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Azle, like most of North Texas, was covered in a layer of ice for a large part of last week. Drone pilots took to the skies during the freeze to capture the scene from above.

## Azle freezes over

## Winter storm shuts down most of North Texas

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What started out as a chance for a little ice on bridges and other elevated surfaces ended up shutting down most of North Texas for the entire work week as a “winter weather event” raged in the area.

Around here, we call it

“Stock Show weather.”

Icy conditions were first predicted to begin Monday afternoon, Jan. 30 and continue through early morning Wednesday, Feb. 1. But by 6:15 a.m. on Monday, law enforcement agencies and fire departments across Parker and Wise counties were working multiple vehicle accidents, and around 6:45 a.m.,

decisions were made to close schools in Azle, Springtown, and most ISDs north and west of the DFW Metroplex.

Temperatures hovered in the mid-20-degree range throughout the work week as additional sleet and freezing rain fell across the area. It wasn't until late Friday morning that temperatures rose above freezing and things

began to thaw out.

### AZLE ISD

Azle ISD officials, like everyone else, were surprised to wake up to icy condition on Monday morning, Jan. 30. A quick survey of area road conditions informed the decision to close schools for the day at about 6:45 a.m. — only 45 minutes later than the

district's goal. The decisions to close schools on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday were fairly obvious, according to AISD Communications Director Amanda Moore.

The decision to close schools on Friday was made out of an abundance of caution with the safety of students and employees in mind, Moore said. Buses

would have had to be on the road by 8 a.m. if school was delayed by two hours, and many neighborhoods and rural areas were still too icy to ensure safety at that time, Moore explained.

Todd Smith, AISD superintendent, announced on Monday that while the two

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## Defendants respond to dog attack lawsuit

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Defendants in the lawsuit involving a dog attack in Reno have responded to the lawsuit via court documents. About a week and a half

before Christmas, Reno Elementary School kindergarten Isaac Roeber was attacked by two dogs while walking home from the school bus stop. Following the attack, Isaac had a puncture wound on his skull, and

he needed stitches on his arms and legs. He also sustained mental trauma regarding dogs and being outside alone.

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## Fiber optic delays

Frontier Communications rep addresses Reno council about fiber optic installation

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A Frontier Communications representative visited last month's Reno City Council meeting to give some updates on the work to install fiber

optic cable in the area.

David Russell of Frontier told the council that Frontier's work is expected to be finished by the end of May in some areas of Reno where there is an existing copper cable network. This is about

five months past the original end date. Russell attributed the delay to “two major factors,” one of which is the amount of boring needed for this project.

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## Azle hosts wrestling district championship meet



JEFF PRINCE | AZLE NEWS

Azle's Denim Fields puts Springtown wrestler Josue Martinez in a headlock while on his way to qualifying for regionals.

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# February is an extremely busy month

February, although the shortest month of the year, is an extremely busy month for Azle ISD. In the school environment, this is one of our busiest times, both academically and extracurricular.

All campuses are preparing for upcoming state assessments. At the secondary level, counselors and students are working on course requests for next school year. Winter sports in season include basketball, soccer, wrestling, swimming, and powerlifting. Baseball, softball, golf, and track have started practicing and are preparing for the spring season. It is stock show season



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

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

for FFA students, and our fine arts programs, band, choir, drama, and UIL One Act Play are in full swing. The list goes on with many other activities, events, and competitions. It is rewarding to know our teachers and staff remain committed to our Azle ISD mission of

"Making a Difference to Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day."

No matter your winter weather preference, I suspect everyone is thankful last week is behind us, and hopeful we do not have another round of icy weather dur-

ing the last weeks of winter. Regarding the missed school days last week, for two of the five missed days, we will use our scheduled bad weather days, Presidents' Day and Good Friday. The calendar this year has enough instructional minutes to cover the three additional days for our students, pending we do not miss additional instructional time. Our academic calendar for the 2023-24 school year does not have as many "cushion" minutes as our calendar this year. Our last two school calendars were heavy on instructional minutes to help make up for the COVID learning lag.

Please know we evaluate several factors when making a decision that alters the normal school schedule. The key factor being road conditions, on not only main roads but residential streets and rural roads as well. Other factors include parking lot and sidewalk conditions on campuses, forecasted temperatures, and the amount of snow or ice accumulation existing or expected. One of the biggest challenges we face is the total square miles within Azle ISD. Occasionally we have dangerous road conditions in one part of our district and no impact in other areas.

In closing, as a fast-growing

North Texas school district, we continue to welcome new families to Azle ISD. We have something special in Azle ISD. Folks want to be a part of what we offer. Our long-range facilities planning committee and Board of Trustees remain committed to addressing future facility needs of Azle ISD. I am proud to serve alongside our committed Board of Trustees, our 1,050 dedicated employees, and our supportive community.

*We Are Azle*  
Todd Smith

# Icy winter weather creates a variety of unfortunate problems

We all know the weather last week caused upheaval in everyone's life. I do not really dislike cold weather per se, but the part of winter I have always detested is when poor weather prevents travel. It makes me crazy to be in a situation where I am not sure if I can successfully drive someplace or can get back home without ending up stranded in a ditch. Traveling by plane is even more problematic. Flights get canceled and it is easy to end up in a far away airport for an extended period waiting for the weather to break.

Hyde Media prints not only our newspapers, but newspapers for a variety of different entities. We print and transport newspapers from as far as Gainesville, Bowie, Evant, and Comanche. With employees unable to make it to work, and the roads being impassable to deliver, we were unable to get newspapers out the door and have them arrive at their destination on



## 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.

schedule. Our newspaper's e-edition was posted online as were social media posts explaining the problems we were experiencing over the weather. As the weather broke at the end of the week, we worked through the week-end getting caught up and having papers delivered.

All these weather-related problems were almost too much for me. It was impossible to create a concrete plan of action for work because of the inability to know with certainty what the weather was going to do, and the status of roads that would allow staff to get to work.

When I got up on Tuesday morning I was determined to travel to the office and get

something accomplished. I had parked my car out on the street to avoid issues with getting up my very downhill slanting driveway. Ice was defrosted and scraped from my windshield and I took off. It was pleasing to find I was able to negotiate the roads with little difficulty. I made the 15-minute trip to the office, stopped my car and started to enter the building when I realized I had left my phone at home!

I will never be able to print the words I shouted out at my incompetence for not being sure I had everything I needed when I left the house. I had no choice but to drive back home as I knew employees would be reaching out to

me by phone seeking instructions. I turned the car around, drove home and started back to work. By now the sleet once again began to fall and the roads had deteriorated by 50% from the time of my first trip just a few minutes earlier. It was treacherous but I made it.

I got back to work and stayed there until midafternoon. All the staff had been sent home or had never attempted to brave the roads. The weatherman indicated more sleet would fall starting after lunch, so I decided to head home out of fear I would never be able to get there once the weather took another turn for the worse.

Driving home it seemed like everything in town was closed and there was very little traffic. Staying slow and steady, my car turned onto my street and I was thankful I had made it back without any issue. I had brought my laptop from the office so I could work from home

if I was unable to get out the next day. Once parked, I gathered up my materials and started down the driveway. I took no more than two steps on the slanted driveway when my feet flew out from underneath me, and I fell on my backside and began a rather steady slide down the driveway toward the house. The items I was carrying flew everywhere as I began a slow descent on my backside. It was not pleasant.

The humiliation of the fall was overwhelming, and nearly matched by the pain I felt in my hip and lower back. It was a strategic nightmare to get myself gathered to the point where I could stand on the ice, pick up my materials, and get in the house. The rest of the day my back reminded me of the travails of winter weather.

The bright spot of this silly weather situation was the way I saw people working together to overcome the problems the sleet and ice cre-

ated. It seems everyone was accepting and understanding about the newspaper being late for delivery. Our staff was exceptional in helping every way they could to get us back on our normal production schedule. In the community, neighbors helped neighbors and we all made out the best we could.

My wife is still giggling about seeing me slide down the driveway on my backside while the items I was carrying flew all over the place. I am sure it created an image lots of our readers would enjoy seeing.

I hope you made it through the weather in good shape.

Would somebody please explain to me how they prefer the cold over the heat of summer?

Thought for the day: We should all take a lesson from the weather; it pays no attention to criticism.

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

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# Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk

## FROM STAFF REPORTS

During Super Bowl LVII, the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is teaming up with The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service to remind football fans everywhere that Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk. Super Bowl LVII is on Sunday, February 12, 2023. If you're heading out to a Super Bowl party and you plan to drink alcohol, make sure you plan for a designated driver to get you home safely at the night's end.

"We want our community members to enjoy Super Bowl festivities, but we also want responsible drivers on our roads," said AgriLife Extension Family and Community Health Agent Parker County. "If you are planning to be away from home during Super Bowl, make a game plan to ensure you don't find yourself without a designated driver if you need one. If you're hosting a party, make sure you take care of your designated drivers. Remind your friends and family: Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk."

## BE THE DD MVP

If you're planning to be a designated driver, know that you're the night's MVP. Commit to a sober evening — people are relying on you. If you are attend-

ing a party or are at a bar or restaurant, enjoy the food, the company, and the non-alcoholic drinks. Encourage other designated drivers on social media by using the hashtag #DesignatedDriver. Your positive influence could help keep them on the right track. If someone you know has been drinking and tries to drive, take their keys and help them get home safely. They may complain, but they'll thank you later.

**Host a Winning Party**  
If you're hosting a party for this year's Super Bowl, prepare plenty of snacks and nonalcoholic drinks for your guests and the designated drivers.

Ask your guests to designate their sober drivers in advance. Remind drinking guests that they have a long evening ahead of them, and encourage them to pace themselves, to eat food, and to drink plenty of water. Another important reminder: Never serve alcohol to minors. If an underage person drinks and drives, the person who provided the alcohol can be held liable for any damage, injury, or death caused by the underage driver.

## HAVE A GAME PLAN

- Whether you are attending a party or going to a bar or restaurant, make a game plan and follow these simple tips for a safe and happy evening:
- Remember that it is never okay to drink and drive. Even if you've had only one

alcoholic beverage, designate a sober driver or plan to use a ride service or call a taxi or sober friend to get home safely.

- If available, use your community's sober ride program
- If you see a suspected drunk driver on the road, call 911 immediately
- Do you have a friend who is about to drink and drive? Take the keys away and make arrangements to get your friend home safely.

Only one team wins Super Bowl, but if you drive drunk, you lose. Everyone should know by now that it is illegal to drive impaired. Drunk driving can have a range of consequences, including the possibility of causing a traumatic crash. These crashes could cause you, someone you love, or a total stranger to suffer serious injuries or even death.

Make a commitment today to refrain from drunk driving. For more information, visit [www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/drun-driving](http://www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/drun-driving).

For more information, contact: Bobbi Brooks, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Watch UR BAC program, by phone 979-321-5224; or email: [Bobbi.Brooks@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Bobbi.Brooks@ag.tamu.edu) Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's Watch UR BAC program is a free, statewide program to promote alcohol awareness, the dangers of impaired driving, and friends watching out for friends.

# 50th Anniversary



## Celebrating 50 Years of Love!

Alan and Stella Novikoff of Azle celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 5. The couple has been blessed with three children and three grandchildren throughout their years together.

## Attention Men and Women over 65 years old... Do You Want To Learn How To Stay Out Of Nursing Homes FOREVER?

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By Balance Expert Dr. Robert Moss



By Local Health Expert Dr. Robert Moss PT, ScD, OCS, FAAOMPT

Do you feel guilty that your spouse is forced to be with you all the time because of your dizziness/loss of balance?

Do you feel that your dizziness/loss of balance is always there no matter what you do?

Do you feel that you are handicapped by your dizziness/loss of balance?

Does your spouse stay with you in the shower so that you do not fall?

If you answer yes to any of these questions, **please read further...**

### CDC Reports: Household Falls Are The Leading Cause of Injuries In Seniors

If you have ever seen the Life Alert commercials, then you will immediately have a picture in your mind of an elderly lady laying on the floor desperately trying to get up only to discover she is not able to. Whether she is just weak, has broken a hip or caused some other serious injury this image of helplessness is constantly on the mind of our elderly patients.

Working with seniors over many years it has become apparent that the greatest common fear is the fear of falling and not being able to get back up. **This is not unreasonable as 1/3 of all adults over 65 will fall this year** and each fall is potentially life changing.

### Falling should not be your lifestyle

Falls often lead to hospitalizations, serious injury or the need for assisted living of some sort. In the most severe cases a fall can lead to death. If the fall, injury, and hospitalization isn't bad enough, frequent falls lead to loss of independence, limits in your daily activities, and increase your reliance on friends and family members to complete basic everyday tasks.

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## Open Auditions

*Azle Arts Association's Popcorn Players holding open auditions*

**FROM STAFF REPORTS**  
The Azle Arts Association's Popcorn Players will hold open auditions starting at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13 at 1012 SE Parkway, Azle for their March production of "Mama Won't Fly," a Jones, Hope and Wooten play.

## Azle School Menu February 13-17, 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 Triple Berry Blast French Toast, Cherry Craisins **Tues** Banana Muffin w/Cheese Stick **Weds** Cinnamon toast Crunch Soft Filled, Strawberry Craisins **Thurs** Cocoa Puffs Bar w/ Cheese Stick **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, Oranges, Peaches **Tues** Corn dogs OR BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich **Weds** Breaded Chicken Sandwich OR Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup, Steamed Broccoli **Thurs** Tater Tot Casserole w/ Biscuit OR Cheesy Nachos **Fri** Pepperoni Pizza, Cheese Pizza OR Fish Sticks, Crinkle French Fries

**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** Dutch Waffle, Peaches **Fri** Biscuit & 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, Steamed Carrots, Apples, Pears **Weds** Breaded Chicken Sandwich OR, Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup **Thurs** Tater Tot Casserole w/ Biscuit OR, Cheesy Nachos **Fri** Pepperoni Pizza, Cheese Pizza OR, Fish Sticks, Crinkle French Fries

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**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** Glazed Donuts, Mixed Fruit **Thurs** Oatmeal, Apples **Fri** Biscuits and Gravy, 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** Beefy Mac w/roll, Cheese Enchiladas, Orange Chicken, Pepperoni Pizza, Cheeseburger **Tues** Chicken Tenders, Beef Nachos, General TSO, Chicken, Chicken Alfredo w/Breadstick OR, Cheese Pizza, Spicy Chicken Sandwich **Weds** Mac & Cheese w/, Breadstick, Chicken Tacos, Sweet n Sour chicken, Meatball Sub OR Cheese, Pizza, Breaded, Chicken Sandwich w/ Tater Tots **Thurs** Sloppy Joe, Chicken Quesadilla, Orange Chicken, Pepperoni Pizza OR, Max Sticks, Popcorn Chicken **Fri** Tater Casserole, Taco Soup, General TSO Chicken, Cheese OR Pepperoni Pizza

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# The Texans' House

Did you know that our legislature only meets every other year, for less than five months, to enact legislative solutions for the ninth largest economy in the world?

After Reconstruction in the late 1860s and early 1870s, most Texans loathed government and sought as little government intrusion in their lives as possible. An old rumor was that the delegates to the 1875 Constitutional Convention were so fed up with governmental overreach, they wanted the Legislature to only meet for two days every 140 years ... instead they settled for 140 days every two years.

The State of Texas is governed under our seventh constitution, the Texas Constitution of 1876. The previous six constitutions (the 1827 Constitution of the State of Coahuila and Tejas; the 1836 Constitution of the Republic of Texas; and Texas State Constitutions of 1845, 1861, 1866, and 1869) and the United States Constitution, each influenced



## DISTRICT 60

By Glenn Rogers

Representative Glenn Rogers is a sixth generation Texas rancher, where his family has deep ranching roots in Palo Pinto County going back to the 1890s. He represents District 60 in the Texas House of Representatives.

the document we abide by today. The Constitutions of 1866 and 1869, Reconstruction era documents, affected the delegates crafting the Constitution of 1876.

When Reconstruction ceased, Texans never forgot what a one-party government could do with unlimited power. They sought to write a constitution that limited the power of the central state government, ensured elected officials were responsible to the people, and protected the state from any type of authoritarian regime. The delegates at the 1875 Constitutional Convention had little faith in government and their new document clearly exhibited this concern.

As a legislator, it is clear what the Texas Constitution expects of me. Two political ideals stand out: Religious Freedom and limitations on the centralized state.

The Bill of Rights identifies man's natural rights, including religious freedoms. Not only can the State not step on these rights, but it also "shall be the duty of the Legislature to pass such laws as may be necessary to protect equally every religious denomination in the peaceable enjoyment of its own mode of public worship," (Article 1, Section 6). Furthermore, "No money shall be appropriated, or drawn from the Treasury for the benefit of any sect, or religious society, theological or religious seminary; nor shall property belonging to

the State be appropriated for any such purposes," (Article 1, Section 7).

Early Texans lived during the times when Mexico required settlers in the colonies to pledge loyalty to a single religion, a rule largely ignored by Texans, but nonetheless a restriction imposed. Consequently, the writers of the Texas Constitution intended for religious sects or institutions to function without the meddling of the state. These sections will be important to remember when the school voucher discussion ultimately comes up this Legislative session. The Constitution is clear, we cannot give state funds to private religious schools. And we should not use state monies to fund private schools or home schools, because mandates from the state would likely follow, like STAAR testing. That situation would make our forefathers turn over in their graves.

Our constitution limits the power of government more so than most other

states. Voters ratified the 1876 Constitution because it ensured the right of local self-government and a Constitutional Republic form of government. Just this past January, when an unsuccessful Speaker of the House candidate proposed a rule stating, "The speaker shall not designate as chair of the committee a member who resides in a county with a population greater than two million according to the most recent decennial census," this seemed to be a complete disregard for our sacred constitution. Imagine if a member from an urban area imposed a similar restriction on members from rural or suburban areas. The proposed rule reeked of anti-republicanism. As a conservative, there is an expectation to uphold the Constitution, not trample on it. Thankfully, 144 of my colleagues voted this amendment down, standing up for the Republic our founders fought so hard to establish.

Throughout the 88th Legislative session, I will al-

ways strive to stand by the Texas Constitution. My oath of office demands I support both the United States and Texas Constitutions. There is a faction of my own party that wants to use our majority membership as an excuse to oust other legislators from the discussion table. They want to make the Capitol their own partisan headquarters, but that is not consistent with Constitutional Conservatism. Article 1 Section 2 states, "All political power is inherent in the people, and all free governments are founded on their authority, and instituted for their benefit."

In the last (87th) legislative session, I was proud to serve in the Texas House under the leadership of Speaker Dade Phelan when we had the most conservative session in Texas history. The 88th session should follow suit, including delivering the largest tax cut in Texas history. The framers of the Texas Constitution of 1876 would be proud.

## ATTACK

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Epigraph article, Reno Police Deputy Chief Nathan Stringer said the dog owners were issued citations for the dogs being at large and for not displaying a rabies tag. The dogs were euthanized and tested negative for rabies.

Isaac's parents, David and Katherine "Tory" Roeber filed a lawsuit against the dogs' owner and the property owner. Tory Roeber said the dogs had been a problem for years, and she had been in contact with the Reno Police Department.

The Roebers are asking for no more than \$1 million

in their lawsuit against the dogs' owner and the property owner. According to the lawsuit, they want to be compensated for Isaac's past and future physical pain, mental anguish, physical impairment, disfigurement as well as his past and future medical expenses until he turns 18 years old.

The lawsuit accuses Brian Campbell, who is a tenant of a home on Carmen Street and an owner of the dogs, of allowing large aggressive dogs around the public, failing to properly use a leash to prevent attacks, not paying enough attention to the dogs to ensure that they were not a danger to the public, failing to keep the dogs on the prop-

erty and prevent them from escaping as well as failing to stop or call the dog or intervening once realizing that the attack had begun.

On Jan. 19, Campbell filed a letter at the District Clerk's Office. He wrote that the dogs had escaped from the gate while someone was leaving the property on Carmen Street. Campbell also confirmed that the dogs were euthanized at his request on Dec. 18.

Campbell finished the letter by writing that the dog bite claim is being handled by renters insurance.

However, Campbell filed another answer to the lawsuit on Jan. 23, and it was submitted by Campbell's attor-

ney. This answer stated that Campbell denies all the allegations made in the Roebers' lawsuit, and he demands a jury trial.

The Epigraph was not able to reach Campbell or his attorney for further comment before press time.

The other defendants in the Roebers' lawsuit — described as property owners — were accused of failing to remove the dogs after being notified of their dangerousness and viciousness, not exercising care in property management and not applying care in the confinement of the dangerous dogs on the property.

Leonel Garcia, who owns the property that Campbell rents on Carmen Street, filed

a letter at the District Clerk's Office on Jan. 19. Garcia wrote in the letter that the Campbell family has been renting from him for 13 years without issues.

Garcia continued to explain that Brian Campbell made him aware of the dog attack on Dec. 30. Garcia wrote that he was concerned about Isaac's injuries.

Furthermore, Garcia wrote in his letter that he didn't understand why he was being sued because he did not own the dogs.

Tory Roeber and her attorney did not wish to comment on the defendants' answers.



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**About a week and a half before Christmas, Reno Elementary School kindergartner Isaac Roeber was attacked by two dogs while walking home from the bus stop.**

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## LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICES

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, ASH CREEK SELF STORAGE which is located at 117 Locust St, Azle, Texas 76020 will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale will be held from 8:00 AM 2/18/23 until 8:00 PM 3/1/23 online at [www.storageauctions.com](http://www.storageauctions.com) 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. Rick Garner: household items, TV, electronics, toys, furniture, boxes, Logan Schluter: household items, furniture, appliances, boxes, Patrice Clifton: Household items, clothes, furniture, dishes, boxes, Courtney Smith: Washer & Dryer, furniture, toys, camping tent, Laminate Flooring.

### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

#### NORTH CAROLINA CHEROKEE COUNTY IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION FILE NO. 20-JT-48

IN RE: N.R.PARKS (DOB 10/27/2016) To: All Unknown Fathers TAKE NOTICE that a Petition pursuant to Article 11, Chapter 7B of the North Carolina General Statutes and, specifically pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §7B-1104, seeking relief against each of you has been filed in the above-entitled juvenile proceeding by the Cherokee County Department of Social Services. The nature of the relief being sought is the termination of your parental rights with regard to the juvenile in the above-captioned matter set forth in North Carolina General Statute §7B-1110. The juvenile was born on or about October 27, 2016 in Union County, Georgia. The Petition was filed on January 5, 2023. You are required to make defense to such pleadings no later than March 17, 2023 said date being 40 days from the first publication of this notice. Upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought in the aforementioned Petitions. If you do not file a written answer to the Petition by March 17, 2023 the Court may terminate your parental rights. The Court will conduct a hearing to determine whether one or more grounds alleged in the Petition for terminating your parental rights exist. If the Court finds that one or more grounds exist, the Court will proceed at that hearing or a later hearing to determine whether parental rights should be terminated. Notice of the date, time, and location of the hearing will be mailed to you be the Clerk of Superior Court after you file an answer or thirty (30) days from the date of service if you do not file an answer. You have the right to be represented by a lawyer in this case. If you want a lawyer and cannot afford one, the Court will appoint a lawyer for you. You may contact the Clerk of Superior Court immediately to ask for a Court-appointed lawyer. If you are represented by a lawyer appointed previously in an abuse, neglect, or dependency case, that lawyer will continue to represent you unless the Court orders otherwise. You are encouraged to contact the Clerk of Superior Court immediately to identify the lawyer who will be assigned to represent you. At the first hearing, the Court will determine whether you are qualified for a court-appointed lawyer. If you do not qualify, the lawyer now assigned to you will be released. This is a new case, and any lawyer appointed to represent you in another case will not represent you in this case unless the Court appoints that person again. You may contact the Clerk of Superior Court in writing at the following address: Clerk of Superior Court Cherokee County Courthouse 75 Peachtree St Murphy, NC 28906. You may contact the Clerk of Superior Court by telephone by calling the following number: 828-835-7740. You are entitled to attend any hearing affecting your parental rights. If you provide your address to the Clerk of Superior Court, the Clerk will mail you notice of date, time and location of any hearing conducted in the above-captioned matter. This the 1ST day of February, 2023. Andria M. Duncan Attorney for Cherokee County DSS 4800 US HWY 64 W Murphy, NC 28906. 828-837-7455 Ext. 1255.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that the following will be sold to the highest bidder with bidding to take place at lockerfox.com on Thursday the 23rd day of February, 2023 at 11:00 AM to satisfy a landlord's lien, pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code. Payment to seller via credit/debit card and pickup at the facility. Self-Storage unit contents of the following customers containing household and other goods will be sold. 10 Federal Self Storage, 2920 Avenue F, Arlington, TX, 76011 Delyssa Weaver. Jennifer Bell. Jarrett Welch. Ann Clem. Lila Manyweather. Joni Willis. Akinyemi Adegbayi. Akinyemi Adegbayi. Shawniece Arkansas. Kirsten Garcia

### Notice of Public Sale

Public boat sale to satisfy storage lien. Up for bids LEGALLY BELONGING TO: RYON REA TPWD OWNER SHIP: James & Angela Mordecai TX #4373DN 2005 20' PIO SER# P10GP701K405. LEGALLY BELONGING TO: DAVID LANDON TPWD OWNER SHIP: ALAN HAMMOND TX #5362HN 1972 30' MORGAN SER# B201903224258. LEGALLY BELONGING TO: MICHAEL SYKES TPWD OWNER SHIP: DAVID & DEBBIE BURNETT TX #8868DD 1984 27' CENTURY SER# CEBRA145C484 The Sale Will Be Held on March 4, 2023. 1:00 PM, West Bay Marina, 6925 Liberty School Tap Rd. Azle, Tx 76020 (817)444-1622. Terms are cash/cashier's check at time of sale.

# Azle, America

BY NANCY STEVENS

I love libraries. Specifically, the Azle Memorial Library.

We moved to Azle in the spring of 2017. Within three weeks of our arrival, I set out to find the town's library. I expected to drive down an obscure side street and find a sweet little building. The collection inside would include older books stacked on dusty shelves. The hours of operation were certain to be limited.

Behold the Azle, America library! When I walked inside the lobby the first time I was awestruck. This is a serious library. This library takes its patrons to a new level. The Azle Memorial Library is an uptown building in the center of Main Street full of the latest bestsellers, a wondrous Children's Library, a healthy Teen Section, aisles of shelves bursting with fiction and non-fiction, as well as a large collection of Westerns. And that's just the books.

There are also DVDs (for adults and children), computers, copy machines, a shredder, study rooms and a patio outside for cozy reading. What's not to like? It's clean, organized, and spacious. The library director and her staff are friendly, knowledgeable and patient with questions. In short, they have their library act together. Thank heavens I moved to Azle. Game on.

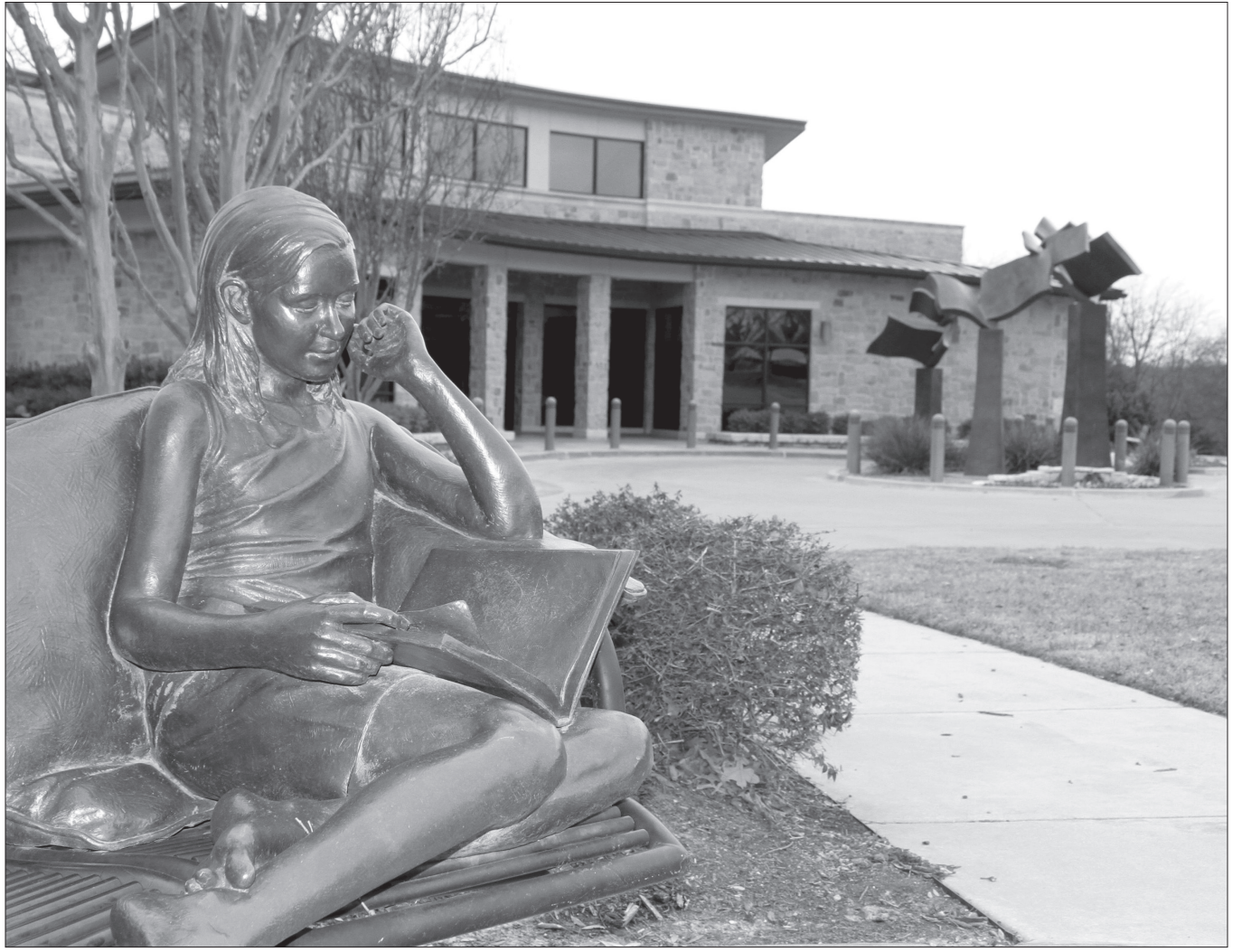
I enjoy volunteering at libraries because I like things and places that are orderly. My grandfather used to say, "A place for everything and everything in its place." Having things orderly makes

for easy location of your favorite literature. Non-fiction is mine. This is the learning section of the library to me, and the topics for education are endless. The Azle Memorial Library uses the Dewey Decimal System (DDS) in its non-fiction section. The book spines are all identified in numerical order. If you can count to 10, you can find your book.

This library has brought me valuable insight into my new hometown. It's a barometer of life in Azle. Here are a few things I've learned about my community from shelving books: First, in a media-centric age, Azle adults and children are avid readers and they still like hardbound and paperback books. The readers also appreciate the classics. Just the other day I reshelved *Wuthering Heights* in the Adult Fiction Section and *Anne of Green Gables* in the Children's Books-on-CD Section.

Second, Azle residents are worldly. They like to travel. This past April, I reshelved books about Italy, New Zealand and the U.K., to name a few. I figured library patrons were researching their summer vacations. (Whoever took the Route 66 trip, I'd like to talk to you. If Paul McCartney has done it, shouldn't I?)

Third, this smaller town has a diverse population. Language-learning books regularly come and go - Italian, Arabic, Spanish. Last month I shelved five books about Japan including a language-learning audio book. Imagine!



One of the original bronze sculptures at the Azle Library, entitled "Quiet Time in the Park" by sculptor Susie Chisholm.

FILE PHOTO

Your next-door neighbor is learning Japanese.

Fourth, residents in my new city are good ol' normal folks, the backbone of America. Books about cooking (and as a follow-up, dieting), pet ownership, car maintenance, hunting, child-rearing, reli-

gion and history are regularly checked out.

The Annual Book Sale at the Azle Memorial Library is an incredible event. Piles upon piles of books at very inexpensive prices. I was amazed at the volume of Azle-ites lined up waiting for the doors

to open on Book Sale day. People needed dollies to get their purchases to their cars. What a deal!

Libraries are special places to me. I like to think that when a patron checks out a book from the library, it's a nod of thanks to an author

who labored to produce a volume of work. Each book offers a distinct typestyle, a comfortable feel with its well-worn pages and the fragrance of a much-loved tale.

Kudos to Azle. Ours is a great library. Come visit. You'll find me in non-fiction.

## Spotlight on BUSINESS

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Amber earned her nursing degrees from the University of Texas at Arlington. She has worked in critical and emergency care and spent five years as a primary care provider in Azle before starting Prosperity Health. She was named the 2022 Best of Azle "Best Doctor" by the community and is a member of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners and the North Texas Nurse Practitioners.

Prosperity Health provides a range of services to promote total body health and wellness, including nutrient injections, IV therapy, Botox and fillers, and hormone replacement therapy for men and women. Amber also helps patients achieve their weight loss and weight management goals through treatment with medications like Semaglutide (Ozempic) and Mounjaro.

Prosperity Health is currently located at 147 W. Main St. in Azle, inside The Glow Bar, but will be moving to a new location on Main Street soon!

They are open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday by appointment only. For information about services or to schedule an appointment, call 682-478-6753. You can also book appointments online at [www.ProspertyHealthLLC.com](http://www.ProspertyHealthLLC.com).



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# OBITUARIES

## Drenda Turner 1961 - 2023

Drenda Daishell Turner, 61, of Weatherford, passed away Wednesday, February 1, 2023.

Services will be Friday, February 10, 2023 at 10 a.m. at White's Funeral Home in Azle. Interment will be at Ash Creek Cemetery, Azle.

Drenda was born November 9, 1961 to Ray and Bronnda Lindsey. She graduated from Azle High School in 1980. In 1986, she married Shelby Turner, and remained married until her death. She was the loving mother of Robert, Britney and Meyghan.

Drenda was a lover of all animals, including her beloved dog, Puggy. She also enjoyed going to yard sales and could make anything beautiful from the deals she found. Drenda loved working in the yard and being outside. Above all, her greatest love was her family. She was a devoted daughter, sister, wife, mother, and grandmother. Drenda loved her 7 grandchildren who affectionately



called her Nana.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Ray and Bronnda Lindsey.

Survivors include husband, Shelby Turner of Weatherford; son, Robert Reed and wife, Katy of Lakeside; daughters, Britney Hale of Weatherford and Meyghen Davis of Burleson; numerous grandchildren; and sister, Vanda Richardson and husband, Gary of Agnes.

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# Annual Beans and Cornbread fundraiser Feb. 25

## STAFF REPORTS

The Azle FFA Alumni and Supporters will be hosting their annual Beans and Cornbread dinner and silent auction starting at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 25 at Santo Forte Junior

High School, 479 Sandy Beach Rd.

The fundraiser helps in providing Azle FFA students with scholarships, support when attending state contests, purchas-

ing animals at the Tarrant County Livestock Show, and with the annual FFA Banquet meal.

The dinner is free to attend. Both live and silent auction items will be available

and will include items such as baked goods, jewelry, hunting supplies and equipment, tools, home décor, children's toys and more.

# Quilter's Guild of Parker County to meet next week

## FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Quilter's Guild of Parker County will meet in-person and via Zoom on Thursday, Feb. 16 at Lakeshore Drive Baptist Church at 200 S. Lakeshore Drive in Hudson Oaks.

Krista Moser will present the program "Diamonds are a Quilter's Best Friend." Moser is a pattern publisher and the designer of the Creative Grids 60 Degree Diamond Rulers. Come learn from Moser all the tips and

tricks for cutting and piecing diamonds, triangles and hexagons in an easy, fast and precise way.

The meeting will begin at 6:45 p.m. but attendees are encouraged to come earlier to socialize. Visitors are wel-

come in-person and online. To join online, email your name and telephone number to qgpc2000@gmail.com.

To learn more about the Guild, visit its website at quiltersguildofparkercounty.org or find the guild on Facebook.

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"It probably comes as no surprise to anybody here that Reno sits on top of a lot of rock," Russell said. "We underestimated how much rock boring we would have to do for this build. Our boring contractors struggled to get up to speed on the build because of this, and instead of starting in June right after my presentation (to Reno City Council), it was late summer before they could get going, and it has been slower because of the rock."

Because the project was delayed in getting started, Frontier's construction permits with the Texas Department of Transportation expired

and needed to be reissued, Russell said. This is the second major factor in the delayed finishing date.

Russell also addressed a big issue that the city has had with Frontier contractors over the course of this project — water line breaks during the underground boring part of the work.

"As I told you in my initial presentation last year, it isn't uncommon when doing underground boring work to break some things," Russell said. "Unfortunately, that has happened in our build here, but I think that our contractor is working with (City Administrator) Scott (Passmore) and city staff on working through some of those issues."

Passmore has previously said that the repairs to broken water lines hit by

Frontier contractors is costly for the city, and city officials plan to seek reimbursement.

At the January city council meeting, that reimbursement bill was said to be about \$30,000 for the cost of the water, materials and labor.

Reno Public Works Director Chris Albright said after the meeting that the fiber optic installation crews slowed down for a couple of months and weren't working in the city. They returned to work in January and hit a water main. That required a boil water notice to be put in place.

Albright recalled a time when the contractors hit a water main six times in a day. He doesn't expect this issue to improve until the contractors finish their work in Reno.

"They're going to hit other

things," Albright said. "It's only a matter of time."

Russell also explained during the meeting that residents of newer Reno subdivisions, such as in Creek Forrest and Scenic Wood Estates, will have to wait longer to get fiber optic cable installed to service them. The initial phase of the project is to build fiber optic cable parallel to the existing copper cable, but these newer subdivisions didn't exist when the copper network was built. These developments are expected to be in service by the end of the third quarter of the year.

"We have the work orders completed. We're developing the engineering designs to build a network in those developments, so all that is in the works, and if we can do it sooner, we will," Russell said.

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# ICE AGE

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weather days built into the calendar will now be converted to school days, there are enough minutes built into the calendar that students will not have to make up the additional three days missed during the storm.

Any time inclement weather is anticipated, school officials monitor the weather and road conditions and consult with the National Weather Service, local emergency management personnel and other area school districts, according to the Azle ISD website.

Factors considered in making decisions to close schools include road conditions, current and expected accumulation of snow or ice, sidewalk and parking lot conditions, and weather forecasts, the website states.

The Azle ISD notifies parents, students and staff via

text and email when there are closures or delays. The district also posts that information on its website (www.azleisd.net), Facebook (www.facebook.com/AzleISD) and Twitter (@AzleISD) accounts; local television and radio outlets are also notified.

## AZLE PD UNIT ROLLS

Driving on ice is tricky, to say the least, and no one is immune to the slick stuff — not even the police.

An Azle police officer with four years' experience was driving a city-owned Ford Explorer marked Unit 129 Tuesday, Jan. 31, when the vehicle hit a patch of ice in the 1300 block of SH 199. According to Lt. Dora Scudder, the vehicle slid on the ice and the driver could not control the SUV, which hit a highway barrier, causing it to roll over. It landed on its top. The officer and his passenger — a two-year city employee — climbed out of the vehicle on their own and



Medics with the Azle Fire Department work to free up an Azle ambulance after it got stuck on ice on Miller Road in the Briar area Tuesday morning, Jan. 31.

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An Azle police officer was driving on 199 when they hit a patch of ice on SH 199, lost control and hit a highway barrier. The vehicle sustained 'significant front-end and frame damage.'

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radioed for help.

Both were taken to a local hospital where they were evaluated for minor injuries and were promptly released. Damage to Unit 129 is described as "significant front-end and frame damage." City Manager Tom Muir opined the vehicle will probably be totaled.

Azle police worked a total of 14 vehicle accidents between Monday and Friday during the ice storm.

## CITY OF AZLE

Muir said he was happy to report there were no broken water mains or lines during the storm, but there were other problems. Two additional police fleet vehicles as well as a city ambulance slid off roadways and into barrow ditches, Muir said, and had to be pulled out by wreckers. None were damaged.

Two years ago, during the "Deep Freeze" event, the city's dump truck, used for

sanding operations, slid into a ditch on ice and overturned, and was totaled as a result, Muir said.

"We ordered another one, but the manufacturer canceled that order. Now we have another one on order, and we hope to have it in service some time before next winter," Muir said. In the meantime, street crews are "making do" using a sander in the bed of a pickup. But the bed of a pickup just can't hold enough sand to efficiently get the job done, and therefore, a lot of time is spent driving to refill the truck bed repeatedly.

Azle Fire Chief Will Scott said one of the city's ambulances was on a mutual aid call for Parker County's LifeCare EMS in Reno area when an oncoming vehicle went sideways on North Cardinal Road. The ambulance, which was on a downhill slope, was able to come to a stop to avoid that vehicle,

but once stopped, the ambulance began to slide sideways and ended up in the barrow ditch.

Scott said the incident occurred about 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, and it was almost midnight before a heavy-duty wrecker arrived to tow it out of the ditch.

"Fortunately, Texas Towing was already en route to this area because of an 18-wheeler that jack-knifed on FM 730 north, north of Reno Road," Scott said. "So they committed to us that when they finished with the 18-wheeler, they'd get the ambulance next. It was a difficult tow, because they had to tie the wrecker to a tree to stabilize it before it could pull the ambulance out."

In a separate incident earlier the same day, the same ambulance and crew got stuck on ice on Miller Road north of Azle while on a call. The crew was able to free the vehicle using oil absorbent.

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# Ice storm wreaks havoc in much of state; Texas company hopes to bring back dodo bird

## ICE STORM WREAKS HAVOC IN MUCH OF STATE

Residents in Central and Northeast Texas are still cleaning up after a winter storm last week snapped power lines and tree limbs, causing widespread power outages, canceled flights and damage to homes and vehicles.

At its peak, nearly 400,000 Texas households were without power, according to poweroutage.us. As of Sunday, that number had dropped to 62,456.

The outages were due to downed power lines, not by problems with the state's power grid. The Texas Railroad Commission said the state's natural gas supply also held steady, with natural gas utilities reporting no service issues during the storm.

Airports in the state's metropolitan areas reported several hundred flight cancellations because of icy conditions. Many schools in the Dallas area and around Austin were closed for the entire week.

The Texas Department of Insurance offered some advice to homeowners dealing with damage cause by fallen tree branches landing on vehicles and homes. That includes taking photos of the damage before moving the tree; making temporary repairs and contact your insurance agent as soon as possible; and saving all receipts



## CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders

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for labor and repair materials to be reimbursed.

While the danger from last week's storm has largely passed, the Texas Department of State Health Services provided advice for future winter events, urging people to use extreme caution with electric generators and heaters that produce carbon monoxide.

Generators should only be used outdoors, at least 10 feet away from buildings. Outdoor grills, camp stoves and other heaters that produced carbon monoxide should only be used outside. Carbon monoxide is an odorless and colorless gas that can cause death.

### FENTANYL TEST STRIPS BACKED BY LAWMAKERS

Test strips that would determine whether pills, powders, or other forms of drugs are laced with deadly fentanyl might be legalized, if a bipartisan group of lawmakers have their way.

The percentage of overdose deaths tied to fentanyl has risen to 97%, accord-

ing to a report in the Austin American-Statesman. Gov. Gregg Abbott has ended his opposition to legalizing the strips, and several nearly identical bills have been filed in both the House and Senate as a result.

"They deserve action, action that will save other innocent families from the devastation they have suffered," Abbott said in January. "And they will get that action this session."

Legislators are also considering measures to increase the penalty for manufacturing or delivering fentanyl even in small amounts to a third-degree felony. Right now, it is a state jail felony.

Meanwhile, the state comptroller's office is being pushed to speed up distribution of more than \$1 billion in funds from the Opioid Abatement Settlement Fund, intended to mitigate the fentanyl crisis. The money comes from settlements with opioid manufacturers and distributors.

"We've somewhat sacrificed expediency in getting

dollars out the door," Hegar said. "We have to create a system that treats everybody fairly and everybody understands the process."

DSHS data indicates 1,569 Texans died of a fentanyl-related overdose last year, according to the Statesman report.

### STATE PARKS CONTINUE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Texas state parks turn 100 years old in 2023 and are celebrating with a host of events. This month includes several celebrations in North Texas, East Texas, Huntsville and San Antonio, including a variety of events marking Black History Month.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation is partnering with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and H-E-B for the celebrations, with the grocery chain donating \$1 million to help the parks system engage Texans to discover and enjoy their state parks.

For more information on the celebration, including community events, the history of Texas State Parks and how to make a day visit or overnight reservation, visit the Texas State Parks 100 Years website at TexasStateParks.org/100years.

### HOUSING COST BURDEN EXAMINED

The Texas Demographic Center has used census data

to examine housing cost burdens in the state. That is when a household spends more than 30% of its monthly income on housing costs, including rent or mortgage payments, utilities and other costs.

The center concludes that counties with the highest percent of households dealing with housing cost burdens are in the so-called Texas Triangle along the Austin-San Antonio corridor, as well as some border counties.

The study found that nearly half of Texas renters - 1.7 million - spent more than 30% of their income on housing costs from 2017-2021, with a median monthly housing cost of \$1,146. Among homeowners, 21% experienced housing costs burden during the same period, with median monthly housing costs of \$1,747.

Texas ranked 10th in median gross rent from 2017-2021. Hawaii was the most expensive state, followed by California.

### TEXAS COMPANY HOPES TO BRING BACK DODO BIRD

A Texas company is hoping to bring back the long-extinct dodo bird, along with the woolly mammoth and the Tasmanian tiger, according to a Statesman story.

Colossal Biosciences, with offices in Austin, Dallas and Boston, is using gene-editing

technologies to restore extinct animals.

The dodo bird, closely related to the pigeon, went extinct in 1662 in its native Mauritius, an island nation located in the Indian Ocean. It was wiped out due to human settlement and ecosystem competition.

The company was founded in 2021 to work in the field of de-extinction and combatting climate change. It recently announced an additional \$150 million in new funding.

"Being able to recreate something that is functionally similar to an extinct species that's as prevalent in people's minds as the dodo is hopefully going to create a little bit of enthusiasm for thinking about consequences of human cost extinctions," Beth Shapiro, a paleogeneticist with the company, said.

### NEW COVID-19 CASES, DEATHS RISE

The number of new cases of COVID-19 in Texas during the past week rose to 38,947, more than 15,000 from the previous week, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

The center reported 400 deaths in the state, also a marked increase. Officials reported 2,142 lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations, down a few hundred from the previous week.

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# Family companion safe after accident ordeal

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What started as a terrifying accident, ends in relief and renewed companionship. Eloise Wray, 95-year-old retired Air Force veteran, was driving home from the grocery store on a late January afternoon with her female Chihuahua mix, Jerry, nestled in her lap. As she was turning down FM 730, another driver crashed into her car, T-boning Wray's car, causing it to roll over. The impact was so strong that it sent her flying from the driver's seat into the front passenger seat. Along with all her groceries, the dog was also jostled around the cab of the vehicle.

Thankfully, the accident occurred in front of the Silver Creek Fire Station at the corner of 730 and 1886. The volunteer fire crew sprang into action and quickly rendered aid. Wray's car was so badly mangled that the crew needed to use the 'jaws of life' pneumatic tool to cut her free of the twisted wreck. She and the two who were in the other car were rushed to the hospital. One of the firemen, was asked to watch over Jerry till Wray's son Rick, a local

artist, could arrive and take the dog home.

Unfortunately, the fireman wasn't familiar with how the collar and leash connected and Jerry was able to wriggle free and bolted away in a neighboring field.

"The guy said she just took off and they couldn't catch up to her," Rick said.

Wray was released from the hospital on the same day, suffering only minor bruising on her knees and a cut on her forearm.

Wray's insurance company ruled the accident as a "no fault accident" meaning, neither Wray nor the other driver were at fault. Yet Wray was given a ticket after the fact for failing to yield. Rick and Wray have hired an attorney to fight the citation.

Wray's car, a 2018 Santa Fe, was totaled and Jerry was still missing. Rick and Wray were both upset by her disappearance, yet instead of wallowing and giving up hope, they got to work.

They both started calling local pounds and animal shelters, praying someone would call with a sign or a lead to Jerry's location. Even Wray's granddaughter, Michelle, got involved in the search with a

Facebook post asking anyone with information about little Jerry to call, and offering a reward if found.

A caller who identified herself as 'Jessica' answered Michelle's Facebook ad, claimed they found a dog that fit Jerry's description sitting on the back porch of a neighbor's home. Rick quickly drove to the reported site where Jerry was spotted.

"I drove out there, took a look over and she was just sittin' there as calm as can be. I yelled 'hey pooty-tang!' (Jerry's nickname) she jumped up and ran right over," Rick said.

Wray said she couldn't be happier.

"It's like a miracle. I'm just so grateful to all the people who helped," Wray said.

Jerry had spent eight days out in the Azle wilderness, and according to Rick, "She was so skinny, she looks like she had lost 10 pounds."

Besides her possible malnutrition, Jerry had no injuries from the wreck or her eight-day adventure. Rick and Wray still plan to take Jerry to the vet to get her looked over for any lingering effects of her adventure, and to get her microchipped.



Eloise Wray with her pet Chihuahua, Jerry.

MARK MICHAELS | AZLE NEWS

# Tri-County Electric Cooperative inks power supply deal with Constellation Energy Group

**FROM STAFF REPORTS**

ALEDO, Texas (February 6, 2023) - Tri-County Electric Cooperative (Tri-County) has signed a multi-year wholesale power supply agreement with Constellation (NASDAQ:CEG) set to commence March 1, 2023. Tri-County's ability to access the wholesale competitive market and negotiate terms of a new contract for wholesale power comes as result of the recently approved reorganization plan in Brazos Electric Power Cooperative's (Brazos) Chapter 11

**Bankruptcy filing.**

Under the approved bankruptcy reorganization, Brazos is required to sell its entire generation portfolio and thus Tri-County and the other member-cooperatives of Brazos will no longer have power purchase agreements requiring them to buy 100% of their power from Brazos. Darryl Schriver, President/CEO of Tri-County Electric Coop, said, "By now having the ability to negotiate and procure our own power purchases, we expect to save our

members millions of dollars per year in power costs in relation to what we were paying Brazos. Those savings will be passed directly on to our membership."

Schriver further added, "I am confident that gaining the ability to buy competitively priced power will help mitigate the rate impact of the new Brazos Financing Utility Plan Rider that was put in place to recover the \$477 million in costs that was determined as Tri-County's share of the winter storm

costs passed on to us upon Brazos's exit from the bankruptcy. Beginning in March, the savings realized through our new power supply contract will help neutralize the bankruptcy rate rider impact and benefit the members of Tri-County. Our power supply freedom has come as a result of our fight for our members during the Brazos bankruptcy. The savings over time will far outweigh the costs and we look forward to our new relationship with Constellation."

"This agreement demonstrates the value of competitive markets which help customers manage market volatility and energy costs," said Jim McHugh, chief commercial officer, Constellation. "We are eager to serve Tri-County and the customers it represents with reliable energy and related services. We look forward to building on this relationship."

Tri-County Electric Cooperative, created in 1939, is a distribution electric cooperative that serves more

than 105,000 members in 16 counties in the north Texas region. The cooperative provides distribution power to more than 132,000 meters on 9,900 miles of distribution lines. Tri-County Electric Co-op strives to enhance the quality of life in our diverse communities by providing safe, reliable and competitive electric and customer service to our member-owners as good stewards of the environment.

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Emily with her Charolais heifer, Oakley.



Emily with her Charolais heifer, Oakley.



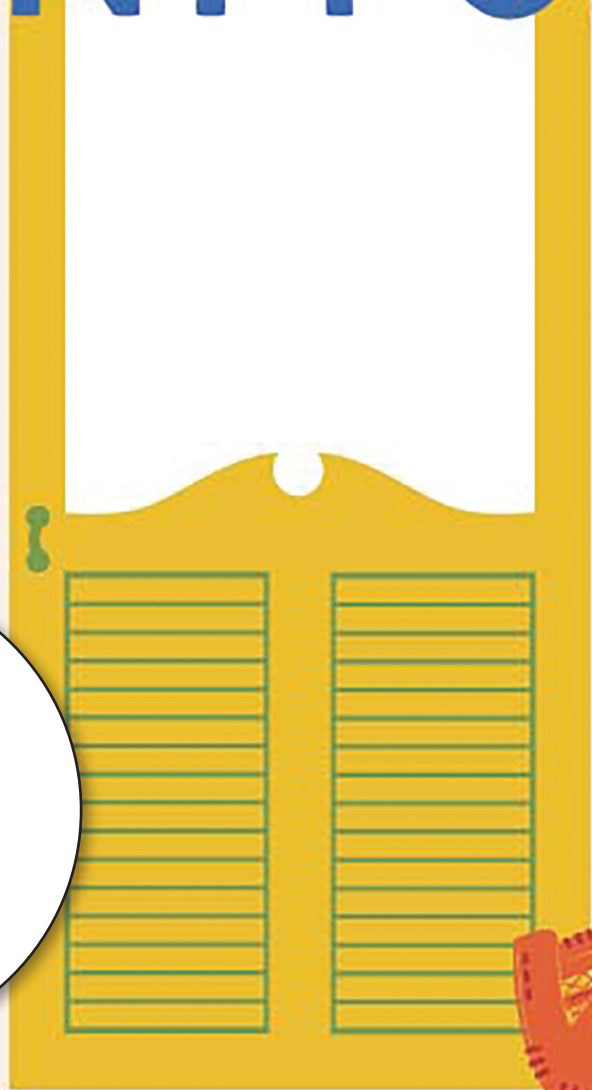
Emma showing her rabbit.

## Azle 4-H shows off at Fort Worth Stock Show

Two members of the Azle 4-H impressed the judges at this year's Fort Worth Stock Show. Emma Biehle, an eighth grader at Forte Junior High, won first place in Class and Best of Breed with her Argente Brun rabbit, Cinnabun. Azle High School senior Emily Marshall placed fourth in Class in the Other Registered Breed Junior Breeding Heifer with her Charolais Heifer, Oakley. "There were a ton of animals entered into this show, so for Azle 4-H, being such a small club, to have (not just) a single win but two is huge in my opinion," said Danielle Barber, the club's organizer.

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Dominic Evans waylays an opponent at the district meet.

## Azle wrestling shines while hosting district championship meet

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Azle wrestlers hosted the district championship and hogged most of the hardware for themselves.

The boys team earned the team championship for the second year in a row, and the Hornets' coaches won the District 4-5A Coaching Staff of the Year Award.

The Lady Hornets finished

in fourth place as a team, and three girls earned district championships.

A dozen schools traveled to Azle to participate in the wrestling tournament that was supposed to span two

days — Feb. 2-3 — but was postponed twice due to icy roads. Azle organizers condensed the meet to one day, Saturday, Feb. 4, and oversaw myriad wrestlers competing in numerous matches all day.

Azle ISD athletic director Becky Spurlock looked around the gymnasium mid-meet and liked what she saw. "We're really excited," she said. "We tried to get the meet last year and weren't

able to. We were able to secure it this year. To bring this to Azle and have this facility and be able to do what we're doing is really a great thing

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Sarae Perez dribbles up field.

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## Azle soccer girls ready to find win column again

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Going 7-1-1 in preseason gave the Azle soccer girls high hopes.

Then, on Jan. 27, district competition began.

The Lady Hornets lost their first two matches.

In the district opener against Granbury, the Lady Hornets led the game for about 70 minutes before falling 2-1 in the final 10 minutes.

Head Coach Hannah Smith described it as a "hard" loss.

"Hopefully, we learn from that and realize we have a lot more room to go," she said.

Preseason is over, and the Lady Hornets need to forget that winning record and fo-

cus on district competition moving forward.

"We just have to make sure we keep going and making those improvements," she said.

Azle will play 12 district games this season.

Helping lead the team are co-captains Rebecca Marx, Sarae Perez and Trinity Thornton.

Marx scored Azle's only goal in the district opener on a whopping penalty kick that traveled 40 yards in the air before finding the net. Marx feels certain that the Lady Hornets will begin winning games soon.

"We're excited to go play and do our best," she said. "Our team is much better than last year."

Marx was 6 or 7 when she began playing soccer and is having one of her best seasons.

How does this season rank on her fun meter?

"I would rank it a 10," she said. "It's been a very fun year. Our girls are very sweet, kind and bonded together this year. We love each other. It's great. It definitely helps on the field. We know each other, and we can depend on each other. We trust each other to make the right decisions on the field."

Marx grew up in Azle and has known some of her teammates her whole life. She doesn't anticipate ever moving far away from the only

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## Azle soccer to face Aledo on Friday at home

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Three district games.

Two ties.

One loss. The boys soccer season hasn't begun the way the Azle Hornets envisioned, but the boys remain upbeat about what lies ahead.

"Azle is a different team now, and we should be expecting a few more wins," said Anthony Rodriguez, a junior. "Just give us a little time."

On Jan. 27, the Hornets opened the district por-

tion of the schedule by tying Granbury 0-0.

On Feb. 3, Azle lost to Northwest 3-0.

"The first game, we showed a little bit more," said head coach Diego Oliveros. "Then, we had this week off with the crazy weather. Now, we need to climb back into finding our shape and rhythm and being able to find consistency."

Rodriguez downplayed the 3-0 loss, saying the Hornets' performance wasn't indicative of what they can accomplish.

"It was an off day for all of us," he said. "A whole week

off with the weather, we couldn't really do much. We couldn't practice. We did our best."

The next day, Azle was scheduled to play a makeup game against Wichita Falls Rider that had been iced out earlier in the week. Rodriguez predicted the Hornets would "come out stronger."

Azle and Rider played to a 0-0 tie.

Last year, the Hornets went 1-9 in district and 1-15-2 overall, missing the playoffs. This year's team wants to re-

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Emmanuel Ruiz attacks the ball during the game against Justin Northwest.

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Gunner Crow scored six points against Aledo.



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Jake Skartvedt scored 20 points and stole 5 against Waxahachie Prep.

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**AZLE HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL**

The Hornets traveled to Aledo after the ice storm to take on the Bearcats and came away with claw marks. On Feb. 3, the Azle basketball boys played hard against one of the district's toughest teams and came up short, 81-52. The game remained close during the first half before Aledo began increasing its lead in the second half.

Gavin Dean was the top scorer for Azle with 22 points, followed by Jackson Davis (14), Gunner Crow (6), Jayden Rollins (5), Sawyer Dotson (3) and Cameron Newman (2).

Azle will end its regular season Feb. 14 in a home game against Granbury.

**AZLE HIGH BASKETBALL GIRLS**

The Lady Hornets electrified their fans by sinking a buzzer-beating shot to defeat Aledo in the Bearcat gym.

Final score: Azle 43, Aledo 41.

Kendall Locke, who has willed her team to become better despite injuries, led in scoring against Aledo with 21 points. Brittany Cato, another senior leader, contributed 9 points and five rebounds.

The girls have continued playing with heart and passion despite losing some of its top players, including Karlee Locke.

**AZLE CHRISTIAN BOYS BASKETBALL**

The early February ice storm prevented Azle Christian's basketball team from practicing for a few days, and the Crusaders were rusty when they faced Waxahachie Prep on Feb. 4.

The first quarter ended with Azle Christian down 14-5.

Then, the shots started falling.

Camden Logan uncorked 32 points and grabbed seven rebounds, to help the Crusaders win, 55-36.

The victory marked Logan's fourth time to score 30 points in a game this season.

Jake Skartvedt notched another fine game, adding 20 points and 5 steals.

"Jake has really got hot here the last few weeks," said head coach Ryan Rollins.

Noah Rollins nabbed 8 rebounds and 4 steals, Tyler Reyes blanketed Waxahachie on defense.

The Crusaders are 6-2 in district and 14-8 overall and have won 10 straight games.

"We are playing well right now," the coach said.

Azle Christian is scheduled to play another district game Thursday at Victory Baptist of Weatherford. Afterward, the Crusaders will know who they play first in the first round of the playoffs, which begin Saturday.

"We are still not sure who we will play," Rollins said. "Looking like Winston School of Dallas or Wichita Christian. Either team will be a tough game."

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for Azle ISD and our kids." Azle's wrestling district is one of Texas' largest, with teams situated as far west as Lubbock.

During the two previous years, Azle wrestlers traveled to Vernon and Lubbock for district championship tournaments. Then, they traveled to El Paso for regionals the following week. Then, another week later, it was off to Cypress for state.

Hosting the district meet meant more rest for Azle wrestlers.

"Instead of being three weeks of hard travel, we have one (meet) at home, and they sleep in their own beds," Spurlock said. "It's a great thing to happen for our kids."

Regionals are being held in Canyon this year.

Spurlock thanked the city of Azle and "all of our parents" for supporting the district tourney, including event sponsors Albertson's, Brookshire's, Red's Burger House, Taco Casa, Texas Tax and Wing Stop.

"You look around our gym today — it is packed," Spurlock said while standing on the basketball court that had been covered with wrestling mats.

Three wrestling matches were happening simultaneously, and the crowd was cheering loudly.



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Oliver Lorenz wins an individual title and earns a spot at regionals.



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Braxton Cates is headed to regionals as district champ.

"They are all going to go out and eat somewhere here in Azle, so that brings a lot of money into our restaurants and our stakeholders out in the community," she said. "The more things we can bring into Azle like this, the better our city and our school are."

On Friday and Saturday, Azle wrestlers will travel to

West Texas A&M University in Canyon for the Region 1-5A tournament.

On Feb. 17-18, wrestlers who qualified at regionals will head to Berry Center in Cypress to determine the top grapplers in Texas.

**AZLE BOYS RULE MAT**

Despite five days of no school and four days with-

out practice, the Azle boys "showed up and got it done," said head coach Tyler Harrison.

Numerous Azle wrestlers earned individual district championships, including Braxton Cates, Landin Evans, Wyatt Hicks, Oliver Lorenz, Elias Ramirez and Chase Yancey. Others qualifying for regionals include Dominick

Evans, Denim Fields, Billy Spratt and Devin Wingfield.

Harrison and assistant coach Randon Knoll earned the Coaching Staff of the Year Award.

**THREE GIRLS WIN TITLES**

Annabelle Davis, Pella LeFever and Jacy William won district championships, and Kaitlynn Kirkland-Lane took

third place. All four will advance to the regional meet.

Mollie Morris earned fourth place, and Keira Bugar and Kinzlynn Camarillo were fifth. Those girls will serve as alternates at regionals. They might be able to wrestle if another athlete were to miss weight, become ill or otherwise bow out of the competition.

# TITLE TWO TIMES

*State champion wrestler Pella LeFever seeks new, weighty goal*

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The state champ won't be defending her title.

Azle senior Pella LeFever wants a new one.

Last year, as a junior, LeFever wrestled at 165 pounds at the UIL state tournament and won the girls Class 5A championship.

This year, she is wrestling at 152 pounds.

"I've been wrestling girls there, and I like it," she said. "They're faster. They're better."

Wrestling at 165 pounds meant drinking plenty of water prior to weigh-ins to make herself heavy enough to make weight.

Rather than defend her title at 165 pounds, LeFever opted into the newly created 152-pound class. Whoever earns that title will be Texas' first champ. LeFever wants her name to go down in history.

"I feel like I've improved a lot since last year, whether it's in skill or strength," she said. "I've gotten a lot better in my competitiveness, my intensity. Improvement is natural. It's been a whole year, so I'd hope that there would be a lot of improvement."

The new season began in December, and LeFever has placed first or second at most every match. Each battle leaves her with lessons learned.

"I look to what I did wrong at all of my matches, even if I won," she said. "I'm not necessarily just winning and then moving on from it just because I won. I still reflect on all my matches and go back to them and think about what I could have done better."

She is enjoying her final year of high school wrestling while also looking forward to heading to college to pursue the sport. She envisions attending Texas Wesleyan University or Texas Woman's University.

For now, college can wait. Winning matches for the Lady Hornets is the current goal. LeFever wants a team championship, too.

Last year, Azle's team finished as state runners up. LeFever was the only member to earn an individual title.

"We have a strong team for going into district," she said. "Everyone has a fairly high intensity and really good drive to get going in practice. I look forward to seeing them compete."



Pella LeFever wants to win a new state title rather than defend her old one.

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## Azle wrestler Annabelle Davis wants to replace 'runner up' status with 'champ'



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Wrestling in dozens of matches as a freshman culminated with Annabelle Davis qualifying to compete for a state championship in 2022.

Davis finished as runner up after being defeated by just two points in a closely contested match.

Now a sophomore, Davis is determined to return to the state meet and earn the title at 145 pounds.

"I was so close last year," she said. "This year, I really want it."

She gave up those two points in the last few seconds at the state final and lost, 8-6.

She had been recovering from bronchitis in the week leading up to the fight.

"I was just mentally tired," she said. "I was coming off a sickness, so my cardio was not good. My everything was just wacky."

Currently, she is ranked No. 1 in the state, although she downplays the recognition.

"I'm pretty sure I'm high up there, but I don't know where I am ranked," she said. "I don't look at rankings. I don't think they are as important as people think they are. Anybody is beatable."

Even Davis is beatable, although it happens rarely. She has won more than 30 battles

this season while losing just two.

"I work for it," she said. "I've trained hard. We do a lot of hard drilling and a lot of intense wrestling live."

She began wrestling at age 8 while growing up in the Krum area. The Davises moved to Azle three years ago, and Davis has established herself as one of the high school's top prospects in wrestling.

She loves the sport and wills herself to overcome pain and adversity with inner dialogues.

"I tell myself I've come this far, there's no turning back, so I might as well keep going forward, keep pushing through," she said.

Encouraging her along the way is Phil Davis, her father, who drives her to practices and meets. His admiration of her work ethic is obvious.

"I've been with her every step of the way," he said. "Haven't missed a one. She's been pretty good, but she's grown a lot this year. Her attitude, her work ethic has grown up, and she's starting to grow up as well."

Watching his daughter wrestle elicits a combination of feelings.

"Nerve-racking," he said. "Excited. All kinds of different emotions all rolled up into one."

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Annabelle Davis won the district championship on Feb. 4.

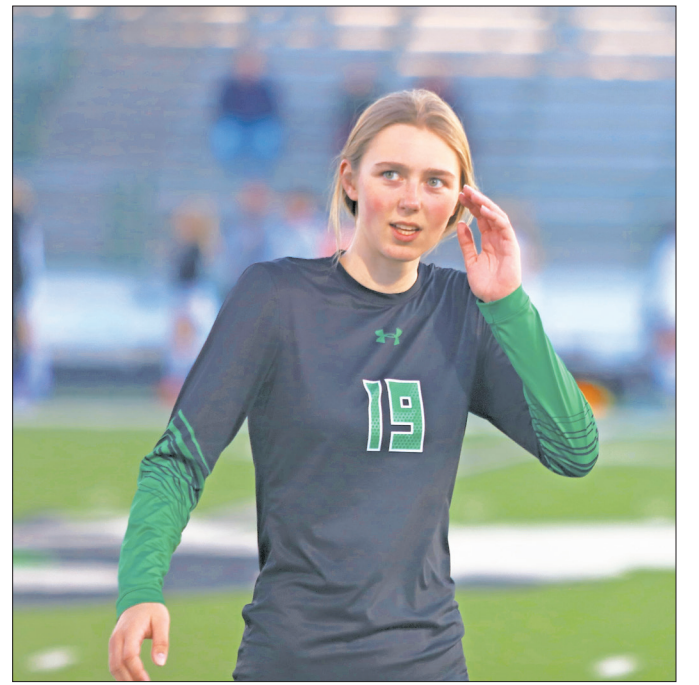


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Trinity Thornton is a co-captain with Sarae Perez and Rebecca Marx.

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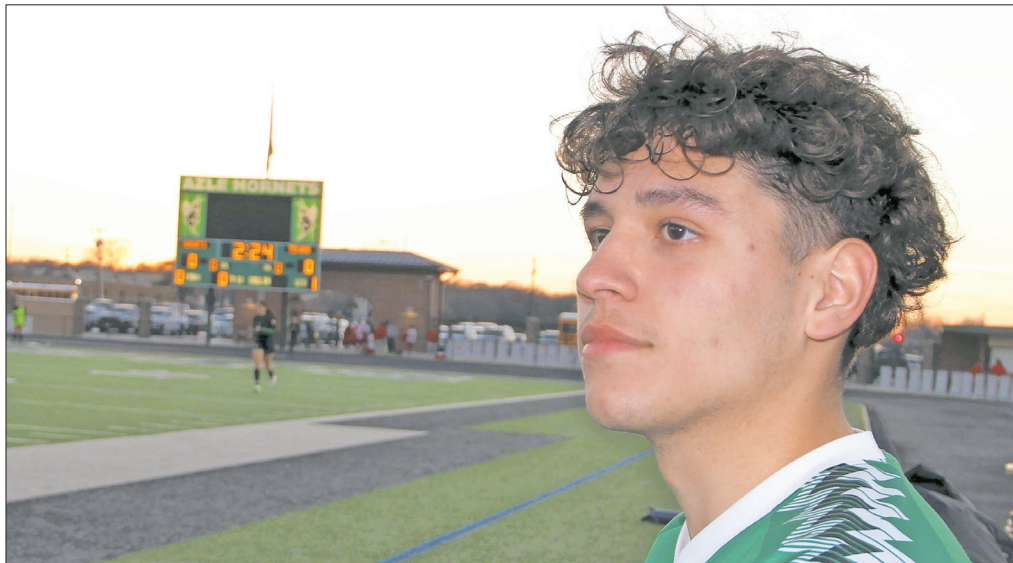
home she's known. "I've loved this town for a long time," she said. "I'm probably going to stay here for a long time. I've grown a lot of good relationships." Marx became an impact player on varsity as a freshman. Smith described her as being the "rock" of the back line for the past couple of years. "She's just developed into a great player," the coach said. "She takes on the leader role really well. She is one of our hardest workers. To have her there in the back line, she really cleans up for us. She kind of holds us together." Marx has tried other sports such as basketball and volleyball but has focused on soccer. "I like that I get to use my feet," she said. "It's one of the



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Rebecca Marx is the rock of the back line.

very few sports that you can. I like that it really depends on the whole team and not just one person." Azle plays at 5 p.m. Friday at home against Aledo.



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Anthony Rodriguez has become a team leader for the Hornets as a junior.

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turn to the postseason. Rodriguez began playing soccer at age 6 in Keller. In 2022, his family moved to Azle during his sophomore

year, and he has become a valued member of the Hornets. "A lot of my friends that I've met, they've really helped me," he said. "I'm glad to be here. I'm glad my mom decided to move us. Azle feels like home."

It was hard leaving his Keller friends behind, but "I've made new friends," he said. Besides, he has his driver's license now and "can always drive down to Keller," he said. Azle plays at 7 p.m. Friday at home against Aledo.



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Joseph Munoz kicks the ball away from the Hornets' net.

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**CABBAGE**

About how many different types of cabbage are grown throughout the world? Do the math to find out!

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**Head of Cabbage History**

Replace the missing words in this article.

Nearly 3,000 years ago, wild cabbage from Asia and the Mediterranean was \_\_\_\_\_ to Northern Europe by the Celts and later the Romans.

Able to be stored for long \_\_\_\_\_ of time, cabbage was a staple item of Europeans in the Middle Ages. Its juice was commonly used to heal wounds and as a \_\_\_\_\_ remedy. In 1541, French \_\_\_\_\_, Jacques Cartier, introduced cabbage to North America.

Since cabbage contains lots of vitamin C, other explorers, including Captain James Cook, \_\_\_\_\_ with it in order to prevent scurvy. Scurvy is a terrible \_\_\_\_\_ caused by a diet lacking in vitamin C. Cabbage rapidly spread across the North American \_\_\_\_\_.

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Sometimes the letter C is a *soft C* and is pronounced as an S, as in *cell* and *celery*. Sometimes the letter C is a *hard C* and is pronounced as a K, as in the word *cabbage*. Look through the newspaper and cut out six words starting with the letter C. Group them into **Hard C** and **Soft C** groups.

Standards Link: Identify letter sounds.

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**Cooling with Cabbage**

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Work with an adult to make this refreshing, crunchy, sweet treat!

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- salt & pepper

Chop cabbages into thin strips.

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Add salt and pepper to taste, toss and chill for 30 minutes.

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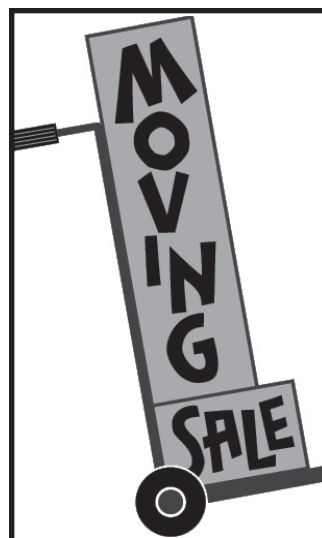
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**ACROSS**

1 Linden is the seat of this county

5 Paul Reubens was \_\_\_-wee

6 TX Bonnie & Clyde killed at least \_\_\_ people

7 Spurs "Pop" was 3 times NBA "Coach of the \_\_\_"

8 a State Fair mo. creator of cartoon "Cowpokes" (2 wds.)

16 TXism: "\_\_\_ light idea" (inspiration)

18 Amarillo "Ranch" has ten of these buried nose-first

21 "In Dreams" TX singer Roy (init.)

22 a Columbus ship this Masterson fought Indians in Texas

24 speak spitefully this Air Command used at least 9 bases in Texas

34 SMU great Kyle Rote's suffix

35 in 2023, U.S. taxes \_\_\_ April 18

36 Cuero is seat of De \_\_\_ County

37 hubbub

39 TXism: "he's a ring- (party animal)

43 rock 'n roll "King" army person

44 birth name of TX born Joan Crawford: Lucille Fay \_\_\_ Sueur

**DOWN**

1 home of West Texas A&M

2 TXism: "just down the road"

3 TX Ted Cruz and TX John Cornyn

4 soothsayer

9 summer necessity in Texas (abbr.)

10 TX Don Henley co-wrote "I \_\_\_ You Why"

11 actress Adams of "Raquet" with TX Lynda Day George

12 Cowboys "\_\_\_ of Honor"

13 John Steinbeck's Texas widow

14 birth state of Charles Goodnight (abbr.)

15 TXism: "smack \_\_\_ in the middle"

17 TXism: "it's \_\_\_ didley squat"

19 Ted aka "Lurch" first acted in Dallas

20 strain and pressure

24 29th & 32nd governor "\_\_\_ Ferguson

25 this Howe played for and managed Astros

26 grassy land (poetic)

27 TXism: "chucklehead"

28 TXism: "it'll warm your \_\_\_"

29 TXism: "I need that like an armadillo \_\_\_ highway"

31 \_\_\_ Grande

32 big Dallas cell phone company

33 toothpaste brand since 1873

38 TXism: "\_\_\_ tickler" (pianist)

40 a Morse Code dot

41 Texans like it iced 42 say again

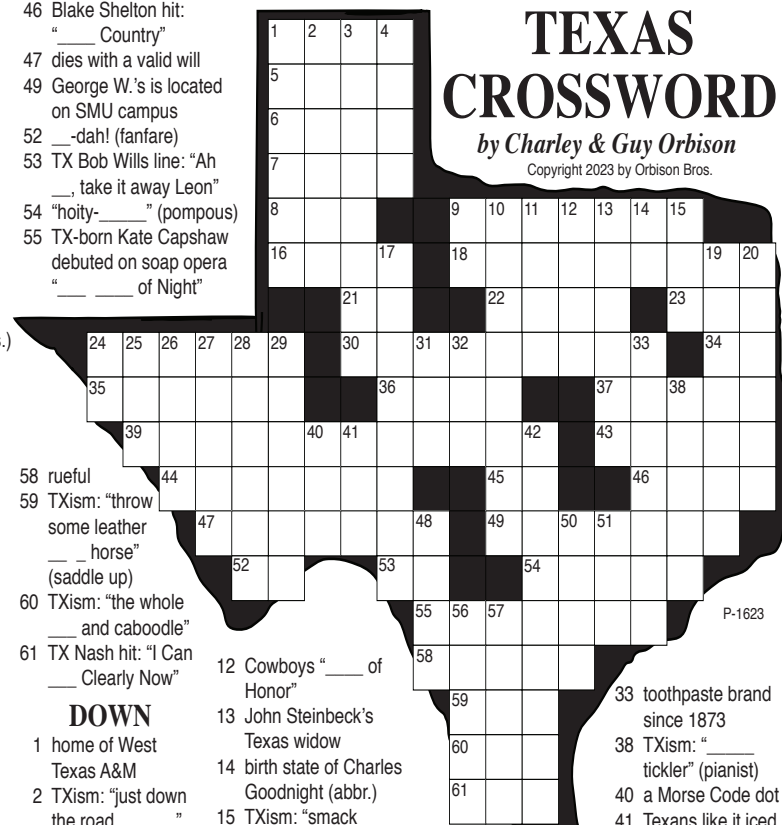
48 TXism: "\_\_\_ high on the hog" (rich)

50 TXism: "trust every- \_\_\_ but always cut the cards"

51 oil \_\_\_

56 in Bowie County on U.S. 82

57 TX Banks who was "Mr. Cub"



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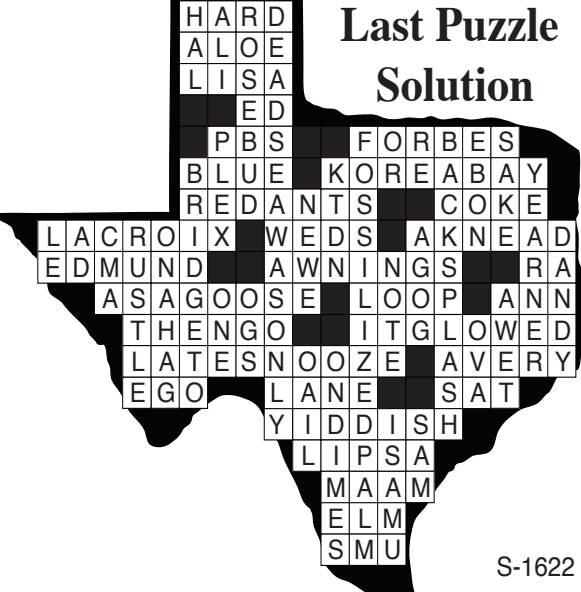
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