

SHS senior's Eagle Scout project provides place for discarded flags



PHOTO BY DON MUNSCHE

Hunter Morgan demonstrates his retired flag box to Alan Brundrett.

BY DON MUNSCHE
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A Springtown High School senior was honored at the Azle City Council's Oct. 18 meeting, when he revealed his Eagle Scout project that

was donated to the city. Hunter Morgan, 17, who belongs to Boy Scout Troop 147 based in Azle and sponsored by VFW 2137, is pursuing his Eagle Scout rank. Boy Scouts

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PHOTO BY CARLA NOAH STUTSMAN

Monday's generous rains came a day too late to help firefighters battle a blaze that took the life of a recently retired Haltom City police corporal. The cause of the fire, at a home in Deer Ridge Estates Sunday morning, remains under investigation.

Deer Ridge structure fire takes life of retired Haltom City officer

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A recently retired Haltom City police officer lost his life Sunday in a structure fire at his home in Deer Ridge Estates south of Azle.

While the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office has not officially confirmed his identity, a post on the Haltom City Police

Department's Facebook page Sunday afternoon announced it was Cpl. Tony Miller, 62, who died in the fire.

Parker County Fire Marshal Sean Hughes said the initial call was dispatched about 10:20 a.m. Sunday. When the first fire agencies arrived at the scene, the structure was already "well-involved" with fire, and very windy con-

ditions contributed to the spread and intensity of the flames, Hughes added.

"Upon arrival and after making entry into the structure, fire crews located a victim, whose body was later transported to the Medical Examiner's Office for positive identification," Hughes explained. "The investigation into the cause of the fire is ongoing."

Miller's wife was at home at the time of the fire but was able to escape without injury, Hughes said. The home was declared a total loss.

According to Parker County ESD #1 Assistant Fire Chief David Pruitt, the first alarm assignment sent Silver Creek Fire Station's

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Whatever floats his boat



PHOTO BY DON MUNSCHE

Gill Boatman stands outside his home in Azle. He was promoted to captain in the U.S. Naval Reserve in 1974 and retired from the Naval Reserve in 1978.

Boating has been a longtime love for Gill Boatman

BY DON MUNSCHE
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Sometimes one possesses the right name for a duty, job or hobby.

Gill Boatman fits that bill - he served in the U.S. Navy and was on a destroyer, which can certainly be described as a large boat. Plus, boating has been a longtime love for Boatman.

Boatman, 91, of Azle served in the Navy during the Korean War in his WESTPAC deployments.

"I just enjoyed the Navy," he said. "When I was a kid, right after World War II was over, a friend of the family came by and visited with us and he had been in the Navy and we got to talking and he told me what a great deal it was to be in the middle of the ocean on a Navy ship. He talked about how much he enjoyed it. I kind of (liked) that, and thought that's what I wanted to do. So that's what I did."

He enjoyed his time in the Navy and appreciated the schooling he received.

"I was married part of the time I was in the Navy - and that's kind of a downer, but we got over it," he said, sharing his sense of humor dur-

EDITOR'S NOTE: First of two stories recognizing area military veterans before the release of the special supplement on Nov 9.

ing an interview at his home.

Boatman has been born in a place - Roxana, Oklahoma - that no longer exists, according to a biography provided to the News. The town was a "product of oil field activity in the area at that time," the bio stated. Boatman's father worked at a nearby gasoline plant.

Because of his father's job, Boatman's family moved around a bit while Gill was a child, including an eventual move to Electra, near Wichita Falls, and then Wichita Falls. After high school graduation in 1948, Gill would attend Hardin College and then eventually Midwestern State University. (The school went through a name change in 1950.) Also after high school, he served in the Reserve Officers Training School in California for two summers, and when he received his de-

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City of Azle Trunk or Treat

Azle Central Park Oct. 29, 4-6 p.m.

Crossing Fellowship Fall Festival

120 E. Main St., Azle Oct. 29, 12-3 p.m.

Azle Christian Church Trunk or Treat

117 Church St., Azle Oct. 30, 7 p.m.
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First United Methodist Church Azle

200 Church St., Azle Oct. 30, 5 p.m.

Springtown Church of Christ Trunk or Treat

316 Church St., Springtown Oct. 30, 6-8 p.m.

Ash Creek Baptist Church Fall Festival

300 S. Stewart St., Azle 6-8 p.m., Oct. 31

First Baptist Azle

Light Night and Pumpkin Patch

1017 Boyd Rd., Azle Oct. 31, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

New Hope Baptist Trunk or Treat

782 New Hope Rd., Reno Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

Springtown Trunk or Treat

109 W. 3rd St., Springtown Oct. 31, 5-6:30 p.m.

Azle woman dies in crash

Donisha Harris worked as a cafeteria manager at Forte Junior High School

FROM STAFF REPORTS

An Azle woman who worked for the Azle ISD died in a two-vehicle crash on Oct. 15 in Jack County.

Donisha J. Harris, 55, died at the scene, according to a Department of Public Safety report. She was a passenger in a car driven by Brian R. Harris, 56, of Azle. The crash happened at 10:10 p.m. on State Highway 199, 7 miles northeast of Perrin.

The news release stated that a 2019 Dodge Ram pickup, driven by Heather E. Reed, 27, of Bridgeport was northbound on FM 2210 and approached the intersection of FM 2210 and SH 199. Reed failed to yield the right-of-

way at the stop intersection to Brian Harris's 2018 Nissan Titan, which was traveling on SH 199 from the northeast. The collision caused the Titan to overturn and come to rest in the barrow ditch.

Brian Harris was transported to a local hospital for undisclosed injuries. Reed was treated and released for undisclosed injuries, DPS reported.

Donisha Harris worked as a cafeteria manager at Forte Junior High School, said Amanda Moore, communications director with AISD. The school sent notifications to families and staff about Donisha Harris and provided counselors on Oct. 17.

BOATMAN

FROM PAGE 1A

gree from Midwestern, he received his commission as an ensign and got orders to go to active duty with the Navy at the Electronics Material School on Treasure Island, California.

After he finished electronics school, he reported aboard the USS Henderson, a Navy destroyer based in San Diego. He served in several capacities on the ship: electrical officer, electronics material officer and electronics countermeasures officer. He served in the Naval Reserve until his retirement in 1978.

He married Nancy Ruth Jones in 1953. She died in 2002. They had two daughters: Barbara Boatman and Sara Langston. He has two grandchildren: Robert and Brad Langston and one great-granddaughter, Lyndon.

After his active duty requirements, Gill worked for Texas Electric Service Company in Wichita Falls as a commercial and indus-

trial sales representative. He eventually transferred to Big Spring and Fort Worth and later retired from the company in 1992 after 37 years of service.

"They were a good outfit," he said about Texas Electric, quickly adding the company didn't pay well but it was "nice to work with them."

He bought his current property in 1967 and the family moved into the house the next year. As far as what keeps him busy these days, he said he rests a lot and does still mow the yard.

"We've got 10 acres here now, so it takes a while to get it all mowed," he said. "I can mow a little bit every day to kind of keep up."

He also loves to boat and is active in the America's Boating Club, a boating club of which he is lifetime member and still attends functions for that group.

Sara and Barbara grew up on boats.

"We always had a boat," Barbara said. "When we lived in Big Spring, he built a boat in the backyard - a sailboat."

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Drug charge verdicts, sentences affirmed

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The 2021 jury verdicts and resulting 45-year prison sentences for a Burleson man convicted of three felony drug charges in Parker County district court will stand after a recent appeals court ruling, according to the Parker County District Attorney's Office.

In an opinion released last week, the Second Court of Appeals in Fort Worth affirmed the convictions of Nathaniel Kyle Furstonberg, 39, for possessing 17 grams of methamphetamine with intent to deliver as well as for possessing smaller amounts of oxycodone and hydromorphone. The court

also affirmed the sentences issued by District Judge Graham Quisenberry on each case of 45, 10, and 10 years, respectively.

"Due to Mr. Furstonberg's extensive criminal history, including eight prior felony convictions and 13 misdemeanor convictions, his punishment range was enhanced," District Attorney Jeff Swain stated in a news release. "We are glad that the efforts of our prosecutors, law enforcement partners, the jury and Judge Quisenberry were affirmed."

The news release stated the case began in May 2019 as a routine traffic stop by Azle Police Department for

Azle police conducted stop on Burleson man

a defective license plate light. After the officers saw an open, cold beer in the center console and a baggie with drug residue on the floorboard, they began a search for contraband. The dashboard stereo, which was designed for easy removal, concealed a baggie with 17 grams of methamphetamine, six oxycodone pills, two hydromorphone pills, a baggie of marijuana, and a glass marijuana pipe.

"This case involved both elements of the meth problem Texans have been facing for

decades as well as the deadly opioid epidemic we have been dealing with for the last few years," Assistant District Attorney Mallory Vincent said in the release. "Both oxycodone and hydromorphone are powerful opioids. While both can be lawfully prescribed by a doctor for pain relief, most prescriptions aren't kept behind a car radio in a plastic bag alongside large quantities of meth."

A Parker County Sheriff's Office narcotics investigator with 18 years of experience testified that, in his opin-

ion, the amount of methamphetamine as well as the extra baggies found in Furstonberg's vehicle showed the drugs were intended for sale.

In his appeal, Furstonberg contended that the evidence presented by the prosecution was legally insufficient to support a conviction.

"When examining a legal insufficiency claim, appellate courts view the evidence in the light most favorable to the jury's decision and see if any rational jury could find that it proved the defendant

guilty beyond a reasonable doubt," Assistant District Attorney Tom Mitchell, who handled the appeal for the prosecution, stated in the release. "In this case, the court of appeals found that it was sufficient."

"Mr. Furstonberg will be eligible for parole when his actual time served plus his good time credit equals 11 years," Swain said. "Once he becomes parole eligible, the decision to keep him in prison or release him on parole will be up to the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles."

Council gets rundown of public services data

BY DON MUNSCH

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Azle City Council at its meeting last week heard an update about functions at the public works department.

Rick White, public services director, discussed data from water, wastewater, utility maintenance and the city garage departments.

There are 10 employees in the utility maintenance department, and they have numerous duties, such as overseeing line location on every water and wastewater line. The city has more than 126 miles of water lines and more than 62 miles of sewer lines. Regarding line loca-

tions, this action centers on locating lines for contractors so they do not hit city lines when they dig.

Among other duties, these employees perform repairs of water lines and clean and repair sewer lines around town. They also install water and sewer mains and repair and replace fire hydrants as needed. They received 120 hours of training.

The water department employees take care of the water plant, and they work from 7 a.m. to midnight in the summer, and during the "off season" - fall and winter - they work from about 8 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., White said. The water department has seven

employees.

"Some of the things that they do is they take care of the inspections on all ground storage tanks and elevated storage tanks," White said.

They also complete a consumer confidence report every year. It is required by the Environmental Protection Agency and overseen by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Employees also complete a sample monitoring plan, which is required by the state and EPA and is updated annually and as needed. The city received a Superior Water System distinction this year, which is something the city has been trying to accom-

plish, White said.

"We treated 679 million gallons of water," White said. "Last year, we did about 652 million."

That's an average of about 1.85 million gallons a day. Department employees had 242 hours of training.

The wastewater department has seven employees, and it is a 24-7 operation, White said.

"They treated about 457,000,000 gallons of water this past year," White said. "Seventy-eight million gallons of that we recycle at the golf course that we utilize to water the fairways and the greens. It's all treated water, disinfected and everything.

It goes up there and is just as clear as water coming out of your tap."

The department's seven employees had about 221 hours of training this past year, White said.

In the vehicle maintenance department, the two employees take care of all manner of vehicles, from police cars to fire trucks to backhoes and loaders to lawnmowers.

"They repaired close to 456 units this past year," White said, noting some work has to be sent outside the city, such as transmission and motor work and the big pump for fire trucks. The department employees had 55 hours of training.

White also discussed current construction projects, such as the emergency generator project at the water plant, and it should conclude sometime in March 2023. The water and wastewater impact fee study should be finished in the next month to month and a half.

Also, White discussed new and future projects, with future projects being targeted for the Charles Street and Walnut Creek lift stations rehabilitations, with the engineering completed in the next year and construction beginning in 2023 or 2024. He also discussed some several ongoing street projects.

LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICES

Request for Qualifications

Notice is hereby given that the City of Azle is requesting qualifications from qualified planning and engineering firms to provide services related to creating a new comprehensive plan. All submissions must be clearly marked "RFQ 2023-001 Comprehensive Plan Services" and returned to: City of Azle, Purchasing Department, 505 W Main St, Azle, TX 76020, prior to 10:00am local time on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. Interested parties may receive a copy of the Request for Qualifications from the City's website at www.cityofazle.org. For additional information, please contact Joanna Ash/Purchasing Agent at 817.444.7003 or by email at jash@cityofazle.org.

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The BIGGEST Mistake Low Back Pain Sufferers Make



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

If you or someone you know has back pain then this article is for you. This is something very close to my heart as I have suffered with lower back pain through the years. My Dad and brother have also suffered with lower back pain which became so bad they both underwent dangerous surgery to try and fix their problem.

They live in San Antonio (where I grew up) and I felt guilty that I was not able to help them, but hopefully my 23+ years of experience can help you. Fortunately my dad did okay after his surgery. I can't say the same for my brother, but that is a story for another day.

Over the years I have discovered some things that are not taught in physical therapy school. One of the major awakenings is that as humans we have a tendency to procrastinate and not handle issues when they first come up, I am no different. However when it comes to health issues this is definitely the wrong approach. When you start to experience back or leg pain (also called sciatica) most people tend to ignore the pain and pretend it will go away on their own.

This is what I call the **Biggest mistake**. By ignoring your pain you are potentially setting yourself up for larger and more costly problems in the long run. The faster you address the problem the greater chance of success which leads to your ability to return to normal life.

A **second mistake** I frequently see is that people with back pain try to alter their symptoms by taking dangerous medications, having injections or surgery. Don't get me wrong there is a time and place for injections and possibly surgery but not at the onset. Most people don't exhaust all of their conservative care options before trying more risky options.

Even taking over the counter medications is a form of "altering" their pain. It is one thing to take some tylenol or ibuprofen to reduce some pain and inflammation while getting to the root cause of the pain and doing something about it vs only taking medications. Just because the pain reduces doesn't mean the problem has been taken care of.

We frequently see people in the clinic who have had back pain for months, and were sent to see a pain management specialist who did a series of injections. Maybe they got some relief but it wasn't permanent. Then they wind up in our office to help.

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The author, Dr. Robert Moss PT, ScD is the owner of MOSS Rehabilitation Center in Springtown, TX. He is happy to help you with your back pain and sciatica problems either by phone 817-220-MOSS (6677) or email robert@springtownphysical



Azle School Menu Oct 31 - Nov 4, 2022

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



PreK - 4th

BREAKFAST: Everyday - Assorted Fruits and Cereal, Juice, White or Chocolate Milk, Graham Crackers, Toast
 Mon Chocolate Croissant Roll, pear cup **Tues** Cini Mini, Apple **Weds** Peaches and Cereal Bar, Orange **Thurs** Blueberry Muffins, Orange Craisins **Fri** Mini Maple Waffles, apple

LUNCH: Everyday - Variety of milk. Your choice of 1 entree & 1 fruit or juice
 Mon Chicken Nuggets w/roll OR Fish Sticks w/roll, Mashed potatoes w/ gravy, green beans, peaches **Tues** Tater Tot Casserole w/biscuit, Chicken Nachos, Corn, Peaches **Weds** Turkey & Cheese sandwich, Chicken Spaghetti w/roll, Steamed Broccoli, Orange **Thurs** Cheeseburger, Chicken Taco, Brown Rice, Refried Beans, Pineapple **Fri** Max Sticks w/marinera, Diced BBQ Chicken Sandwich, Smile French Fries, Applesauce

GRADES 5TH - 8TH

BREAKFAST: Everyday - Assorted Fruits and Cereal, Juice, White or Chocolate Milk, Yogurt w/Granola
 Mon Sausage Croissant, Apple **Tues** Breakfast Taco, Apple **Weds** Biscuit & Gravy, Orange **Thurs** Breakfast on a Stick, Applesauce **Fri** Waffles, Banana

LUNCH: Everyday: Variety of milk. Your choice of 1 entree & 1 fruit or juice, rolls, crackers • Salad bar offered daily
 Mon Chicken Nuggets w/roll OR Fish Sticks w/roll, Mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, peach cup **Tues** Tater Tot Casserole w/biscuit, Chicken Nachos, Corn, Peaches **Weds** Turkey & Cheese sandwich, Chicken Spaghetti w/roll, Steamed Broccoli, Orange **Thurs** Cheeseburger, Chicken Taco, Brown Rice, Refried Beans, Pineapple **Fri** Max Sticks w/marinera, Diced BBQ Chicken Sandwich, Smile French Fries, Applesauce

HIGH SCHOOL

BREAKFAST: Everyday - Assorted Fruits and Cereal, Juice, White or Chocolate Milk, Yogurt w/Granola
 Mon Sausage Egg Croissant, Yogurt w/ Granola **Tues** Breakfast Taco, Oranges **Weds** Biscuit & Gravy, Applesauce **Thurs** Breakfast on a Stick, Apple **Fri** Waffles, Banana

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Optimists announce Young Texans for October

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY
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The Optimist Club of Azle named Azle High School seniors Conner Tomlinson and Makenzee Fair as their Young Texans for the month of October.

Tomlinson and Fair were nominated for their exemplary work in school and extracurricular activities.

Holding a grade-point average of 104.3, Tomlinson is ranked sixth in the class.

He is most proud of being able to maintain straight A's and to be in the top 10 of his class — both a result of his hard work, he indicated in his questionnaire responses.

Tomlinson is a member of the National Honor Society and has been part of the AHS tennis team, theater productions and powerlifting.

He said that his greatest personal strength is his determination when it comes

to learning from personal mistakes.

Tomlinson plans to attend Texas A&M University to study kinesiology and become part of the sports medicine team at A&M.

Fair is ranked No. 11 of the 361 seniors, and has a 103.36 GPA.

After graduation, she plans to attend college to study psychology.

She has been a member of the AHS track team throughout high school and is part of NHS. She is also active with PALs, a civic group that works with younger students in the Azle ISD.

Fair's patience and empathy are among her greatest personal strengths, and she thinks that she has a great ability to stay calm in tense situations.

"I tend to be the shoulder to cry on ... which I think is a very admirable quality about myself," she said.



PHOTO BY JESSICA MCKINNEY

Optimist Club president Josh Reed (left) presented awards to AHS seniors Conner Tomlinson and Makenzee Fair, along with Principal Nate Driver, during the Oct. 21 Optimist Club meeting.

Reno City Council approves pump motors purchase

BY MADELYN EDWARDS
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Reno City Council approved purchasing pump motors at a meeting last week.

Mayor Sam White said a temporary pump system has been in place because the original pump system wasn't big enough to adequately supply water to the area near for Rocky Top, Scenic Woods Estates and North Cardinal. He also said water pressure needed to be improved.

"We're having to increase the size of the pumps," White said.

The cost of the new pump system was almost \$20,000 and is funded by grant funds,

White said.

The temporary system with a diesel generator and rental pumps is costing \$30,000 per month, so the new permanent system will be more cost effective, White said.

At another council meeting on Monday, the council approved a bid to install electricity for the pump motors, which will replace the generator that has been used there.

The permanent pumps have to be ordered, and the mayor said he doesn't know when the new system will be in place.

Also at last week's meeting, council denied issuing a special use permit for Charles Gappa to build a shed on his

property, which is about 70 acres, at 624 S. Reno Road. At a Planning and Zoning meeting earlier this year, Gappa said the shed would be used for recreational purposes for his family, and electricity, air conditioning and a sewer system for restrooms will have to be installed.

White said the council did not approve the special use permit for the shed because it is smaller than what the ordinances require.

"He has a 320-foot shed that he's trying to use it as a dwelling, and our ordinances say it has to be over 900 square feet," White said.

Club looking for sponsors for banquet

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Azle Optimist Club will hold its 42nd annual Youth Appreciation Banquet at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 3 at Forte Jr. High School, 479 Sandy Beach Road.

Optimist Club Treasurer and Secretary Paul Crabtree said in a release to club members the organization needs more table sponsors to help defray costs of the banquet. Sponsors are \$100 each, and the club is trying

to get at least 12 sponsors or more. All donors will be recognized with a small "thank you" sign at each table and you will be listed on the program.

This year will be the 42nd annual Youth Appreciation Banquet since the Club's founding in 1979, in which the club's honor 20 students from the Azle Independent School District. This year, the club also have will nominees

from Azle's Civil Air Patrol Squad and a few local Boy Scouts.

Each student is selected by his or her teachers based on their activities and good citizenship in and outside of their student life, Crabtree said in the release. The event is attended by the students' family and friends, teachers, and other school district and city officials. The event is free to all attendees.

Springtown man dies in SH 199 crash

BY CARLA NOAH STUTSMAN

A Springtown man was killed in a two-vehicle accident Oct. 19 in Azle.

Charles Wesley Markum III, 37, was transported from the scene of the accident in the 1300 block of Northwest Parkway (State Highway 199) to Texas Health Azle, where he was pronounced deceased

a short time later.

According to a report filed by Azle police, Markum was driving a blue 2016 Jeep Cherokee in the right-hand, westbound lane of Northwest Parkway shortly before 8 a.m. when his vehicle collided with the rear of a 2001 Kenworth T880 tractor-trailer. The report says the tractor-trailer,

driven by Salvatore Gonzalez Cervantes, 33, of Richland Hills, was preparing to turn right into a construction zone when the driver felt an impact from the rear.

Although the Cherokee's airbags deployed in the crash, the report said Markum was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the crash.

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Annual mammograms essential to health

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Bobbi Berg was strongly considering skipping her yearly mammogram this year, so the 78-year-old Azle woman questioned her friends at their weekly domino game.

"I'm asking them because they're my age or older, 'Do any of you still go get a mammogram?'" Berg said in a news release from Texas Health Resources. "Some said, 'No, not anymore.' A couple of them said, 'Yes, I have.' And so, I thought to myself, 'I'll go one more time. I'll go get this mammogram and then I'm done.'"

But her results proved unusual, prompting a second mammogram that identified a mass in one of Berg's breasts. A biopsy would later confirm she had cancer.

"I was in shock," Berg said.

Today, Berg is cancer-free after undergoing a lumpectomy performed by Amelia Tower, D.O., FACOS, a breast surgical oncologist with Texas Health Breast Specialists, a Texas Health Physicians Group practice, and later radiation. She continues a preventive infusion treatment every three weeks to keep the cancer from coming back. Tower said cancers caught early like Berg's have treatment options that are less invasive.

"She wanted, at her age, to do the most minimally invasive (treatment) that she could," Tower said.

Berg chose a lumpectomy. In performing the surgery at Texas Health Fort Worth, Tower used new optical coherence tomography technology that allowed her to evaluate in real time the

tissue removed during the operation to confirm she didn't need to remove more. She also used a hidden scar technique, for which she is certified.

"Dr. Tower was so precise, thorough, caring and loving," Berg said. "My surgery was so neat you can hardly even find a scar."

A retired teacher's assistant, Berg is back to her busy lifestyle, walking five miles a day, quilting, gardening, teaching Bible study and making crafts with her daughter, Sheila Peltier, who battled breast cancer in 2015, at age 44. They even made Breast Cancer Awareness "mug rugs" - quilted coasters - as a thank-you for Tower and her staff. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

"My mom being cancer-free means so much," Peltier said. "I know I'll get to have her around for many more years. We love to go shopping together. We hang out, we love to do crafts together. So having all that time with her ... I couldn't ask for more."

Peltier said when she went through her own cancer journey, her mother and father came to stay with her for nine months to help her.

"It was very important to me to be able to be here with her," Peltier said. Tower said though the median age of breast cancer patients is 64, Berg's and her daughter's diagnoses show it can strike at any age. She said women should talk with their physicians before discontinuing yearly mammograms.

"We often see women getting mammograms at age 90



COURTESY PHOTO
Bobbi Berg, left, with Sheila Peltier

and they have a great quality of life and they're living well and healthy," Tower said. "The age to stop screening with mammography should be based on each woman's health status rather than an age-based determination and should be a shared decision between the patient and physician."

According to the American Cancer Society and the American Society of Breast

Surgeons, women should continue screening with mammography as long as their overall health is good and until their life expectancy is less than 10 years. Berg and her daughter say they hope their story will show other women the importance of getting their yearly mammograms.

"At my age, you think it won't happen, but it does," Berg said. "I want everyone

to know that no matter what your age, you need to follow through with your yearly mammogram so that you will stay healthy and get treatment if you need it."

For more information, access www.TexasHealth.org/BreastCare.

Texas Health Resources is a faith-based, nonprofit health system that cares for more patients in North Texas than any other provider, with

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OBITUARIES

Robert Pratt 1963 - 2022

Robert Christopher Pratt, 58, left us with a large collection of firetrucks and matchbox toys when pancreatic cancer had the nerve to take his life on October 12, 2022.

Memorial services for Robert Christopher Pratt will be held from 6-9 p.m. on October 28, 2022 at Deer Cove in Azle, Texas.

Robert was born in Fort Worth, Texas to Donald Pratt Sr. and Kathryn Pratt on November 29, 1963.

He was married to Sarah Pratt (nee' Statzer) on October 5, 2014. Together they shared three pretty great children; James Newbaker (23), Emma Newbaker (20), and Brooke Pratt (10).

Robert served his community faithfully as a Volunteer Firefighter since the time he was 16 years old. He served both the Newark and Rhome communities. Robert was the Fire Chief of Rhome Fire Department for several years. He worked for Rural Metro Ambulance and then started his career at Carter Bloodcare, where he worked for several years. Robert spent most of his life in Aurora, Texas and was known and loved by many.



He is preceded in death by his parents, Donald Pratt Sr. and Kathryn Pratt; his grandparents, and most recently Queen Elizabeth II.

Robert is survived by his wife, Sarah Pratt; children James Newbaker, Emma Newbaker, and Brooke Pratt; his nieces Kathryn Wacasey, Karri Wacasey, Jacquelin Wilson; her children Nathan Wilson, Olivia Wilson and Allison Wilson; his brother Donald Pratt Jr; his sister Joanna Hilterbran; many cousins and other dear family members.

Robert also left behind many pets he didn't want but always tolerated.

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Linda Mishio 1944 - 2022

Linda Sue Mishio died peacefully at home surrounded by family on October 17, 2022.

Visitation was Monday, October 24, 2022 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Biggers Funeral Home in Lake Worth. Her funeral was Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 11 a.m. at Azle Church of Christ with graveside at Azleland.

Linda was born November 7, 1944, to J.L. and Irene Cotton in Scurry County Texas.

She had a lifetime of caring for others starting with Children's World DayCare Center and eventually opening her own children's learning center in Azle where she lived. The School Box learning center was her joy in life second only to her family. Later in life she cared for the elderly both at Silver Creek Assisted Living and other friends at home.

She was a devoted woman of God, wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was immensely proud of her family and took joy in attending every sporting event or performance her children and grandchildren participated in. She spent



a countless amount of time traveling to and cheering at baseball, basketball, football, soccer, shotgun matches, theater, and band performances for her family over the years.

She was preceded in death by her husband Merle Mishio; youngest son Benjamin; great-granddaughter Hailey; her parents; and sister Janet Gray.

She is survived by her son William; daughter Tamara; daughter Stephanie McDonald and husband Terry; son Matthew and fiancée Angie; son Joshua and wife Laurie; her brothers Tom and James Cotton; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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Mary Carter 1940 - 2022

Mary C. Carter, 82, loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend, passed away Friday, October 21, 2022.

Funeral Service is 12 p.m. Saturday, October 29, 2022 at Azle Church of Christ.

Visitation is 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, October 28, 2022 at White's Funeral Home in Azle, Texas.

Burial will be at Azleland Memorial Park Cemetery.

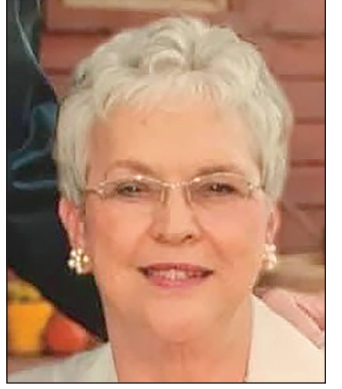
Mary was born July 23, 1940, in Olney, Texas to Stephen William Goodwin and Mary Marie (Brazelton) Goodwin. They moved to Elk City, Oklahoma, where Mary lived and attended school from 5th grade to her sophomore year. She was a stand-out basketball player, was in the band and made first chair clarinet. Mary sang in the school choir and participated in theater while there. She mentioned many times how she loved growing up in Elk City and had wonderful friends and memories.

Her family moved from Elk City to Perryton, Texas, where she met Tom Carter, who later became her husband, and again made wonderful friends and memories.

Her family moved to Amarillo, Texas, where she graduated from Amarillo High, and earned her nursing degree to become a Registered Nurse. She married Tom, had Kimberly Denise, her daughter, and Stephen Lee. Shortly after, they moved to Fort Worth and her third child, Samuel Thomas, was born.

Tom and Mary sold their home in Fort Worth and moved to Springtown, Texas, bought some land to raise their three children and call Springtown their home.

Mary wore many hats while with us. She was a beautiful



lady, always lighting up the atmosphere wherever she was. She was a wonderful Christian lady, a daughter, a friend, a magnificent wife to Tom, a phenomenal mother to Kim, Sam and Lee, and fantastic mother-in-law to Kym and Jim. She was a fabulous grandmother and so much more.

She loved singing, playing the piano, water skiing, snow skiing and creating beautiful art. She was a registered nurse; she was a leader in the field of nursing. She led Bible classes, played and coached her favorite sport, basketball. She was great at everything she did. Some would call her a natural - a true renaissance woman.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Steve and Mary Goodwin; brother, Tim Goodwin and his wife, Sue Goodwin; and her beloved aunt, Opal Gaston.

Survivors include husband of 62 years, Tom Carter; daughter, Kim Spoon and husband, Jim; sons, Sam Carter and wife, Kym; and Lee Carter; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren; brothers, Bob Gaines and his wife Gayle, and Charles Gaines and his wife Renae.

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Union Home Mortgage open for business



COURTESY PHOTO

The Azle Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting for Union Home Mortgage on Oct. 20. Kathie Cameron strives to meet each customer's mortgage needs with an option that best fits their situation. She can be reached at kcameron@uhm.com.

FIRE

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Engine 54 and Tanker 54, Aledo Fire Station's Engine 34 and Tanker 34, Springtown Fire Station's Engine 51 and Battalion 101 responding to the scene.

"Due to 20- to 25 mile-per-hour winds, the fire was already into the attic when they arrived, so the Battalion upgraded the fire to a second alarm," Pruitt explained.

Azle Fire Department's Engine 52 and Chief 252, Tanker 48 from Springtown's

Fire Station and Rescue 34 out of Aledo Fire Station responded to the second alarm call.

According to the Haltom City Police Department's post, Cpl. Miller joined the department in 1997 and retired after serving for 25 years. He began as a patrol officer and was later assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division as a detective. After promotion to the rank of corporal, Miller was assigned to Street Crimes, an extension of CID, as well as S.W.A.T. and was a S.W.A.T. sniper. He was also a firearms instructor

for the department for many years.

"Tony was an expert marksman, competition shooter, and loved all things related to firearms. After his retirement, Tony decided retirement life was not for him, so he came back and accepted a job as a property technician. His smile, laughter, and wealth of knowledge will not soon be forgotten," the post said. It also asks for prayers for Cpl. Miller's family, loved ones, friends and fellow officers as they mourn his devastating loss.

Turning something bad into something good, with a simple twist of words

It may be an assumption on my part, but most people probably have heard the phrase, "I hate your guts!" Not sure when I heard it for the first time, but I would think it was from a movie or TV show I saw as a child.

The person who spoke the phrase was angry and upset, looked their counterpart with complete disdain and hate in their eyes, and delivered the expression. Clearly the message being sent was one of utter and total disgust, anger and ... well ... hate.

I do recall how silly I thought the phrase was, even though it was clearly meant to be a serious expression. Why would I hate someone's guts? Why not their mouth? It is much more likely something someone said would upset me more than their guts. Why not hate someone's brains, or their heart, or even their feet for that matter? Why hate their guts?

Archaeologists in Egypt have reported they have uncovered hieroglyphs depicting old scores settled by destroying the preserved organs of the person to be disgraced. Is this where it all started?

The word "guts" has a lot of social and literary significance. Shakespeare in Henry V wrote, "He which hath no stomach in this fight. Let him depart." The English-speaking world has long used the term such as "He had the guts to stand up and



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.

fight." The "guts" is the essence of a person and so to use the term would clearly mean to be as inclusive about another to the highest degree possible.

Curiosity got the best of me, and I did some more research. "Within the Law" was a Broadway production performed in 1912. Written by Bavard Veiller and followed by a book based on the play written by Marvin Dann, a character uttered the words, "He was a stool pigeon, and I hated his guts! Is this how 'I hate your guts' got started?"

No matter how the phrase was born or evolved, without question it depicts hating another through and through. If we hate their guts, it is a step further than loathing, despising or abhorring an individual, it is to detest their very soul and being. Not sure it gets worse than that.

When my children were little, we were watching TV together and a character used the phrase, "I hate your guts." My son innocently looked at me and asked, "what does that mean?" As my daughter crawled into my lap to join the conversation, I told them that we

shouldn't hate anyone, but the character who used the phrase was trying to express his dislike for someone in as significant manner as he could.

Suddenly, an inspiration hit me. I looked at the two of my precious offspring and said, "Did you know I love your guts?" Both looked at me curiously. What the heck are you talking about, dad? Then I said, "If I hate your guts is the worst thing you can say to another, I love your guts must be the best thing to say to someone." They both smiled at me with big, innocent smiles and from that point on I would tell them, "I loved their guts." I use the phrase with my wife, my granddaughters, and a few other people. It usually gets a curious look of confusion the first time I use the phrase with someone, but after explanation they smile and nod and walk away feeling they are special.

Guess what readers, "I love your guts!"

Thought for the day: Love is like the wind — you can feel it, but you cannot see it. Until next time.

HELP FEED AZLE FAMILIES

Like many of you, we too are feeling the strain of rising costs of our most basic expenses – fuel, utilities, and food. As our operating costs continue to increase, so are the number of families needing our assistance. CCC is now serving over 1,000 families each month, up from 450 families in 2019!

Your donations will ease the strain on our annual budget and allow us to purchase items needed to fill our shelves! Here's a look at how your donation will be used:

Keeping our pantry shelves fully stocked is challenging. Our partnership with Tarrant Area Food Bank, gives CCC the ability to purchase large quantities of food for as little as \$0.10 to \$0.14 per pound, so your dollar goes a long way. \$25 feeds a family of two for one week!

At the beginning of 2022, CCC added a Hygiene Corner to our Free Shop. Help us continue to supply our families with shampoo, soap, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, and laundry detergent. \$25 will supply a month's worth of hygiene products for one household!

In 2019, we provided 125 holiday meals to families in need through our Annual Christmas Boxes. As CCC has grown, so has this program. Based on the higher demand for food this year, we anticipate needing 750 boxes. \$25 will provide one Christmas Box, including a ham, for one household!

CCC supports Azle ISD students by funding the Weekend Backpack Program, giving students simple, ready-to-eat meals and snacks each Friday. During the 2021-22 school year, we provided over 4,500 backpacks. \$25 will purchase six backpacks to ease the food insecurity of 6 students!

\$100 will help secure our inventory in all four categories! Please consider making a special donation this fall as part of the Community Caring Center's 2022 Donation Roundup!

For your convenience, there are multiple ways to donate online at www.communitycaringcenter.com or mail a check to the Community Caring Center 317 Commerce Street, Azle TX 76020.

If you have additional questions about the services we provide or would like to tour our facilities, please feel free to contact our Executive Director, Kristie Cooper at (817) 270-2962. With your help we can continue to make a difference for so many in our community. Please donate today!



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FLAGS

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who chase the Eagle Scout designation must perform some kind of community project. Morgan created a flag receptacle box to enable people to bring their worn, tattered flags and place them in the box. Troop 147 members will periodically retrieve and properly dispose of the flags, according to council memo.

Mayor Alan Brundrett told attendees about the prestige of the Eagle Scout status, explaining it's one of the highest awards one can receive in Scouting.

"There's not that many people who actually achieve that honor anymore, and it's a lot of work that goes with it," Brundrett said. "You'll see all his merit badges that (Hunter) has. So that's many weeks of summer camps and weekend camping and a lot of hard work. Some of them are fun merit badges, and some are more school-type merit badges that actually have homework and projects they have to do."

Brundrett then explained how being an Eagle Scout can help an individual Boy Scout for the rest of their life. Scouts can put the ranking on their resumes and it can aid them if they join the military. People can enter the service with a higher rank if they are an Eagle Scout. Part of the requirement is completing a community service project. The Boy Scout must plan and design it and raise funds and donations for the project.

"There's a lot of work that goes into the Eagle Scout projects, and there's a lot of different ones," the mayor said, describing how Morgan came up with a creative project.

Morgan said his box is made out of scrap metal and



PHOTO BY DON MUNSCH

Hunter Morgan passed the Eagle Board of Review and earned the rank of Eagle Scout for his work on the flag receptacle box.

it was professionally painted and wrapped. Officials have to decide where to place the box at City Hall, attendees heard.

"It was much more than we anticipated it to be," Brundrett said about the receptacle box. "We were pleasantly surprised. (It's) one of the nicest Eagle Scout projects I've seen."

Morgan was given a worn flag from City Hall to place inside the box. Council member Rouel Rothenberger said the box was one of the better projects he has seen.

After graduating from high school, Morgan plans to attend trade school but has not decided on a career path, said Troop 147 Assistant Scoutmaster Julie Geho. He takes welding at SHS. He has 36 Merit Badges and is a BSA-certified lifeguard. He also is a black belt in Goshen Karate and Taekwondo.

On Oct. 20, Morgan passed the Eagle Board of Review and earned the rank of Eagle Scout. His paperwork now goes to the Longhorn Council and then the BSA national office for approval, Geho said.

Aunt Sister

Family names can be a little quirky. (Maybe because families can be quirky?)

My father-in-law used to confuse people by telling them about the lady who was once his sister-in-law but became his niece.

For a hilariously ridiculous song about strange family relations, do a search on YouTube for "I'm My Own Grandpa" sung by Ray Stevens.

As for me, I've had an "Aunt Sister" my whole life. I'm sure our family is not the only family ever to have such an arrangement, but I've never personally met anyone else.

On April 22, 1935 identical twin girls were born to Pete and Jewel Pollard. Those twins, Shirlene and Geralene grew up calling each other "Sister." In their youth, they often dressed alike. So between their identical looks, identical dress, and calling each other "Sister" instead of their given names, they could mess with people if they wanted to.

My siblings and I call Shirlene "Aunt Sister. (Those of you who are really astute have deduced that Geralene is my mom).

Shirlene's kids call my mom "Aunt Sister."

You can imagine the confusion that any non-family members have experienced on the rare occasions that we've all been together.



BE AMAZING

By Gerry Lewis

Azle resident Dr. Gerry Lewis guides explorers to discover their AMAZING. He is an author, musician, and speaker, and a coach-sultant for individuals, churches, and organizations. More at www.discoveryouramazing.com.

Mom and Aunt Sister have been best friends since the womb and have remained so for their 87 years on planet earth. They've laughed and cried together in person and on the phone through all of life's experiences—kids, grandkids, illnesses, weddings, divorces, deaths of parents, deaths of husbands.

They've been the constant in each other's lives for over 87 years.

They've also had a running competition for years. Mom told me that the first question Aunt Sister asks when they talk on the phone is, "How much do you weigh?"

When Mom went with us on a cruise to Norway in May of this year, she told me that she might have to wait until she lost her "cruise weight" before their next phone call. She really doesn't care how much she weighs as long as it is at least one pound less than Aunt Sister!

Just over two weeks ago, on October 8, they spent their last 11 hours together as Mom sat by Aunt Sister's bed and held her hand as she won the race to heaven.

This coming Saturday, our family will gather and celebrate Aunt Sister's life. I'll preach. My brother and I will sing. We'll share some stories and laugh and cry.

And we'll still be quirky.

Part of the amazing journey that God has for each of us is that we each have our own unique story (quirkiness included). Your story may not include an "Aunt Sister" or a set of identical twins, but there's something in your story that makes it unlike anyone else's.

One way of being amazing is to find God in your story—both in your past and in your present. This morning I read 2 Peter 1:12—"Therefore, I will always remind you about these things—even though you already know them and are standing firm in the truth you have been taught."

That's one of the reasons I write a "Be Amazing" post every week. You probably haven't learned anything from me about life that you didn't already know.

I just don't want you ever to forget to be amazing, my friend.

CONSTRUCTION

Advertisement and Invitation for Bids

The City of Reno will receive bids for the project "Miller Road Water Line" until 10:00 AM on November 10, 2022 at 195 W. Reno Road, Azle Texas 76020-6001. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 10:00 AM on Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 195 W. Reno Road, Azle Texas 76020-6001. Bids are invited for several items and quantities of work as follows.

Bid items:

1. Mobilization
2. Supply and Installation of 6" PVC Water Line
3. Supply and Installation of all Service Lines, Gate Valves and Driveways

Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications are on file at Cobb, Fendley & Associates, Inc., One Ridgmar Center, 6500 West Freeway, Suite 300, Fort Worth, Texas 76116. A bid bond in the amount of 5 percent of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid [for those contracts that exceed \$100,000]. A certified check or bank draft payable to the City of Reno or negotiable U.S. Government

Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond. Attention is called to the fact that not less than, the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual identity, gender identity, or national origin.

The City of Reno reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. Bids may be held by the City of Reno for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidder's qualifications prior to the contract award.

City of Reno Scott Passmore, City Administrator, 10/24/2022

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Bids are invited for several items and quantities of work as follows.

Bid items:

1. Mobilization
2. Supply and Installation of LAS Systems at Water Plants 1-7
3. Supply and Installation of two (2) 250-gal Booster Pumps at Water Plant 1
4. Provide and install electrical equipment including, but not limited to, electrical service equipment and structure, panelboards, controls, conduit, wire, and all ancillary devices as shown on construction drawings, complete in place.

Alternative items:

1. Supply and Installation of 3,000-gal Hydropneumatic Pressure Tanks at Water Plants 1-7

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Azle seniors receive Commended Scholar status



PHOTO BY DON MUNSCH
Austin Tong, left, and Henry Lalonde

Austin Tong and Henry Lalonde were named Azle High School Commended Students

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Azle High School seniors Austin Tong and Henry Lalonde were named Azle High School Commended Students in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program, and were recognized at the AISD board meeting last week.

A Letter of Commendation from the school and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, was presented by AHS Principal Nate Driver to these seniors, the district stated on its website.

Some 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise, the district stated, and although they will not continue in the 2023 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students

placed among the top 50,000 students who entered the 2023 competition by taking the 2021 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

Driver introduced the students at the board meeting. Tong is ranked second in the 2023 AHS class and Lalonde is ranked first in the class.

"Of 1.5 million applicants, they were in the top 50,000, which places them in the top 5% of all applicants," Driver said.

Tong would like to study chemical engineering and hopes to attend TCU, the University of Texas at Austin or Rice. Lalonde is interested in studying electrical and electronics engineering and hopes to attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Early voting underway across state; business leaders predict DACA end will cause crisis

EARLY VOTING UNDERWAY ACROSS STATE

Early voting in this year's midterm elections began Monday and continues through Friday, Nov. 4. Election Day is Nov. 8. Voters will pick the state's next governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, land commissioner, agriculture commissioner and comptroller in statewide races.

District races are also being held for U.S. representatives, state senators, state representatives and members of the State Board of Education. There are also ballot propositions to be decided, as well as county, school board and city races, depending on where you live.

The deadline to register to vote was Oct. 11. Interested voters can find out more at votetexas.gov.

BUSINESS LEADERS PREDICT DACA END WILL CAUSE CRISIS

Dozens of business leaders, including several in Texas, are urging Congress to protect young immigrants who came to the U.S. as children, warning that the end of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program would exacerbate workforce



CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders

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shortages.

In a report published in The Dallas Morning News (originally in CQ-Roll Call), the leaders released a letter sent to congressional leaders and published as a full-page ad in The Morning News and other newspapers. They warn of serious workforce issues if a ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit gutting DACA protection holds.

The ad included the logos of about a dozen Texas-based businesses or business organizations, including private equity firm TPG, the North Texas Commission, the Texas Restaurant Association, the Texas Nursery and Landscape Association, the Texas Retailers Association and the Texas Association of Business.

If the work permits of DACA recipients expire, the business leaders said, the U.S. could lose more than half a million workers.

"The worker shortage will get worse for the United States if hundreds of thousands of critical workers are stripped of their legal ability to support themselves and their families," the business leaders wrote. "That is the situation we currently face if this ruling becomes final, and it is the reason for our request today."

The U.S. House has passed a bill that would put DACA recipients and other young undocumented immigrants on a path to permanent residency, but the Senate has not taken up the measure.

PUC: NO WATER DISCONNECTS DURING EXTREME COLD

The Public Utility Commission of Texas last week adopted rules that prohibit non-municipal water and sewer utilities from cutting off service to customers during extreme cold weather emergencies.

"The new rules put the

health and safety of Texans first during extreme cold weather emergencies," said PUCT Chairman Peter Lake. "This means Texans can focus on their family's safety during extreme cold and work with their water or sewer utility to make sure they pay their bills in a timely fashion."

Extreme weather in Texas is defined as "periods beginning when the previous day's highest temperature in an area did not exceed 28 degrees Fahrenheit and the temperature is predicted to remain at or below that level for the next 24 hours according to the nearest National Weather Service reports for that area."

The new rules came after passage of Senate Bill 3 in the last regular legislative session, in reaction to the disruption caused by Winter Storm Uri in February 2021.

Drought presents challenges for waterfowl hunters. As waterfowl hunters prepare for the new season, drought conditions across the state are posing challenges, according to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. Biologists with TPWD note habitat conditions for ducks are not ideal in many parts of

the state. A May survey by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service showed most duck species had substantial decreases since the last survey in 2019.

"The drought that occurred in 2020 and 2021 had a large impact on duck hunting success in Texas," said Kevin Kraai, with TPWD. "Last year, Texas observed a significant decrease in total duck harvest compared to the previous hunting season. The total estimated duck harvest was down 41 percent in 2021 compared to 2020."

Except for South Texas and parts of the Panhandle, most of the state is well below seasonal rain averages, drought conditions that are the worst since 2010.

MORE THAN 79,000 DEAD ON TEXAS ROADS SINCE 2000

It is a grim statistic. Not a single day in Texas since Nov. 7, 2000, has passed without a traffic fatality. Since that date, more than 79,000 people have died in traffic crashes, according to the Texas Department of Transportation. That is roughly equivalent to the entire population of Cedar Park. For the past several years, about 10 people die daily in crashes across the state.

Texas Transportation Commissioner Laura Ryan and others are championing TxDOT's #EndTheStreakTX campaign, saying every Texan must do their part to drive safely and care about others.

"With the knowledge that, since the pandemic, people don't seem to view others around them as part of a community, and that they care less about those around them, we are starting to identify the problem," said Ryan. "If we know there is a problem and we can identify that a big part of the problem is a lack of caring or apathy, then we also know the solution -- we must care more about those around us."

COVID-19 CASES DROP SLIGHTLY

The number of new COVID-19 cases reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University in the past week in Texas dropped to 11,604 with 90 deaths reported. The number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations recorded by the Texas Department of State Health Services dropped to 1,026.

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All right, the hot summertime and early fall temperatures are dropping and we received some rain earlier this week.

This is the weather that most of us have been waiting for.

But before we move on into fall, let's take a look at where we've been during the past year. We've just completed at least a year of very little precipitation and endured several days of above 100-degree temperatures. The warm season grasses used for hay production are just about finished growing. And if you made more than one cutting of hay your timing was good, a lot of folks were happy to get just one cutting.

My dad used to tell me when you see the roadways being cut and baled it is a dry year. Well, this must have been a dry year because there was a lot of that going on, I watched a short stretch of highway 287 where they cut and rolled five rolls of mostly Johnsongrass and probably



AG 101

By Jack DeShazo

Jack DeShazo has decades of experience in the agriculture field.

a few dirty diapers and drink cans, but most of it minus the highway trash will feed good this winter.

If you have noticed many of the rolls of hay that have been sitting alongside hay patches for two or three years are beginning to disappear, livestock feeders and livestock themselves aren't nearly so picky when the hay production is limited. Now, I don't mean to bring you down, but just because the temperatures are cooler and it has rained a little doesn't mean the drought is over.

The drought of the 1950s lasted seven years, the Dust Bowl dry weather lasted for more than a decade and more recent dry spells lasted at least a couple of years. One rainy Monday does not break a drought. It takes a while to get into a drought and normally it takes a while to

come out of it. Another consequence of the dry weather has been the selloff of livestock because of the lack of grass and hay that definitely affects supply & demand which in turn effects prices. The cattle raisers who have the land and grass and can afford to hold onto heifers and young cows should be in good shape when the rain begins again and the cattle raisers start building their cattle numbers back up. So what do we do now? Well, the agriculturalist ever an optimist starts planning for next year, after all the one just beyond the Eastern horizon is bound to be better. So, let's get ready, don't let this valuable time between growing seasons slip past.

This is the perfect time to be taking soil samples and sending them in to be analyzed. If you are going to

produce pasture plants for grazing and/or baling, vegetables from the garden, fruit from the orchard, landscape your yards with lush green grass and ornamentals or go the water saving xeriscaping route by using native and drought tolerant plants; you still want your soil to perform to its best ability.

You do this by having your soil tested for nutrients that are present in your soil and ones that are lacking. And then after receiving the soil test results adjust your ever important soil nutrient levels through custom blended fertilizers. If you are not clear on how to interpret the tests talk to your local high school agricultural science teacher or the county AgriLife agent. They should be able to offer plenty of useful information for you.

Please remember that just throwing down fertilizer that was on sale at the local discount store is like going to the doctor and without any examination taking a handful of pills twice a day until whether they solve your problem. No doctor would

do that and you shouldn't treat your soils in the same manner.

This is also the perfect time of year to be making plans for next year's crops/plants. In addition to building or repairing barns/sheds and building or repairing fences. Remember that just because the weather is cooler your livestock's water requirements do not change keep a good source of clean, unfrozen water available to your livestock. Plants also have water requirements during the cool season, just because those plants don't have leaves on them doesn't mean that there isn't a live plant there that continues to need water. Also keep in mind that livestock are being stressed with the cold weather, a lot of their energy is used trying to keep warm and that energy must be replenished or supplemented through good feeding management.

Also be aware that female animals nursing young will have even greater nutritional requirements. If you are not sure of the nutrient ingredients of feeds, hay and/or pas-

ture have them analyzed. You can be doing more damage than good by not feeding the correct amounts and qualities of feedstuffs. And finally check the label/tag of any tub or sack feed supplements for ruminants, because if they contain urea (non-protein nitrogen/NPN) the livestock MUST have a good, plentiful source of energy in the form of hay or pasture. Otherwise, you may not be happy with the results. Hopefully I have provided some useful information here about wintertime feeding/fertilizing of livestock type animals and plants. If you don't know then ask someone who has proven to be successful in the agricultural field. It's easy - no one can be an expert in all endeavors, so swallow your pride and ask someone who is experienced in a positive way with agriculture. Most people that I know are more than willing to share information with anyone to help them be more successful. 'til next time!

BOOK REVIEW

A stormy plot, a small town and struggle between good and evil

TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

Not everybody has to like you.

That's a lesson you learned the hard way, probably in grade school. Try as you might, you were going to have enemies and detractors along the way and there wasn't much you could do about it. Not everybody has to like you but, as in the new novel "Bad Day Breaking" by John Galligan, they aren't allowed to kill you.

Many years ago, Sheriff Heidi Kick was the kind of girl she'd arrest now.

Back then, she and her best friend, Missy, were into drugs, guns and petty theft, they both dated Roman Vanderhoof, and the three of them partied constantly until things got out of hand. That was when "Mighty" Heidi went to the sheriff's office and confessed to everything she knew about drugs and theft. Missy went to rehab, Hoof went to prison in Boscobel, and Heidi kicked her addictions, enrolled in college, got married, paid her dues and became Sheriff of Bad Axe County, Wisconsin.

Now those days were in the rearview mirror, and she hadn't heard from Missy in awhile.

Until she got a text the day be-

fore Thanksgiving.

"Want to drink ketchup?" it said, Missy's code for getting drunk.

Despite that Heidi had been sober for years, her answer was "yes."

It had been a long week already in Bad Axe County, and it would get even longer. One of her officers was using a department computer to email prisoners, and the courts wouldn't let Heidi investigate. Another officer had assaulted the leader of a new religious group in town, and city council members were about to appoint her deputy sheriff.

And that religious community? Folks in Bad Axe didn't want a cult around, although Heidi wasn't sure the community qualified as a "cult." The two groups were protesting across the road from one another, things were heating up, and allegations of abuse and animal cruelty floated around town.

Then Sheriff Kick learned that Hoof was out of prison.

And she knew he wouldn't stop unless he got his revenge...

You know that thing you do when you see something scary, so you put your hands over your eyes and peek between your fin-

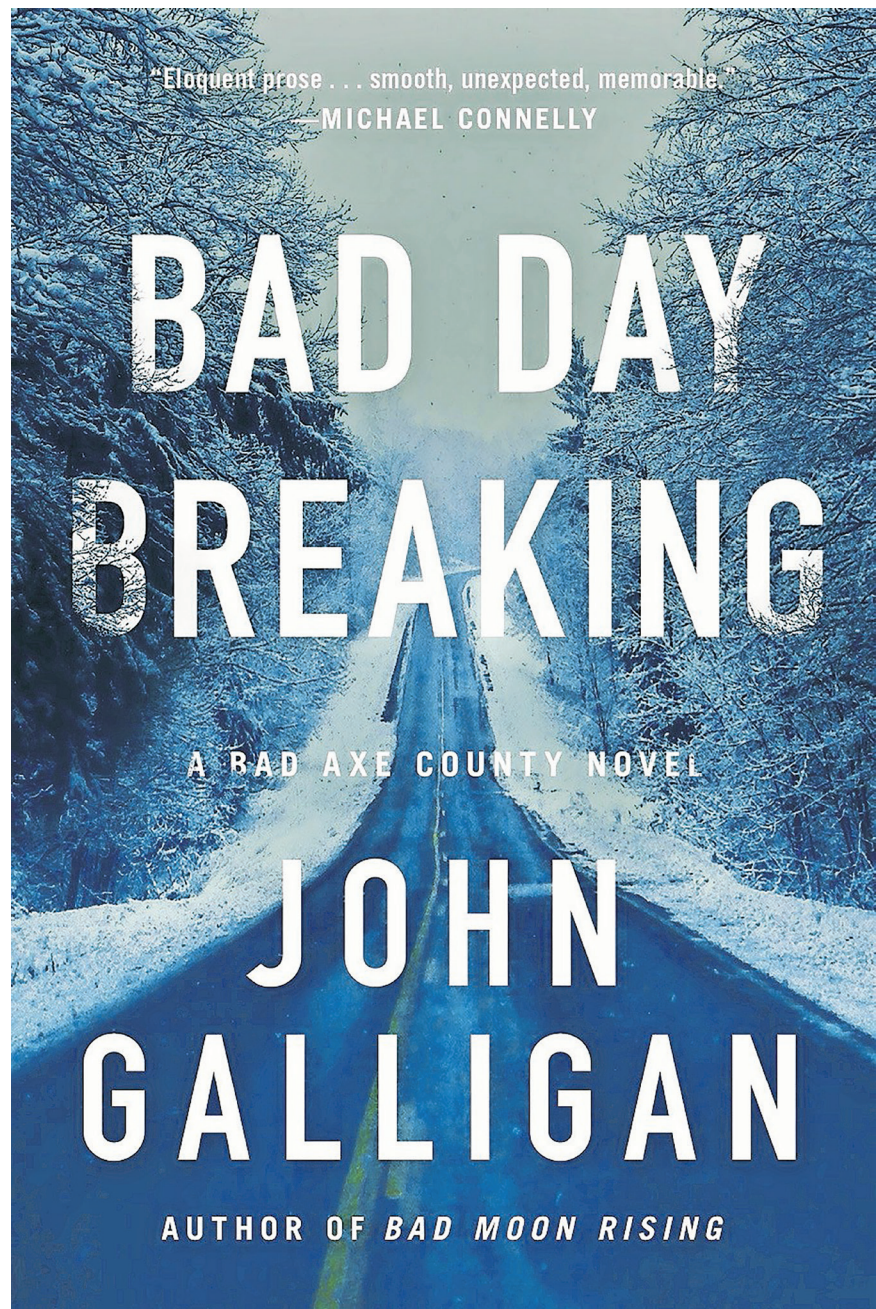
gers because you can't not see?

That's exactly what you'll want to do with "Bad Day Breaking."

Long before its prologue is anywhere near done, this book turns dark and cold as the snowstorm that hits the background of the story. Slush and ice lay the ground, then, for everything that author John Galligan can pack into an uncomfortably long holiday weekend, made more wretched by the kind of small-town embroilments that happen when everybody knows everybody else's business. Add a headline-ripping current events possibility and gun deer season in Wisconsin, and oh, yeah, you'll want to see what happens.

Galligan fans will appreciate knowing that "Bad Day Breaking" contains an ending that'll make you shriek and perch yourself at the bookstore to await the next Bad Axe County novel. As for this book, though, you just have to like it.

"Bad Day Breaking: A Bad Axe County Novel" by John Galligan c.2002, Simon & Schuster, \$17.00, 326 pages



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ON FISHING

Invasive species tilapia abundant in Hood County, but won't survive colder water



ON FISHING

By Michael Acosta

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Comanche Creek (Reservoir), formerly named Squaw Creek Reservoir, is a power plant lake where the tilapia flourish in Hood County. These fish are a non-native species that have been taking over some freshwater lakes and rivers in Texas, including Comanche Creek.

TPWD has labeled tilapia as invasive because they are having a detrimental impact on native fish such as catfish and largemouth bass. There is no limit on these tasty species, so take all you want.

It is illegal to release tilapia back into the lakes, adding that a game warden would likely give an angler a ticket if caught. In Texas, tilapia should be gutted almost immediately because it is unlawful to transport or possess a live fish.

Tilapia are typically stocked in local ponds/tanks for algae or vegetation control in the spring and will usually perish when winter arrives. These are tropical fish and do not survive when water temperatures fall to 50 degrees and below. The probable cause of tilapia getting into Comanche Creek is due to runoff from these tanks/ponds after heavy rains in the summer. Once they are in the power plant lake that stays warm year around, they flourish.

Tilapia are a member of the Cichlid family and are native to tropical regions of the globe. Due to the ben-

efits they provide, they have been widely introduced in areas outside of their natural range. Aside from being excellent table fare, they also have an appetite themselves for noxious aquatic growth. As a result, they can be used to help control problematic duckweed and various types of algae in private bodies of water throughout Texas. Tilapia are also commonly stocked as forage to promote optimum growth in largemouth bass.

Tilapia are an exotic species and therefore regulated by state fish and wildlife agencies. In Texas, four species are legal to transport and stock into private water. These include the blue, Nile, Mozambique, and Wami. Mozambique and Nile species are the most readily available here in north Texas.

Tilapia reproduce rapidly throughout the summer. They are a "mouthbrooding" species; this means the female holds the eggs in her mouth until they hatch. This increases their likelihood of survival. Once the female expels the fry, they immediately begin to feed on phytoplankton and single-cell algae. Newly hatched tilapia will grow rapidly in highly fertile waters. As they continue to grow, they gradually shift their diet to vegetation and filamentous algae. They rarely compete with native fish species for available food.

As mentioned earlier, ti-



PHOTO BY MICHAEL RUPERT HAYES

Blue tilapia, (Oreochromis aureus) are tropical fish, and usually perish when winter arrives. There is no limit on tilapia, but fish must be gutted almost immediately, because it is unlawful to transport or possess a live tilapia.

lapia will die once water temperatures drop below 50 degrees Fahrenheit. They become sluggish as the water begins to cool in the fall, making them an easy target for hungry bass trying to fatten up in preparation for winter.

Tilapia can be caught a variety of ways as they eat almost anything. I have heard people using range cubes, dough, worms etc. Since they are not considered a game fish, they can be caught using a cast net. Many anglers catch them with worms fished under a cork. Others like to use a bow and arrow on the bigger ones. Regardless, they make great table fare.

FISHING REPORT

Lake Granbury water temps are slowly falling into the lower 70s. Top water action for largemouth bass is good early and late. Soft plastics and crankbaits will also put largemouth bass in the boat. Crappie fishing continues to be excellent on small jigs and minnows fished on structure mid-lake. White bass (sandies) and small striped bass are fair on slabs mid-lake on humps and ridges (look for schooling fish early). Keeper striped bass are best early on live shad fished on underwater points/ridges on the lower ends. Catfish continue to be good to excellent on cut bait or prepared baits on most every part of the lake.

Comanche Creek largemouth bass fishing continues to be excellent on most every presentation from drop shot rigs, live minnows, Texas rigged worms, crankbaits, etc. It is possible to boat up to 50 to 70 fish a day. Channel catfish limits are good on prepared baits and cut bait. Tilapia are abundant and are excellent on a variety of baits including worms fished under a cork.

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Servolution hosts first Love Your City gala

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY
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Your City gala on Oct. 22 in Azle. The goal of the event was to raise money to help support several of the organization's programs that support the community.



"Thanks to the best community in the world we were able to arise \$84,665 at our first ever Love Your City gala," said Jason Malewiski, executive director.

Servolution has a mission to "build an alliance between churches, businesses, government and others to provide solutions to meet the needs of the community." Some

of the programs include the Good Neighbors program, which helps disadvantaged homeowners receive needed repairs to their homes, the Pay it Forward program, and

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Azle Wine Crawl



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 A good crowd turned up for the Wine Crawl on Oct. 20 on Main Street in Azle. Tom Kisner, (far left) like several people during the evening, wore a costume although his might have been unique: the knight who turned to stone, which he said was "caused" by Medusa, played by Marie Kisner, head of the Main Street Business Owners Association. Also pictured: musician Chris Journeay (left) provided entertainment at the event, and, (above) from left, Georgia Krause, Dianne Ingleright and Barbara Kronenberg continued their fun-filled crawl down Main Street.

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Azle volleyball to face Arlington Heights in bi-district playoff



PHOTO BY JEFF PRINCE

Anna Belle Blacketer receives congratulations from teammates after a strong stint on the court against Aledo.

BY JEFF PRINCE
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The Azle Lady Hornets are headed back to the playoffs after securing fourth place in District 5-5A. "We are super excited," head coach Elizabeth Snyder said.

This marks the team's third consecutive trip to the playoffs. The Lady Hornets were bounced out of the first round in the previous two playoff seasons after facing tough programs from big schools in competitive districts. Last year, Justin Northwest knocked them out of the first round. Denton

knocked them out the year before that.

This year, Azle will face Arlington Heights, another tough team. The Lady Yellowjackets were undefeated in District 6-5A heading into this week's final regular-season game against North Side, but the Lady Hornets feel confident.

"We are pretty motivated and feel like we can do something in the first round this year," the coach said.

From Oct. 14-21, the Hornets played three dominant teams — Northwest, Saginaw and Aledo — and lost each game. Snyder, however, said the team showed grit and fire against Aledo that

bodes well with the playoffs approaching.

"Tonight, our goal was just to be back to our normal selves with joy and love and selfless volleyball," Snyder said after Azle lost to Aledo on Oct. 21. "We didn't care if we won or lost tonight. It's more just finding ourselves again, because we've been

struggling."

Against Aledo, the coach juggled the lineup, and the team "really adjusted well," she said. "We look like us again. I think we are going to hit our peak here in the playoff round."

Azle will play Arlington Heights Nov. 1, and the location still to be determined.



PHOTO BY JEFF PRINCE

Kendall Locke goes high for another kill shot.

Kendall Locke earns coveted DFW Player of Week Award

BY JEFF PRINCE
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Basketball is her main sport, but Kendall Locke puts out maximum effort at everything she does, including

volleyball.

On Oct. 11, the Lady Hornets played a long, grueling set against Wichita Falls Rider, and Locke helped secure the 3-2 victory by contributing 12 kill shots and 23

digs. The Hornets came out on top 24-26, 25-21, 25-23, 18-25, 15-13, and Locke was nominated for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram Dallas-Fort

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PHOTO BY JEFF PRINCE

From left, Nolan Garcia serves while Royce Baker waits at the net during a doubles match.

Azle tennis preparing for spring after winning fall bi-district title

BY JEFF PRINCE
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Azle High School's team tennis season came to an end in the Oct. 14 area championship round, but

the Hornets could take home a sense of pride and accomplishment.

In fall, tennis is played as a team rather than an individual sport. Azle won a fall team bi-district champi-

onship for the first time in school history.

High school spring tennis is played as an individual sport, with athletes winning

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LOCKE

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Worth Player of the Week Award for her effort.

After the final voting was tallied, Locke was announced as winner of the award that is highly coveted among area athletes, since the competition includes multitudes of schools from a wide area of the Metroplex.

"It was a great feeling," Locke said. Azle head coach Elizabeth Snyder said the team was ecstatic to see her win the award. "That is huge for her," the coach said. "Volleyball is not her first sport. She is a basketball player and is going to play basketball in college. For this to be her second sport, and for her to do something like that, it's

pretty amazing." This was Locke's first time to be nominated for the DFW award. "Basketball has always been my sport but coming into volleyball this year and kind of growing as a player, moving from playing outside to all the way around and making my spot here on Azle volleyball just feels great," Locke said. Being nominated felt good

and winning the award "was even better," she said. Best of all, her team won the game against Rider and played well as a unit, she said. Locke wasn't the only player with a big statistical impact against Rider. Check out these others:

- Makenna Dillow**, 43 digs.
 - Karlee Locke**, 10 kills, 11 digs, 4 blocks.
 - Makymna Hinkle**, 21 assists, 18 digs.
 - Skylar Arellano**, 11 digs.
 - Cameryn Hoskins**, 9 kills, 2 blocks.
- Three Hornets' reached career highs during the Rider game:
- Taylor Fischer**, 28 assists, 20 digs.
 - Melanie Harder**, 9 digs, 2 aces.
 - Kamryn Hill**, 10 kills.
- Kendall Locke, a senior, is in her final season with the Hornets. She appreciated her years spent at Azle and looks forward to seeing what lies next.

"It's a sad feeling because all of our seniors are going away to college, but we accomplished a lot this year, and I'm very excited for what the future holds for all of us," she said. The Hornets plan to play a warmup game with Peaster leading up to the bi-district

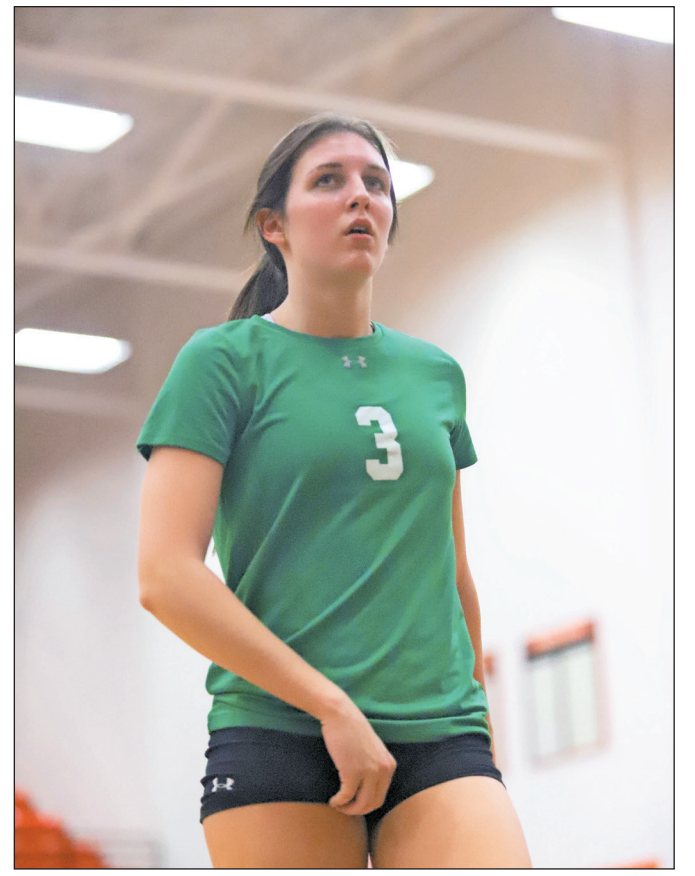


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Kendall Locke's volleyball skills earned her the DFW Player of the Week Award.

playoff game with Arlington Heights. "It's been a great season so far," Locke said. "We've done a lot that we didn't do last year. New players coming in. We made a difference, and we made history here and there, so it's a great feeling. This year was a good year."



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From left, Makenna Dillow congratulates Locke for another big play.

Azle vs. South Hills



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8/26	Frisco Reedy	HOME	69-27 L
9/01	Grapevine	at GRAPEVINE	58-14 L
9/09	Denton Ryan	Home	63-14 L
9/16	Aledo	at ALEDO	55-20 L
9/23	Brewer	HOME	54-0 W
9/30	Northwest	at NORTHWEST	58-7 L
10/07	OPEN	OPEN	
10/14	Saginaw	HOME	28-21 W
10/21	The Colony	at THE COLONY	58-34 L
10/28	South Hills	HOME	
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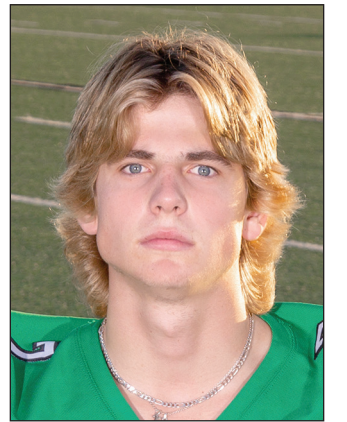
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SPORTS Roundup

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AZLE FOOTBALL'S FINAL HOME GAME OF SEASON THIS FRIDAY

Azle will battle South Hills at Hornet Stadium Friday in the final home game of the 2022 football regular season.

Head coach Devon Dorris encouraged fans to turn out for a night that means so much to the players, particularly the seniors competing in their final home game.

"We have a great group of young men that Friday will be the last time they get to compete at Hornet Stadium in front of their families, friends, and fans," Dorris said. "They are looking forward to this opportunity."

The Hornets are coming off a 58-34 loss to The Colony on Oct. 21, which ruined their chances of squeezing into the playoffs. The Hornets played a back-and-forth game early with The Colony before falling behind.

"They were able to make some big throws late in the half to open it up," Dorris said.

The coach was proud of how his team responded in the second half by "clawing our way back into a competitive game," he said.

Azle came close to pulling off two onside kicks in the second half that might have prompted a wild finish. The Hornets recovered one, but an official ruled a player touched the ball just before

it crossed the 50-yard line. Azle just missed recovering the other onside kick.

Dorris commended the defensive line and linebackers for their hard-nosed play.

"The linebackers played really well," he said. "They did a good job of stopping the run almost all night."

AZLE RODEO HANGS ON TO TOP SPOT

Azle's team has scored more points than the 90 other teams in the North Texas High School Rodeo Association, and the Hornets showed why at the Oct. 21-23 rodeo in Saginaw.

Laurel Allred enjoyed a fruitful rodeo, earning points in several events. She placed third in barrels, sixth



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Carter Cherry shows off his chute dogging chops.



PHOTO BY RICHARD SPRAGGENS

Jacob Martin makes one of the many tackles attributed to the linebacker crew against The Colony.



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Braden Love puts pressure on The Colony's quarterback.

in walkup goats and seventh in goat tying.

Others earning points included Lindsey-Kay Reichert, who placed second in barrels and fourth in poles. Hevenli Scribner placed seventh in barrels.

In chute dogging, Carter Cherry finished in fifth place, and Diego Aguilar took eighth.

Skyler Moore placed seventh in walk-up goats, followed by Caitlyn Colley in eighth, and Andrea Allred in ninth.

Azle has compiled 2,072 points after five rodeos this season and is leading Abeka (1,883 points), Weatherford (1,848) and Boyd (934).

FORTE JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL

Forte football's eighth-grade Green Team took it on the chin against a strong Mineral Wells team on Oct. 18, but the Hornets were never knocked down in the 22-8 loss. The Rams staggered the Hornets early with touchdown runs of 55 and 50 yards, but the Hornets kept their poise, locking down the Rams' offense for much of the rest of the game. Despite some offensive struggles early on, the Hornets found themselves back in the game early in the second half when Brayden Ford hit Joseph Cano for a 47-yard gain. Brayden Combs put the Hornets on the board the next play with a three-yard run and added the two-point conversion to make the score 16-8.

Forte's defense continued to bend until the middle of the fourth quarter when the Rams added one last score.

In other action, Forte's eighth-grade White Team fell to Mineral Wells 30-0, while the seventh-grade team lost 39-0.

FORTE JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL

The seventh-grade Green Team volleyball came out a little slow when playing Irma Marsh, but the backrow was solid enough to keep them in the game. Still, the team lost in two sets, 25-14, 25-17.

The seventh-grade White Team won in two sets, 25-18, 25-20. Brooklynn Harris served the ball well, and the team displayed excellent back-and-forth volleys.

The eighth-grade Green Team won 25-21, 25-13 and clinched a spot in the junior high district tournament. Rylee Russell aced six serves to help the team win, and Destoney Roper led the team in digs.

The eighth-grade White Team also won in two sets

against Irma Marsh, 25-20, 25-16. The girls have been working hard and pulled out their first win against Irma Marsh.

Kadence Cook began the first set with 12 unanswered servers to set the tone for the game and electrify the crowd. Cook would finish her big night with 17 total points and 17 assists.

Jeanne Wright served eight times in the second set, and Chloe Jackson rocked the crowd with a kill shot.

AZLE JUNIOR HIGH VOLLEYBALL

On Oct. 20, the seventh-grade A Team Lady Hornets took on the Chisholm Trail Lady Bulldogs. The Hornets played hard, took home a win and secured a spot in the district tournament. Coach Kendra Longbrake gave shout-outs to players of the game Finley Hard, Abbie Yochum and Tori Moore. "Finley made some wonderful passes and serves," Longbrake said. "Abbie made some awesome back-row attacks. Tori made fabulous blocks and tips."

The seventh-grade B Team volleyball defeated Chisholm Trail 25-10, 25-16. The leading servers were Ella Booten and Addison Ackerman. Others that impressed coach Neosha Beach were Charli Hanson on setting and Yurehime Villagomez and Clara Street with big hits.

"I'm very proud of the girls effort," Beach said.

The eighth-grade A Team swept the Bulldogs in two sets, 26-24, 25-22. Serenity Valdez and Bella Tipton were among the Lady Hornets who stepped into new roles due to injuries and "rocked it," said coach Kari Crosby.

"Our serving and serve-receive has improved tremendously since the beginning of the season and definitely contributed to our win against the Bulldogs," the coach said. "Our back row players are continuing to improve their ability to read the hitters and all of them picked up several tips in both sets of the game to help build our lead for the win."

The eighth-grade B Team volleyball faced adversity early in the game but pulled out another victory.

"The team served well and had stellar hits, said coach Misty Merck. "Our serving in the end is what won the game."

Players of the game were Ella Fuchscher and Ashlyn O'Neil. Both players displayed defensive prowess and accurate serves.

Football Contest WEEK 10

Blondie Robinson and Keith Rose each picked the winners of nine of 11 football games and tied for first place in the football contest. Robinson, however, was closest in the tiebreaker score, picking 50 points to Rose's 60. The tiebreaker game of Arlington vs. Lamar ended 31-7 in favor of the Colts for a total of 38 points. Robinson takes first place and \$20, and Rose pockets second place and \$10. Third place and \$5 goes to David Shaffer, who picked eight winners.

TENNIS

FROM PAGE 1B

or losing matches on their own rather than earning points toward a team score. Practice begins now to prepare for the spring. "This time is very important for improving our players' games and getting them stronger and in bet-

ter shape," said head coach Hayden Huff. She and assistant coach Jared Ewing have observed the athletes performing during the fall and "pinpointed certain things for each player to work on during off season," she said. During the fall season, the team was hitting the weight room twice a week. Now, the team will lift weights three

times a week until spring. During that time, the players run two miles a week and time themselves. "Their goal is to run it faster each week," she said. In fall, the athletes play one or two matches a day at practice. In spring, a successful player must be able to play four matches in a day. Last week, Huff quizzed players on their goals for the

spring season regarding tennis and fitness. "We talk to the kids about these goals, how they will accomplish them, and who will help hold them accountable," she said. Practices change, with more focus on drills and re-learning the basics while playing fewer match plays. Flowers aren't the only thing blossoming in spring.

The season shines light on the most talented players, because they are competing individually in singles and doubles events at tournaments. "We could have some good success in boys doubles and girls doubles in the spring," Huff predicted. One youngster to watch is freshman Emily O'Neill, who played No. 4 singles and No.

2 doubles this fall. "Everyone should be on the lookout for her," Huff said. "She will be doing great things. She only lost two singles matches our entire season — this includes non-district matches. The two matches that she lost were in the third set tie-break by two and three points." Spring tennis season begins in January.



PHOTOS BY JEFF PRINCE
Savannah LeFan reaches for the ball during a doubles match this fall.



A top boys player for Azle, junior Jack Clark, has another year to make his mark on Hornet Nation.



Luke Peterson plays JV this year and will vie for varsity next.



Jorja Erwin stretches for a ball during a varsity tournament. The sophomore will have two more years to improve her game.



Emily O'Neill is a top prospect after making an impact on the varsity team as a freshman.

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- Cut out the "Don't Forget to Vote" badge on this page and wear it proudly!
- On Election Day, ask every person you see who is over 18 if he or she has voted yet. Ask your teacher, your parents, the school secretary, and clerks at stores. **Ask them all!**

Who can vote?

In order to vote, you must qualify three ways:

- You must be at least 18 years old.
- You must be a citizen of the United States.
- You must be registered (signed up) to vote in the state where you live.

Standards Links: Social Science: Students understand the role of citizens including how to participate in civic life.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Red, White and Blue Words

With a friend, see how many words you can make with the letters that spell **red, white and blue!** Write each word in a star. Can you fill them all?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Campaign Trails

Decide whether each of these people can vote. Then follow each path in the maze to find out if you are right.

Standards Link: Social Science: Students understand the ways in which citizens participate in the American political system.

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- is a U.S. citizen
- is 79 years old
- retired 10 years ago
- has not registered to vote

Tom Jackson

- is an Air Force pilot based in Germany
- is 22 years old
- is a U.S. citizen
- has registered to vote

Maria Marino

- is 30 years old
- is a U.S. citizen
- has registered to vote
- does not read English

Paul Chernoff

- turns 18 on Nov. 1, 2022
- is a U.S. citizen
- does not have a job
- has registered to vote

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

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Read Between the Lines

People often use both **fact** and **opinion** to persuade others about their way of thinking. Look at a letter to the editor. Underline the facts in red and the opinions in blue. Does the writer use more fact or opinion?

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Write On!

VOTE Poster

Look through the newspaper for words and pictures that show why it is important to vote. Make a Don't Forget to Vote Poster and find a place in town to put it up!

Throw Your Hat into the Ring

Unscramble each election word on the hats. Then look for an article in the newspaper that uses one of these terms. Read the article and then use your own words to explain what you think the word means.

Standards Link: Spelling: Letter order, sequencing. Vocabulary development.

Extra! Extra!

Election ABC's

Look through the newspaper for 10 words about the coming election. Cut them out and glue them onto a piece of paper in alphabetical order.

Bonus Challenge: Can you find an election word for each letter of the alphabet?

Standards Link: Spelling: Arrange words in alphabetical order.

How to Be a Good Leader

Complete this activity at home this evening with a parent or another learning buddy.

- People elected to government offices must be good leaders. With a learning buddy, find 10 words in today's newspaper that describe a good leader.
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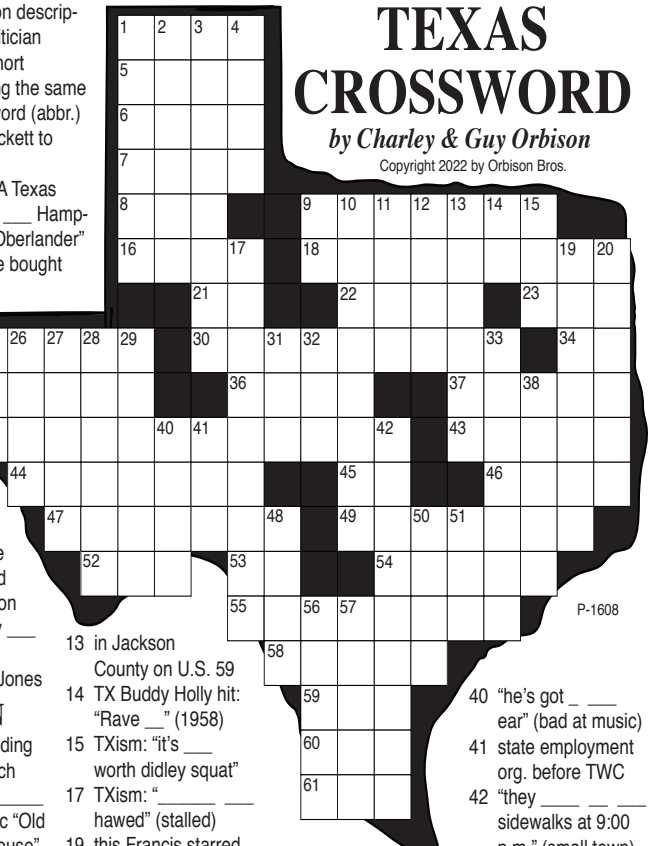
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- start a Dallas Stars game: "___-off"
- TXism: "get your ducks in ___"
- Texas-based 1973 film: "The Thief Who ___ to Dinner"
- TXism: "busy as ___ tender on payday"
- loud noise
- stop sign shape
- "___ and every one"
- TX B.J. country hit: "New Looks ___ ___ Lover"
- TXism: "two-steps to his own beat"
- TXism: "bone ___ ___" (study)
- Texans like it iced
- Cowboys not making the playoffs, e.g.
- Aggie reaction when A&M wins title, e.g.
- ___ Pepper
- missing portion of a manuscript
- loyal dog: "___ best friend"
- former Mavericks point guard, Harper
- Amarillo's "___ & Rodeo"
- western film: "horse ___"
- Ann Richards was ___ the 45th governor of Texas
- TXism: "he ain't ___ spring chicken" (old)
- TX ZZ Top album: "___ Hombres"

DOWN

- not a common description for a politician
- "glam," for short
- word meaning the same as another word (abbr.)
- dir. from Crockett to Linden
- 2nd play in "A Texas Trilogy": "___ Hampton Laverly Oberlander"
- TXism: "store bought molars"
- in Jackson County on U.S. 59
- TX Buddy Holly hit: "Rave ___" (1958)
- TXism: "it's ___ worth didley squat"
- TXism: "___ hawed" (stalled)
- this Francis starred with TX Ginger in 1935 film "Romance in Manhattan"
- TXism: "___ the bottom of a well"
- Cowboys first coach (init.)
- found in Texas: Trans-Pecos ___ snake
- 4,840 square yards
- "he's got ___ ear" (bad at music)
- state employment org. before TWC
- "they ___ sidewalks at 9:00 p.m." (small town)
- TX Ella ___ Morse sang "Cow-Cow Boogie"
- Mount Everest country
- poke fun at
- craftiness
- maps within maps
- memorable tune
- TXism: "chuckle-head"
- state nurses org.
- subatomic particles such as electrons
- a "Dallas" episode today, e.g.

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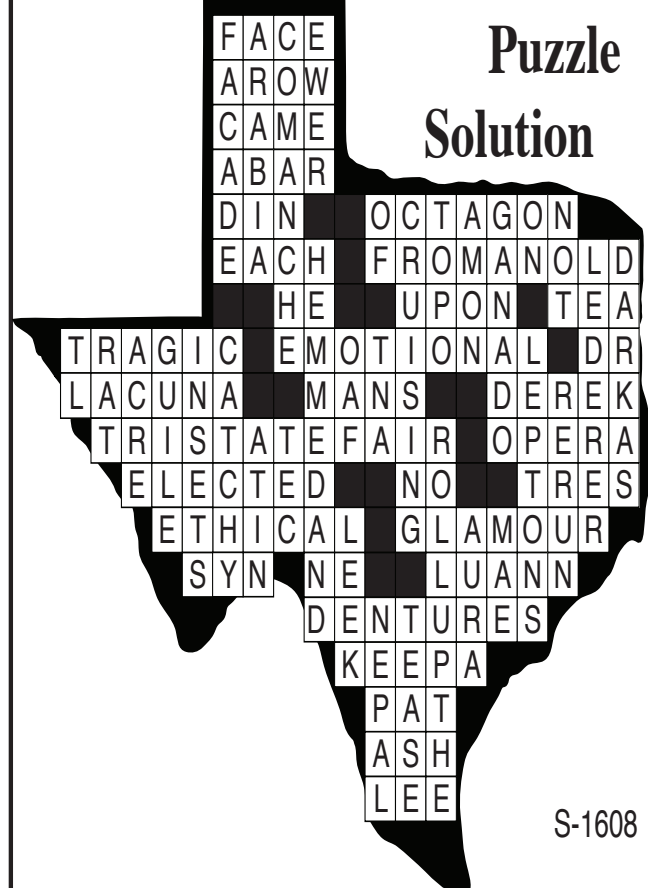
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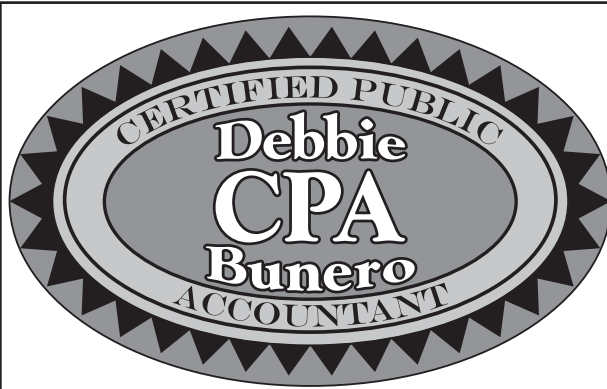
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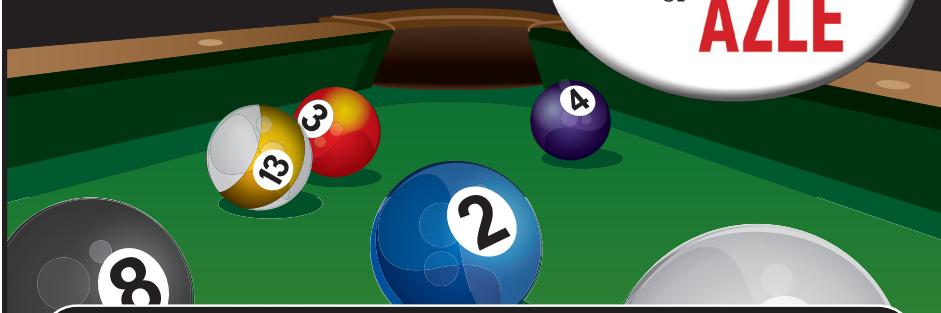
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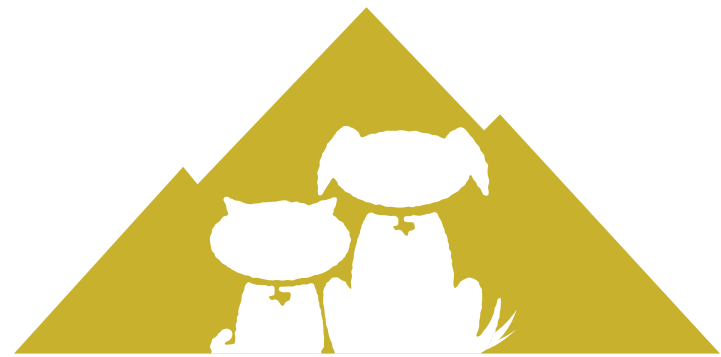
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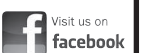
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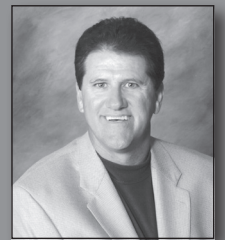
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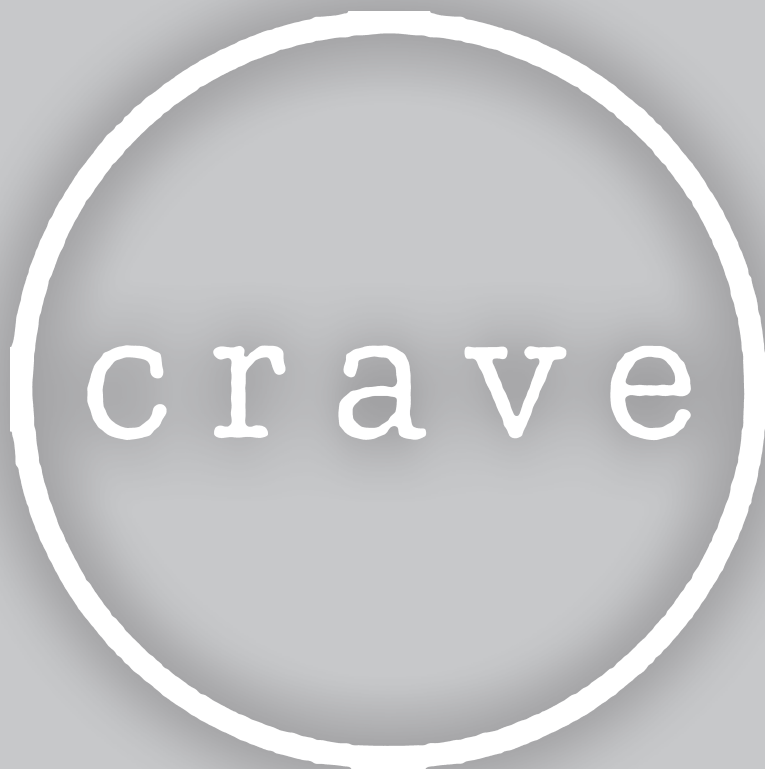
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