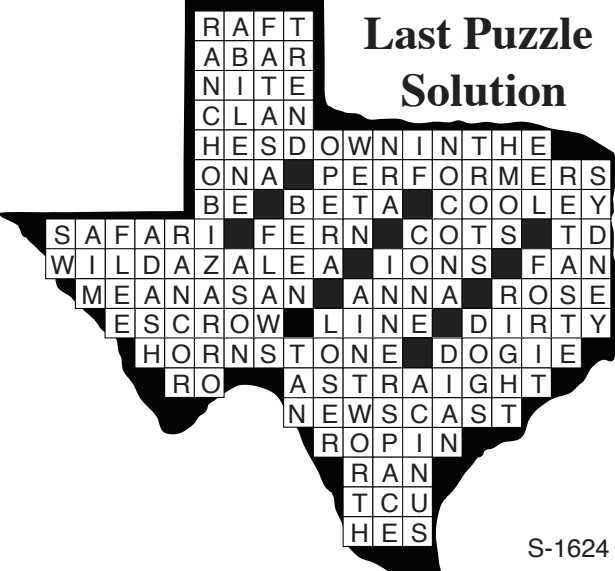
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