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Facility planning committee continues to meet

BY DON MUNSCH

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Azle ISD Superintendent Todd Smith wants the community to know the AISD Long Range Facilities Planning Committee intends to take a thorough look at district needs in deciding what would be in the next bond issue.

Participants approach the matter in a certain manner assessment of needs comes before deciding monetary considerations. The group's next meeting is Oct. 24 at Azle High School. Meetings began in May and are scheduled to continue into the first part of 2023.

The district presented a two-proposition bond package last November, with one proposition passing and one failing. The approved proposition, costing \$24 million, pays for cafeteria expansion, science labs renovation and expansion and welding shop instruction expansion. The failed measure, \$25.8 million, would have paid for expanding and renovation of fine arts facilities, renovating and

expanding locker rooms and expansion and better equipping of the athletic training areas, according to the AISD website.

"We get them together. meet for a handful of times, and then it's always been kind of geared towards getting ready for a bond," Smith said about the ongoing committee meetings. "Ultimately, that committee is still who would make the recommendations for the bond, but my direction now with the (committee) is taking a step back. Because some of the criticism is it's kind of a rushed process and it's a lot of information for a community to take

He said these people are parents, grandparents and

taxpayers, and they are looking for a recommendation for the district. He said he wants the committee to take a step back and examine the big picture of what they want Azle ISD to look like in the future.

"With that, I'm meaning what are we comfortable with our campus sizes being,"

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Improved homes, improved lives



A home renovated during the Good Neighbor Blitz gets a new roof.

Blitz helps residents with home upgrades

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Calvin and Pam Hodges have an improved house to call home.

The Azle couple's home on Crestview Place received renovations this past weekend courtesy of the Fall Good Neighbors Blitz, which is headed up by the Servolution Network. The 12th Blitz, Oct. 14-15, involves volunteers and companies coming together to revitalize 15 homes in six communities for veteran, elderly, disabled and economically disadvantaged neighbors, organizers stated in a news release.

"It's a blessing that has .. I can't put it into words," Calvin said about the work performed on his home. "It's so awesome what they've

done for us, what they do for everybody. How many houses are y'all working on this weekend?"

He heard from a Servolution official standing nearby that it was 15 homes. The last Blitz included a house across the street, and that is how organizers found out about the Hodges' home. Calvin put in an application and eventually his house

was selected. Both Calvin and Pam are disabled, and they have lived in the home 10 years. He said they previously redid the interior from floor to ceiling, in every

"But we kinda ran out gas before we got to the outside," he said.

About 30 volunteers

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Azle business owner appears in television show

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Leesa Wolf laughs when asked to let the News know if she gets an agent one day.

The request, made in jest, occurred during a recent interview in which she discussed being an extra on the set of the television show "Yellowstone," which is filming in Fort Worth. Wolf - who watches the show, which stars Kevin Costner - was asked to be an extra and to have her company vehicle from Frios Gourmet Pops business in Azle for the shoot last week. Wolf's business is an Army veteran- and woman-owned business, and Wolf and her husband are active in the community.

Last summer, her business - located at 241 W. Main St.



Leesa Wolf

- served a production crew when it was filming "1883" in the Stockyards. Both "1883" and "Yellowstone" have had some of the same production companies and the same distributor. Wolf was not on set

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Legacy Oaks resident turns 100



Mary L. McMahon, a resident at Legacy Oaks of Azle, just celebrated her 100th birthday. SEE STORY | PAGE 2



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for "1883."
"I just wrote them a nice note

(last year) and sent it to L.A. and said 'hey, thank you guys so much for your business' and they called me back last week - liter-

said, 'hey, we're filming this Friday and we want your truck in the show,'" she said one day last week. "So, they're going to have



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Leesa Wolf stands by her van that was used in an episode of "Yellowstone" in Fort Worth. Wolf was not sure when the episode would air. The new season of the show begins Nov. 15.

they want me to be an extra, I guess, running the truck."

The truck was in a scene that was shot on Friday night. Because of a non-disclosure agreement, she can't describe what the scene entails, but she had a good time and would love to do it again. The crew enjoyed her popsicles.

"It was pretty cool, and it took us about three hours for us to get everything done," she said Monday. "It was just awesome. The crew was really awesome. They fed us amazing food. I felt like royalty. They treat their people really well, for sure."

She was not sure when the scene will air. The new season begins Nov. 15.

Wolf has never acted or been an extra before.

She was "super excited" to be on the show and was grateful for the opportunity.

"And it just started by handing out popsicles," she said, referring to her time with the previous crew on "1883."

Will this lead to an acting career for Wolf?

"I don't think so," she said, laughing. "I doubt it. Who knows?"

She laughed some more and mused that she would have to find someone to run the store if an acting career pans out.

Azle man injured, Watauga man dies in twovehicle crash

FROM STAFF REPORTS

An Azle man was injured and a Watauga man died after an accident Oct. 14 north of Weatherford.

Juan F. Zurita Jr., 33, of Azle, was transported to a Fort Worth area hospital with undisclosed injuries, while the driver of the other vehicle, Jeffery K. Stephens, 50, of Watauga died at the scene, according to a news release from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

DPS troopers investigated a two-vehicle crash at 3:35 p.m. Friday on Farm-to-Market 730 north of Weatherford.

The preliminary investigation showed a 2002 Ford Explorer, driven by Stephens, was traveling south on FM 730. For an undetermined reason, his vehicle left the roadway and traveled into the barrow ditch, overcorrected and skidded sideways into the northbound lane of travel where it was struck in the passenger side by a 2008 Toyota Tundra, driven by Zurita.

No additional information is available, the DPS reported stated.

RnR Event Center



OURTESY PHOTO

On Tuesday, October 13, the Azle Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors hosted a ribbon cutting for RnR Event Center at 3605 E Highway 199, Springtown, Tx 76082. The facility was newly renovated in 2020 to host weddings, corporate events, birthdays and other special occasions.





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Early voting begins Oct. 24; EPA sued over pollution from Texas coal plants

EARLY VOTING BEGINS OCT. 24

Early voting in the Nov. 8 general election begins Oct. 24 and runs through Nov. 4. Applications for voting by mail must be received by Oct. 28, according to the secretary of state's office.

Texans are eligible to vote by mail if they are 65 or older; points. sick or disabled; are expected to give birth within three weeks of Election Day; will be absent from the county where they vote during early voting and on Election Day; or are in jail but otherwise eligible.

If voting by mail, Texans are urged to carefully read the instructions before putting their ballot in the mail. More than 12% of mail-in ballots were rejected in the March primary for not complying with tighter voting regulations enacted in the last legislative session, according to kut.org.

Meanwhile, the latest poll shows the race between Gov. Greg Abbott and Beto O' Rourke has tightened since the Sept. 30 debate between the two, the Corpus Christi Caller Times reported. The latest poll by Marist College shows Abbott's lead has dropped to 4 percentage



CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, includ ing in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and Cedar Park.

As the race hits the homestretch, O' Rourke reports having slightly more cash on hand in the latest threemonth reporting period, which ended Sept. 29. He also outraised Abbott by a slight margin during the same period.

EPA SUED OVER POLLUTION FROM TEXAS COAL PLANTS

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has been sued by two national environmental advocacy groups for allegedly failing to ensure eight Texas coal-fired power plants are meeting approved emission standards.

The Austin American-Statesman reported the suit was filed last week after the EPA missed a deadline to stop the Texas Commission on **Environmental Quality from** exempting the coal plants from regulations limiting particulate matter emissions.

An attorney with one of the groups, the Environmental Integrity Project, said the groups have been challenging the TCEQ exemptions since 2010.

"Essentially, Texas has these emission limits for particulate matter," Clark-Leach told the American-Statesman "Particulate matter is soot, it's the black stuff you see coming out of smokestacks. It's a bad idea if you've got people living nearby to emit in excess of those limits."

The EPA's website says that exposure to particulate matter can be harmful and is linked to lung and heart issues. Since being exempted by TCEO in 2010, the plants have increased emissions as much as 33-fold. However, four of the plants have in recent years either switched to natural gas or shut down completely.

DROUGHT CONDITIONS EXPECTED TO RETURN

A warmer and drier September and the continued presence of La Nina conditions mean drought conditions are likely to return to the parts of Texas that got some relief in August, according to Dr. Mark Wentzel, a hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board.

At the end of September, drought conditions covered 61% of the state, Wentzel wrote, which was down 15 percentage points from the end of August.

However, the National Weather Service expects a third straight fall and winter of La Niña conditions, meaning below-average rain and above-average temperatures across Texas during the fall and early winter. Those conditions are expected to dissipate early next year, hopefully bringing drought relief and possibly complete recovery by the end of next spring.

AVIAN FLU SHOWS UP IN BACKYARD POULTRY FLOCK

The highly contagious avian influenza was recently detected in a backyard poultry flock in Dallas County, prompting health experts

to recommend owners of domestic birds to limit all unnecessary contact with wild birds. The virus is easily transmitted not just by actual contact but through contaminated equipment, clothing and even shoes of caretakers.

Symptoms include diarrhea, incoordination, lethargy, coughing, sneezing and sudden death, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Game bird hunters are urged to wear gloves when disposing of carcasses, and disinfecting tools with a bleach solution. Those who find birds who have signs consistent with avian influenza should contact their local TPWD biologist, whose contact information can be found on the agency's website.

NEW ERCOT CHIEF VOWS GRID STABILITY

The new CEO of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas said at a press conference last week that one of his main duties is convincing Texans they can stop worrying about the electric grid.

"The key is going to be continued reliable execution," Pablo Vegas said. "Achieving reliable operations over extreme weather conditions, that's how you continue to build trust.'

He made the comments at a press conference held jointly with Peter Lake, chair of the Public Utility Commission. Both Lake and Vegas said improvements and operational changes made since the February 2021 freeze have made the grid much more reliable.

They pointed out there were no systemic outages during one of the hottest summers on record, which spurred a record demand for power, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

"We continue to be tested, (and) we continue to pass those tests," Vegas said.

COVID-19 CASES DROP SIGHTLY

The number of COVID-19 cases reported in the past week in Texas by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University decreased slightly to 13,442, with 92 deaths reported. Texas Department of State Health Services reported 1,147 lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations across the state, also a slight drop from the previous week.

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he said. "So, our elementary campuses, we've kind of been building our elementary campuses with a capacity of about 600. What are we comfortable with our high school? I think we're a little soon to be talking about two high schools. But are we OK

with going 6A? Are we going to say, we're going to stop at a 5A? What number do we look at and say, we're not doing anything more to that high school? Because we can continue to add on. I mean, we can have a high school of whatever size we want to have. Our capacity of the high school after all of bond is (finished), I think, is around 2,500. That reaches our capacity. Our high school is OK

for our 10-year forecast."

Larger picture considered, the committee - which consists of parents, teachers and staff, each of whom is an Azle ISD taxpayer - will decide what kind of programs, fine arts opportunities and course offerings the district would offer, and what kind of building arrangements those need. Plus, Smith said, committee members will explore whether grade configurations need

to be changed to maximize buildings for more space. Additionally, what should the district look like in 10 years is something leaders need to consider and then how everything can be paid for.

Bond elections can be held in May and November, and Smith said he wants to ensure the process moves slowly. Reverberations from failed bond propositions concerning the stadium continue to

linger in AISD, Smith said. "I don't want to continue

to put something out for the sake of putting it out," Smith said, explaining he wants the entire community involved in the process. But he also worries about waiting too long to address the district's facility issues because the district has continued to play catch-up.

Smith said about 25 to 30 people attend the commit-

tee meetings, although the committee has more than 40 members. Smith appreciates the feedback that has come from the meetings thus far. The last part of a meeting includes a tour of the campus.

Another committee meeting at the high school will be in November. The first meeting at AHS will focus on CTE programs and fine arts and the second meeting will center on athletics.

Azle School Menu

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PreK-4th Grade \$2.55 5-6th Grade \$2.75 7-12th Grade \$2.55 2nd Meal \$3.20



BREAKFAST: Everyday - Assorted Fruits and Cereal, Juice, White or Chocolate Milk, Graham Crackers, Toast Mon French Toast, Strawberry Banana Applesauce, Tues Apple Frudel, orange Weds Sausage Biscuit, Orange Craisins

Thurs Breakfast on a Stick, pear cup Fri Mini Maple Waffles, apple

LUNCH: Everyday - Variety of milk. Your choice of 1 entree & 1 fruit or juice

Mon Steak Fingers w/roll or Mac & Cheese w/roll, mashed potatoes w/gravy, Steamed Broccoli, pears Tues Chicken Nachos, Crunchy Beef Tacos, Spanish ice, beans, pineapple Weds Sweet & Sour Chicken w/ Lo Mein Noodles OR Chicken Egg Rolls, Stir Fried Vegetables, Applesauce Thurs Grilled Chicken Sandwich, Hotdogs, Smile Fries, Baked Beans, Orange Fri Max Sticks w/ marinera, Meatball Subs, Chicken Bacon Wrap, corn, peaches

GRADES 5TH - 8TH

BREAKFAST: Everyday - Assorted Fruits and Cereal, Juice, White or Chocolate Milk, Yogurt w/Granola Mon Breakfast Pizza, Strawberry Banana applesauce Tues Bacon Egg Biscuit, orange Weds Cinnamon Roll, peach cup Thurs Chicken Biscuit, banana Fri Breakfast on a Stick, apple

LUNCH: Everyday: Variety of milk. Your choice of 1 entree & 1 fruit or juice, rolls, crackers • Salad bar offered daily

Mon Steak Fingers w/roll or Mac &Cheese w/roll, mashed potatoes w/grawy, Steamed Broccoli, pears Tues Chicken Nachos, Crunchy Beef Tacos, Spanish rice, beans, pineapple Weds Sweet & Sour Chicken w/ Lo Mein Noodles OR Chicken Egg Rolls, Stir Fried Vegetables, Applesauce Thurs Grilled Chicken Sandwich, Hotdoos, Smile Fries, Baked Beans **Fri** Max Sticks w/ marinera. Meathall Subs, Chicken Bacon Banch Wrap, Corn, Peaches

HIGH SCHOOL

BREAKFAST: Everyday - Assorted Fruits and Cereal, Juice, White or Chocolate Milk, Yogurt w/Granola

Mon Breakfast Pizza, Yogurt w/ Granola Tues Bacon Egg Biscuit, Yogurt w/ Granola Weds Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt w/ Granola Thurs Chicken Biscuit, Yogurt w/ Granola Fri Breakfast on a Stick, Yogurt w/ Granola

LUNCH: • Everyday: 1% unflavored or non fat chocolate milk & juice offered daily at breakfast and lunch. Salad Bar • Fruit of the day subject to change due to deliveries and shortages. • Fruit, hot and cold veggies

Mon Steak Fingers w/gravy, Sausage Link w/mac n cheese, Cheese Enchiladas, Beef Burrito, Orange Chicken w/fried rice, Cheese Pizza, Pepperoni Pizza, Cheeseburger/Burger, Crispitos Tues Chicken Nuggets, Mini Corndogs, Beef or Chicken Nachos, Taco Salad, General Tso's Chicken w/lo Mein, Chicken Alfredo, Cheese Pizza, Boneless chicken Wings, Hot Dogs Weds Mac n Cheese, Fish Sticks, Beef or Chicken Tacos, Chicken Egg Rolls w/fried Rice, Meatball Sub, Pepperoni Pizza, Spicy Chicken Sandwich, Popcorn chicken **Thurs** Chicken Sandwich, Chicken & Waffles, Quesadilla, Crispitos Teriyaki chicken w/lo mien, Max Sticks w/marinera, Cheese Pizza, Corndog, Grilled Chicken Sandwich Fri Cheeseburger, Burger, Totchos w/rice, Bean Burrito, Sweet n Sour Chicken



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Movie helps spread the word about domestic violence

BY DON MUNSCH

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The man cleaned his handgun while talking with his

And then the man does something with a handgun that was meant as a not-sosubtle message to his wife. No, he doesn't shoot his wife, but he increases her worry and terror level.

The description above comes from "No Ordinary Love," a film about domestic violence that was screened Oct. 11 at Azle Memorial Library. Tracy Rector, a 1978 Azle High School graduate, was the executive producer of the movie, whose story centers on two women victimized by domestic violence. Rector, a survivor of domestic violence, attended the screening and moderated a O&A with the public afterward. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

"No Ordinary Love," filmed in the Fort Worth and Metroplex area, depicts how two men - a police officer and a pastor – abuse their wives through their words and actions. Azle Police Department and Azle ISD representatives and Sally Daniels of Future Hope & Healing Center in the Azle area also shared their views during the Q&A. FHHC helps people who are victims

of domestic violence.

"It is one of the most frequent calls that police officers get," Rector said about domestic violence in the Q&A. "It is the most asked about situation with 9-1-1. When you call 9-1-1, most of the calls are domestic abuse. It happens in every neighborhood, in every community, in every city and state in this country and in every country around the world. It's horrific what these numbers are."

She told attendees that the top reason that women die when they're pregnant is because of domestic violence.

"Now that takes your breath away," she said.

She also said the No. 1 cause of death for Black women between 15 and 45 is domestic violence. One in three women in Tarrant County will be a victim or encounter domestic abuse in their lifetime. For the rest of the country, it is one in four women.

"Those aren't good numbers - we need to improve the numbers," she said.

Rector formerly served on the board of SafeHaven of Tarrant County, and she said police and domestic violence agencies need involvement from other community partners to help solve the problem of domestic violence. She discussed how she got involved

in making "No Ordinary Love" and ensuring that it was an accurate reflection of what happens in domestic abuse situations. She also wanted to ensure that the movie contained spiritual abuse, which Rector said happened to her in her marriage. She eventually divorced that man, a pastor.

Rector said the greatest accolade she receives comes from survivors who said the film is realistic as well as from domestic violence experts who said the movie reflects authenticity and is not a Hollywood version of domestic violence.

"To me, that's the greatest compliment because that's what my goal was," she said.

APD Chief Ben Hall discussed how abuse starts in a relationship - "in so many subtle, small, controlling ways" - and how it builds up over years. Abusers try to separate their significant other from their support systems to maintain control. Hall talked about how his department handles domestic abuse situations.

Among the issues discussed in the Q&A session, Rector said society needs to stop blaming victims and focus on asking why men abuse women and that offenders, who are generally men, need to be called out. She said the purpose of educating the



Tracy Rector, left, executive producer for the film "No Ordinary Love," speaks after the screening of the movie Oct. 11 at Azle Memorial Library. To her left is Sally Daniels, executive director of Future Hope & **Healing Center.**

public is to save people's lives, and she encouraged people to support domestic violence agencies, including financially.

For more information on SafeHaven of Tarrant County, access safehaventc.org. For more information on FHHC, access futurehopeandheal-

ingcenter.org. Copies of "No Ordinary Love" eventually will be made available for rental at Azle Memorial







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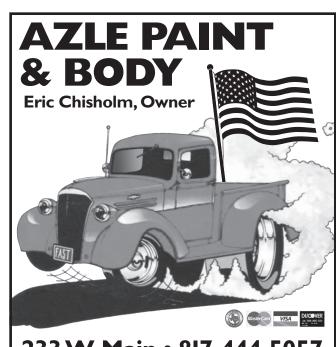
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Legacy Oaks resident turns 100

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A resident at Legacy Oaks of Azle just celebrated her 100th birthday, and the senior assisted living center recognized her on the special

Mary L. McMahon was surrounded by family, friends and community staff members as she celebrated her birthday on Sept. 25.

She was born in Oklahoma City and was married to Eugene A. McMahon for 42 years. They have one son, Stacey McMahon; two grandchildren, Jessica and Allan; and one great-grandchild, Georgia Laine.

Mary collected stamps for 50 years, worked on genealogy hobbies and also enjoyed crosswords and puzzles, according to a news release from Legacy Oaks. These days, she loves reading books and watching Western movies.

During her working years, Mary was a statistical typist, clerk, cashier and stenographer.

Mary's advice to have longevity is "clean living, keep

happy thoughts, and always be in a good mood," the release stated. Out of her 100 years of life, Mary is most amazed by the space age.

"Mary is a great addition to Legacy Oaks of Azle," said shares Independent Living Activities Director Katie Davis. "She is always smiling and friendly to everyone."

The community is located at 1364 Southeast Pkwy in Azle. More information about Legacy Oaks of Azle can be found at https://www. civitasseniorliving.com/ legacy-oaks-of-azle/.



Mary L. McMahon at her 100th birthhday celebration.

Where do you stand on pumpkin spice? Yes or no?

Seems like only a couple of weeks ago I'd walk out of the front door of the newspaper and jump in my car, and the steering wheel would be too hot to touch. Once the car was started, I would turn the air conditioning on full blast, and then roll down the windows to let some of the hot air, which had previously been trapped, escape. Such was my routine for what seems like a great many

months. This past weekend I made a trip to visit a friend who resides north of Denton. I left early in the morning and as I departed; I never paid much attention to the day's weather forecast. After all, for months the weatherman had recited the same tired old lines, "hot and miserable" followed by "hot and miserable." Why would I check now?

When I arrived about 8 a.m., it was a little overcast and the wind was blowing about 15 mph. My chosen attire for the day was shorts and a T-shirt. When the car door opened and I stepped out, I released an audible gasp. The temperature was only 54 degrees and with the wind factored in, it was cool!

Remember cool? It is that temperature that exists when it is not 105. I could not believe it! It was livable outside! Where did this phenomenon come from? Somewhere in the dark recesses of my memory bank I could remember cool days,



FROM MY FRONT PORCH

By Sam Houston

Sam Houston is a syndicated columnist and newspaper executive. He is

but they had been so long ago I was not sure. Could this refreshing feeling indicate the seasons are changing and summer may be headed out the door?

There are other telltale signs of fall. There have been advertisements for people attempting to sell firewood. Municipalities all over the state are having community events with names like Octoberfest or Harvest Moon. I am seeing Halloween my deck. I can picture myitems in the stores, and heaven forbid, even some Christmas items. Is the long, hot, miserable summer finally leaving us?

I must admit I was not sure if Mother Nature had looked at the calendar, seen it was October and decided it was time to act, or if perhaps I was being taken in and the heat would reappear in a day or so. Then something happened that told me without a doubt, fall was here. When I walked through the grocery store, I saw a multitude of pumpkin spice flavored products on the shelves, ranging from coffee creamers to baked goods. The appearance of pumpkin spice is the ultimate signal of the change of seasons.

Pumpkin is one of my favorite pies and I have always

enjoyed the spicy cinnamon flavor associated with the fall. The flavor lets my taste buds know the heat — which I have complained about for weeks on end — is finally on the way out the door. No longer will the air conditioner be running non-stop. I can turn off the ceiling fans, which have run non-stop since late April, and I can look forward to having a fire in the outdoor fireplace on self enjoying a cup of coffee while sitting around the fire, flavoring it with pumpkin spice, and wrapping a blanket around me while I enjoy the absence of mosquitoes and the incessant heat.

I know I am ready for the fall and winter to get here so I can enjoy all the good things associated with cooler weather. Besides, the sooner it happens the sooner I can start complaining and wondering when spring is going to get here, and it will finally warm up. The circle of life continues.

Thought for the day: Fall is the time when the world explodes with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the last show of the season.

Until next time.





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OBITUARIES

Kathryn Worthen

Kathryn Anne Worthen, 86, passed away Saturday morning, October 15, 2022.

Graveside service is at 2 p.m. Friday, October 28, 2022 in Azleland Cemetery.

Viewing is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, October 27, 2022 at White's Azle Funeral

Kathryn was born November 20, 1935 in Bowie, Texas to Walter G. and Louise R. Hoeldtke.

A longtime resident of Azle, she was active in AISD PTA for many years, as well as an election official for Parker County. She volunteered often in support of the Azle Optimist Club. Kathryn also worked at C&W Electronics since 1963, which she and Paul owned.

Kathryn was preceded in death by her parents; and her spouse of 52 yrs. Paul L. Worthen.

She is survived by son,



Mark Worthen and wife, Suzanne of Stephenville; son, Jeff Worthen and wife, Elizabeth Jane of Houston; daughter, Cindy Eubank and husband, Larry of Keller; son, Karl Worthen and wife, Pam of Dallas; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandsons; one great-granddaughter; and sister, Genevieve Lockley of Georgetown, Texas.

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Myrna Jo Sisk 1955-2022

Myrna Jo Sisk, 67, passed away Monday, October 17, 2022 in Fort Worth.

Service is Friday, October 21, 2022 at White's Funeral Home, Azle.

Visitation is 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, October 20, 2022 at White's Funeral Home. Burial is at Jaybird

Cemetery. Myrna was born September 20, 1955 in Gainesville to Joseph Paul and Dixie Darlene Nichols Young.

She loved the Lord and spending time in the word daily. Myrna enjoyed camping and fishing with family, playing Bingo with her daughters and sister. She loved to play games with family and voluntelling her daughters to put on a concert in the living room. She mostly enjoyed the company of her kids and grandbabies.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Bobby Young; and son, Davi William Sisk.

Survivors include her hus-



band of 48 years, Roy Sisk; son, Ray Sisk and wife, Ann, daughters, Deanna Hall and husband, Jerry, Ashley Cobb and husband, Michael, Bobbi Edwards and husband, Colby; grandchildren Brittany, Taylor, Blake, Tyler, Samantha, Joshua, Blair and Wyatt; great-grandchildren. Serenity, Ezekiel, Sophia, Kayson and Scarlett: sister. Terrie Nunnally; numerous nieces and nephews.

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The Tucker House is the 1889 historic home of V.J. and Emma Tucker.

Free tour coming to Weatherford historic sites

BY DON MUNSCH don@azlenews.net

A free tour around Veal's Station in Weatherford is set for 2-5 p.m. Oct. 23.

The tour starts at the Tucker House, the 1889 historic home of V.J. and Emma Tucker, at 6245 Tucker Drive, where people may pick up a map. From there, people can follow their map and guide themselves to other historic sites featured in the book "Around Veal's Station." These sites include Veal's Station Cemetery, the William and Elisabeth Woody Homestead (the oldest permanent homestead in Parker County), the Joe C. and Clota Woody Dairy Barn, and the Dobbs-Woody-Engberg Log

An historical marker exists for Tucker House, said Laurie Chance Smith, in an email. She wrote "Around Veal's Station." The Tucker House was built by V.J. Tucker, the son of Moses and Martha Tucker, who

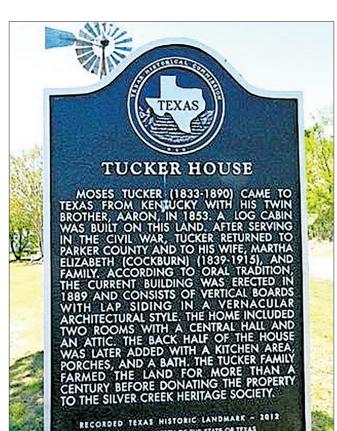
were among the very earliest settlers in Parker County. They arrived in 1851, four years before the county was formed, Smith said.

Also, an historical marker exists for Veal's Station Cemetery, where there are approximately 740 burials, Smith said.

"The loved ones interred at Veal's Station Cemetery include Parker County's earliest pioneers, elected officials, veterans, community servants, and countless innovators and visionaries,' Smith wrote in her book.

Maps will be distributed at Tucker House from 2 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. Oct 23. People should arrive early so they can complete their tour by 5 p.m. Docents will be available to provide guidance and historical information and to answer questions.

Organizers encourage visitors to wear comfortable shoes because of the uneven terrain. "Around Veal's Station" is available for purchase at the Azle News.



A historical marker for the Tucker House.

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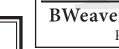
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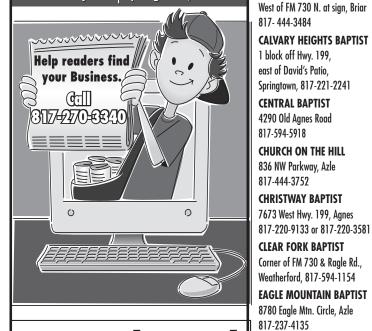
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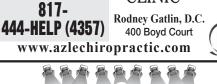
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Comedy seems to be good 'Match' for students

BY DON MUNSCH

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Anyone who enjoys theater should be familiar with "Matchmaker, Matchmaker," a song from "Fiddler on the Roof.

A matchmaker of a different sort will be presented in the first Azle High School theatrical production of the year this week. "The Matchmaker" will be presented at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, with a 2 p.m. matinee Saturday.

This matchmaker is Dolly Levi, who aspires to bring together couples in 1890 New York. The play was written by Thornton Wilder.

"If you've seen 'Hello, Dolly,' that is based on 'The Matchmaker," said Bailey Brewer, theater director at AHS, describing the story as centered on a "crazy, kooky lady" (Dolly Levi) who attempts to find love for a man, Horace Vandergelder. "She keeps setting him (up) with girls that aren't good enough. and in the end, we find out that she just wants to be with him. She also sets up these two other couples in the mix, and they go on adventures."

So, do Horace and Dolly end up together? See the show and find out.

In an interview with the News in late September, actors described the play as wild and chaotic at times, but it is a funny comedy. Brewer said the play is fun to direct. She starred in "Hello, Dolly" in high school and she played Minnie Fay, Irene Molloy's assistant.

"It's a more mature show for them to do in the sense that the characters are a lot more mature than what they're used to playing," Brewer said. "And it's from the 1800s, but they seem to be having a blast with it. Like yesterday, half of our rehearsal was spent laughing." Students standing nearby laughed in agreement. She said she's a firm believer that if the kids are having fun, then the audience will respond.

Trey Thornton plays Horace and Alexis Scoggins plays Dolly. During auditions, students didn't try out for specific characters. Instead, they just performed some readings and Brewer selected the roles for the actors. Thornton seems to be suited for his character.

"This is my fourth time playing an old grumpy man," he said, rattling off roles he's had before, such as Andrew Carnes in "Oklahoma!" "So, it's kind of like I'm coming back to my roots, because I was typecasted for a while. But I'm good at it, and I like being angry on stage. Because I'm not an angry person. Even my mom was kind of perplexed when she saw me on stage being all grumpy. So, it's fun to just delve into the contrast to my actual charac-

ter, the character on stage."

Scoggins said playing Dolly is "a step out of her comfort zone," explaining that while she always has been one to romanticize about love, she has never been able to play that trait on stage.

"And I've also always been in the ensemble, so this is my first time with the lead, big role, so I'm really excited,' she said, adding it's fun to gaslight Trey's character. She said in one of their supporting roles together, they were a couple, with Trey playing an old man and she was a witty old woman, in "The Importance of Being Earnest." The actors think their experiences together should help their performances in this production, as there is a comfort level that already exists, although it's been four years since they have acted together.

"He's been getting bigger and bigger roles, while I've always kind of been in the background," Scoggins said, explaining that she has been working in the costume department.

"So, it's fun for us to finally be on stage and in the limelight together and share it," Scoggins said.

Kameron Weger plays Cornelius Hackl, and Weger describes his character as "very quirky and just very awkward. He's a clerk for a store, but he's never done anything besides that. But he's now middle age and has never, like, spoken to a woman. So he's very awkward." Another actor reminds Weger that Cornelius is not yet middle age, that he is still in his 30s.

"He finally gets a taste of the outside world and is very overwhelmed by it, because he is just not used to that kind of interaction," Weger said, noting that Cornelius keeps to himself and doesn't have any spare time as Horace, a merchant, makes him work six days a week. "But he gets this taste of adventure and is very awakened by it."

Ali O'Neil plays Irene Molloy, a "very assertive woman who knows what she wants," O'Neil said.

"And she's trying to break out of this kind of traditional role of a woman in society," she said. "She owns a hat shop, but she doesn't enjoy her work there. She just kind of wants to go out and be able to experience things."

O'Neil said she's trying to marry Horace because of his money, but she ends up meeting Cornelius. Meeting him pushes her out of comfort zone that she's been wanting to go on her whole life.

Other actors discussed their roles, as Makayla Dorris plays Minnie Fay, a woman who is reserved and a "little ditsy" and who sometimes talks before she thinks. The



Trey Thornton, left, and Alexis Scoggins get ready to rehearse for "The Matchmaker," a play to be performed at Azle High School from Thursday through Saturday this week.

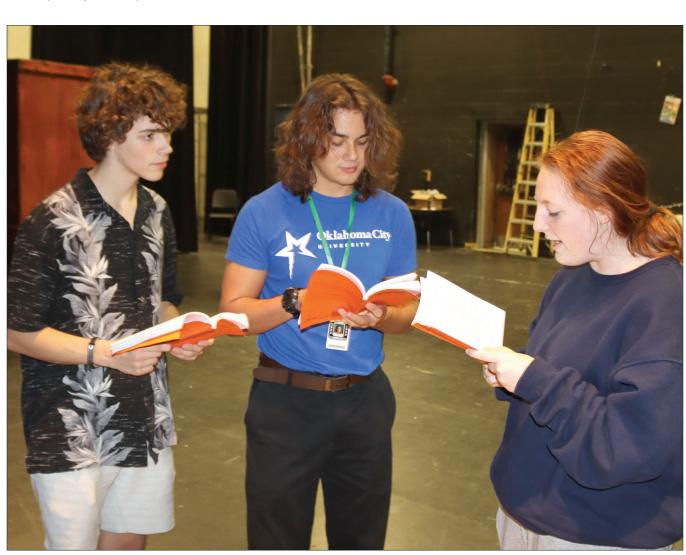


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Kameron Weger, Jett Lee and Zoey Thompson rehearse lines for their roles in "The Matchmaker," to be performed this week at Azle High School.

character is "cute," and she reminds Dorris of a mouse, sort of like Minnie Mouse. She said she is "absolutely" fun to play.

Jett Lee plays Barnaby Tucker, a young, naïve character.

"To him, Cornelius is a like a Superman, and even when he hears about stuff that is even necessarily true, it's still, like, 'oh, wow - you did

all this," Lee said.

Lee said he uses a playful voice with a high-pitched tone because while he is working for a hard-as-nails employer, he's still "very innocent and full of life."

"Overall, he's like a really fun character to play." Lee said. "Because once he starts feeling comfortable or excited in a scene, he can oftentimes be really blunt

or silly or forget who he is and what's going on and that can really lead to some silly mishaps. I'm really excited to play him and I hope a lot of people come see the show with me in it, especially, you know?" (He was teasing on that part.)

The theater department will perform "The Wizard of Oz" for its musical this year, as soon as the rights are ap-

proved. The show will be performed in January. Students will perform a One-Act Play in the spring, but the production has not been selected. Brewer said.

For more information about "The Matchmaker," including ticket information, access AHS Theatre Presents "The Matchmaker" October 20-22 at azleisd.net.

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Popular Squaw Creek Park has reopened for boating, fishing enthusiasts

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Squaw Creek Park reopened October 1 after the last closure that was associated with COVID concerns. This fantastic fishery requires a reservation for boating, but is also available without reservation for bank fishing.

I understand that the popularity of the lake is drawing numerous anglers right now. I would suggest calling early for reservations. A maximum of 150 boats are allowed on the water each day.

Squaw Creek Park is owned and operated by Luminant and is part of the Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant in Somervell County. The lake provides cooling water for the power plant and is a popular location for bass and catfish anglers.

The park is scheduled to be open from October to March. The park's standard hours of operation are 6:30 a.m. through 4 p.m. Thursday through Sunday for bank and boat fishing. Boats must be off the water by 3:30 p.m. The park is closed on



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Reservations for boats and kayaks are required. The cost to access the park is \$30 per boat with up to four folks (in the same vehicle). Additional individuals will be charged \$5 additional per person. The fee for kayaks is \$10. No reservations are required for bank fishing, and the fee is \$5 per person. Bank fishing is free for kids 12 and under and seniors over 80.

Please consult all the rules and requirements at Luminant.com/squawcreek-park/. Park rules are

Since the reopening, many anglers are reporting catches of largemouth bass weighing up to 7 pounds. Some are boasting of catches of up to 100 fish per day. Channel catfish are also good on prepared/cut baits on many areas of the lake.

Tilapia are an invasive species that have been flourishing in this power plant lake. This invasive species is great eating, and there is no limit. You are not allowed to return an invasive species back into the lake. Tilapia will be the subject of a future article for sure.

Caution is advised while navigating the lake, as many areas have standing timber, especially on the upper ends.

FISHING REPORT

Lake Granbury water temperatures are in the middle 70s. The lake is almost three feet low and falling slowly. Pray for some rain and runoff. Be careful navigating the lake, as many hazards are present due to lower water levels. One hazard identified earlier in the week was a tree in the river channel between markers 21 and 22.

The best action continues to be crappie fished near submerged structures. Crappie are good on small minnows or small jigs fished using light line. Largemouth bass are good to 6 pounds on crankbaits and soft plastics later in the day. Some good topwater action is good early and late near main lake points. Catfish continue to be best at night on cut shad on many areas of the lake. Sand bass have been schooling with small stripers near DeCordova and Indian Harbor. Jigging slabs and mepps spinners will put fish in the boat. Keeper-sized striped bass are slow to fair on live shad fished near channel ledges from Blue Water Shores to DeCordova subdivision.

On other reservoirs, Lake Whitney striped bass continue to be good on live bait fished near McCown and the Island. Whitney is about 7.5 feet low and falling. Call to verify access before going. Most ramps are still open.

One more recommendation ally a line of boats waiting to for those coming to the lake: get there early. It may take quite a bit of time to get all the boats launched once the park is opened. There is usu-

get on the water.

So if you get a chance, go check out Squaw Creek. It will be busy throughout the winter due to the warm water

(bass and bass anglers love the warm water). Park office phone numbers are 817-573-7053 or 817-279-1657. The address is 2300 Coates Road, Granbury, Texas.

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PHOTO COURTESY LUMINANT Squaw Creek Park

Emergency preparedness event to be held in Weatherford

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Area residents wanting to learn how to prepare for emergencies may attend a free, family-friendly event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at The Church of **Jesus Christ of Latter-day** Saints, 2251 Bethel Road in Weatherford.

A free flu vaccination clinic will be held 9 a.m. to noon. Weatherford Fire, Police and EMS, American Red Cross, Parker County's CERT and Hospital District, Carter Blood Care, Civil Air Patrol, Texas A&M Extension, food storage, 72-hour kits, home security, water purification,

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"I may cry."

The bald dude with the big old beard unexpectedly spoke those words while standing in my open front door last Wednesday.

Just about three minutes earlier, he spoke my name and I turned to see him standing on my front porch through the door I left open when I came in with my hands full.

"Gerry?"

He obviously knew me, but I didn't recognize the 40-year-old man who stood there. The last time I saw him he was 13 and lived a couple of doors away. He moved to Oklahoma with his mother when his parents divorced.

He told me who he was and that he just wanted to drop by and say hi.

I invited him in and went to the back of the house to get Mrs. Sweetie. I told her we had a visitor who wanted to see her, but I wanted her to see if she could figure out who it was.

When we returned to the living room, he was still standing in the open doorway and he spoke those words: "I may cry."

And then he leaned over to my wife and said, "I just wanted to come and say thank you for leading me to the Lord in your front yard

all those years ago.' He went on to tell us about his life—the "hellion" years and then getting his life together, getting married, having a child, and traveling "all over" on mission trips with his church. He said it all started next to the oak tree in our front

yard. We spent about 30 minutes reminiscing and celebrating the goodness and grace of God in his life.

It was such a special and serendipitous interruption in the middle of a busy afternoon.

After he left to go back to his family (who had no idea where he had wandered off to), Sweetie asked me if I had any recollection of that event more than 25 years ago.

Because she didn't. It's not that she's losing her memory. But that moment in our front yard didn't change her life. It was iust a few minutes with a kid from the neighborhood in the middle of an unexceptional day where she shared her faith in an unexceptional way.

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(Notifiquese por la presente, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrirándesde las 7:00 a.m. hast alas 7:00 p.m. el 8 de noviembre de 2022 para votar en la la Elección General pàra elegir electors Miembros del Congresso, Miembros de la Legislatura, y oficiales del estado, distrito, condado y del precinct.)

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(La votación en el día de la elección, será el 8 de noviembre de 2022, y se llevará a cabo entre las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m. Los votantes registrados pueden votar en cualquiera de los siguientes lugares de votación:)

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helped at the home. Pam said she was "beyond thrilled" about the renovations.

"They thought of other things that I didn't even think about doing," she said, noting a bridge built over the bar ditch. The house was built in

"We're just thrilled to get everything done because we're just not able to do it," Pam said. "There's God's hand definitely in all of this. We wish we were able to help do things."

At the Crestview house, site captain Nick Hightower discussed the cleanup around the house and other renovations, which included painting. A bridge was constructed over a bar ditch for the residents to be able to walk to the mailbox.

Jim Shinsky, site captain at a house on Turpin Drive in Azle, said Friday crews fixed the porch and put on a new roof. General cleanup and tree trimming were also performed at the home. About 40 people were there on Friday at the home that is occupied by a woman.

"It's amazing," Shinsky said. "Like every time we

need something, God puts the right people in our paths. It's awesome to watch."

Shinsky has worked on several Blitz projects, and said the more people work on these homes, the more people God lines up to help.

"I used to be real stressed out because I was trying to do everything on my own," he said. "And now, I don't do anything on my own. I let God deal with everything. If I need something, I left him know, and the next thing you know, there's people here to do it. It's unreal.'

Kilian Ward volunteered at the site, helping build a ramp for the individual at the residence.

"It's fun. I enjoy it, love it," he said about working on the project, as he additionally commented on the nice day that greeted crews and volunteers.

Jason Malewiski, executive director of Servolution Network, said with this Good Neighbors Blitz, the organization will have hit home number 200 in its history.

"I think we live in the best community I've ever been a part of in my whole life," he

He said about 130 people volunteered on Friday and about 150 people on Saturday.



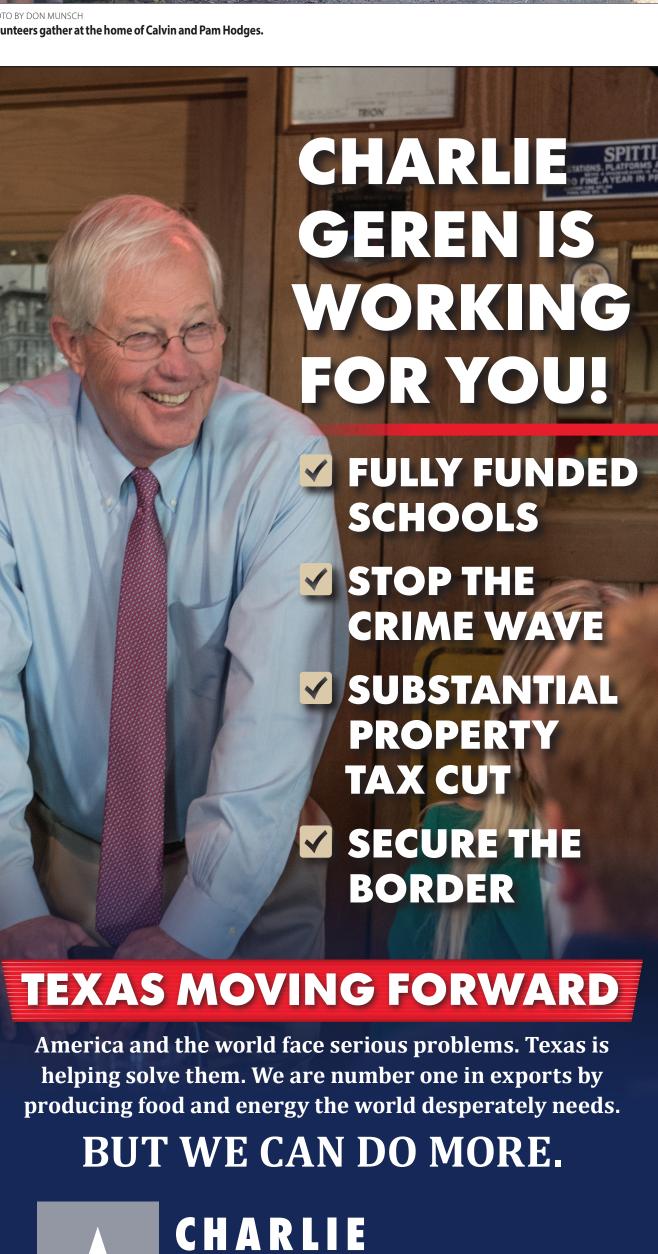
Volunteers gather at the home of Calvin and Pam Hodges.



David Swafford saws wooden panels that he placed on a well, below.









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Gala brings big donations for library

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY

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Many library supporters in Azle came together for dinner, dancing and donating at the Azle Library Trust's bi-annual fundraising gala on Oct. 15 at The Orchard Event Venue.

Debra Jenkins, this year's event chair, said that she thinks that donors helped raise nearly \$100,000 to benefit the Azle Memorial Library. The proceeds will be used to help enhance the library's collections of books for all ages, including e-books and audiobooks, plus provide funds for the summer and winter reading programs, children's programs and

digital resources for library patrons.

The operating expenses of the library are funded through the city, but the additional money raised by the Azle Library Trust allows library director Curren McLane and staff to take library offerings up to the next level with special programs and resources, as well as a varied reading selection for every reader.

"If anyone missed the gala and would like to support the library, they could certainly stop by the library and make a donation or purchase a leaf on Heritage Oak (inside the library) in honor or memory of someone," said Jenkins.



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Fundraising from the Library Trust Gala auction goes to special programs and resources, as well as a varied reading selection.



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Councilwoman Randa Good and husband Ronnie Goode check out art items for the silent auction.



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Attendees enjoyed a buffet meal.



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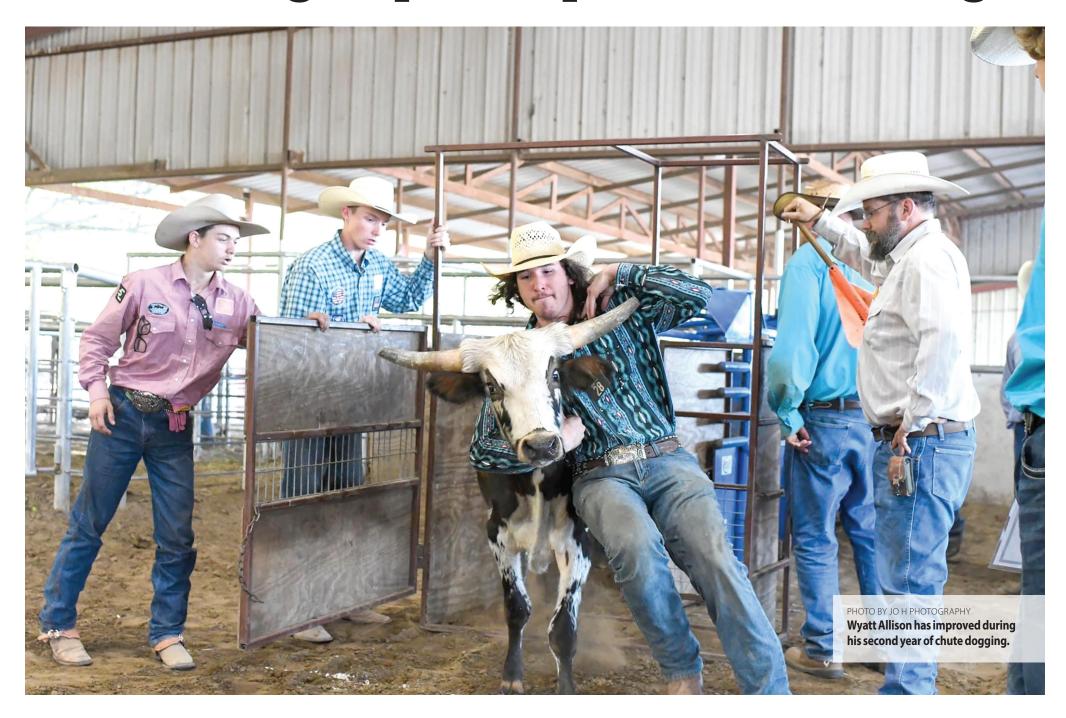


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Azle rodeo gallops to top of team standings



BY JEFF PRINCE jeff@azlenews.net

zle is stampeding the North Texas High School Rodeo Association's team standings this season.

After winning 490 points at the Oct. 7-9 competition, the Azle rodeo team found

itself in first place in team standings for the first time in

Last season, Azle fought week in and week out in an attempt to overtake Decatur in the team standings but couldn't get 'er done, finishing in second place.

Two years ago, Azle's rodeo team finished in 23rd place

out of 87 teams.

A combination of experienced returning members and new faces has Azle fielding one of its best and largest squads in recent memory. The roster includes 32 members after dipping to less than a dozen in 2020.

"The team has grown over the past couple of years,"

said team sponsor Kristy Scribner. "Honestly, I don't think everyone knew we even had a rodeo team. We have been trying to post on social media as much as we can, and the publication in the Azle News helps, too. We have several returning members who continue to excel in their events, so this has helped us

move into the number one position."

Nabbing the top spot has been a dream in the making. Holding that position will take renewed focus.

"It is early in the season, but we are hoping to finish out the season in the top spot," Scribner said. Her daughter, Hevenli

Scribner, is doing her part. She earned the All-Around Cowgirl title at the Oct. 7-9 rodeo at NTHSRA Arena in Saginaw.

Other members who are winning regularly include J.W. Gilbreath and Wyatt Allison, both in their second

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AHS runners headed to Lubbock

BY DON MUNSCH

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Azle High School's boys and girls cross-country teams punched their tickets to regionals with their performances at the District 5-5A meet Oct. 14 at Central Park

in White Settlement. The girls finished second overall and had three top 10 finishers. The boys finished third overall and had two top 10 finishers.

Runners will compete Oct. 25 at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock.

"The girls ran phenomenal — we're super happy," said AHS cross-country Keith Boenisch. "They ran great. We beat who we needed to beat. They beat everybody last week, and they turned around it and did it again. The boys did not run as good today as they did last week, so it got to be very, very close, but we're on the winning end, so we're not going to complain. But they made it a little too close than it should have

been.' Aa far as the coach's thoughts on individual performances, on the boys side, Barak Geary finished third and Austin Gatewood finished 10th, and Boenisch praised their efforts. And on the girls' side, he called it a "team effort - everybody ran good." Geary qualified for state last year, and Boenisch said it will be tougher this year but he has a chance to return to Round Rock.

"Honestly, the three girls that we had in the top 10, they've got a chance but they got to get a whole lot faster and they may not be possible Boys, girls cross-country teams qualify for regionals



PHOTO BY DON MUNSCH

SEE CROSS | PAGE 3B Jose Neri runs toward the finish line at the district meet.

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year of competing in chute dogging and other events.

"They have really started out the season strong this year," Kristy Scribner said. "They have both been pretty consistent in their events.'

Other standout point-earners include:

· Lindsey-Kay Reichert, a senior who competes in barrel racing and poles. Reichert has been a three-year qualifier for the NTHSRA finals and won barrels at several rodeos last year.

· Kasen Scarlato, a junior, and his team roping partner, sophomore Jesus Leyva, compete in heading and heeling and in chute dogging. Scarlato has been to the finals two years in a row, and Leyva made finals as a rookie last year.

· Caitlyn Colley, junior, competes in walk-up goats and qualified for finals in her first year of competing. She has added new events this

· River Cassel, junior, is a chute dogger who qualified for finals last year and continues to improve at every rodeo.

· Laurel Allred, junior, par-



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Hevenli Scribner earned second place in poles at the Oct. 7-9 rodeo.

ticipates in multiple events, including barrels, poles, goats and walk-up goats. The two-time qualifier for the finals NTHSRA placed in one event or more at every rodeo last year and added loads of points to the team's total.

· Hevenli Scribner, sophomore, is another multi-event standout. She won the Rookie Cowgirl title last year. Her

goal this year is to capture the All-Around Cowgirl title.

Kristy Scribner is enjoying watching the team compete each weekend and thinks they are a special bunch.

"We will continue to practice when we can and cheer each other on at every rodeo," she said. "Our end goal is to get as many qualified for the finals as we can. Of course,

Results from the Oct. 7-9 rodeo:

WALK-UP GOATS

- Laurel Allred, first place
- Hevenli Scribner, sixth • Caitlyn Colley, ninth
- Molly Rodda, 10th

GOATS

· Laurel Allred, fourth

BARRELS

• Lindsey-Kay Reichert, second

• Hevenli Scribner, third

- **CHUTE DOGGING** • Wyatt Allison, second
- River Cassel, fourth • J.W. Gilbreath, seventh

POLES

· Hevenli Scribner, second

winning High Point Team

The team has nailed down

the top spot for now, but the

rodeo season is long, stretch-

ing from September to April.

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Azle volleyball wins, loses big games

BY JEFF PRINCE

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Azle's Lady Hornets experienced highs and lows on the volleyball court in recent days

On Oct. 14, Azle met the undefeated and undisputed leader of District 5-5A volleyball, the big, bad Northwest Texans. Azle lost 25-14, 25-16, 25-11.

The loss ended a threegame win streak for the Lady Hornets, who played a long and brutal volleyball match versus district rival Wichita Falls Rider on Oct. 11. Azle came out on top after five sets: 24-26, 25-21, 25-23, 18-25, 15-13.

That victory moved Azle into third place in District 5-5A and gave the team a shot of confidence heading into the Northwest game.

"It's a big win for us to solidify going to playoffs," said Makenna Dillow, the team's libero. "It's crazy because we never beat Rider two times in a row. That's a good milestone for our team."

Three days later, however, Azle stumbled against Northwest and dropped to fourth place. That loss doesn't dim the Hornets' hopes for the rest of the season. Azle controls its destiny. Still remaining on the schedule are games against Saginaw and Aledo, both teams looking to lock down



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 $Team mates \, congratulate \, Makenna \, Dillow \, on \, another \, well-played \, set \, against \, Rider.$



PHOTOS BY JEFF PRINCI

Taylor Fischer goes for a dig under the watchful eye of coach Elizabeth Snyder.

playoff spots. Azle hopes to knock them out.

"We've grown a lot since we've played them last," she said. "I feel very confident in our team. We all want to win. We all have the same goal at the end of the day."

Dillow was her usual blur of activity against Rider. So far this season, she has nailed more than 1,000 digs and surpassed 2,000 digs in her career.

"It was a great win," she said. "We pushed through, believed in ourselves and worked together even through the hard times."

Earlier in the week, senior Taylor Fischer reached 500 assists for the season. Against Rider, she came close to making 50 assists in one game. She ran around the court with ferocity and dove headfirst for balls numerous times, landing on the hardwood court with a whack but without flinching. She wore no elbow pads but never hesitated to go airborne to reach balls.

"I'm trying really hard to get those stats up there," she said. "It was definitely exciting."

She earns an assist each

time she sets up a pass for a teammate to make a kill shot. Reaching 500 assists in one season felt good.

"That's really cool just knowing that I can help my hitters get their kills," she said.

Does Fischer ever dream of making kill shots rather than setting up passes?

"I did want to at first, but then I realized not every hitter touches the ball every time," she said. "Being a setter really helps bring the team together. It's pretty cool."

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this year, but they're gamers and I wouldn't ever count them out," the coach said. "They ran really good there in September, so we'll work really hard in these next 10 days and see what happens."

Runners talked about their performances at the district meet.

"I was going for either second or third, and honestly, I'm more just excited to get to go region, excited to have another shot at state," Geary said.

His goals are to qualify for state and then obtain a per-

sonal record so "I look good

to colleges."

"I started out pretty good,"
Gatewood said. "I think I did
great at the finish, and that's
really what drove me to do it,
because if I didn't pass those
four people at the end, we
probably wouldn't be all going to Lubbock. So, it would
only be just Geary. But I think
I did OK. I think I did what
I was supposed to. I did my
job and now we're all happy
about it."

"We've worked a long way to get there, and I'm really happy that we finished in the top 10," Reese Jeter said.

Berkley Huffaker said it was "pretty cool" to finish in the top 10, and preparation was kov

"It's exciting," Mckenzee Roberts said about the top 10. "I was really hoping that I would be able to make it last year, and with how good our team is coming into the season, I knew that was going to be the expectation for me and them, and we worked hard all season and we came out and did our jobs. So I'm really excited for all of us."

The girls said they don't know what to expect in Lubbock.

"We've done the course before, but I don't know who's going to be there – I don't really know anything," Jeter said. "So, I'm just in it for the long run, I guess." "In it to win," Huffaker said. Roberts said she has to keep working to get to state. 5-5A District meet finishes

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Berkley Huffaker



Parker Huffaker



Mckenzee Roberts



Barak Geary

Football Contest WEEK9

Three near-perfect prognosticators guessed the correct winners to 10 of 11 games in the football contest this week. Congratulations to Eddy and Margaret Swanzy and Kyle Gathright. To determine the contest winner, we relied on the tiebreaker game Louisiana Tech vs. UNT, won by the good guys 47-27 for a total of 74 points. However, Eddy Swanzy and Gathright both picked 68 points for the tiebreaker and were closest, so they tied for first place and split the \$20 first prize and \$10 second prize, walking away with a cool \$15 apiece. Margaret Swanzy took third place and \$5.

Roundup

FROM STAFF REPORTS **AZLE CHRISTIAN** SCHOOL FOOTBALL

The Azle Christian Crusaders were prepared to play Ranger on Oct. 14 at home and celebrate homecoming at halftime by naming a new king and queen.

Instead, their opponent, Ranger, forfeited the game, and the homecoming festivities have been rescheduled to Friday, Oct. 28, when they play Plano Prestonwood at

The Crusaders are expected to take a bye this week, although head coach Clayton Sanders is trying to schedule a game for Friday to make up for the forfeit.

AZLE CHRISTIAN VOLLEYBALL

On Oct. 11, the Lady Crusaders were swept by Waxahachie Prep's volleyball team despite three close sets: 25-19, 25-23, 25-23.

Next up, Azle Christian (3-3 in district) plays at 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24, at Victory Baptist Academy (5-1) in Weatherford.

FORTE JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL

Led by quarterback Brayden Ford completing 7-11 passes for 160 yards and three touchdowns, Forte's eighth grade Green Team returned home after consecutive road games with a 38-14 win over the Bulldogs of Chisholm Trail. The win evened their season record at 3-3.

Although the Bulldogs took the early lead with the game's opening drive, Forte needed just one play from scrimmage to get on the board when Ford hit Joseph Cano on a 43-yard pass for their first score. The Bulldogs' second series stalled after five plays, leaving the Hornets with good field position on their own 31. Ford hit Brayden Combs for a 39-yard gain on the series' first play, and three plays later capped the 69vard drive hitting Combs again on a five-yard touchdown toss. The ensuing twopoint conversion made the score 14-8.

The Bulldogs went fourand-out on their next drive, leaving Forte near midfield. Ford hit Jensen Jutson for 20 yards and Combs with a 22-yard TD pass to make the score 22-8. The Bulldogs' last drive of the half ended on a pick-six by Ford, unfortunately called back on a penalty before he crossed the goal line as time expired.

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The Hornets started the second half with the ball and continued to dominate, with Jace Jones accounting for 40 yards on the ground, including an eight-yard TD. The Bulldogs made a decent penetration into Hornets territory on their subsequent drive, but an 80-yard pick-six interception by Taylor Holden ended their rally as the third quarter drew to a close.

As Chisholm Trail only brought one team to play, Forte's White Team saw action on both sides of the ball in the final quarter. The Bulldogs managed a touchdown late to bookend the scoring on the day, resulting in the final 38-14 score.

Combs led the Forte receiving corps with four catches for 76 yards, while Cano caught two for 62. Jace Jones led the ground game with 40 yards on five carries.



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Bayleigh Lynn and the Azle Christian Lady Crusaders are making a playoff push on the volleyball court.

Forte's seventh-grade squad saw similar success on the road against the Bulldogs. Aaron Stapleton rushed for three touchdowns, and Cooper Johnson added another as the Hornets cruised to a 30-8 victory. The win evened their record at 3-3.

FORTE JUNIOR HIGH VOLLEYBALL

On Oct. 13, the seventhgrade Green Team played Mineral Wells and came out on fire during the first set but came up short 25-20, 25-15.

"As a whole, the team has shown great improvement and has finally found their groove," said coach Jason

The seventh grade White Team struggled to get a rhythm going against Mineral Wells, T kept things interesting but couldn't overcome a big deficit. A great backrow effort led by Lauri Wolfe in the second set helped keep them in the game, but struggles at the serving line proved costly.

The eighth grade Green Time showed a fighting spirit while beating Mineral Wells 25-21, 25-13 after overcoming a slow start. Charli Fair enjoyed a big night with her serves and a big block. Rylie Russell showed hustle as the new setter and has improved in a short amount of time. Chloe Wimbish was aggressive attacking the ball in both sets.

The eighth grade White Team played a close first set against the Rams but lost 19-25, 12-25.

The back row girls showed excellent passing to their

"Jeane Wright stepped up after being moved to the front row this week and had some hard hits and outstanding serves," Jones said.

Communication was the team's biggest weakness during the loss, the coach

AZLE JUNIOR HIGH VOLLEYBALL

The seventh grade A Team Hornets took on the Springtown Porcupines but came up short in both sets. "The girls worked hard and played as a team," said Kendra Longbrake.

Player of the game went to Finley Hard and Kimberly Licerio, who "both passed and served great," the coach

The eighth grade B Team faced a tough Springtown team and dropped the game in two sets: 14 -25, 13-25.

"The girls worked hard and had some shining moments," said coach Misty Merck.

Taylor Merrill served six in a row in set one, and Ashlynn O'Neil played solid in the second set with accurate passes and four aces.

"The team is competing and getting better every day," the coach said.

The eighth grade A Team also took on a skilled Springtown team and lost in two sets, 25-7 and 25-12.

"The girls had not seen that level of play yet, but stepped up to the challenge and improved as the play continued," said coach Kari Crosby. "We had solid passing from Valeria Macias and Rachel Harder, who both are starting to take command of the back row. Our setter, Kenzie Arellano, played exceptionally well as she is starting to read the hitters more and beginning to pick up some of those tough tips. Although we didn't take the win, the effort and grit of the players against a tough team like this is awesome to see."

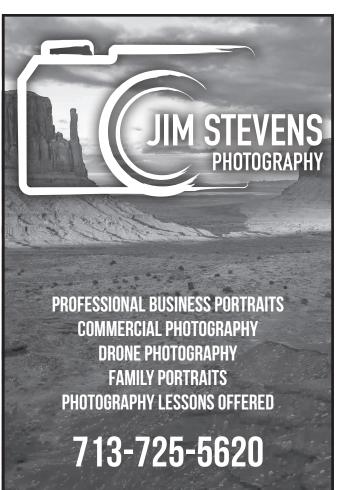


From left, Camden Logan and the Azle Christian football team are on bye this week.













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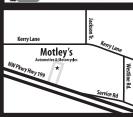
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Jay Jones handing the ball to Vance Guthrie proved to be a formidable combination against Saginaw.

Azle football improves district record before facing The Colony

BY JEFF PRINCE jeff@azlenews.net

The Azle Hornets kept their playoff pulses beating heartily after knocking off Saginaw 28-21 Oct. 14 at Hornet Stadium.

A strong performance by the Hornet defense helped secure the victory, which was crucial to keeping Azle's playoff hopes alive.

"I'm really pleased our defensive front seven," said head coach Devon Dorris. "We played really well versus the run."

The game was a nailbiter, with neither team scoring in the first quarter, and Saginaw taking a 13-7 lead into halftime. One of Saginaw's first-half touchdowns was a pick-six interception.

"We could not get out of our own way early," Dorris

Seeing his team rebound in the second half was gratifying.

"It was the first time we responded to adversity in a positive way and still found a way to win," he said.

Jacob Martin led Azle in tackles, including two tackles for losses. Other Hornets who made tackles for losses were Denim Fields, Braden Love and Josue Montelongo.

While the defense locked down the game, the offense players made plenty of impact. Tyler Landon excelled at wide receiver with two huge third-down catches to keep drives alive. Jay Jones threw for 226 yards and two TDs. Vance Guthrie rushed for 161 yards on 25 carries.

Kicker Braden Forsythe was a perfect four-for-four on point-after attempts.

The victory leaves three games remaining in the regular season, each against a team that is currently higher than Azle in the district standings.

First up is The Colony on the road.

"They are a physical running offense and like to take shots deep, so we will need to be disciplined against the run and be ready for the play actions and RPO looks," Dorris said. "Offensively, we need to eliminate our own turnovers."

Azle (2-3 in district, 2-5 overall) plays at 7 p.m. Friday at The Colony (2-4 in district, 2-6 overall).



Braden Crews and the Azle Hornets will hit the road to take on The Colony on Friday.



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Azle tennis wins bi-district championship

BY JEFF PRINCE

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Heading into the Oct. 14 team tennis area championship matchup, Azle's coach knew the Hornets faced a formidable foe.

"Colleyville Heritage will be the toughest team that we have ever played against," head coach Hayden Huff said.

The Hornets fell to Colleyville 19-0, ending their

fall team tennis season.

Still, the team did something unique.

Azle tennis made school history by winning a bidistrict championship after knocking off Arlington Heights on Oct. 11 at TCU in Fort Worth. Azle beat the Yellowjackets in the first playoff tournament of the season, coming out on top 10-9. The contest came down to the final two matches in the third-set super tiebreaker. Azle led 9-8 and needed to win at least one of its final two matches to claim the championship. Azle lost one of those matches, but Kristina Birkeland clinched a victory to nail down the

trophy. Head coach Hayden Huff didn't tell Birkeland the score total prior to her game, figuring she might remain more focused by not knowing how much was at stake. Birkeland won the first set and lost the second set. Whomever won the third-set tiebreaker would prevail.

"She was able to turn things around and won the third-set tie break 10-5," Huff said. "Her match got us to 10.'

Knocking off Arlington Heights was the first playoff team victory since Hayden Huff took over as head coach

"This is the first bi-district championship win for Azle team tennis ever," Huff said. "I am really proud of everyone on the team."

In 2021, Huff and assistant coach Jared Ewing were hired to lead and improve the team. They arrived to find a team that "knew the basics but did not know how to be consistent or any type of strategy," Huff said.

The players lacked confidence but were eager to learn, she said.

"Our players are hard workers and practice hard," she said. "All of them have improved immensely in the past year."

In 2021, Azle played Arlington Heights in the preseason and lost. Beating that team a year later in the playoffs was proof that Azle's team had grown.

"It was huge that we were

able to win," the coach said. "Each win has given the team more confidence."

Losing to Colleyville Heritage at area didn't dim Huff's positive outlook.

"I am really proud of this team and how hard they have worked," she said. "We did the best that team tennis has ever done in high school history. They put in the time and effort for the past year. The hard work paid off. Some of my players were already talking to me about what they want to work on in offseason so that they can continue to get better. I look forward to working on things and seeing how well we can do in the spring."

Spring tennis begins in January.



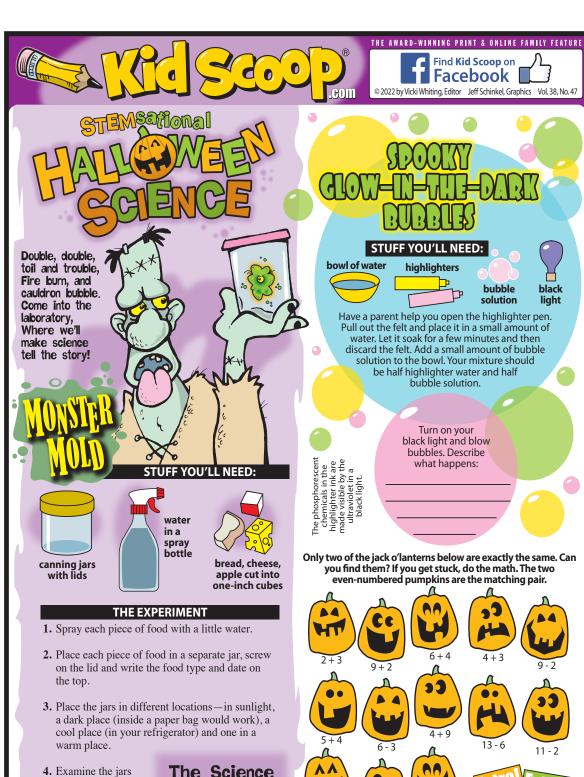
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Jacob Sparks and the Azle Hornets tennis team ended the fall season as bi-district champs.



The Azle Hornets earned the school's first bi-district team tennis championship.



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tablespoon of baking soda into the balloon.



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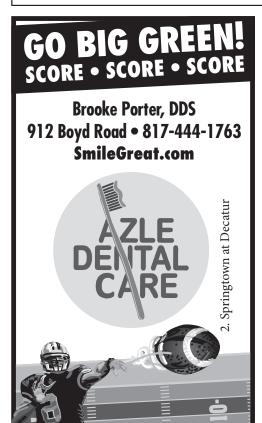
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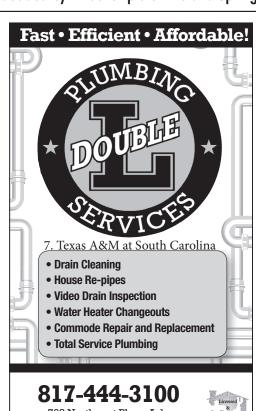
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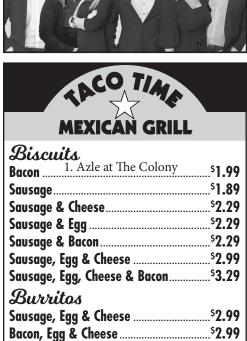


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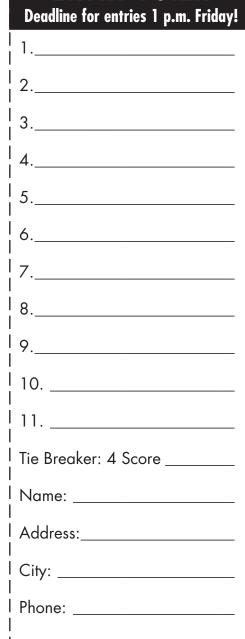


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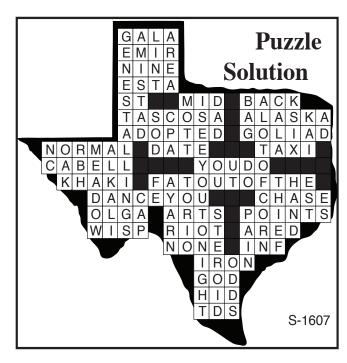
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