

## Totals are in for food organization challenge

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The Azle community was challenged to help with a growing need, and it answered the call.

More than 11,000 pounds of food were donated to the Community Caring Center challenge, an effort that sought to put food on the shelves of the center.

In October, the Azle News challenged the Azle Police Department, Azle Professional Firefighters Local 3627, Pinnacle Bank, Brace Chiropractic & Wellness, Azle Dental Care and Debbie Bunero CPA to lead the charge to fill the shelves of the Community Caring Center, according to a previous News story. Each entity challenged could challenge another business or group, who may also challenge someone, the story noted. The challenge ended Nov. 4.

The Community Caring Center served 450 families monthly in 2019, the News reported, and that number is now up to 1,000 families



each month. Inflation has had an effect on demand for food, and shelves needed to be filled at CCC's pantry.

In the contest, Azle ISD

led the charge with 4,879 pounds of food. First responders contributed 1,883

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First responders contributed 1,883 pounds and \$1,641.12 to the CCC.

## Mud in the road

### Housing developments responsible for sediment release on roadways

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Azle residents on the east side of town have seen how heavy rains can produce mud on streets from dirt stationed at housing developments in their initial stages of construction.

The mud on streets has

prompted displeasure from residents, including one man who vented at a recent Azle City Council meeting.

Jimmy Duvall, superintendent of streets for the city, said developers must oversee the spillage. Developers have placed barriers in the right of way to prevent spillage.

"The city hasn't done

anything," Duvall said. "All the controls that you see out there were done by the developers."

Developers are totally responsible for the controls, he said.

"They have to maintain controls that basically keep it on their sites," he said.

He said there exist two

developments in the area of concern - Azle Grove II (Lennar Homes) and Lakeview Heights (Lackland Holdings). The latter development, Lackland, is the main developer the city is having trouble with as far as sediment slippage.

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PHOTO BY DON MUNSCHE

Barriers are in place on South Broadway near Lakeview to help alleviate sediment from going into the roadway, especially after rains. The barriers are the developer's responsibility.

## Veal Station Cemetery board secretary follows in her father's footsteps



PHOTO BY MADELYN EDWARDS

Dena Wright Hall leans on the headstone in Veal Station Cemetery marking where her parents are buried. Wright Hall and her family have a long history in the Azle and Springtown area, and she has multiple family members buried in the cemetery.

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Dena Wright Hall's father died on her 40th birthday.

As she processed the loss, Wright Hall tried to find meaning for why she had to lose him on her birthday. She remembered something her father used to say about

turning 40 years old.

"He said you were never truly grown or matured until you were 40," Wright Hall said. "He passed away on my 40th birthday after having had a stroke."

With her father's logic in mind, Wright Hall said she

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# Eagle Scout project to help veterans

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Luke Petersen wanted to conduct his Eagle Scout project on something that could help people from different backgrounds.

He completed his Eagle Scout service project at Western Cross Ranch in October, as he led a group of Scouts in the construction of a number of training obstacles for the horses for the ranch's veteran rehab program. Petersen got materials donated from Home Depot, said Scoutmaster Tom Kisner for Boy Scout Troop 243, but several other companies and organizations also contributed, such as Servolution and Garcia's Tire and Automotive Shop, said Chris Petersen, Luke's father. He added that materials were \$1,100, and more than \$800 in materials were donated.

"Which was nice - just by asking," Chris Petersen said. "Good community."

Dale Long, founder and executive director of Western Cross Ranch, appreciated the project.

"Luke is exactly why I believe in the scouting program," Long said. "These days, it seems we have lost so many of the traditions and organizations that form leaders. He is an example of why Scouting is so important to building character and developing leadership. Western Cross Ranch was honored to have Luke do his Eagle Scout project here helping our veterans program. Truly a credit to the BSA and his family."

Luke, a sophomore at Azle High School who has been in Scouts for 11 years, oversaw the construction of the equine-assisted learning obstacles. The Scouts built seven obstacles made to help

train the horses and for entertaining the veterans at the ranch, where veterans get therapy through horses.

The obstacles took about eight or nine hours to build over the course of two days. A total of 130 labor hours were invested into the project from all of the youths working on the project.

Kisner recommended the project to Luke.

"I was looking for a good Eagle project and this really spoke to me as it was," Luke said. "It is a very good program."

"Luke did an excellent job demonstrating leadership by coordinating Scouts and adults, as well as securing donations to complete this project," Kisner said. "It will have a lasting impact for Western Cross Ranch and all of the veterans and youth they serve." His Eagle Scout designation is pending.



Dale Long, left, shakes Luke Petersen's hand as he holds a plaque noting completion of his Eagle Scout project.



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Luke Petersen created a number of training obstacles for the horses at Western Cross Ranch, including this noodle gate (above).

The project interested Petersen because the rehabilitation and therapy were innovative and beneficial to people from different backgrounds.

Chris was one of five adults who helped him, and he found the project was fun and educational.

"And then the engineer in me kind of enjoyed the challenge of helping him" with figuring out the materials and aspects of the project, Chris said. Chris is a retired mechanical engineer from Lockheed Martin.

The project has been fully signed off by the troop Scoutmaster and beneficiary. The project will be presented at the Eagle Board of Review, which is the last step before one becomes an Eagle Scout. A final Scoutmaster conference also figures in.

"He still has (three merit badges) to do before going to the Board of Review," Chris said. Luke said that should happen by the end of the school year.

Luke said earning the Eagle Scout badge shows the culmination of all of his achievements throughout Scouting and his years involved with the organization.

"I think one of the most challenging yet rewarding parts of being a Boy Scout was getting to lead and work with a bunch of people my own age and a little bit younger," he said, describing what the experience of being a Boy Scout has been like for him. He has used the experiences in Boy Scouts in his everyday life.

Chris said he was proud of what Luke has accomplished in Scouting, and said he has

had many experiences that have paid off for him, including learning about leadership.

At AHS, Luke is the fourth-ranked student in his class, sophomore class president, FBLA president, a writer for The Sting campus newspaper and is involved in some other activities, such as student council. He hopes to attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology and major in business management and then eventually earn his MBA.

For this Eagle Scout project, Luke gives special thanks to Dale Long, Ann Stacy - who works at the ranch and approved the obstacles - and to Kisner.

"He has really helped not just me but our entire troop grow and succeed and has really made Scouting better for everyone involved," Luke said about Kisner.

## Ribbon Cutting for The Glow Bar



The Azle Chamber Ambassadors hosted a ribbon cutting at The Glow Bar on Main Street in Azle on Tuesday, Nov. 8. Molly is the business owner who shared with us all of the spa therapies she offers such as: heated airbrush tanning, teeth whitening, infrared sauna, clothing and more. Make sure to check out her Facebook page for more information.

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## A demonstration of leadership as great as Texas

With our most recent election behind us, I have heard some say we can now put politics on the backburner and not pay much attention until the next election. Talk like that always concerns me.

What is politics but another way of describing our joint existence as a society and how we are going to manage our collective business? How can we simply turn our backs to what goes on and declare we will deal with issues in a couple of years? We must be more engaged and stay aware of what is happening so we can voice our opinions and work to ensure our politicians make decisions in the best interests of their constituency.

Wyndi Veigel, who is an editor at a neighboring newspaper, has spent a portion of her career in Marshall, Texas. She recently reached out to me with a story about General Sam Houston speaking in Marshall when he was running for governor of Texas during the election cycle of 1857. Sam went to Marshall to speak in the hometown of two of his most outspoken critics, Robert Loughery and Louis T. Wigfall. During the visit, a debate was scheduled between the Texas icon and his opponent for governor, Hardin Runnels.

Under the cover provided by a huge live oak, in an overwhelmingly secessionist area, the Unionist Houston spoke so eloquently that Runnels, who was scheduled to follow, declined to speak. Though Houston lost the election, Houston's electrifying oratory brought him 48% of the Harrison County vote. During



### 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.

the speech, Sam wore his famous leopard skin waistcoat and proudly announced to all those in attendance he had always been in favor of the Union and like a leopard, he would not change his "spots."

The tree of which Sam spoke eventually died and was cut down, but a large cross section of the famous tree has been maintained. A Texas State Historical marker now has been placed near where the tree once stood.

Not sure many folks today can appreciate the sheer courage and character it took for General Sam to speak to a crowd that held such contrary views. To him, the size of the crowd nor the unbending nature of their viewpoints was a deterrent. He spoke what he believed was the truth and what he felt from deep within him, was right for Texas. Unfortunately, Texans ultimately ignored his pleas and seceded from the Union. The resulting Civil War emptied the Texas State treasury and saw the destruction of the flower of Texas youth. History has proved General Sam knew what he was talking about.

Keep an eye on what is happening in our political realm. See which men and woman have the courage to stand up and be heard and which politicians blindly follow an agenda set forth by some group of politicians



PHOTO COURTESY OF WYNDI VEIGEL  
**This is a cross section of the live oak tree closely connected with the Texas legend of General Sam Houston. Houston had used the huge tree to provide shade while giving an eloquent speech in the city of Marshall as a candidate for governor of Texas while campaigning during the 1857 election cycle. The cross section of the famous tree, which was cut down after it died, was maintained. A state historical marker has been placed near where the tree once stood.**

and lobbyists whose interest are merely self-serving. The time has come to be vigilant and prevent those who would mislead, lie and deceive the people of Texas, from causing her damage. The right course of action is not always the most popular.

Thought for the day: Society has gotten to the point where everyone has a right, but no one seems to have responsibility. Until next time.

# I'd like to teach the world to sing

"I'd like to build a world a home and furnish it with love

Grow apple trees and honey bees and snow white turtle doves

I'd like to teach the world to sing in perfect harmony

I'd like to hold it in my arms and keep it company

I'd like to see the world for once all standing hand in hand

And hear them echo through the hills for peace throughout the land"

If you remember that 1971 song from The New Seekers — or the Coca Cola commercial that adapted it — you're old. (For everyone else, YouTube is your friend).

Even if you weren't around (or paying attention) in 1971, you can do a little review of history and imagine the circumstances in the world that inspired the song.

Songwriters often serve as the poet-prophets that speak into current events, calling attention to cultural challenges. Sometimes they offer solutions, sometimes critiques, and sometimes simply laments.

And — as much as pundits and preachers would like to think otherwise — the singers and songwriters have a leg up because of the way the human brain processes information.

That's why I'm more likely to have "Honky Cat" from Elton John stuck in my



### BE AMAZING

By Gerry Lewis

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head than the Gettysburg Address.

I'm actually going somewhere with this, so stick with me a little longer.

Last Sunday, I had the privilege of singing at the 150th anniversary of the First Baptist Church in Kyle, TX where my good friend, David Kelly, is interim pastor.

David asked me to sing some songs from across the years so I selected one hymn from each decade of the church's existence — from the 1870s through the 2020s. (We only sang one verse of each song)

When I was researching and selecting songs, I didn't give much thought to what was going on in the world. I was going for songs that would likely be familiar to the congregation.

It was only in the midst of the service that it occurred to me that hymn writers also live within a cultural context. They are often inspired to speak into current events and call attention to a cultural challenge from a perspective guided by their faith.

I love hymn stories and have several books that tell the backgrounds of familiar

hymns.

But even if we don't know the story behind a particular song, we may use inspired imagination to consider world events at the time of the writing to see a song — or its author — in a new way.

Here's what I'm getting at: when we are a few years down the road from where we are right now, what songs will be on our internal playlist? How will we remember the poet-prophets of the 2020s?

It's really hard to imagine when we're living IN history that history is being recorded, but I want you to know this:

How you use whatever voice you have — within your circles of influence — matters to God and matters within those circles.

As for me, I want to use my voice to encourage, bless, and point people to amazing eternal realities that consider the current events but transcend them at the same time.

That's how I want to teach my corner of the world to sing.

Be amazing today, my friend.

## Letter to the Editor

### Military can be great way to start adult life

Looking in the mirror this morning, I saw a man. He looked a whole lot different than the man I saw only 61 years ago.

How times have flown by. Sixty-one years ago, I was standing in front of a mirror shaving at Fort Myer, Virginia, getting ready to perform in a parade for the then-president, John F. Kennedy, in Washington, D.C. I was in the Army — "The Old Guard."

Day to day, I see boys and girls at a high school. I recently mentioned this in a News letter (to the editor) how boys and girls have changed in dress, physical appearance and attitude over the years.

The reason for this letter, I recently saw a couple

of young men together who graduated from high school years ago. They are about 25 or 26 years old now. I didn't recognize them at the gas station, but they recognized me and the conversation picked up.

One who was dressed in shorts, nice T-shirt, tennis shoes and Navy cap told me he had joined the Navy when he graduated from high school at the age of 18. After four years in the Navy, he went to college and got his degree in technology. He got married and was living a great life. The other boy was dressed in overalls, work shirt and boots. He had a beard and very long hair.

I remember him when we had a conversation in high

school. I had asked him the question, "Are you going to join the military when you graduate?" His answer, "I'm not going to have anyone telling me what to do."

Well, he graduated, started college, ran out of money, dropped out of school and went to work for McDonald's. Then he went from one job to the other. He now works for a maintenance company.

Of course, the military is not everyone, but regardless, whatever you do when you graduate, someone is going to tell you what to do. So why not get the benefits offered by the military and the status you will receive for the rest of your life?

— Bobby Sloan, Azle

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# MUD

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“They’re both at a stage in construction where the roads are rough cut in,” he said. “The roughcut roads hook (or) attach to existing roads and yet you have zero storm water in place because it’s not constructed yet, so all the inlets and stuff that would carry storm water to the pond, it’s not in place because they were just at that stage to start installing underground lines when the rain events occurred. So that’s why you see all the extra erosion control fencing, wattles and eels that are out there.”

He said the city has worked with the developer to allow them to use the right or way to prevent any more flooding on Lakeview at that low spot and from the school. There’s not been any more mud on the road since the last rain in late October. The city had a flood issue in late September that caused similar problems.

Duvall said the city has received “a lot” of complaints from residents about the problem of mud on streets, and he said residents may contact the developer directly to file a concern. A couple of residents filed complaints with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

“TCEQ had me investigate (and) send them all the information and everything we’ve been doing,” Duvall said. TCEQ requires stormwater

prevention plans from developers. (The News left messages with Lennar Homes and Lackland Holdings.)

Other resident complaints have centered on the efforts the city has made on these issues caused by developments. The developer, Lackland, has been billed for everything, from employees’ hours to equipment that the city had to use to clean up the mud.

“We have \$3,281 worth of invoices right now to the developer,” Duvall said.

The developer has 30 days to pay the invoice. Lennar Homes has not been billed for anything, as most of sediment (biggest problem) came from Lakeview Heights.

Lennar has a full crew on site most of the time, Duvall said, and that company doesn’t have to contend with an elevation change. Lennar crews are building on a flat area, while Lakeview Heights features a huge, hilly area where there is not any vegetation.

Lackland Holdings has submitted a new stormwater prevention plan, and most of it is in place already.

“That’s why you see all the additional stormwater controls on site,” Duvall said. “That’s all the extra erosion control fencing, all the extra wattles. They’ve dug two additional ponds that are temporary until this stormwater system was in place. They’ve done a lot.”

David Hawkins, director of planning and development

with the city, said the developers are following standard operating procedure when there’s been a problem, and they have to correct it, so this is “nothing out of the norm.”

He said residents should know that once the infrastructure is finished, it has to be inspected by the city before it is accepted or corrected by the developer.

“That’s when the drainage should be working in accordance to their engineer plans,” Hawkins said.

Lakeview Heights is in the very first stage, Duvall said, and said the project is around a year away from having all the infrastructure in place: streets, stormwater and water and sewer. Homes will go up after that.

“They don’t even get to have a building permit until we release the streets, stormwater, water and sewer,” he said.

Lackland Holdings has completed other homes in Azle, but the city has not a similar mud problem before, Duvall said.

Duvall ensures that if he sees an erosion fence falling, he contacts a developer instantly. He said makes rounds regularly to construction sites.

“Even though we’ve got a lot going, I still make my rounds - I check on everything,” he said. “We probably go above and beyond holding people to the fire, making sure they’re doing it. But you just can’t prepare are for a five-inch rain event.”

# News from Azle City Hall

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PHOTO BY MADELYN EDWARDS

Dena Wright Hall stands by the gate of the Veal Station Cemetery. Wright Hall, as well as her father before her, serves on the Veal Station Cemetery Association board.

# CEMETERY

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thought he died when she was 40 years old for a reason, as if he had waited until she was ready.

On the other hand, she said, “You’re never ready to lose a parent.”

Wright Hall’s connection to her father, Waymon Wright, led her to join the Veal Station Cemetery Association board in 1998, about eight years before her father died. Currently, she’s the board secretary.

“He wanted me to be involved,” she said.

Veal Station Cemetery has been around since the 1860s. It’s a family cemetery and those who can be buried there have to be related to others buried in the cemetery.

Wright Hall and her family have a long history in the Azle and Springtown area, and she has multiple family members buried in the cemetery.

Her father - who was also a Parker County commissioner for 20 years - got involved in the cemetery association when Wright Hall’s grand-

parents died and was on the board starting in the 1960s.

“He was always one to want to help and take care of things,” Wright Hall said. “Knowing it was part of his heritage, he wanted to continue taking care of the family cemetery.”

Her father took a stand against vandalism at the cemetery and served as its protector. On Halloween night, he would guard the cemetery and turn people away, Wright Hall said, particularly those who came to see the so-called glowing headstone at the cemetery. She insists there is not a glowing headstone at Veal Station Cemetery, only a reflection of light.

The cemetery association board addresses situations of vandalism and theft as well as making sure the cemetery is mowed and trash is picked up, Wright Hall said. She recalled an incident from 20 years ago when vandals pushed over the taller monuments.

“Some of the old tombstones cannot be repaired,” she said. “That’s what’s disheartening is when they’re so old, and we can’t fix them.”

A few years ago, she said copper was stolen from a veteran’s tombstone. Wright

Hall remembered having to respond to the family’s call when they realized the theft.

“Well, it makes you angry. But you want to do what you can to help,” she said. “I’m one of those people that wants to fix things and make everybody happy. And so, you just work with the family and the sheriff’s department and in this case, the (Veterans Affairs department).”

Wright Hall added, “I will never understand how people can be so disrespectful.”

Because her family is buried in the cemetery, she said she feels compelled to protect and maintain the cemetery. Her role with the cemetery can also be therapeutic.

“I think it helps me heal because now he’s deceased and so is my mom,” Wright Hall said. “You never get over the loss, but knowing I’m carrying on what they’ve left behind makes me feel good.”

Wright described her father as a man of integrity, who loved his community and wanted to help however he could.

“He was well thought of in the community, a good man, mentor and friend to all,” Wright Hall said. “Proud to be his daughter.”

## Leaf Collection



The weather is finally cooling off and leaves are beginning to fall. Just a reminder - CWD will collect no more than 10 bags of leaves on your second collection day. Any amount of bagged leaves over 10 will be collected on your next week’s second collection day. If you have questions, please contact CWD at 817-795-9300. For more tips, visit the City of Azle website at: [cityofazle.org](http://cityofazle.org)

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### Holiday Schedule

Azle City offices will close Thurs/Fri, November 24 & 25, in observance of Thanksgiving. Azle Library will also close on November 26. Cross Timbers Golf Course will be closed on Thanksgiving Day.

Police and Fire services will be available by calling 817-444-3221, or 911 in case of an emergency. For water or sewer emergencies, please call 817-444-3221.

**Residential trash/recycling collection will slide one day; Thursday to Friday, Friday to Saturday.**

For Commercial front load, split Thursday service between Wednesday and Friday.

For additional information, please contact CWD at 972-392-9300, option 2.

Scan for more information on what’s happening in the City of Azle or visit us at [www.cityofazle.org](http://www.cityofazle.org)



ON FISHING

# It's trout stocking time in Texas

This is the time of the year that the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department starts stocking trout in many locations throughout the state. Many of these locations are called "neighborhood fishing ponds," some of which are likely close to you.

Consult the TPWD website for all locations and scheduled stocking dates. Scheduled stocking dates may change.

Stocking will occur several times during the winter season. I'm including herein a few local areas relatively close with the scheduled stocking dates. Put it on your



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calendar!

There are no minimum length limits for these trout and you are allowed to keep five trout per day, per person. An angler fishing in a Community Fishing Lake or from a dock, pier or jetty within a state park can use no more than two poles. Trout

anglers will need a valid fishing license with the freshwater fishing endorsement. Youth under age 17 do not require a license.

These trout are typically taken on salmon eggs, corn and a variety of small spinner baits and flies. I would recommend light line.



## FISHING REPORT

Lake Granbury water temperatures are in the upper 60s, and the action has picked up for striped bass and blue catfish. Striped bass are good on Alabama rigs and live shad on the lower ends. Blue cats are good on cut bait fished on shallow flats adjacent to channels. Crappie fishing continues to be good to excellent on small jigs/minnows. Largemouth bass are good to excellent on soft plastics fished near main lake points with submerged brush. White bass are fair on slabs on humps and ridges. Some birds have returned to our reservoirs and they can point out active fish. Keep your binoculars handy.

Comanche Creek reservoir continues to be excellent for tilapia, channel catfish and largemouth bass. Anglers continue to catch numerous fish. Largemouth catches are good on most any kind of presentation of soft plastics, crankbaits and topwater at times. Channel cats are good on prepared/cut bait. Tilapia are abundant and many are using cast nets to fill their ice chests. Tilapia are an invasive species and there is no limit.

On other area reservoirs, limits of striped bass continue to be taken on Possum Kingdom Lake, and Lake Whitney on live shad or trolled Alabama rigs. Look for bird action.

NAME	LOCATION	AMOUNT	SCHEDULED DATES
Joshua City Park Pond	Joshua	1,900	12/7/2022, 1/15/2023
Glen Rose Town Lake	Glen Rose	2,000	11/29/2022, 1/4/2023
Hurst Chisholm Park	Hurst	1,896	11/23/2022, 12/22/2022, 1/20/2023, 2/17/2023
Meridian State Park	Meridian	1,500	1/12/2023
Possum Kingdom Tailrace	Graford	9,000	12/1/2022, 12/15/2022, 12/29/2022, 1/12/2023, 1/26/2023, 2/23/2023
Trinity Park (Clear Fork Trinity River)	Fort Worth	3,003	1/3/2023, 2/7/2023

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PTX Wellness and Performance Therapy was founded in 2022; however, Alex has been working in Azle as a clinical director and physical therapist for more than seven years.

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# OBITUARIES

## Cody Casey 1986 - 2022

Cody Edward Casey, 36, loving husband, father, son, brother, and friend to many, left us suddenly and unexpectedly on Wednesday, November 9, 2022. Our world is upside down and sideways and now there is a huge hole in all of our hearts.

Funeral service is 1 p.m. Friday, November 18, 2022 at Springtown Church of Christ, 316 Church St., Springtown.

Interment will be at Boonsville Cemetery in Boonsville in Wise County.

Visitation is 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, November 17, 2022 at White's Funeral Home, 130 Houston Ave., Weatherford.

Casual attire including camo is welcome.

Cody was born in Fort Worth on March 21, 1986 to Robert and Julie Casey. He was the oldest of two sons and big brother to Justin. Cody attended Azle High School and was a bull rider for the rodeo team. His life was forever changed when he met his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Katy Johnson. They were married June 29, 2003 and spent their lives together raising three wonderful sons, working hard, playing hard, and living life to the fullest. Theirs was a love story for the ages.

Cody was a GREAT deer hunter, hog hunter, and fisherman. His trophies line the walls of their home and he was forever in search of an even bigger buck. Cody and Katy shared their love of all things outdoors with their sons who all have trophies of their own. If you wanted to actually shoot a deer, he would help you find one. If you like to catch fish, go with Cody because he could find and catch fish when no one else could. Cody learned his outdoor skills from his dad, and passed the legacy forward to all who were interested. Many cookouts and parties resulted from all of that hunting and fishing.

Cody spent many years as a lineman working alongside his father, brother, and oldest son, restoring light in our darkness. He spent several weeks away from his family, along with the Casey linemen and Bobcat linemen family, during Hurricane Ian in Florida helping restore power in several of the cities that were devastated in the storm. His kindness, along with that of all the crews, during their time of need was warmly welcomed and deeply appreciated by all, including some



extended family that was affected by the storm.

Cody loved fiercely and unconditionally. He would protect and defend all those that he loved without regard for his own safety.

Cody loved and lived more fully than most of us can even imagine. He loved his family most of all and he had so many best friends that they can't all be counted. The love was returned by all of us - a full circle.

Cody was the person you called to help you that you knew would quickly and faithfully show up, every time, no matter what. Our hearts are shattered, but we will meet again one day.

The family would like to thank everyone for surrounding us all with love and care during this most difficult time.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Maxine "Nanny" Casey; grandfather, Robert "Papa Bob" Casey, Sr.; uncle, Danny Kane; and best friend, Coby "Slappy" Whitaker.

Survivors include his wife of almost 20 years, Katy Casey; sons, Cody Lane Casey, Landyn Nolan Casey, and Corbyn Luke Casey; parents, Robert and Julie Casey; brother, Justin Casey and Bre; sister, Crystal McGhee; grandparents, Tom and Rosemary Puckett; parents-in-law, Jack and Cathy Johnson; niece, Braylee Casey; nephew, Tate Casey; brothers-in-law, Jacob Johnson and wife, Glorianna, Matt "Beau" Johnson, and Jeremy Johnson; aunts and uncles, Randy and Robin Casey, Bill and Erin Kane, Ricky "Uncle Monkey" Jennings, Sherry Prater, and Karen and Scott Kircher; and many cousins, extended family and many friends.

We are now ready to focus on how Cody lived - not how he left. He would want us to live and love well, as he did.

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## Gary Andrews 1942 - 2022

Gary Lee Andrews, 80, passed away Wednesday, November 9, 2022 in Azle. He was born May 5, 1942 in Santa Monica, California to Rose Jones-Benedetto.

Gary was a well-respected numismatic antique coin dealer and show promoter. He enjoyed motor sports and spending time with his family.

Gary is survived by his wife of 60 years, Claudia Andrews; son, Scott Andrews; daughter Wendy Short and her husband Barry; sisters, Stevie Belle and Sheri Shull and her husband Gary; grandchildren, Bailee and Sarah; and numerous extended family and friends.



He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather who will be dearly missed.

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## Nowanah Corley 1947 - 2022

Nowanah (Leatherwood) Corley, 74, passed away, Wednesday, November 9, 2022 in Springtown.

Visitation was Tuesday, November 15 from 6-8 p.m. at Alexander's Midway Funeral Home.

Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, November 16 at Springtown Baptist Temple.

Nowanah was born November 29, 1947 to Zack and Levia (Howard) Leatherwood in Springtown. She worked for Tri County Electric for 29 years and was a longtime member of Springtown Baptist Temple. She enjoyed cooking and spending time with her family. She had a witty loving personality.

She was preceded in death by her parents, along with her husband of 47 years, Lonnie Corley, and sisters, Freda Lowe and Zackuline Tomlin.

Nowanah is survived by her son, Richard Corley; daughter, Charlotte Sisk



and husband, Junior and Carla Sisk; brother, Maynard Leatherwood and his wife Beverly; sister, Carolyn Hulse and husband Larry; seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends.

Nowanah was a loving wife, mother, grandmother who will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

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## Robert Koury 1963 - 2022

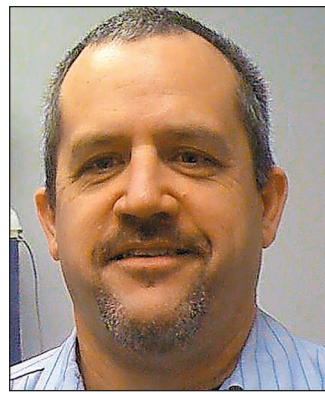
Robert Russell "Rusty" Koury passed away on October 27, 2022, at the age of 59 in Azle, Texas.

His memorial will be held at 11 a.m. on November 19, 2022, at Hilltop Assembly of GOD located at 1670 E Highway 114 in Boyd, Texas.

In his memory, in lieu of flowers, donations can be made supporting the Epilepsy Foundation and Catholic Charities.

Robert was born to John Daniel and Jane Marie Koury in Flagstaff, Arizona, on July 28, 1963. Robert graduated from Holbrook High School, Holbrook, Arizona in 1982, moved to Texas in 1994 and later settled in Azle, Texas in 2014. He was known for his compassionate nature and was well loved by the community. He spent many hours supporting church organizations and had many hobbies. Among those were wood-working, sports, and scouting. He enjoyed volunteering with many local organizations such as Royal Rangers, and set building with local theater organizations.

Robert was always willing to help those in need. He found a great purpose sharing in suc-



cess, joys, and challenges with his circle of friends.

Robert is preceded in death by his father, John Daniel Koury.

He is survived by his mother, Jane (Koury) Matello, and his sister, Kerri Koury, both in Carrollton, Texas. He is also survived by his stepmother, Mary Koury; his half-brothers, Stephen Koury in Florida, Kirk Koury in Arizona, Daniel Koury in Nevada, and Jeffery Koury in Arizona; three nieces, two nephews and a host of extended family and friends. Robert will be lovingly missed by all his family, friends, and neighbors.

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LEGACY COMES TO LIFE

# Pierre Francois Pingenot

## French soldier, farmer, Texas pioneer

**EDITOR'S NOTE:**

The story of Pierre Francois Pingenot is told by his great-grandson Duwain Pingenot. Duwain is a member of the Thomas Rusk Chapter of The Sons of the Republic of Texas in Dallas, Texas. He is past Vice President of the William B. Travis Chapter in San Antonio. Duwain is a member of the Frontier Brigade Band and plays for the "Buffalo Bill Wild West Cowboy Band."



PHOTO COURTESY  
Pierre Francois Pingenot built this home in Castroville in 1850.

Pierre Francois Pingenot is my name. I was one of the early settlers of the town of Castroville, Texas. I was born on October 1, 1810, in Bretten, Haut-Rhin, France. My father and grandfather were farmers in the small village where our family had lived for several generations. Farming is what I knew best and gladly continued our family tradition until I joined the French Army.

Jean Remis and Jeanne Marie Cordonnier Pingenot are my parents. The translation of my birth record in French to English is as follows: "The 1st of October 1810 at 4 in the afternoon in Bretten, Jean Remis Pingenot, 34-year-old from Bretten, presented a male child born at 11 this morning, of him and Jeanne Marie Cordonnier, his wife living in Bretten, and declared wanting to give him the names of Pierre Francois. Declaration made in front of witnesses Jacques Vermette, 77-year-old farmer from Bretten, and Francois Vermette, 34-year-old farmer from Bretten." I was the fourth of five children.

In January 1833, I enrolled in the French Army. My Honorable Discharge papers described me as having brown hair and eyebrows, gray eyes, low forehead, long nose, medium mouth and

pointed chin, 5 feet 4 inches tall, and a farmer by profession. The papers indicate that I enrolled in the army as a substitute (replacement) for a young man of class. I received a Certificate of Good Conduct, and was discharged on December 31, 1840. I brought with me these papers to the new country.

Henry Castro came to Alsace, France in the early 1840s; he was an Empresario who was recruiting colonists for Texas. Going to Texas sounded exciting to me. Several families were excited, too, and decided to come to Texas. Among them was my cousin, Jean Nicholas Pingenot, and his small children Justine, Celestin and August. We made our preparations, and on October 6, 1844, we sailed from Anvers, France on the ship "Probus." The original passenger list is in the State Archives in Austin along with papers showing the arrival of the ship in Galveston, Texas in February, 1845. We made our way very slowly by oxen and wagons to San Antonio, and then on to Castroville. Since its founding in September 1844 progress had been made in the community but the work was only a beginning.

On November 22, 1846 I married lovely Alexis Pichot.

She had come to Texas with her father, Jean Nicholas Pichot, and her brother Jean Nicholas and her sister, Marie Jeanne, before my arrival in Texas. Her father died not long after arriving in Castroville from complications of a rattlesnake bite.

On April 16, 1850 I received the land grant of 640 acres because of the Colonization Contract. I also

had a town lot in Castroville on the corner of Lorenzo and Petersburg Streets. We built a house which is described as being an example of Colonial Alsatian architecture. Our house is plain and simple, without any needless decorative details. It has two rooms with a lean-to in back. It is constructed with thick walls of native rock and wooden beams and has a thatched

roof. We raised our family in the house and it served us well. I served as Medina County Commissioner from 1854 to 1856. Our children are Celest, who married Emily Gast; he was postmaster from 1898 until his death in 1901. Mary Adele married August Tondre. Edward married Annie Batot and they have prospered in Eagle Pass. Louis married Regina

Rudinger and they live in Del Rio, where he works for the Southern Pacific Railroad. Mary Elizabeth married Jacob Bendele.

Footnote: Unfortunately, Pierre did not live to see all of these happy events. He died on June 28, 1881, at the age of 70 years 8 months. Pierre is buried in the Saint Louis Cemetery in Castroville.

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# Comfort and hope for people and pets with cancer

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In the new book, "Sit. Stay. Heal." by Dr. Renee Alsarraf, the doctor completely understands what you're feeling.

You almost need to ask how she does it.

You wouldn't be alone: every day at her clinic, veterinary oncologist Renee Alsarraf treats pets with cancer. She sees the effects the disease has on dogs and cats, and she knows there can be good outcomes because pets don't handle chemotherapy or radiation like people do.

She knows that because Alsarraf survived a bout with cancer herself.

There was supposed to have been an Independence Day celebration the day after Alsarraf learned of her diagnosis but the party was canceled and she regrets that now. She fretted about losing her hair, not wanting to "look like a C-word patient." She learned that there was no shame in leaning on her husband, their son or friends.

Dogs, especially, don't worry about any of those things. They bounce back in amaz-

ing ways from chemotherapy; in some cases, they respond with puppy-like vigor. They often don't lose their hair or get mouth-sores or endure the annoyances that humans get from cancer treatments. Sometimes, the only treatment required for a dog is a pill to stave off the disease for a little more time.

Radiation has its risks, but dogs don't care, as long as they're loved as much as was the chubby cocker spaniel service dog, as much as the K-9 hound, as much as the beagle whose owner was dying, as much as the retriever, or the 'doodle with a painful shoulder.

As long as they are loved as much as Alsarraf's own boxer, who was diagnosed with cancer in the middle of her treatment for "the C-word."

Here's the big surprise: "Sit, Stay, Heal" is not a book filled with sadness and pain. It's not going to make you cry (much), and it's not full of pink T-shirts.

This is a story filled with hope.

That's an odd thing to say about a book in which outcomes are often exactly what you think they'll be, but it's true: author Renee Alsarraf lends grace and optimism to the agony that her pet-parent clients feel, and that comes early and strong. It's not misplaced; because it's very relieving to read how animals

respond to cancer treatment, there's great comfort here for dog lovers whose pups have recently received a diagnosis.

The comfort extends somewhat to humans with the disease, too, although Alsarraf makes her "C-word" a secondary character, with the focus on four legs.

Bring a few tissues when you read this book but be prepared not to use them. Instead, be ready to see the hope inside "Sit. Stay. Heal." Absolutely, this book is worth the time.



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**Dr. Renee Alsarraf**

"Sit. Stay. Heal: What Dogs Can Teach Us about Living Well" by Dr. Renee Alsarraf

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# Turnout drops in recent election; dry October leads to drought level increase

## TURNOUT DROPS IN RECENT ELECTION

Voter turnout in the mid-term elections again dropped statewide, with just over 45% of registered voters either casting ballots early or at the polls on Nov. 8. Republican candidates continued to hold a hammerlock on statewide positions, with incumbent Gov. Greg Abbott handily winning a third term over challenger Beto O'Rourke.

The Texas Standard reported turnout in the state's largest counties was well below 50% and lower than the record 2018 midterm turnout. Brandon Rottinghaus, a political science professor at the University of Houston, said he wasn't surprised at the relatively low turnout.

"Usually, it's hard to get Texans to vote in midterm elections. We saw a sizable increase in 2018 and then a big bump in 2020, but it's starting to look like the 2018 and 2020 numbers were basically an aberration," he said.

In Harris County, turnout dropped from 52% in 2018 to 43% this year. Dallas County saw turnout plunge from 57% in 2018 to 44% this year, while in Tarrant County turnout was 47%, down from 57%



## CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders

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in the last midterm.

"The turnout in this election was abysmal. It was way too low. And so, voters need to understand that if they don't participate in the process, then their ability to control what happens in Austin is limited," Rottinghaus told the Texas Standard.

## LAWMAKERS: GET TOUGHER ON POLLUTERS

The Texas Sunset Advisory Commission, which periodically reviews state agencies, has concluded the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality needs to make frequent polluters more accountable and increase the possible fines companies can face.

The commission consists of 10 legislators and two members of the public. The Texas Tribune reported the sunset commission called for state lawmakers to pass legislation next session that

would increase the penalty levels for industrial polluters from \$25,000 per day to \$40,000.

"I think people wanted to send a message that we were cognizant of the burden upon industry while also recognizing the importance of increasing the penalty after this period of time so that the TCEQ has the power and the tools to actually enforce compliance with its rules," said Sen. Nathan Johnson, D-Dallas, and a member of the commission.

The sunset commission's recommendations will be considered during the next legislative session, which begins in January.

## DRY OCTOBER LEADS TO DROUGHT LEVEL INCREASE

A fairly dry October, except in West Texas, led to an increase in drought levels to 75% of the state, up 14 percentage points from the end

of September.

Dr. Mark Wentzel, hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board, wrote that months of drought have adversely affected surface water resources and are now beginning to affect ground water resources as well.

For example, the Edwards Aquifer's water level has dropped 35 feet to its lowest level since the 2011 drought. Storage levels in the state's water supply reservoirs are at 68% of capacity — 13 percentage points below normal for this time of year.

"It's too far out to say with certainty, but spring 2023 may be our next best chance for drought relief," Wentzel wrote.

## HOUSTON BUSINESS CONVICTED OF WORKERS' COMP FRAUD

A Houston-area business has been convicted of a first-degree felony in a worker's compensation scheme.

Sehgal & Sons Enterprises was convicted of concealing payrolls by having two separate payroll accounts but only reporting the smaller account to Texas Mutual Insurance Company. The company was fined \$300,000, according to the Texas Department of Insurance.

"Concealing payroll is a scheme companies use to get lower workers' compensation insurance rates, and that's fraud," said Debra Knight with the Department of Workers' Compensation.

More than \$355 million in public safety grants

Gov. Greg Abbott last week announced more than \$355 million in public safety grants, covering a variety of programs, including victims' services, anti-human trafficking efforts, and law enforcement support. The funding is a combination of state and federal dollars.

The money will go to provide bullet-resistant vests, homeland security, to combat human trafficking, border security and about a dozen other programs.

"This crucial grant funding will further bolster organizations and agencies as they work around the clock to ensure justice for victims of crime, protect against threats, prevent human trafficking, and support statewide emergency infrastructure, among other critical public safety initiatives," Abbott said.

## WHOOPING CRANES SPOTTED ON TEXAS COAST

First sightings of the endangered whooping crane have been reported along the Texas coast, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department reported.

Janess Vartanian, with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, says that on Oct. 21 a pair of whooping cranes were the first to arrive this season on Matagorda Island. Most will arrive in and around the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge in December.

Whooping birds, according to TPWD, are the tallest, rarest birds in North America. The current population is estimated at about 543 birds. They migrate this time of year 2,500 miles from northern Alberta, Canada, to the Texas coast.

## COVID-19 CASES DROP BELOW 10,000

The number of new COVID-19 cases reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University in Texas dropped to 8,955, along with 32 deaths. The number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations stayed steady, with 998 reported across the state as of Sunday.

## PANTRY

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pounds and \$1,641.12. Next up was Azle Christian School with 1,208 pounds. Other groups donating were:

**Pinnacle Bank**, 318 pounds, \$588.93

**Debbie Bunero**, 183 pounds, \$100

**Azle News**, 183 pounds, \$308

**Azle Dental Care**, 173 pounds

**Brace Chiropractic**, 69 pounds, \$600

Community Caring Center also received donations from Maw-Maw's Treats, Legacy Oaks, Azle Manor and Adventures Learning Center. CCC also received anonymous donations.

Kristie Cooper, executive director of Community Caring Center, said the amount of food and monetary donations exceeded expectations. The timing of the project worked out well with the mailout campaign letter to previous supporters and the coverage from the Azle News.

"I think that combination did what we wanted,

which was to put the Caring Center back on people's radar, just to get our name back out there so people know we're busier than we've ever been and that we needed some help to make through the end of the year," she said.

Because of this total donation, CCC is better equipped to meet public demand for food.

"I think what came in, it helped us get through the month of October and keep our shelves fairly full while we're also still trying to get food for our Christmas boxes," she said.

Cooper said the supply remains lower than usual from Tarrant Area Food Bank, and when its supply is lower, CCC has less to purchase from that organization.

"So we are filling in gaps with our own funds, and the more the community can help with that, either through financial donations, to give me money to go buy from grocers, or the physical donations of food, that just helps keep the shelves full throughout the end of the year," Cooper said. "This will definitely be



COURTESY PHOTO  
Azle Christian School donated 1,208 pounds of food for the cause.

our busiest time, and I think with the cost of inflation, we'll see higher numbers than we've seen in previous years." The next project for the

CCC will be accumulating Christmas boxes, which CCC will begin distributing on Dec. 1. CCC's goal is to reach 750 boxes, which is up from last year's 475. The

center needs monetary donations and hams (any size), fried onions for green bean casserole and Jiffy Pie Crust Mix and ready-to-use fruit pie filling.

Cooper appreciates the community's support of CCC. The center can be reached at 817-270-2962 and communitycaringcenter.com.

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# Veterans Day at Walnut Creek Elementary



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Walnut Creek Elementary School celebrated veterans on Nov. 11 by having them visit the school to be with their children and grandchildren. Pictured above are, left, Amelia Coleman with Kenneth Coleman II; middle, Mark and Matthew Carrillo with dad Michael Carrillo, left, and Liyah (with microphone) and Julian Fabela; and right, Kinsley Shiflet-Hendry with Joel Meyer, U.S. Navy. Left: Shown with the colors are Kayli Fordinal with the U.S. flag, Eva Steel with the Texas flag and Annelise Nash.

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# Azle Rotary Club dictionary giveaway



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Members of the Rotary Club of Azle distributed dictionaries to Azle ISD third graders last week. The distribution is one of the club's community projects. Pictured, top left, Tom Muir tosses a dictionary to a student at Walnut Creek Elementary. Top right, Marsha Hardin smiles as a boy at Eagle Heights receives his dictionary. Bottom left, Bryce Pruett, Dean Metcalfe, Emma Renteria, Jameson Willis and Ava Souza at Eagle Heights dig into their dictionaries, as do Caison Beall and Braxton Beth at Walnut Creek.

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## THANK YOU, CHARLES M. SCHULZ!

COMIC STRIP GETS STAMPED: The United States Postal Service has created the Charles M. Schulz Forever stamps to celebrate the fact that the creator of the Peanuts comic strip would have been 100 years old on November 26, 2022. Find out more about this legendary cartoonist on today's Kid Scoop page!

### WHO WAS CHARLES SCHULZ?

When Charles Schulz was a child, people called the newspaper comic pages "the funnies." And Charles was a boy who really *loved* the funnies.

Schulz read his local newspaper every day and wanted to make his own funnies one day. He started drawing as a youngster and kept drawing cartoons every day.

### PEANUTS CHARACTER MATCH

Do you know the names of these famous Peanuts characters featured on U.S. postage stamps? Do the math to label each character.

7 + 7 = Charlie Brown		
8 - 2 = Schroeder		
11 + 7 = Peppermint Patty		
13 + 3 = Lucy		
18 - 6 = Franklin		
9 - 4 = Linus		
8 + 5 = Pig-Pen		
4 + 4 = Sally		

### ARMY TO ART SCHOOL

During World War II, Charles was drafted into the United States Army. He brought a sketch pad and kept on drawing.

When he came home to Minnesota, he got a job teaching at the art school where he had studied. It was there he met a man who would become a friend for life. The letters on the correct path reveal his name.

### PEANUTS BY THE NUMBERS

Charles drew 17,897 Peanuts comic strips.	There have been 5 feature-length Peanuts movies.	There have been 45 Peanuts television specials.
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### SNOOPY

The Peanuts character Snoopy is based on a pet dog that Charles had as a child. Use the code to find out the name of this pet.

● = A  
● = C  
● = E  
● = H  
● = I  
● = K  
● = P  
● = S

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### Kid Scoop Puzzler

#### BEYOND COMIC STRIPS

The Peanuts characters were so popular that they were made into books, TV shows, a musical stage show, greeting cards, toys and even movies! Circle every other letter to find out the name of the first Peanuts television special, which aired on CBS in 1965.

A V O D H N A S R  
T L W I K E J B U R  
I O Z W X N Q C  
B H P R D I V S  
R T L M U A I S Y

CH    A

### Double Double Word Search

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

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N	O	Q	O	S	A	L	L	Y	P
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W	N	R	P	S	K	E	T	C	H
S	I	L	A	E	C	S	U	O	Y
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BOOKS  
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### COMIC STRIP REWRITE!

Erase or white out the words in the bubbles in a comic strip in today's newspaper. Write in new words for the characters to be "saying."

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

### Write On!

## Happy Birthday, Charles M. Schulz

Write a short "Happy Birthday" note to Charles M. Schulz who would be 100 this year.

### Charles' Favorite Sport: Hockey

Because Charles Schulz made so many comics featuring hockey, he was admitted into the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame.

Growing up in St. Paul, MN, Charles used a hockey stick to hit tennis balls in his grandmother's basement. His mother helped him make goalie pads out of gunny sacks with rolled-up newspaper sewn inside. His father made an ice rink in their backyard where Charles and his friends played hockey whenever they could — even by streetlight at night.

Charles's love of hockey lasted his entire life. His five children all learned to skate.

In 1969, when a local ice arena closed, Charles bought it and opened the Redwood Empire Arena near his studio in Santa Rosa, CA.

Today, the ice arena is called Snoopy's Home Ice and is located next to the Charles M. Schulz Museum.

**How many differences can you find between these two hockey players?**

To learn more about Charles M. Schulz, visit [www.schulzmuseum.org](http://www.schulzmuseum.org)



## Azle's top-ranked rodeo team to host annual fundraising competition

BY JEFF PRINCE  
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Riding horses and bulls and racing around barrels and poles aren't easy or cheap activities in rodeo, and high school teams host an event each year to raise money.

Azle's team will host one Nov. 18-20 at the North Texas High School Rodeo Association Arena in Saginaw.

Last year, the rodeo hosted by Azle drew the season's largest number of contestants and a whopping crowd that generated enough money to pay for the team's scholarships and awards. Local businesses purchased rodeo ads in programs and sponsored athletes.

"Rodeo is expensive, and it is up to each member competing to pay for their own entries," team sponsor Kristy Scribner said.

Competing in a rodeo costs team members \$60 for their first event and \$50 for each additional event.

Anyone interested in sponsoring a team member can contact Scribner at azlerodeoteam@gmail.com



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Lindsey-Kay Reichert and her horse sent the mud flying while finishing fifth in barrels.

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PHOTO BY JEFF PRINCE

Levi Morrow, shown recovering a kickoff, made 14 tackles during the game.

## AREA CHAMPS

# Azle Christian knocks off Heritage to win title

BY JEFF PRINCE  
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Azle Christian School won its first football playoff game last week since joining the TAPPS Region 3 six-man league a year ago.

The victory netted the Crusaders an area football championship and earned them the right to travel on Friday to a neutral site, at Trent High School's field, to do battle with Lubbock Kingdom Prep for a quarterfinal trophy.

Clayton Sanders, in his first season of coaching at the private school, characterized the victory as a "historic landmark for ACS football."

He expects more landmarks to follow.

marks to follow.

"This team is built to go the distance," he said. "When we play within our abilities and discipline, I'll put this team up against anybody in the state."

Heritage was no patsy. The Eagles had lost one game all season before facing the Crusaders on Nov. 11. Azle Christian athletes didn't take long to let Heritage know they were ready for battle. Camden Logan ran the first play from scrimmage the length of the field for a TD. Then, the Crusader defense forced Heritage to turn over the ball on downs.

Still, Heritage kept the game interesting for two quarters. The score was tied

12-12 at the end of the first quarter and remained competitive at the end of the first half.

"When you get to the playoffs, you are going to get the best from everybody who lines up across from you," Sanders said. "However, it's a four-quarter game, not a two-quarter game."

Heritage is a talented team that is well-coached and fundamentally sound, Sanders said.

His team, however, is devoted to doing its best and winning games, he said.

"We've been working on building ourselves different since January," he said.

SEE ACS, PAGE 2B.

# Azle wrestlers KO OK

BY JEFF PRINCE  
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Two of Azle's finest athletes pinned their opponents at the recent Red River Rivalry wrestling tournament.

On Nov. 6, Dom Evans and Pella LaFever traveled to Southlake for the second annual tournament that pits Texas's top wrestlers against those of Oklahoma. The purpose of the event is to increase interest in the sport and begin the fall season by pitting the best wrestlers in two states against one another for bragging rights.

Evans drew Oklahoma's no. 1-ranked Talon McCollum of Edmond North High School at 175 pounds and knew he'd have a war on his hands. Evans surrendered points in the first period but battled back and scored a takedown in the final 10 seconds of the match to tie the score.

Then, with the crowd screaming, Evans pinned McCollum with four seconds remaining to take the victory.

LaFever drew Rayleigh Fisher of Tuttle High School at 155 pounds and "com-



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SEE WRESTLING, PAGE 2B. Dom Evans and Pella LaFever flexed their muscles at the Red River Rivalry.

# Azle volleyball players not just talented, but also smart

BY JEFF PRINCE  
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After reaching the volleyball playoffs for the third year in a row, the Azle Lady Hornets are earning rewards for their hard work both on and off the court.

More than half of the players on the roster earned academic all-district recognition, including five seniors: Skyler Arellano, Makynna Hinkle, Karlee Locke, Kendall Locke and Riley McKelvain. The juniors include Melanie

Harder, Kamryn Hill, Brynn Lee and Shree Patel.

Makenna Dillow was voted by the league's coaches as the district's Defensive Player of the Year.

The Locke sisters earned first-team All-District honors.

Second team all-district recognition went to Hinkle, Cameryn Hoskins and Taylor Fischer.

Earning honorable mention were Arellano, Brittany Cato and Ellie Lund.



Skyler Arellano played – and hit the books – with passion, earning academic all-district.



PHOTOS BY JEFF PRINCE  
Makenna Dillow earned District 5-5A's Defensive Player of the Year award.



Taylor Fischer's gutsy performances earned her all-district recognition.

## WRESTLING

FROM PAGE 1B

pletely dominated her opponent," said head coach Tyler Harrison.

LaFever scored an early takedown and kept the pressure on her opponent, pinning her at about a minute into the match.

Wrestlers are selected by members of the Texas High School Wrestling Coaches Association. The members choose from the pool of wrestlers that placed at the state tournament in

February.

At the state meet in February, LaFever won a championship and the girls team finished as the 5A UIL state runners-up. The boys didn't fare as well, although Evans finished in sixth place.

"Both teams are working very hard to improve on last year's performance," Harrison said.

In October, Azle's boys and girls wrestling teams began practicing for the fall season and have seen "tons of growth," Harrison said.

## RODEO

FROM PAGE 1B

Azle is riding tall in the saddle heading into its host weekend. Azle is No. 1 team in the NTHSRA, where roughly 80 teams compete to be the best.

In the Nov. 5 rodeo, held in Mansfield, Azle's Hevenli Scribner placed second in walk-up goat tying, with Molly Rodda close behind in third place. Laurel Allred finished fifth, and Caitlyn Colley was eighth. All four girls added points to the team total.

Other performances included:

Scribner placed seventh in barrels; Wyatt Allison earned sixth in chute dogging; Allred and Lindsey-Kay Reichert placed second and third respectively in poles; and Jesus Leyva and Kasen Scarlato earned sev-

enth place in team roping.

On Oct. 28-29, Azle displayed more dominance in the arena at an event hosted by Weatherford's team. Azle athletes scored more points than any other team and "didn't let a little mud and rain stop them from earning some of the top spots in their events," Kristy Scribner said.

Hevenli Scribner earned All-Around Cowgirl honors for that weekend, winning first place in poles, and placing second in walk-up goats and third in barrels.

Allred placed second in ride-up goats and poles, and Christiana Pitts was seventh in walk-up goats.

Kylan Hankins fetched third place in bull riding.

Leyva and Scarlato earned third place in team roping.

Reichert finished fifth in barrels.

Allison earned sixth place in chute dogging.



KRISTY SCRIBNER  
Christiana Pitts gives a thumbs-up sign after competing in a sloppy arena during the Oct. 18-19 rodeo in Saginaw.



PHOTO BY JEFF PRINCE  
Azle Christian players run through a banner at the start of the area title game against Heritage on Nov. 11.

## ACS

FROM PAGE 1B

"The amount of work this team has sacrificed and put in from the weight room to seven-on-seven to conditioning is made specifically for November-December football. I'm very proud of

the team's performance. There was some adversity with the cold, but after we got warmed up a little, they executed the game plan perfectly."

The Crusaders dominated the second half. The offense scored 40 more points, and the defense prevented Heritage from scoring any.

Final score: ACS 77, Heritage Christian 28  
Camden Logan rushed 13 times for 334 yds and made a dozen tackles on defense.

A.J. Rollins carried the ball three times for 56 yards and made two interceptions, including a pick-six.

Drew Skartvedt made three receptions for 72 yds

and two TDs.

Levi Morrow and Jake Skartvedt led the defense with 14 tackles apiece, and Bill Johnson added 11 more.

Azle Christian (9-2) plays Lubbock Kingdom Prep (8-3) for the quarterfinal championship at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Gorilla Stadium in Trent.



KRISTY SCRIBNER  
Kylan Hankins placed third in bull riding.



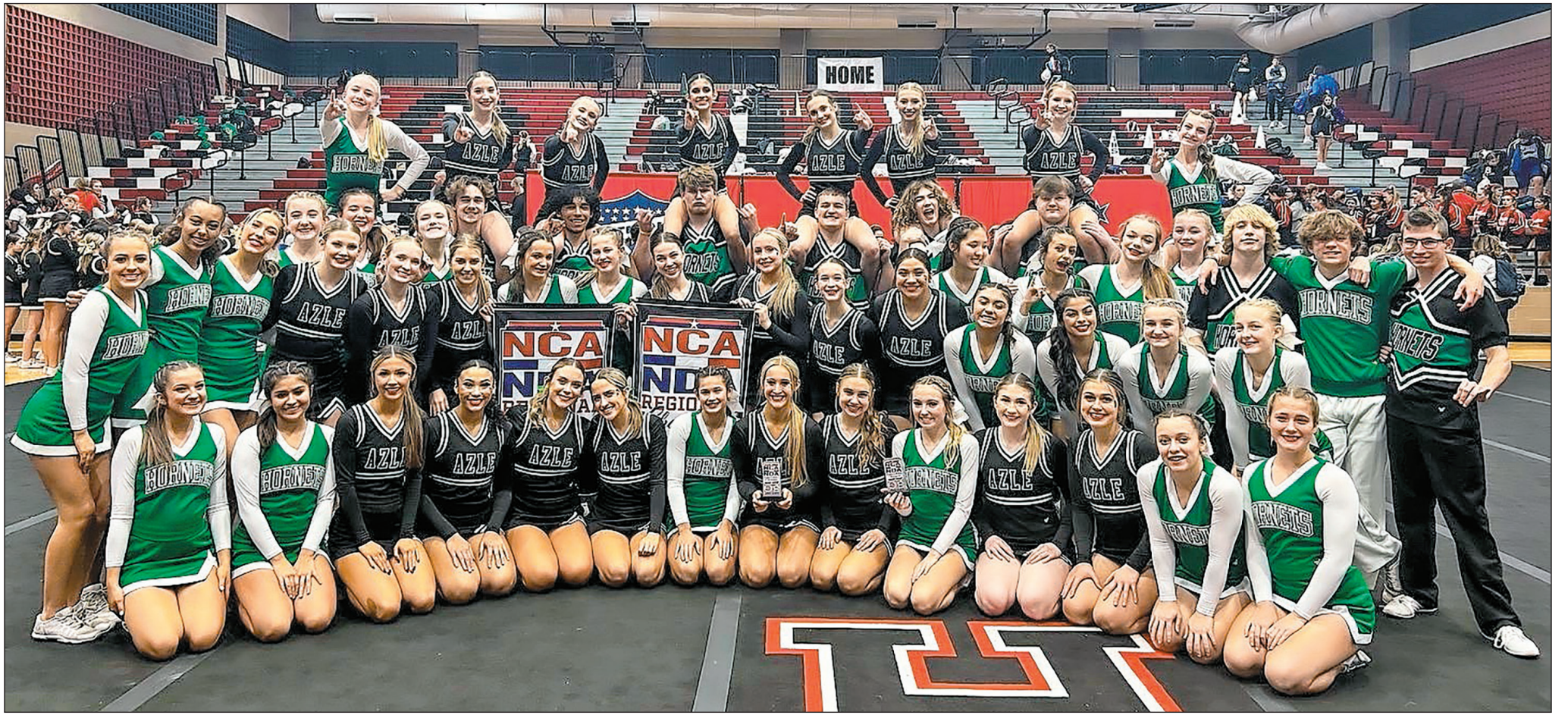


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# Congratulations Azle Cheer! NCA Regional Cheer Champs

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## Experiential gifts for kids

The popularity of experiential gifts is undeniable. In its 2021 Winter Holiday Shopping Report, the market research firm Mintel revealed that nearly half of individuals surveyed for the report felt that experiential gifts are superior to tangible items. Such preferences are something holiday shoppers can keep in mind as they pursue the perfect gift for their loved ones.

Experiential gifts are often associated with adults and their bucket lists, but kids have much to gain from being gifted experiences as well. In addition to the lasting memories inspired by experiential gifts, such offerings also get kids up and out of the house. Parents recognize that's not always so easy in the digital age.

Though children likely don't have a bucket list that can make it easy for holiday shoppers to find the perfect experiential gift, the following are a number of experiences that kids of all ages can enjoy.

- A day at the zoo
- A trip to a trampoline park or bouncy house facility
- Tickets to a sporting event, concert or live show
- Music lessons
- A paint and sip (juice) event with one or both parents
- Cooking lessons
- A day at a nearby national park
- A camping trip
- Horseback riding lessons
- A day at a nearby amusement park
- A day at a local arcade

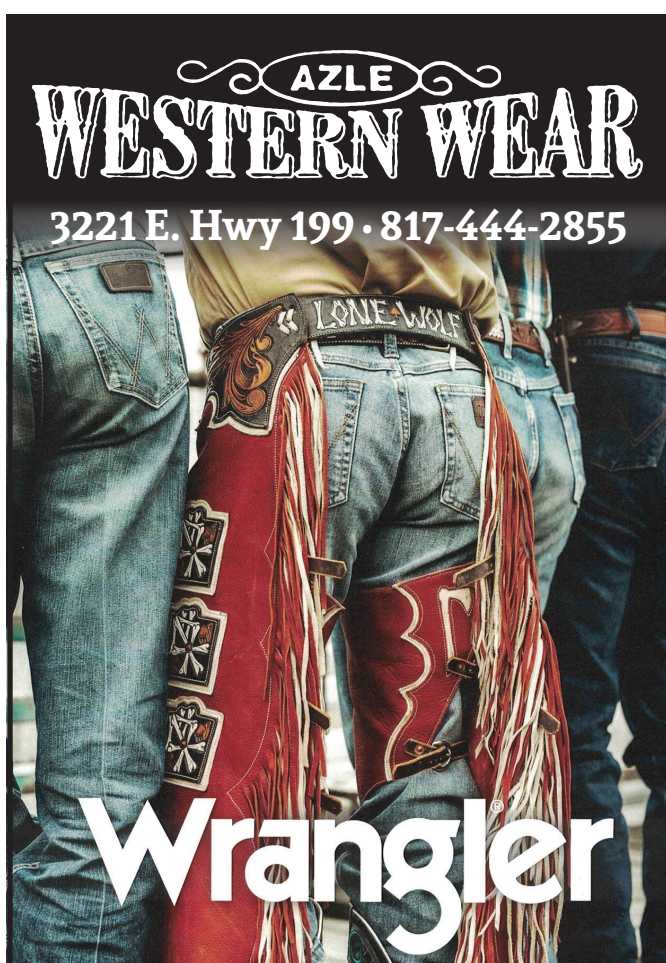
- A day at a local museum with interactive exhibits
- A helicopter ride
- Art lessons
- A day on the ski slopes
- A day on the beach
- Gymnastics lessons/classes
- A day at the local bowling alley with friends
- Ice skating lessons
- A round of mini golf
- Jewelry-making lessons/classes
- A fishing trip on a nearby body of water

There's no shortage of experiences that can benefit children's lives. That's something holiday shoppers can keep in mind as they shop for the perfect gifts for youngsters on their shopping list this December.



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Many people enjoy baking come the holiday season, and perhaps no dish is more synonymous with holiday baking than cookies. Children leave cookies out for Santa Claus on Christmas Eve, while adults may indulge and enjoy an extra cookie or two at family gatherings or holiday office parties.

Cookies come in all shapes and sizes, so bakers have an array of options at their disposal when planning their holiday menus. Chocolate chip cookies may be among the most popular types of cookies, and bakers who want to capitalize on that popularity while giving loved ones something a little different may want to try the following recipe for 'Double Chocolate Chip Cookies' from Maxine Clark's 'Chocolate: Deliciously Indulgent Recipes for Chocolate Lovers' (Ryland, Peters & Small).

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Using an electric mixer, cream the butter and sugars together until pale and fluffy. Beat in the egg and vanilla essence.

Sift the flour with the cocoa

and salt in a small bowl. Fold into the egg mixture with the chocolate chips.

Place 4 heaping table-spoonsfuls of the mixture on the prepared baking sheet, spacing them well apart. Press down and spread out to about ¼-inch thick with the back of a wet spoon or with

dampened fingers (you may like to scatter some more chocolate chips over the top). Bake for 10 to 12 minutes. Let cool on the baking sheet for 1 minute, then transfer to a wire rack. When cool, store in an airtight container. Repeat with the remaining mixture.

## DOUBLE CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

Makes about 12 large cookies

5 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened

5 tablespoons granulated sugar

5 tablespoons light brown sugar, sifted

1 large egg, beaten

½ teaspoon pure vanilla essence or chocolate extract (see note)

1 cup plus 2 tablespoons self-rising flour

3 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa

¼ teaspoon salt

2/3 cup (or more) dark and white (or milk) chocolate chips (or roughly chopped chocolate)

A heavy, nonstick baking sheet

# Tips to prepare to host holiday guests

They're back! Family, friends and acquaintances are once again taking up residence on cots and fold-out sofas across the country as loved ones gather to celebrate the holiday season. That's welcome news nearly three years after a pandemic first restricted such gatherings. But hosts must ask themselves: Am I ready to host house guests?

Travel is a big component of the holiday season. According to a 2021 survey by The Vacationer, a travel tip and vacation guide, nearly 63 percent of Americans age 18 or older planned to travel for at least one holiday in 2021, with most traveling in December. That marked a 37 percent increase in travel from a year prior. Holiday travel for 2022 may be even higher as families adapt to life during the pandemic.

As individuals get ready to host holiday guests, here are some strategies to maximize space and make guests feel comfortable.

- Discuss plans in advance.

Every traveler is different. Some people thrive on making lists and following itineraries. Others fly by the seat of their pants. It's reasonable to ask potential house guests how they envision their visit, including if they plan to stay long and if it will include sleeping over. This way you can make accommodations accordingly, particularly if guests request to borrow a vehicle or want to see the sights.

- Create some extra privacy. While some homes are equipped to handle guests comfortably, smaller homes may not be equipped with such luxuries. Folding screens can be used to create a barrier and add some privacy in open spaces where guests will be staying.

- Stash away travel samples. Travel-sized soaps, shampoos and lotions can make guests feel more welcome. Stock up at the grocery store or pharmacy and leave them in the room where guests will be staying.
- Stock up on new linens.

Treat guests to fresh fluffy towels and new bed linens, especially if it's been awhile since you have restocked these items.

- Ask about food preferences. Your guests may not want to munch on kale chips and tofu hot dogs apart from the holiday meal. Don't push your food restrictions on others. Ask guests what they typically eat and then fill the pantry and refrigerator with some of the items they mention. When guests need snacks, they'll have familiar foods on hand.

- Be mindful of bedtimes. Consider guests' preferences about bedtimes. While you may be a night owl, some guests may hit the hay much earlier, particularly older relatives or those with young children. If need be, make an effort to be quiet when kids or early birds are staying over.

Hosting for the holidays requires a little creativity and flexibility. All that effort is well worth it when loved ones have a good time during their stay.



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- Lantern: Outside magazine recently named the BioLite AlpenGlow 250 as its new favorite road trip item. It can be used in a variety of settings, including inside a tent or at a hunting cabin, and produces customizable illumination.

- Backpack cooler: Yeti is known as a leader in coolers, and the Yeti Hopper Backflip Soft Cooler makes carrying food and beverages



even more convenient. This product is a backpack and a cooler, so it's a hands-free and portable option when out in nature.

- Hiking socks: Keeping feet cool and comfortable is essential on hiking trips. Injinji socks are made from CoolMax fibers that help provide a blister-free wilderness experience designed to minimize friction.

- Waterproof backpack: Whether a loved one spends time in or near the water or just wants to safeguard his or her belongings in inclement weather, a waterproof backpack is the ideal outdoor gift. It's easy to clean and keeps items inside dry. IDRYBAG Waterproof Backpack is one to consider.

- Lightweight sleeping bag: Maybe someone's sleep-

ing gear needs an overhaul? Enlightened Equipment offers an 850-fill, zero-degree sleeping bag that is warm, but only weighs 1.5 pounds. That helps free up space and lessens hikers' loads when carrying gear on the trail.

- Power bank/solar charger: Many people can't live without their devices, even when out in the great outdoors. Since you can't plug a phone into a tree, a portable solar charger and power bank is key. The BioLite SolarPanel 5+ comes with its own built-in battery, so a person can capture the sun's rays during the day and save some power reserves for charging after sunset.

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To help reduce overspray, Wagner Spraytech Spray Shelters are ideal. Small shelter (2½' x 3' x 3¼') and medium shelter (4'7" x 4'7" x 5'6") each have a built-in floor. Large shelter (6' x 9' x 5.5') has no floor so use of a drop cloth underneath is recommended.

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Author Teri Masaschi shows how to choose, use and apply the perfect finish in Foolproof Wood Finishing, Revised Edition. Readers learn step-by-step as they work their way through 51 proven and easy-to-follow finishing exercises.

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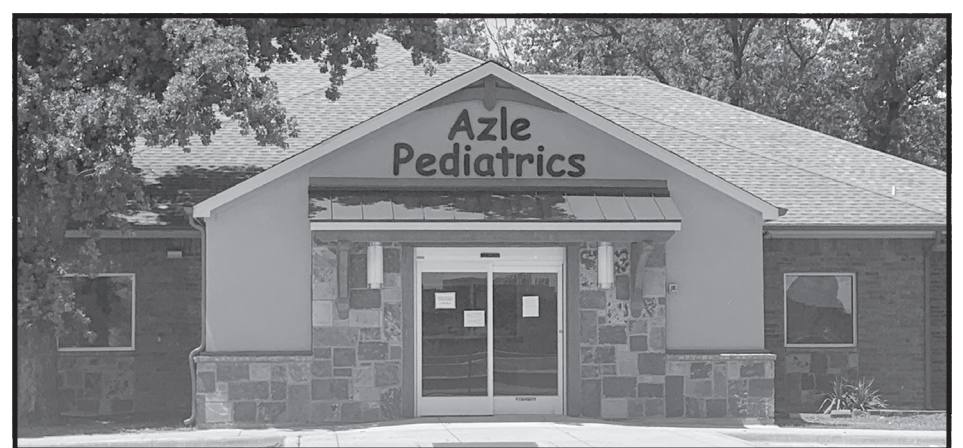
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4. All entries must be postmarked or delivered by noon to Azle Pediatrics, 604 S.E. Parkway, Azle, Texas 76020 on Friday, Dec. 14, 2022
5. All entries become property of Azle Pediatrics.
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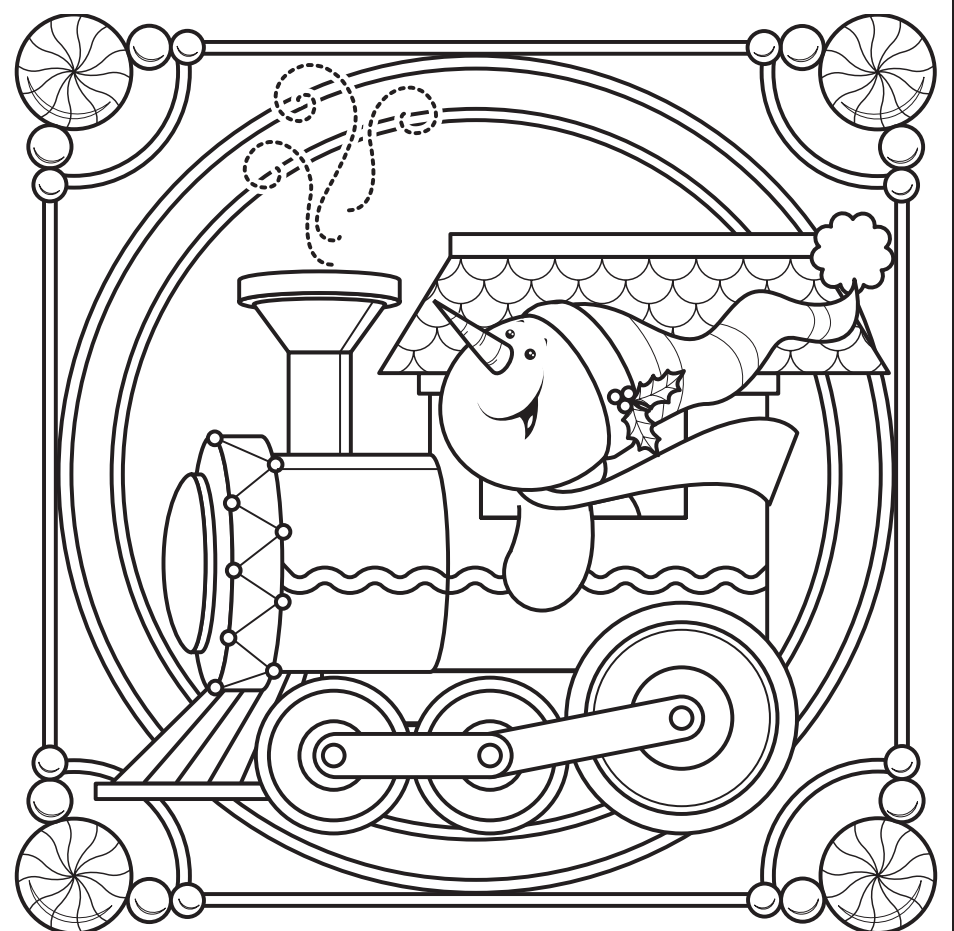
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# How to navigate potential supply shortages this holiday season

The COVID-19 pandemic might not be over, but for much of the world, its darkest days are well in the rear-view mirror. Despite that progress, a few lingering non-medical issues remain, including supply shortages.

Consumers across the globe have been forced to contend with supply shortages since the early days of the pandemic, and that same issue could cause problems this holiday season. Holiday shoppers can consider these tips as they try to navigate their way through another holiday season that could be affected by global supply chain issues.

- **Shop local.** By mid-spring 2022, the National Retail Federation indicated that congestion at ports on the west coast of the United States had lessened significantly. But the NRF noted that the same could not be said for ports on the east coast. Many big box retailers rely on imports to fill their shelves, and that could make it hard for such sellers to deliver

items in time for the holiday season. Shopping local and buying items directly off the shelf can ensure no one is given an IOU this holiday season.

- **Give gift cards.** If shipping estimates make it unlikely that gifts will arrive on time for the holiday season, pivot to gift cards. Put the amount of money you would have spent on the item on the card instead. For example, if an e-reader costs \$150, give a \$150 gift card in its place.

- **Ship directly to recipients.** It might not offer the same heartwarming charm as handing a loved one a gift in person, but shipping gifts directly to their recipients increases the likelihood that the person will receive the gift by Chanukah or Christmas morning. Many online retailers now offer wrapping at additional cost, and shoppers can splurge and have directly shipped gifts wrapped to add a more traditional feel to gift-giving.

- **Give homemade gifts.** Homemade gifts, whether it's



**Not only are goods being held up by labor shortages, but increased bad weather means a container ship can capsize before it reaches its destination, ruining shipments for millions of customers.**

baked goods or crafts, don't need to be shipped, so there's no way such items will spend the holiday season sitting on a ship in a congested port. If

you choose to make crafts, decide early what you want create so you can secure all of the necessary supplies in plenty of time to deliver the

items during Chanukah or on Christmas morning.

Supply shortages could make for a tricky holiday season again this year. Planning

ahead for such shortages can ensure gifts make it into the hands of loved ones without delay.

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- 1 (20 ounce) package miniature pretzels
- 1 (17.5 ounce) package crispy corn cereal squares (such as Corn Chex®)
- 1 (16 ounce) jar salted dry-roasted peanuts
- 1 (14 ounce) package candy-coated milk chocolate pieces (such as M&M's®)
- 24 ounces white chocolate, chopped

### DIRECTIONS

- Cover a large area of counter space with waxed paper and tape it down.
- Mix pretzels, corn cereal, peanuts, and candy-coated milk chocolate pieces together in a large bowl.
- Melt white chocolate in the top of a double boiler over simmering water, stirring frequently and scraping down the sides with a rubber spatula to avoid scorching.
- Pour melted white chocolate over pretzel mixture; stir to evenly coat. Quickly transfer mixture to the prepared waxed paper and spread in a thin layer; let cool completely, at least 30 minutes.
- Break into pieces and store in an airtight container.



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# Gift ideas for the family do-it-yourselfer

Home improvement projects enable homeowners to transform their homes into their ideal living spaces. According to iProperty Management, most homeowners in the United States spent between \$5,000 and \$10,000 improving their homes in 2018. And it doesn't stop there, as home improvement sales are projected to reach \$465 billion in 2022.

Various renovation projects are best left to the professionals. However, many homeowners are eager to get their own hands dirty with various projects, large and small. Having the right tools and gear on hand can make projects go all the more smoothly. Holiday shoppers can consider these ideas as they seek to ensure DIYers have all they need to get the job done.

**Painting time-savers:** Painting requires some basic essentials, from paint trays to rollers to brushes. Projects can be made more efficient with innovative products that help save time and reduce mess. One such item is a paint brush cover, which snaps over wet paintbrushes between coats so they won't dry out or require rinsing. Brushes that cut in easily and others with flexible handles for getting in tight places also make painting projects that much easier.

**Cordless drill:** A mechanical drill makes easy work of assembly projects and general renovations that require screws as fasteners. A cordless rechargeable drill will be easy to maneuver when handling projects away from outlets. Going cord-free also reduces the risk of trips and

falls on errand cords.

**Lawn care subscription service:** Home improvements extend to the exterior. In addition to mowers, trimmers and garden shears, DIYers may benefit from subscription products that improve on property care. These formulations are customized to the specific needs of homeowners' lawn or landscaping greenery and are shipped right to their door.

**Rotary tool kit:** This is one of the most versatile tools homeowners can have on hand. A rotary tool can engrave, grind, sharpen, polish, cut, carve, and more depending on the accessory attachment.

**Multi-use ladder:** A ladder is a necessity for various projects inside and outside the home. One that can transform into an A-frame, scaffold system, staircase ladder and other configurations helps ensure maximum safe reach for the job at hand.

**Composter:** Whether you use an indoor kitchen composter or one designed for outdoor use, being able to generate one's own compost is great for avid gardeners. Compost, often called "black gold," is made from kitchen scraps, leaves and other items that break down into a rich fertilizer.

**Tool box/tool organizer:** Tool storage is a market all its own. It runs the gamut from rolling metal storage containers to plastic or metal boxes to canvas bags to plastic molded curated kits. Tool organizer kits also come at various price points, so it's easy for shoppers to choose one that fits their budgets.

**Organizing units:**



Home improvement projects enable homeowners to transform their homes into their ideal living spaces.

Organizing units are available in prefabricated kits that are easily assembled when needed, as well as custom-made products that are installed by a professional. They may be an option for a handy person looking to organize tools and other items for home repairs.

Do-it-yourselfers can be even more handy with tools geared toward their interests and repair needs.

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# Great gifts for school-aged children



These gift ideas can appeal to school-aged youngsters at a time in their lives when their curiosity is always piqued.

Successful shopping for adults on a holiday list often involves identifying a loved one's favorite hobby and then finding something that makes that hobby even more enjoyable. For example, a new e-reader can be just what the family bookworm needs to make reading even more immersive.

School-aged children may not be so simple to shop for, as their interests are always evolving and they tend to outgrow toys as quickly as their growing bodies outgrow their clothes. No two kids are the same, but these gift ideas can appeal to school-aged youngsters at a time in their lives when their curiosity is always piqued.

STEM gifts: Parents know that the term ÖSTEMÓ is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. These academic disciplines have gained heightened importance over the last couple of decades, and many toy manufacturers now make products that reinforce STEM lessons kids learn in the classroom in a fun way.

STEM-based toys are available for kids of all ages, including children who are still in diapers.

Nature-based gifts: Many parents do everything they can to reduce the amount of time their kids spend looking at screens, which is a tall order in the digital era. But various manufacturers produce toys designed to help kids be more physically active in the great outdoors. From age-appropriate binoculars that encourage kids to explore natural settings to birdhouses and fairy gardens kids can build and paint in their favorite colors, shoppers can choose from a host of nature-based gifts that encourage kids to get away from their screens and enjoy the great outdoors.

Board games: Board games remain a wonderful way for kids to learn and have fun doing it. Board games are made for kids of all ages, and they're not just fun, but also beneficial to early childhood development. For example, clinical psychologist Beatrice Tauber Prior, Psy.D. noted to the children's book publisher

and distributor Scholastic that board games requiring strategy help the frontal lobes of the brain develop. Those lobes are responsible for planning, organizing and decision-making. Board games also provide opportunities for families to spend quality time together free from distractions.

Cookbooks: Cookbooks are another great gift for school-aged youngsters, who can learn a lot from pitching in at dinnertime. Children who cook with their parents can learn valuable lessons about nutrition and measuring ingredients can reinforce lessons learned in the classroom. Shoppers can choose from any number of cookbooks designed for kids, and even children as young as two can pitch in when baking cookies or preparing family meals.

Shopping for school-aged children during the holiday season can be made easier with some suggestions that can reinforce classroom lessons while keeping the focus on fun.



## Safety first when buying toys for children this holiday season

December is a special time of year for children, millions of whom await the arrival of Santa Claus and the bounty of toys he delivers each year. When buying holiday gifts for youngsters, adults must consider safety. According to the Alliance for Children and Families, approximately 217,000 children are treated at hospital emergency rooms for toy-related injuries each year. Holiday shoppers are urged to stick to age-related recommendations on product packaging and avoid toys that do not contain the ATSM (American Society for Testing and Materials) label.



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# Avoid these 4 charity scams

Charitable giving grew in 2021. According to Blackbaud Institute, a social good innovator, giving not only increased after COVID-19, but actually rebounded more than it had in a decade – increasing in the United States by 9 percent overall.

Annual private philanthropy as a percentage of GDP is about 1.44 percent in the United States. Philanthropy Roundtable reports that rate in Canada is 0.77 percent.

People tend to give the most to charity at the end of the year. While legitimate organizations may step up their solicitation of donations at this time, scammers also realize the months of November and December is prime giving season. So many scammers increase their deceptive tactics to cheat unsuspecting individuals at this time of year. Here are four common charity scams that every prospective donor should be

aware of.

1. Impersonating another charity

Most philanthropic groups have an online presence in some shape or form. Scammers will replicate the look of the charitable group's website or social media account, or may contact you through email or text to solicit funds. Thinking it is a legitimate charity, you may follow a link to enter donation information.

To avoid this scam, do not click on any links. Rather, enter the exact email address of a charity, if you know it, or use a trusted resource like Charity Navigator for contact information. If you're still leery about online transactions, call the charity and ask to be sent a donation statement in the mail, which you should be able to mail back postage-paid.

2. The hard sell

A legitimate charity is happy to welcome a donation any

time you're able to give it. A scam operation may employ a hard sell or a deadline by which the donation must be made. In addition, a fraudulent 'charity' might ask for payment only by cash, gift card or wire transfer (because it is difficult to trace), and this should raise a red flag that something is amiss.

3. A thank-you for your donation

AARP warns that some scammers will send you a thank-you for a donation that you supposedly already made to entice you to give again. This is designed to lower your inhibitions about a soliciting charity. It's always a good idea to keep records of charitable giving, especially for tax-related reporting, so you can easily verify if you gave to a group in the past.

4. Cryptocurrency wallet  
As methods of making payments change, scam groups often ride the wave. The Federal Trade Commission



learned that when the government of Ukraine announced it would be accepting donations to support their efforts via a cryptocurrency wallet, scammers started getting in on the action. But instead of

the funds getting sent to the government's wallet, the donations headed to a private wallet.

Always conduct an online search of the wallet address to confirm that money is be-

ing sent to the right place. Typically you can't reverse cryptocurrency payments, so due diligence is required.

Individuals need to be extra cautious with charitable giving to avoid common scams.



## Gifts to rev auto lovers' engines

Since they first became widely available in the early 20th century, cars have inspired no small number of passionate devotees. Some people simply can't resist the thrills of the open road, while others love driving because of the sense of independence it provides. Regardless of what inspires their passions, come the holiday season, auto enthusiasts undoubtedly would be excited to unwrap these auto-related gifts.

· Car wash kit: It's one thing to drive, and another thing entirely to drive a car that looks like it's fresh off the dealership lot. Car wash kits come in various sizes,

so they're ideal for holiday shoppers working with various budgets. Kits may include wet wax, wheel gel, glass cleaner, a short handle brush, and microfiber towels, among other supplies. Each accessory within the kit can make cars or trucks shine and look as good as new.

· Mechanics' tool kit: Many car lovers enjoy working on their vehicles almost as much as they love driving them. That makes a mechanic's tool kit a must-have for auto enthusiasts. Like car wash kits, mechanics' kits are ideal gifts because they can suit shoppers working with various budgets. Extensive

kits include all the tools car lovers need, from ratchets to extension bars to sockets and more, to spend a fun day working in the garage.

· Tire inflator: All those miles on the open road is bound to catch up with tires over time, and a portable tire inflator can ensure tires are always properly inflated. Cordless varieties are popular, but so are options that can be plugged into vehicle lighters. Either way, this is a must-have item for anyone who puts a lot of miles on their vehicle.

· Autocross lesson: Of course, gifts for auto lovers needn't be restricted to help-

ing them take care of their own cars. Autocross lessons can teach drivers the finer points of timed competitions while enabling them to get behind the wheel of an exotic car they've dreamed of driving. Autocross schools typically have classes for drivers with experience as well as novices, making this a fun gift for anyone who wants to take the thrill of driving to the next level.

There's no shortage of gift ideas to please the auto enthusiast on your holiday shopping list this year. There's something for everyone who loves being behind the wheel.



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Azle Manor Health Care  
Azle Marketing  
Azle Masonic Lodge #601  
Azle Memorial Library/ Azle Library Trust  
Azle Outriders  
Azle Paint & Body  
Azle Pediatrics  
Azle Police Officer's Association  
Azle Vision Source  
Azle Western Wear  
B & C Transmission & Automotive Repair  
Barto Electric  
Be Well Primary Care Medicine  
Bellaire North Investments, Inc.  
BFF's Mobile Petting Zoo  
BKV  
Boy Scouts of America Troop 243  
Brace Chiropractic & Wellness Center, LLC

Bransom Real Estate  
Brenda Price Trucking  
Briercroft Roofing  
Bronson Heritage Chiropractic  
Brookshire's  
Building 22  
BullDawg Electric Company, LLC  
Bumble Bee Occasions  
Bunero, Debbie CPA  
Burkes Outlet  
Burton Trophy Co.  
Buzzworks Creations  
C & E Storage  
Cactus Hill Farm  
Caitlyn's Catering  
Camp Gladiator  
Capermaum First Century Village  
Care N Care Insurance Company  
Carl Russell- Marsha Hardin Real Estate  
CASA of Parker County  
CDI - Commercial Door Installers  
Century 21-Alliance Property  
Ceramic Store  
Chick-Fil-A Lake Worth  
Christian Brothers Automotive  
Christie Wethington, Realtor Clearfork Group Realty  
City of Azle  
City of Pelican Bay  
City of Reno  
Classic Pest Control  
Clearfork Group Realty  
Cliff's Springtown Auto Service, Inc.  
Comet Cleaners  
Community Caring Center  
Community National Bank & Trust of Texas  
Community Waste Disposal  
Cooper's Personal Training  
Corn Fed Catering & Fine Foods  
Cornerstone Child Care, LTD  
Craniums Learning Center, LLC  
Crave  
Cross Timbers Golf Course  
Crossing Fellowship  
Custom Thread Art  
Damon Liles Insurance Agency, Inc.  
Dean & Jane Peyton D.O.  
Diamond Tutoring  
Double L Plumbing  
Dr. Joseph S. McCreary, III  
Durham & Galindo, PLLC  
Dynamic Solar  
Eagle Crest Villa  
Eagle Mountain Lake Getaway  
Eagle Mountain Pregnancy Help Center  
Eagle Mountain Realty  
Eagle Mountain Veterinary Clinic  
Eagle Mt. Memorial VFW #2137  
Edward Jones - Jake Crawford  
Edward Jones - Leon Williams  
EECU Credit Union  
El Paseo Restaurant  
Esign Title, LLC  
Farris Design Group, LLC  
Fidelity National Title Agency  
First Baptist Church of Azle  
First United Methodist Church  
First United Mortgage Group  
Forged IT Services, LLC  
Fortitude Financial Coaching, LLC.  
Fossil Pointe Sporting Grounds  
Foxglove & Fern Esthetics  
Frontier Communications

Future, Hope & Healing Center  
G. L. Hunt Foundation Repair  
Garcia Tire & Automotive  
Genesis Jiu Jitsu Azle  
Good N.E.W.S. Living At Home/Block Nurse Program  
Gregory Treat, PLLC  
Grizzly's Zen Den  
H & R Block  
Haley Carter State Farm  
Hefestus Fine Arts  
Herring Bank  
Hobbs Heating & Air  
Hogle's Insurance Group  
Holy Trinity Catholic Church  
Hometown Self Storage  
Hope Lutheran Church  
Hope's Bazaar  
Hornet Football Booster Club  
Integrated Machinery Solutions, LLC  
INTEGRITY TAXPROS  
It's Closing Time Realty  
J & J Party Jumpers  
Jack Stevens  
Janet Stevens  
Janice Flory  
Janie Lee-Marsha Hardin Real Estate  
Janie Rector  
Jeremy Gregory  
Jim Stevens Photography  
Joe Rider Propane  
Joe's Pizza and Pasta  
Judge Christopher Gregory  
JumpPro's DFW Texas  
Justice of the Peace-Kirk Martin  
K E Rentals  
Kat3 Water Mitigation  
Katie's Car Wash  
Kipwicks Candle Lab  
Kona Ice Northwest DFW  
KWH Energy Solutions -  
KWH Consulting Services LTD  
Kyrstin Daniels State Farm  
Lake Worth Premier Eye Care-Dr. Jeffrey Crabtree  
Lakewood Log Home Lodging  
Lakeside Plaza  
Larry's Carpet  
Laura's Pharmacy  
Law Office of Ronda S Haynes, PLLC  
Leadership Northwest  
Legacy Church  
Legacy Oaks of Azle  
Legal Shield  
Leslie Dawn Phillips  
Lighthouse Fellowship  
Lighthouse Residential Roofing, LLC  
Lindsay Ellis State Farm  
Lisa Rener - Realtor, Clearfork Group Realty  
Live Long and Optimize  
Long Dog Yard Art  
Long Ears Coffee 3, LLC  
Lorghorn Termite & Pest Control  
MaddLogic LLC  
March Roofing  
Marcy Pinkston, Attorney at Law  
Marsha Hardin Real Estate  
Massage By Lydia  
Mattress Guys  
Maverick Computer Services  
Maw-Maw's Treats  
McDonalds  
MCDREGroup Keller Williams

Meals on Wheels, Inc. of Tarrant County  
Melville Excavating, Inc.  
Metro Plex Fabrication and Erection, LLP  
Michael Wright - Clark Real Estate Group  
Mike's Westside Rental  
Moore Texas Realty  
Morrison Supply Co. Br. 60  
Mortgage Financial Services  
Moses Druyman- Compass, RE  
Motley Automotive  
Mystical Blades  
Nancy Russell - Realtor KW  
Nation's Pure Water Systems  
NBT Financial Bank  
New Vista Travel, LLC  
NorthStar-Team, Better Homes and Gardens, Winans  
Northwest Physical Therapy  
Hornet Rentals  
Northwest YMCA  
Office on Main  
Oncor Electric Delivery  
One Hour Air Conditioning and Heating  
Parker County Commissioner-George Conley  
Parker County Constable - Ray Wright  
Parker County Sheriff - Russ Authier  
Paul S. Crabtree, CPA, PLLC-Tax, Accounting & Business Advisory  
Paws to Consider, LLC  
Payne Appraisal, LLC  
PC-Cell Fixx  
Pinnacle Bank  
Pinnacle Civil Services, LLC  
Probuild Construction, Ltd.  
Prosperity Bank  
Protect Thyself Services  
PTX Wellness and Performance Therapy  
PurEmerald Floor Care, LLC  
Rae's Bookkeeping  
Ray Ivey  
Rainbow Inn Gift Shop - Texas Health Harris Azle  
Reata West Apartments  
Redemption Barbell  
Reds Bar B Que  
Red's Burger House  
Reimagined Remodeling and Roofing  
Reliable Year-Round Tax Services  
Resource Lighting, LLC  
Retro Real Estate Fort Worth  
Rhino Waste Removal  
Rise and Clean  
RnR Event Center  
Rockwell American  
Ronnie Feemster  
Rouel Rothenberger  
Roys Barber & Style Shop  
RS Roofing  
Rural Gas Supply  
S. Grace Neal, Neal Legal, P.C.  
Safe Harbor Counseling Center, Inc.  
Salon Galleria  
Segue Health Partners  
Sente Mortgage  
Service First Mortgage "The Hayes Team"  
Servolution Network  
Silva's Insurance Agency  
Silver Creek United Methodist Church  
Silver Dollar Customs  
Simply the Best! Bookkeeping and Business Solutions  
Smokey T's BBQ  
Son Shine Ministries  
Sonic Drive In - Azle

Sorrells Custom Homes  
Sorrow Family Insurance  
South Estates Realty  
Southern Honey Giftique  
Southwestern Comfort Air and Heat, LLC  
SporTherapy Azle  
Stacey's Mobile Notary Services  
State Representative - Charlie Geren  
State Representative - Glenn Rogers  
Steve's Notary Service  
Stonagate Center  
Straight Shooter Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc.  
Strickland Heating and Air  
Surepoint Emergency Center Azle  
Survivors Studio  
Surton Printing Company  
Tactical Taxes Etc, LLC  
Tarrant County College NW Campus  
Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition  
Texas Classic Insurance  
Texas Crushed Creations  
Texas Designer Flooring, LLC  
Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Azle  
Texas Karate Institute Select  
Texas Turbine, Inc.  
The Abbey Church  
The Azle News  
The Church at Azle  
The Coffee Stop  
The Cut- Azle  
The Edge Church Azle  
The Glow Bar  
The Hive  
The Old Liberty Schoolhouse  
The Orchard Event Venue & Retreat  
The Porch Resale Shoppe  
The Ranch Cowboy Country Church  
The SEAL Group at JPAR  
The Shaken Baby Alliance  
The Wellness Company  
The Word @ Lakeside  
Timco Plumbing  
Tims Towing  
Tommy's Shop  
Town and Country Veterinary Clinic  
Tri-County Electric Cooperative  
Trinity Territory, LLC  
Triple M Storm Shelters, LLC  
TX Glazing  
Tyler A. Harden, Attorney, P.C./Stewart Title  
UCEUS Corp.  
Union Home Mortgage  
Upbring  
Upbring Head Start  
Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District  
Ussery Insurance Services - Farmers Insurance  
Valerie Noia-exp Realty  
Veralux Homes  
Victory Christian Center  
Wal-Mart  
Wells Wrecker Service  
Werry Theory Embroidery & Screen Printing  
Western Cross Ranch  
Whataburger, Inc.  
WHITECO Controls  
White Beard's BBQ  
White's Funeral Home  
WOLF Construction  
Workforce Solutions - Weatherford  
Yates Taqueria  
Yates Createria  
Young Sprouts Creative Learning Center, LLC