

## Lakeside mayor investigated in shooting incident

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Special to the Azle News

Lakeside Mayor Patrick Jacob is the subject of an investigation into a shooting incident that occurred on property owned by Jacob, Lakeside

Police Chief Steve Carpenter confirmed.

According to a statement from the Lakeside Police Department, officers responded to a report of a disturbance in the 300 block of Stone Drive about 8:40 p.m. Aug. 6. Upon

their arrival, officers discovered Jacob had shot an alleged trespasser. EMS personnel responded to the scene, treated the shooting victim and transported him to a hospital in Fort Worth, where he was treated and released with non-

life-threatening injuries.

The preliminary investigation revealed that Jacob confronted an individual on his property and asked him to leave. An argument between Jacob and the trespasser led to Jacob shooting the tres-

passer in the left foot.

The investigation into the incident is ongoing. Once the criminal investigation is complete, the case will be submitted to the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office for review.



FILE PHOTO  
Patrick Jacob

## CCC serving record number of families

### 20-year-old center needs renovations

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The Community Caring Center has been serving Azle in some form for over 30 years.

What started out as multiple food pantries organized by different churches in Azle has become one central location that has continued to help those struggling with food insecurity in the community.

Kristie Cooper, the executive director of CCC, said her organization has been seeing a steadily growing number of clients come to them for help month after month.

Currently, CCC serves an average of 1,000 families a

month, up from 750 families a month in June.

The USDA released its 2021 Household Food Security Report this month. The report showed "no significant change in food insecurity from the previous year," according to a press release from Baylor University.

The report shows that 10.5% of households were considered food insecure in 2020, with a slight decrease to 10.2% in 2021 — the lowest rate of food insecurity since the USDA began measuring the data in 1996.

Households considered to have "very low food security" also saw a slight drop from



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SEE CCC, PAGE 8A. The Community Caring Center holds free clothing giveaways that are open to the entire community in front of its 20-year-old building.

## Azle Homecoming Parade



PHOTO BY JIM STEVENS

Azle High School Marching Green Price trombone player Trevor Deel performs in the AHS 2022 Homecoming Parade Monday on West Main Street in Azle.

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## CASA Kids on Canvas event coming Oct. 20



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The Kids on Canvas fundraiser features many unique art pieces and helps bring in money to support foster children in Tarrant County.

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The Kids on Canvas event held by CASA of Tarrant County is set for 5 to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 20 at The 4 Eleven

in Fort Worth, with a VIP whiskey tasting event for top sponsors from 4 to 5 p.m.

The foster care system in Texas is facing a crisis as there is a shortage of bed-spaces for foster kids in

the Texas Child Protective Services system, CASA officials said.

"By supporting this event, you will provide a constant

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# Girl Scout troop encourages everyone to 'keep our water clean'

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Girl Scout Troop 2745 has completed its special project, which helped beautify the concrete walkway near Walnut Creek Elementary and Azle High School. The big reveal was Sept. 17.

The troop worked on painting the background for the mural on Sept. 3 before Sheri Johnson-Lopez of That's Flippin' Smart Art came in Sept. 10 to add in the details. Paint for the project was do-

nated by Kyrstin Daniels, a State Farm agent in Azle. "Thank you, That's Flippin' Smart Art and State Farm Kyrstin Daniels, for donating time, money and paint so that our Girl Scout troop could paint a mural for clean water awareness," said Rachel Bevan, troop leader.

The troop also participated in the TRWD fall Trash Bash on Saturday, helping to clean up Shady Grove Park in Azle, preventing trash from reaching Eagle Mountain Lake.



PHOTO BY JESSICA MCKINNEY

Girl Scout troop 2745 worked together with That's Flippin' Smart Art and Kyrstin Daniels State Farm to bring this mural project to life. Pictured (from left): McKayla, Penelope, Shyanne, Sophia, Claire, Camryn, Sophie, Cassie, Sofia, Rayna, Jillian, Miley, Samantha, Mia, Hailey, Madeline, Harper, Sheri Lopez, Rachel Bevan, and Donna Gessel.

# Scouts clean up for Trash Bash



PHOTOS COURTESY THOMAS KISNER  
Members of BSA Troop 243 and Cub Scout Pack 243 took part in the fall TRWD Trash Bash by cleaning up Ash Creek on Sept. 17.

Each year, the scouts come together to pull trash from the area around Ash Creek, preventing it from polluting area waterways like creeks and Eagle Mountain Lake.



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# Cemetery marker gets dedication

## Bud Clark Cemetery designated a historical Texas cemetery

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A Texas historical marker dedication ceremony for an Azle area cemetery will be held in early October.

Acquiring the marker took a few years of work, said Rae Sellers and her mother-in-law Christine Sellers, who live in Azle. The marker dedication for the Bud Clark Cemetery is at 11 a.m. Oct. 8. The cemetery is located southeast of South Mill Creek Road and Sabathney Road in Northeast Parker County. Boy Scout Troop 243 will be there to help with the ceremony.

The marker was awarded by the Texas Historical Commission and the Parker County Historical Commission.

For Christine Sellers, the cemetery holds a personal attachment, as she said her grandmother used to have her work in the cemetery when she was a child. Bud Clark was Christine's grandmother's brother, and Christine's mother's parents and grandparents are buried there.

The cemetery exists within the private property but is owned and cared for by the Bud Clark Cemetery

Association, according to the history of the cemetery by Laurie Chance Smith.

Bud Clark Cemetery holds 50 graves, with the oldest marked grave belonging to John Steele (sometimes "Steel") who died in 1870. John Steele was the brother of Joseph Gillis Steele, who is also buried at the cemetery. Joseph Gillis Steele was among Parker County's earliest settlers and became a prominent contributor to the county in its formative years, the cemetery history stated.

James and Margaret Clark founded the cemetery but it was named after their son, J.T. "Bud" Clark, who also is buried at the cemetery. James and Margaret are buried there, too.

"He inherited the property from his parents and continued their tradition of burying family members and area residents there," the cemetery history stated. The most recent burial was in 1997.

James Clark, a Civil War veteran, and Margaret Clark and their family arrived in Parker County in the month following the Civil War, which ended in 1865. When they acquire the property, a primitive graveyard sat on the



COURTESY PHOTO

Bud Clark Cemetery is located southeast of South Mill Creek Road and Sabathney Road in Northeast Parker County.

property, and the Clark family adopted the burial ground for family members and local residents.

"The Bud Clark Cemetery Association began in the 1980s and continues the Clark family tradition of caring for the cemetery," the history said.

Rae Sellers said the request for a marker occurred in 2017, but it wasn't until recently that the marker was received. The cemetery was recorded as a Historic Texas Cemetery in 2017.

"So, it took them over a year and a little bit to actually get the marker prepared, so

we didn't receive the marker until the end of 2020 or the first of '21 - it may have been the first of '21" she said.

She added that because of COVID-19, the dedication had to be postponed, as she explained that when someone receives the marker, a ceremony follows. The pandem-

ic created the delays and the ceremony is being held now.

Christine Sellers said the cemetery has always been well-maintained, and Rae said a pipe fence was placed around it so the cows could not enter the cemetery.



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# Azle Optimists honor Young Texans for September

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Azle High School seniors Luke Olmsted and Amanda White were recognized by the Optimist Club of Azle on Sept. 16 as the Young Texan and Texanne for the month of September.

Young Texans are chosen among the Azle High School seniors who show excellence both in academics and in their extracurricular activities.

Olmsted is ranked No. 62 in the class and holds a 97.5 GPA. He is a member of the Azle varsity baseball team, playing outfield and third base and is a pitcher.

"I plan on going to junior college ... playing baseball for as long as I can, because I've been playing since I was about probably 5 years old," Olmsted told club members. So, I've been playing it all my life, and I really enjoy it. Hopefully I get to continue my journey."

Olmsted has aspirations to have a career in baseball but plans to major in business management because



PHOTO BY JESSICA MCKINNEY

**Azle High School Principal Nate Driver (left) introduced seniors Amanda White and Luke Olmsted to the Optimist Club of Azle during the club's Sept. 16 meeting. Leon Williams, club president, presented certificates to the two who were recognized as the Young Texans of the month.**

he "would really like to work with numbers and statistics."

At AHS, Olmsted has been involved with PALs and the National Honor Society.

When asked who his most influential teacher has been, Olmsted said that coach Smith, who has been his baseball coach for the last four

years, has had a big impact on him.

"He's been really influential on how I go about my day, really teaches us a lot of life les-

sons," said Olmsted.

"How to respect people, be responsible with our grades."

Olmsted's parents described him as "very respectful" and a "very hard worker."

White holds a GPA of 103 and is ranked No. 9 in the senior class at AHS.

White is interested in studying criminology when she attends college, which may be at Abilene Christian University.

"They talk about (ACU) quite a lot in my church," White said. "They say very good things about it. My mother and I actually took a tour there this past March and we really enjoyed it."

White's reason for wanting to study criminology is one that hits close to home.

"My dad is in prison right now," she said. "Visiting with him for the past five or six years. ... I just feel really bad for prisoners, especially in the Texas judicial system, because they're not treated. ... with human decency. And I feel like the public doesn't understand that enough. So, for me being a criminologist I'd like to create more reha-

bilitation programs for both prisoners, like in prison, and also ex-cons."

White has been involved in PALs, AP Ambassadors, NHS and the Texas Association of Future Educators at AHS. She would like to be able to teach criminology at the university level.

She named Michelle Constant as the teacher who has been most influential for her at AHS.

"I just feel like she understands me on a personal level," White said. "She's an advisor of TAFE, so we get to talk a lot about different ideas, how to sell teaching to younger kids. ... She kind of works the same way that I do. We're very detail oriented."

White's mother Jan said that "what keeps most people down, (Amanda) uses that as a stepping stone to go further."

"I really hope that the people that meet her are inspired like me and my husband," Jan said. "She chooses kindness. She chooses to love people no matter who they are or what their background is."

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# When in doubt, refer to Rule #1.

If I were to ask you for your top rules for living, what would you say?

For example:  
Rule #1: Don't do stupid stuff.  
Rule #2: When in doubt, refer to Rule #1.

I can't remember where I heard that, but it's not bad advice. However, that's not the rule I'm thinking about today. I'm thinking about the rule that is commonly known as the "Golden Rule."

The way I remember learning it is "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

I probably learned it in Sunday School or Kindergarten.

According to Wikipedia, the idea dates at least 551 BCE



## BE AMAZING

By Gerry Lewis

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(that's BC for those of us who grew up using BC/AD) and is found conceptually in almost all religions. It, in fact, appears in some form in almost every ethical tradition—even those who hold no belief in God.

Of course, for my perspective, I'm thinking of the words of Jesus in Matthew 7:12—"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets."

Jesus was not the first to verbalize the concept but it takes on a different level of gravitas coming from Jesus. Not only that, He framed it in a way that gave the concept it's prominence by suggesting that it summarized the ethical teachings of the Jewish Scriptures.

My favorite translation of this verse is the New American Standard Bible, which says, "In everything, therefore, treat people the

same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets."

Not just DO for others what you would want them to DO, but TREAT others they way you want to be TREATED.

This was actually part of the content of my sermon yesterday at the First Baptist Church of Newark, Texas where I'm currently serving as interim pastor.

During a long walk today, I continued to reflect on those words and pondered how our culture would be impacted if we all made that our top rule for living.

If I'm going to treat people the way I want to be treated, I have to start with clarifying how I want to be treated. I also have to think of ideas

that have the possibility of reciprocity.

For example, I can't expect to always get my way and I can't expect that everyone will agree with me. Neither of those can be reciprocated.

Here's my short list:

I want to be SEEN and VALUED. That doesn't mean that everyone agrees with me. It means that I'm not overlooked, marginalized, or treated as if my life does not matter. It also means that I DON'T want to LABELED. I want my opinions, my ideas, my beliefs, and my habits to be evaluated on their own merit rather than lumped together into categories that will be embraced by some and rejected by others simple because of the way the cat-

egories are labeled.

I want to be FORGIVEN and TRUSTED. I've broken the "stupid stuff" rule. I don't want to be defined by my failures. That doesn't mean that I won't have to earn back trust that I've broken. It means that I want to be given the chance.

I deliberately chose categories that do not require a faith perspective because—as a person of faith—I need to have a consistent ethical standard for the way I treat every person.

This is how I want to be treated, how could I treat anyone in a lesser manner?

When in doubt, refer to Rule #1.

Be amazing today, my friend.

## CASA

FROM PAGE 1

voice for our community's abused and neglected children and will ensure every child has a safe and permanent home," the event flier said.

Kids on Canvas will feature food and drinks, premium raffle prizes and kid-friendly activities, plus the chance to take home some one-of-a-kind paintings.

### WHAT IS CASA?

CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocate. When an abused or neglected child is removed from their parents' custody, the child is placed in the legal custody of Child Protective Services.

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ily or place them for adoption.

With courts and the welfare systems being overwhelmed, it is easy for children to "fall through the cracks." CASA volunteers step up to help make sure that doesn't happen.

### WHAT DOES A CASA VOLUNTEER DO?

CASA volunteers are required to complete a 30-hour training class. They will then begin visiting with their assigned foster children on a regular basis.

The volunteers must visit with their children at least twice a month, once at their home. CASAs also speak with doctors, teachers and foster parents, and they observe parent/child visitations. This helps them to gather information from all viewpoints. CASAs are responsible for

communicating with the child and their biological family, CPS caseworkers, local attorneys and judges to help represent the child's best interests. They also provide judges with written recommendations about their placement.

A CASA volunteer can be almost any US citizen with a clean criminal history. Foster parents and CPS employees are not eligible to volunteer.

Tarrant County has the third highest number of confirmed cases of child abuse and/or neglect, according to CASA. In 2020, there were 1,106 children who had a CASA volunteer to support them.

For many children in foster care, the volunteer advocate is "often the most consistent person in that child's life," the CASA website stated.

# Azle man dies in Highway 199 crash

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An Azle man died in a single-vehicle crash Sept. 13 on Highway 199 in Azle.

Brandon K. Rubenkoenig, 35, died at the scene of the crash on Highway 199, according to an Azle PD news release. The crash occurred around 5 a.m. There were no other injuries and no passengers were in Rubenkoenig's vehicle.

Around 5 a.m., the Azle Police Department received a 9-1-1 call from a witness who saw a vehicle leave the roadway and roll over near the westbound exit of Denver Trail on Highway 199. The Azle Police and Fire departments responded to the collision, finding the single occupant and driver of the vehicle dead at the scene.

The cause of the collision remains under inves-

tigation, but at this time no other vehicles appear to have been involved, the release stated.

A GoFundMe account has been set up for Rubenkoenig's family. For more information, visit <https://gofund.me/e4186c20>. He was married with two children. Rubenkoenig's obituary said he grew up in Azle and attended Azle High School.

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# OBITUARIES

## Brandon Rubenkoenig 1987 - 2022

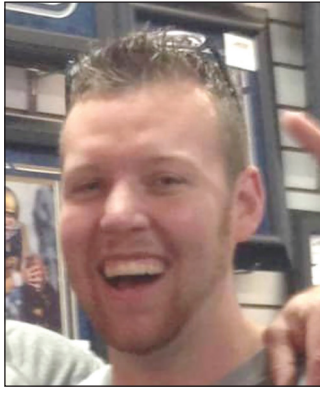
Brandon Keith Rubenkoenig, 35, of Azle, Texas, sadly passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022. He was a loving husband, father, brother, son, grandson, friend and more - who will be miss tremendously.

Service was held at Grace Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas, 10:30 am Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2022. Interment was at Thurmond-Fairview Cemetery Visitation was held at Biggers Funeral Home on Monday, Sept. 19, 2022.

In lieu of flowers, Brandon's family respectfully request you send any gifts or donations to his wife and children, as he was their primary financial provider. Please visit <https://gofund.me/e4186c20> for more details.

Brandon was born June 15, 1987 to Tracy and Renee Rubenkoenig of Azle, Texas. He and his brother, Patrick, grew up in Azle and both attended Azle High School. Brandon was passionate about music (classic rock to be specific) and was a devoted trumpet player in the Azle High School marching band. Upon graduating in 2005, he went on to receive a music scholarship to Weatherford College.

Brandon was known as a gentle giant and an avid sports fan, always rooting for the Dallas Cowboys and Dallas Stars. He and his brother loved attending



games together.

Brandon married the love of his love, April, in a picturesque beach ceremony in 2016. Together, they had two beautiful children, a daughter, Preslee and son, Hendrix.

Brandon was preceded in death by great grandparents, Leonard and Ina Rubenkoenig, Rab and Mary Beth Smith and grandparents, Fred and Thomasine Smith.

He is survived by wife, April; children, Preslee and Hendrix Rubenkoenig; parents, Tracy and Renee Rubenkoenig; grandparents, Mary Lee and Jerry Rubenkoenig and Helen Smith and Larry Neale; brother and sister-in-law, Patrick and Natalie Rubenkoenig; and nephews, Liam and Mason Rubenkoenig; as well as several beloved aunts, uncles and cousins.

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## Marion "KP" Padgett 1935 - 2022

Marion Kenneth "KP" Padgett, 87, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022 at his home in Azle surrounded by his loved ones.

Kenneth was born Jan. 10, 1935 in Grand Saline; son of Marion Lenzy and Robbie Louise (Maxwell) Padgett. He graduated from Arlington Heights High School.

Kenneth served his country in the Texas National Guard until 1962. He was an active member of the Azle Masonic Lodge.

After graduation, Kenneth immediately went to work in the steel fabrication industry. Eventually, Kenneth would start his own business, Padgett Steel.

He is preceded in death by his first wife, Jo Ann Padgett; second wife, Joan Padgett; daughter, Sandra Padgett; sisters, Betty Thomas and Robbie Yarborough; and granddaughter, Misty Dixon.

He is survived by his wife, Blanca Padgett; sister, Wanda



Patterson; six children; three step-children; his beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and a host of extended family members and friends.

Over the years, Kenneth touched countless lives and will be missed by all who knew him.

At the family's request, the funeral service will be private.

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## George Kelsey Mosley 1947 - 2022

George Kelsey Mosley was born Aug. 25, 1947 in Columbia, Mississippi.

He passed away peacefully Sept. 3, 2022 in Fort Worth, Texas.

Interment will be Sept. 29 at 1 p.m. at DFW National Cemetery.

Butch proudly served his country with the 1st Cavalry in Vietnam 1967-1969. He also proudly served in the Air Force 1972-1991. He was an aircraft electrician and cross trained into the gunner career field. The highlight of his Air Force career was being assigned to Andersen AFB, Guam from 1981-1984 as a tail gunner on a B-52D. He also flew in the B-52G and the B-52H while stationed at Loring AFB, Maine; Ellsworth AFB, SD and lastly Carswell AFB, Texas. After serving in the Army and retiring as Master Sergeant from the Air Force, he worked for the Tarrant County Sheriff's Department and finally the United States Postal Service.

He was a lifetime member of the VFW, currently supporting Post 5617 in White Settlement, Texas. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 315 in Box Elder, South Dakota.

He was an avid supporter



of the University of Alabama football team. He believed Bear Bryant walked on water. He also, of course, was a huge Nick Saban fan. Roll Tide!! He loved Harley Davidson motorcycles and let's not forget, Budweiser.

He is survived by his wife, Freda of Limestone, Maine; son Rich; daughter Kristi; three grandchildren and five great grandchildren: his brother, Richard and wife Jan of Bellevue, Nebraska; his sister, Kay Davis of Cropwell, Alabama; two nieces, one nephew and their families. He also had many friends and people that will miss their Uncle Grandpa Butch tremendously.

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## Margaret Plowman 1925 - 2022

Margaret Chlo Dell Plowman (Chlo, Mom, Mimi), 96, passed away Sunday, Sept. 18, 2022 in Azle.

Funeral Service will be at 1p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, White's Funeral Home, Azle, with a viewing prior to service time. Interment: Gibtown Cemetery.

Margaret was born Oct. 24, 1925 in Gibtown; daughter of Leroy C and Vadie (Comer) Sartain.

Chlo loved her family and she loved to cook for them. Her creamy mashed potatoes and baked chicken were a Sunday Staple. Her hot-water, chocolate cake was a dinner-on-the-ground favorite at all church functions.

She was a member of First Baptist Church of Castle hills for over 70 years, where she served as a Sunday School Teacher, deacon's wife and was active in the WMU.

She was a gentle spirit and her favorite role was "Mimi," she delighted in her family and loved nothing more than spending time with them. She embodied the description given in Proverbs 31:10-31, of a Christian, woman, wife and mother.

She loved to sew and made her children and grandchildren's clothes. She sang soprano in an ensemble group at the church and was a choir member for many years.

Her favorite color was pink and she enjoyed her sweet tea. Thanksgiving and Christmas were two of her



favorite times of the year and inevitably the family photo albums would come out and the family all sat around and laughed, talked, and remembered.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband of 57 years, Johnnie E. Plowman; sisters, Quilla Williams, Lois Calais; brother, Olen Sartain; daughter-in-law, Barbara Plowman; and son-in-law, James Symonds.

Survivors include her children, Max Plowman, Steve Plowman (Tambra), and Jony Symonds; grandchildren, Tracy Lange (Tim), Joy Chapman (Jason), Lori Booterbaugh (James), Belinda Russell (Brad), and Johnathan Plowman (Alicia); 11 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Over the years, Margaret was a blessing to countless individuals and will be missed by all who knew her.

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<p><b>ASH CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Pastor: Dr. G. Wesley Shotwell 300 South Stewart St. • <b>817-444-3219</b> www.ashcreekbc.org</p> <p>Sunday School.....9:30 AM Contemporary Worship-TMP.....10:45 AM Traditional Worship.....10:45 AM Evening Worship.....6:00 PM Wednesday Youth Refuge.....6:00 PM Wednesday Evening.....6:15 PM</p>	<p><b>CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> 2233 Hwy 199 E. • Springtown <b>817-755-0279</b> <b>817-221-LIFE (5433)</b></p> <p>Sunday Worship Service.....10:00 AM Wednesday.....7:00 PM</p>	<p><b>HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> 800 Highcrest Dr. - Azle <b>817-444-3063</b></p> <p>Saturday.....5:00 PM Sunday.....9:00 AM Sunday.....11 AM (Spanish) Daily Mass (M, T, Th, F).....8:00 AM Wednesday Mass Religious ED.....6:30 PM Confessions.....Sat 4 PM</p>	<p><b>SILVER CREEK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Sheila Fiorella - Pastor 2200 Church Rd., Azle <b>817-444-1382</b> www.silvercreekumc.org</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 AM • Worship 10:30 AM</p>	<p>Equip Sunday School at the WORD.....9:30 AM Empower Worship at the WORD.....10:45 AM Kids at the WORD.....10:45 AM PreK at the WORD.....10:45 AM Emanate at the WORD (Special Needs Ministry).....10:45 AM Nursery at the WORD.....10:45 AM Young Adults at the WORD.....6:00 PM Wednesdays Adult Bible Class.....7:00 PM The WORD Students (6th-12th grades).....6:30 PM Awana Kids at the WORD.....6:30 PM Life at the WORD Life Groups Various Times</p>
<p><b>AZLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b> (Disciples of Christ) Senior Minister, Ashley Dargai, Katie Medlin, Worship Minister 117 Church St. • <b>817-444-3527</b></p> <p>Sunday School.....10:00 AM Morning Worship.....11:00 AM</p>	<p><b>CROSSROADS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Pastor - Jon Baker Corner FM 730S &amp; FM 1886 <b>817-755-0279</b> Transportation Available</p> <p>Worship Service.....10:30 AM Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 PM</p>	<p><b>HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA</b> 4795 E. Hwy 199 - Reno <b>817-221-HOPE</b> Follow us on Facebook for streaming services</p> <p>Sunday School.....9:00 AM Traditional Service.....10:00 AM</p>	<p><b>SILVER CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Pastor: Jay Ditty Minister of Music: David Musick Corner FM 730 S. &amp; Veal Station Rd. Church <b>817-444-2325</b> www.silvercreekbc.org</p> <p>Sunday School.....9:45 AM Morning Worship.....10:50 AM Evening Worship.....6:00 PM Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 PM</p>	
<p><b>AZLE FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Pastor: Tim Stevens 1020 S.E. Parkway, Azle <b>817-237-4903</b></p> <p>Sunday School.....9:30 AM Morning Worship.....10:30 AM Wednesday Evening.....7:00 PM</p>	<p><b>THE EDGE CHURCH - AZLE</b> 1313 S.E. Pkwy, Azle <b>817-237-4822</b> Missouri Synod "Love God - Serve Others - Share Jesus"</p> <p>Traditional Worship.....9:30 AM Contemporary Worship.....11:00 AM</p>	<p><b>SOLID ROCK BIBLE CHURCH</b> 591 S. Reno Rd., Springtown, Texas 76082 Pastor - Bill Gay - <b>817-304-7443</b></p> <p>Coffee and Donuts.....9:00 AM Sunday School.....9:30 AM Morning Worship.....10:30 AM Children's Church After Music Service Wed. Prayer Meeting.....6:30 PM Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 PM</p>		

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# A revered figure bows out

## The queen is dead — long live the king!

Recently, Elizabeth the Second, Queen of Great Britain, Northern Ireland and all the other territories of the realm, passed away peacefully at the age of 96. She had ruled for an unprecedented 70 years!

Never in my lifetime has there been another monarch on the throne. She was a constant. During the entirety of my life, the sun has risen in the east, set in the west, and Elizabeth was the queen. It seemed somehow fitting, and completely expected.

There are some of us "colonials" who find the monarchy to be archaic or an anachronism. Some might think of royalty as frivolity and a waste of time and resources, but it is clear the people of Great Britain do not feel that way. There are detractors and those who wish the monarchy would become more modernized, but what I gather from the reaction of her subjects upon her death, Elizabeth was loved, respected and revered.

Even though our countries have been at war with each other twice, there is no nation on earth that Americans have a closer tie with than England. Through two world wars, and constant other conflicts and provocations, we have stood shoulder to shoulder. Our pasts are so intertwined and interwoven, I cannot help but feel remorse at the loss of the queen. She displayed such dignity and charm, so much so it would be hard to dislike her.

The queen's death caused me to reflect. I have heard people say, "she never had to work a day in her life" 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.

she "had all the money and things she could ever want." I will agree she did have wealth and privilege, and she was born into it. It was not something she worked for and earned. But please consider that once the job was placed in her hands, she committed her entire being and purpose to serving her subjects and maintaining those cultural standards that make Britain what it is. It was a relentless and never-ending responsibility.

Imagine being the queen. For every day of your life your every move and your family's every move is documented and displayed for all to see, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Elizabeth gave up her privacy, freedom and I would assume, must have given up friendship. She had confidants and advisors, but friendship is based on equality. How could Elizabeth be true friends with anyone when she was the "queen?" It was not a role she could simply remove when she took off her crown. She was always the queen, and she did a wonderful job of fulfilling the world's expectation of what a queen should be.

I think this may be why Elizabeth loved her horses and her dogs the way she did. She was a world class horse-

woman and was rarely seen far from the companionship of her corgis. They brought her comfort and companionship and fostered a relationship where she could be herself if only for a few fleeting moments.

Despite all the rigors of the position she held, the queen had a sense of humor and would frequently make comments that would demonstrate her wit and her ability to laugh at herself or a situation.

Her impeccable attire will long be remembered as a standard of elegance and class. I loved her hats.

The world is a lesser place without Elizabeth II.

I was very impressed with the first speech made by King Charles, upon taking the throne. I am prayerful he maintains the grace, dignity and elegance of his mother. The world needs an icon like Queen Elizabeth to look up to.

Best wishes Charles, and God Save the King!

Thought for the day: When life seems hard, the courageous do not lie down and accept defeat; instead, they are all the more determined to struggle for a better future. — Queen Elizabeth, 2008 Christmas broadcast. Until next time.

# Westbrook named Lions Club president



PHOTO COURTESY OF AZLE LIONS CLUB  
Jamie Westbrook (right) was sworn in as the 2022-2023 Azle Lions Club president on Sept. 13.

"I am happy to be the president for the upcoming year because I believe the Azle Lions Club does great things to benefit the children in our community," Westbrook said.

"I have been actively involved for many years and look forward to working on our projects this year. I encourage Azle residents to get involved in our organization to help us become bigger and better. Join us at our next meeting, get a team together to play in our upcoming golf tournament fundraiser, or plan to help us in November and December as we work on our Angel Tree project."

Westbrook is a school social worker, McKinney Vento liaison and foster care liaison with Azle ISD. She received the gavel from District 2E-2 Chairman Clayton Missner.

## Azle School Menu

Sept 26-30, 2022

**BREAKFAST:**  
PreK-4th Grade, 7-12th Grade \$1.55  
5-6th Grade FREE  
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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 French Toast, apples **Tues** Apple Frudel, oranges **Weds** Sausage Biscuit, applesauce cup  
**Thurs** Breakfast Stick, fruit cup **Fri** waffles, bananas

**LUNCH:** Everyday - Variety of milk. Your choice of 1 entree & 1 fruit or juice  
**Mon** Steak Fingers w/roll Mac & Cheese w/roll mashed potatoes, pears **Tues** Beef or Chicken Nachos, Taco Salad beans, corn, apple slices  
**Weds** Sweet & Sour Chicken, Egg Rolls, noodles, stir fry veggies, broccoli, oranges **Thurs** Grilled Chicken Sandwich, Hotdogs, French fries, bananas **Fri** Max Sticks w/marinara, Meatball Subs, Chicken Bacon Wrap, corn, apples

**GRADES 5TH - 8TH**  
**BREAKFAST:** Everyday - Assorted Fruits and Cereal, Juice, White or Chocolate Milk, Yogurt w/Granola  
Mon Breakfast Pizza, orange **Tues** Bacon Egg Biscuit, peaches **Weds** Cinnamon Roll, apple  
**Thurs** Chicken Biscuit, applesauce **Fri** Donuts, peaches

**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, Mac & Cheese w/roll, mashed potatoes, pears **Tues** Beef or Chicken Nachos, Taco Salad, beans, corn, apple slices  
**Weds** Sweet & Sour Chicken, Egg Rolls, noodles, stir fry veggies, broccoli, oranges **Thurs** Grilled Chicken Sandwich, Hotdogs  
French fries, bananas **Fri** Cheese Pizza, Pepperoni Pizza, Caesar Salad w/roll, corn, applesauce

**HIGH SCHOOL**  
**BREAKFAST:** Everyday - Assorted Fruits and Cereal, Juice, White or Chocolate Milk, Yogurt w/Granola  
Mon Breakfast Pizza **Tues** Bacon Egg Biscuit **Weds** Cinnamon Roll **Thurs** Chicken Biscuit **Fri** Donuts

**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, Taquitos **Tues** Chicken Nuggets, Mini Corndogs, Beef or Chicken Nachos, Taco Salad, General Tso's Chicken w/lo mien, Chicken Allredo, Cheese Pizza, Boneless Chicken Wings, Hot Dogs **Weds** Mac n Cheese, Fish Sticks, Beef or Chicken Tacos, Taco Salad, Egg Rolls w/fried rice, Meatball Sub, Pepperoni Pizza, Spicy Chicken Sandwich, Popcorn Chicken **Thurs** Chicken Sandwich, Chicken & Waffles, Quesadilla, Taquitos, Teriyaki Chicken w/lo mien, Max Sticks w/ marinara, Cheese Pizza, Corndog, Grilled Chicken Sandwich **Fri** Cheeseburger, burger, Totchos w/rice, Bean Burrito, Sweet n Sour Chicken w/fried rice, Chicken Bacon Wrap, Nachos

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# Hispanic Texans likely largest demographic group

## HISPANIC TEXANS LIKELY LARGEST DEMOGRAPHIC GROUP

The U.S. Census Bureau released its latest estimate, which indicates Hispanic residents in Texas make up more of the state's population than white residents. The new population figures from the American Community Survey indicate Hispanic Texans comprise 40.2% of the state's population last year, while non-Hispanic white Texans made up 39.4%, as reported in the Texas Tribune.

The estimates, from July 2021, are not considered official but reflect trends that demographers have been tracking for years. Hispanics accounted for nearly half of the state's population increase of 4 million residents since 2010. Census figures



## 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, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and Cedar Park. gborders@texaspres.com.

indicate almost half of Texas residents under the age of 18 are Hispanic.

The survey showed that Hispanic residents are more than twice as likely as white resident to live below the poverty line. The median income for a white household last year was \$81,235, compared to \$54,857 for a Hispanic household.

### MORE THAN 10,000 MIGRANTS BUSSED ELSEWHERE

With Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis grabbing head-

lines by flying migrants from Texas to Martha's Vineyard, Gov. Greg Abbott's office announced that is has now bused more than 10,000 migrants to what he terms "sanctuary cities" such as Washington, D.C., New York and Chicago. Last week, at Abbott's behest, two buses of migrants from Texas were dropped off outside Vice President Kamala Harris' residence at the United States Naval Observatory in the nation's capital.

Abbott has long criticized

the Biden administration's approach to migrants seeking asylum in the United States, and Texas has boosted border security funding by \$4 billion. Biden last week said the administration has a process to deal with migrants at the border.

"Republicans are playing politics with human beings, using them as props. What they're doing is simply wrong," he said at a gala for the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, according to Politico.

### DISASTER ASSISTANCE APPROVED AFTER NORTH TEXAS FLOODING

The U.S. Small Business Administration has approved Abbott's request for disaster assistance for seven North Texas counties affected by flooding last month. As much

as 10 inches of rain fell in the Dallas area in late August, causing widespread damage to businesses and homes.

Counties included in the disaster declaration are Dallas, Collin, Denton, Ellis, Kaufman, Rockwall, and Tarrant. Applicants can download applications and get further information at disasterloanassistance.sba.gov. 'Moderate' deer hunting season predicted

Biologists with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department are predicting a moderate season for deer hunters, with archery season kicking off on Oct. 1.

"Overall, 2022 year is expected to be good in terms of harvest numbers and opportunities, so don't let the chance to spend time afield with family, friends and fel-

low hunters pass you by," said Alan Cain with TPWD.

The statewide drought, while now largely in remission, has adversely affected natural forage for deer in late summer, especially in the central, south, and western parts of the state, according to Cain. Wildfires caused significant habitat loss, but those areas are quickly rejuvenating, especially with the recent rains.

"Where fires have occurred, there's been new grass and weed growth providing some much-needed nutrition and cover for deer," Cain said. "Although habitat conditions have improved immensely with recent rains, the timing was a bit late to have any meaningful influence on antler quality."

# As Texas grows, TxDOT continues to meet resident needs

BY J. BRUCE BUGG JR. Opinion

To say that Texas continues to boom is an understatement.

Between 2010 and 2020, Texas added nearly four million people - roughly the entire population of Oklahoma. Even during the pandemic, people still kept coming to our state, and there are no signs of slowing down. Our current population of 29 million is projected to grow to 47 million by 2050, a 62% increase.

This rapid growth brings people, businesses, jobs and economic prosperity to our state, but with these opportunities it also brings challenges. More people and businesses mean more goods

J. Bruce Bugg Jr. is chairman of the Texas Transportation Commission, which oversees the activities of the Texas Department of Transportation.

and services, and thus more demand on the transportation infrastructure that connects us all to each other. But I'm proud to say that these are challenges TxDOT and the Texas Transportation Commission have been meeting head on with great persistence.

After Gov. Greg Abbott was inaugurated in 2015, he made improving transportation throughout Texas a major priority. At our most recent meeting, the Texas Transportation Commission approved an unprecedented level of projected fund-

ing for the development and construction of more than 7,000 transportation projects, amounting to a \$117 billion investment in transportation statewide, including the approval of the \$85 billion, 10-year construction plan with the adoption of the 2023 Unified Transportation Program (UTP). These projects are dedicated to improving safety, addressing congestion and connectivity, and preserving roadways for Texas drivers.

This planned investment will have a tremendous and positive impact on the economy of Texas. According to the Texas A&M Transportation Institute, the \$8.5 billion of average annual investment programmed in the UTP over the next 10 years is expected

to yield an estimated \$15.5 billion per year in economic benefits, amounting to \$155 billion over the next ten years. These benefits are a result of increased labor income and business output, and the addition of 58,500 direct and indirect jobs.

Gov. Abbott directed me as chairman of TxDOT to "turn dirt" and Texans have shown that they overwhelmingly support "turning dirt" for new and better highways, roads and bridges. Texas voters passed legislation aimed at increasing road funding (Proposition 1 by 80% in 2014 and Proposition 7 by 83% in 2015) that now pays for about 40% of Texas' total transportation work. The people of Texas voted, we listened, and we have been

building the transportation system throughout Texas!

Because 67% of Texans live in five major metro areas - Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, and San Antonio - in 2015, TxDOT focused on the Top 100 most congested roads in these Texas cities as part of our new Texas Clear Lanes program. Since 2015, this congestion relief program now has \$61.3 billion of non-tolled projects that are completed, under construction or planned. And rural Texas - home to 10% of our population, but 47% of the Texas land mass - has not been neglected. Rural transportation funding has increased from \$2.2 billion in 2014 to \$14 billion today, a historic increase of more than 500%.

The more than 12,500 women and men of TxDOT work tirelessly to build and maintain our more than 197,000 lane miles and more than 54,000 bridges in Texas, the most miles and bridges of any state in the U.S.

My mantra, since becoming chairman of the Texas Transportation Commission in September 2017, is "execute, execute, execute" and Texans can know that Governor Abbott and Texas transportation leaders have kept their eye on the ball. While global pandemic and supply chain issues created uncertainty worldwide, our transportation system has been and continues to be something we can all count on - today and in the future for our great state of Texas!

**LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

To satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale to be held at Azle Southeast Storage, 1004 Southeast Parkway, Azle, TX at 10:30am 10-7-2022

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# ON FISHING

## Fall turnover has begun - get ready for lake changes

Cooling surface temperatures in fall always signal the start of "turnover." Summer is not totally over so we may see turnover slow and then restart with the next cool front.



**ON FISHING**  
By Michael Acosta

As a licensed professional fishing guide, Michael Acosta shows you how to find them. He has been a licensed guide since 1998. michael.acosta@att.net

Many folks associate the fall turnover with an awful smell and poor fishing and to some extent, this is true. The fall turnover has the water and rotting debris on the bottom of the lake moving up and this is where the smell comes from. The poor fishing is typically due to fish moving. Some will move up and some will move deeper. With turnover, the thermocline disappears, and the entire water column can hold fish.

At times, the surface may develop a nasty "slime" coating. This slime may put a scum line on your boat. Make sure you wipe your boat down or wash it soon after you get off the lake otherwise it may be more difficult to clean later.

Lake turnover occurs on the waters as long as the surface water temperature is cooler than the water below it. When this occurs, the cooler and more oxygenated water at the surface is heavier (more dense) than the water below and it sinks. Conversely the warmer water below rises. This circulation can be enhanced by wind and weather. This mixing of the water column eventually will have the entire water column on our relatively shallow lakes to have consistent temperatures and oxygen levels. With conditions favorable from top to

bottom, the predators can be at most any depth.

In the summer, the fish hold at the thermocline level and above as this is where they can survive. The water below the thermocline is essentially uninhabitable. With the fall turnover as I mentioned above, the entire water column can be used by the fish once the mixing has occurred. Many folks like to say that the fish scatter during turnover and to some extent, this is true. You might have to look a little harder to locate fish.

This initial turnover process is a great time of year for the lake, though it may frustrate a few anglers. The initial turnover process can occur over a short period of time and an angler's hot spots may change overnight. As with any season change, patterns change and the angler has to adapt. You will have to check several depths and maybe several spots. You may use presentations that can cover a lot of water to help locate active fish. Many folks will troll to locate active fish.

Locating baitfish concentrations on flats or near structure is always a good idea. You find the food and you will find the predators. Check your fishing log for

locations where fish have been caught in previous years. Keep your senses alert while on the water as there can be many clues on the surface of the water as well. Birds can at times point you right to active fish as they will be returning in numbers to our lakes shortly. An occasional surfacing baitfish may indicate activity below. Work predicted feeding times when you can. It is also a good idea to work a variety of depths until you can develop a pattern.

Turnover on most of our area lakes in north Texas will occur around the same time; however, there will be some differences. Some of the shallower lakes may turn over first, larger deeper lakes may turn over last, and some small impoundments may not turn at all because wind constantly keeps the water circulating throughout the year.

Turnover is occurring now and will continue as long as the surface is cooling. The heat could even return and stop this turnover process for a short while. The good news is that this is the precursor to the fall feeding frenzy, so you might as well figure those fish out for the good times that will surely come.



PHOTO COURTESY MICHAEL ACOSTA

Fall turnover is associated with an awful smell and poor fishing. Because of the cooler surface temperature of the water, warmer water rises and colder water sinks, causing the lake water to circulate.

### FISHING REPORT

Granbury water temperatures have fallen into the low 80s. Water levels are still down some, so be careful on the water. Granbury crappie limits are common on structure mid-lake from the Peninsula, the two bridges and Water's Edge to Indian Harbor. Some good crappie catches have also been reported near DeCordova as well. The best crappie action is good on small jigs and minnows fished in 15 to 20 feet of water. Keeper striped bass are reported as slow on live shad and downrigging jigs and crankbaits. Sand bass and small striped bass are in abundance and have been schooling early. Catfish (blues, channel and yellow) continue to be good on cut bait. Yellow cats are good on live bream. Largemouth bass numbers are good (mainly small fish with an occasional bigger fish to 7 pounds). Best action for largemouth bass is in the shallows early and late on soft plastics, spinners and crank baits.

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**Gelett Burgess: The Nonsense Expert**

Born January 30, 1866, Gelett Burgess is remembered as a nonsense expert. In fact, he may be one of your favorite authors, even though you have probably never heard of him.

He invented such great words as "blurb" and "goop."

Goop comes from the many tales he told of the boneless, ill-mannered and sort-of-human characters he named "goops."

The goops, they lick their fingers;  
The goops, they lick their knives.  
They spill their broth on the table cloth.  
Oh, they lead disgusting lives.

**The Purple Cow**

The most quoted poem of the 1890s was a little ditty by Gelett Burgess called "The Purple Cow."

**A But I can tell you anyhow,**  
**B I'd rather see than be one.**  
**C I never hope to see one,**  
**D I never saw a purple cow**

ANSWER: The correct order is D, C, B, A.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

**How to Draw a Purple Cow**

**STEP 1**  
Draw big, simple shapes for your cow's body with a pencil. Draw very lightly. A cow's body is a rectangle. Cows have short legs and a long tail. Draw ovals for the head and feet.

**STEP 2**  
Still drawing with a pencil, start adding details like eyes, hooves, udders, and horns. Remember to draw lightly with the pencil because you'll be erasing the pencil lines.

**STEP 3**  
Draw over the pencil lines in ink. Make sure the ink is dry, then erase all the pencil lines. Color your cow and add spots, stripes, or wild & wacky patterns.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

**Goopy Manners**

Gelett Burgess wrote a series of goop books to teach children manners.

One book of goop tales has verses about 52 children, two for each letter of the alphabet. Each child's name describes a fault.

**Draw a line from each goop name to that child's fault.**

Asleepnogo would not share things  
Teeza had dirty hands  
Nevashair didn't want to go to bed  
Inkafinga picked on others

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple directions.

**What faults are described by these names?**

Askalotte \_\_\_\_\_  
Xcitabelle \_\_\_\_\_  
Badinskool \_\_\_\_\_  
Fibius \_\_\_\_\_

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Understand word meaning from context clues.

**Make up names for children with these faults:**

\_\_\_\_\_ She would not brush her teeth.  
\_\_\_\_\_ He liked to sing too loud.  
\_\_\_\_\_ He pinched his baby sister.  
\_\_\_\_\_ She ate with her fingers.

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Create words from context clues.

**Kid Scoop Puzzler**

Only two of these kooky cows are identical. How fast can you find them? Better get mooooving!

Standards Link: Visual discrimination: Recognize objects that match.

**Double Double Word Search**

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

NONSENSE  
PURPLE  
EXPERT  
GOOPS  
BLURB  
ALPHABET  
POEM  
VERSES  
BROTH  
NEVER  
WORDS  
COW  
LOUD  
TEETH  
LICK

G M E R E V E N L E  
T T E G B E U R E T  
S D R O W R E S L E  
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E O D S S S O U U H  
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H N L D X N N A M A

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

**FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY**

**Opposite Ads**

Find an ad in the newspaper. Rewrite the ad so that it says just the opposite of the original.

Standards Link: Writing: Write brief descriptive narratives.

**Write On!**

**Sticky Situation**

What is a time you found yourself in a "sticky" or difficult situation? How did you solve your problem?

**Kid Scoop Together: Missing Words**

Here are some limericks written by Kid Scoop readers. Use the words in the Word List to make each limerick rhyme.

There once was a clever young lad  
But sometimes he gets really \_\_\_\_\_  
He found a big clover  
It flipped him right \_\_\_\_\_  
In the end he was very glad.  
- by Sam G.

Hey, it's free pizza day \_\_\_\_\_  
All the towns people cheered, "Hurray"  
But the fools didn't \_\_\_\_\_  
'Cause they went with the flow  
That I was going to yell April Fools Day!  
- by John D.

I was sitting in my comfy \_\_\_\_\_  
Eating like a big grizzly bear  
I just couldn't \_\_\_\_\_  
I thought I would pop!  
Now I'm fat, but I really don't \_\_\_\_\_!  
- by Cece D.

I love playing in the bright \_\_\_\_\_  
Oh my it is so much good fun  
To play in a \_\_\_\_\_  
But always stay \_\_\_\_\_  
It is so sad when the day is done.  
- by Audra P.

**CARE POOL OVER KNOW CHAIR**      **SAD SUN COOL TODAY STOP**

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Identify words that rhyme.

**Kid Scoop-doku™**

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word RHYME in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

R			M
H			R
Y	E		R
M	H	R	
E	R		Y

BOOK REVIEW

# Uncover some true tales of espionage and covert ops

**TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER**  
*Special to the Azle News*

Imagine that you're being watched.

Everybody wants to know your secrets. They want to know what you know, especially if it pertains to government operations. Keeping secrets, finding them out, espionage and spying have been in the news a lot lately, so maybe it's time to read about covert tactics, Bondian moves and the people who made them into art...

If you're into history and what-iffing, "Need to Know: World War II and the Rise of American Intelligence" by Nicholas Reynolds (\$29.99, Mariner Books) will gnaw at your imagination. What would the world have been like without American advances in spying on enemy communications, plans and campaigns?

You'll wonder about that, as you read about what this country didn't have, prior to Winston Churchill's influence and his insistence that American spies be recruited and taught, and codetalkers and codebreakers be asked to use their talents to thwart the Nazis and other enemies at war. Heroes and heroines are everywhere inside this book - so many that it's sometimes hard to keep track. Bonus: there are real espionage stories here, too - thrilling tales that are better than any spy novel you've ever read be-

cause they're all true.

Readers who can't know enough about World War II, and those who are intrigued by espionage will devour this big, comprehensive, wide-reaching book.

Here's another must-have for American history buffs: "Wise Gals: The Spies Who Built the CIA and Changed the Future of Espionage" by Nathalia Holt (\$28.00, Putnam).

Post-war time, America knew that it could never be without operations like the ones we had during World War II. The world had changed and being ignorant of other countries' secrets was no longer an option. And so, as part of the efforts for national security during the Cold War, the country utilized the work of four women known to their colleagues as the "Wise Gals," for their smarts and their smart senses of humor.

Mary Hutchison worked with the Ukrainians to forge an alliance, almost right under Russian noses. Eloise Page worked to keep America safe by unmasking world-wide terror networks. Adelaide Hawkins worked to create a way for spies and agents to communicate with one another in secret. And Elizabeth Sudmeier was almost killed in the Middle East while she was collecting secrets on Russia.

But author Nathalia Holt doesn't just tell about the

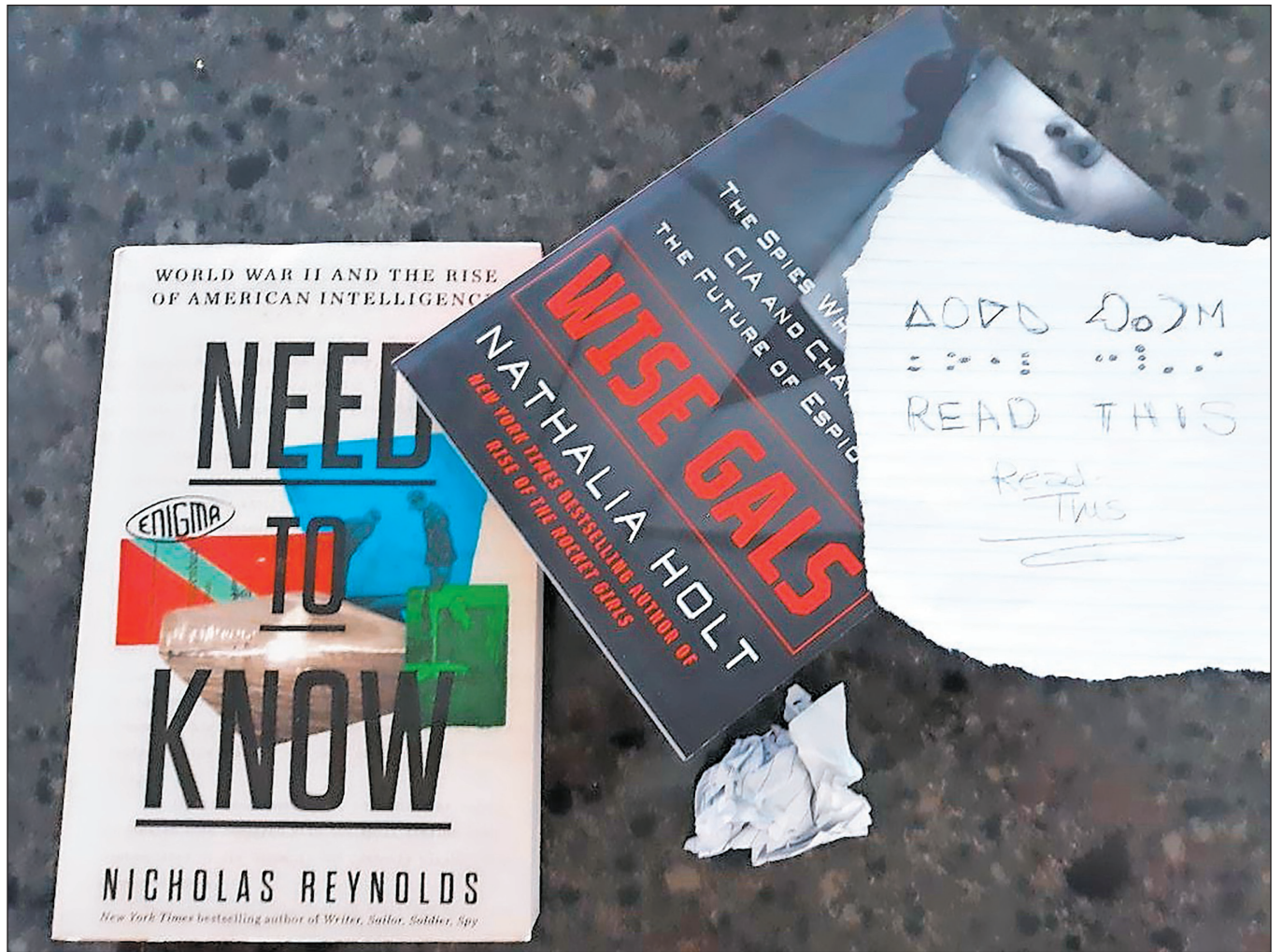


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Espionage and Spy Books by Nicholas Reynolds and Nathalia Holt. c.2022, Mariner Books / Putnam, \$28-\$29.99 512 pages / 400 pages

Cold War work of these four American heroines. The stories of these women are nicely rounded by the inclusion of their personal lives and loves, and by their frus-

trations as women in what was then, essentially, a man's world. This hidden four-way story is a nice addition to the shelves for feminists, readers of Cold War novels, and

anyone who relishes a good history book.

And if these two books don't fit what you're looking for in an authentic spy story, then be sure to ask your fa-

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# Homecoming 2022



PHOTOS BY JIM STEVENS  
The color guard of the Marching Green Pride performs at the 2022 Azle High School Homecoming Parade in Azle.



Amy Estes, a member of the Azle City Council and a teacher and coach in Azle ISD, was the grand marshal of the parade.



Azle High School Marching Green Price tuba player Olivia Williston performs in the AHS 2022 Homecoming Parade Monday on West Main Street in Azle.



Fletcher Hutka from Walnut Creek Elementary flexes his muscles during the parade.



The Azle High School theater department participated in the AHS Homecoming Parade.

# Homecoming 2022



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Members of the Azle High School varsity football team roll down West Main Street. The Hornets play Brewer Friday night in the Homecoming game at Hornet Stadium.

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## Azle High School band season in full swing

BY DON MUNSCH  
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Fine arts programs are striking a chord this year. Aaron Martin, coordinator of performing arts for the Azle ISD and Azle High School Marching Green Pride director, talked about fine arts programs across the district and at the high school during a recent speaking engagement at the Azle Rotary Club.

"Our choir programs at our junior highs and our elementaries are doing just fantastic," he said. "The retention is going up. We have no new teachers in our elementary choir or our junior high choir programs so that helps with retention, of course, and so our numbers are growing."

He said when he met with the high school choir director at the beginning of the school year, on day one, the director told Martin the students sounded as if they had been there for weeks.

"He's just super excited about the future of what's happening there," he said.

Martin said the junior high band programs have been successful, or "bursting at the seams," as he described it, and he said one class had 94 students at Azle Junior High School.

"They are doing just awesome things over there," he said. "I'm super excited to see what they're going to do this year."

At the high school, the school added an art class so



PHOTO BY RICHARD SPRAGGENS

Marching Green Pride members Elizabeth Zamudio-Zamora, Eva Solorzano and Brandon Zhao play at halftime of the Azle-Denton Ryan game at Hornet Stadium. Marching band members perform at other events, such as shows and contests.

the school now has three art classes because so many students are taking Art I.

"It's a great program to have," he said. "Our teachers are doing a phenomenal job

of recruiting and retention, and we're growing those programs as we can."

Concerning the band, the

SEE BAND, PAGE 4B.

### Aaron Martin really excited about the 2022-23 season

## Azle Christian wins volleyball district opener

BY JEFF PRINCE  
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After seven straight losses - most of them by slim margins - the Azle Christian Lady Crusaders won two matches in a row, including the district opener against Stonegate on Sept. 13.

The Crusaders bested Stonegate in three straight games for the district win after having swept Heritage Christian 3-0 on Sept. 8.

The Crusaders' starting lineup made quick work of Stonegate in the first two games. In the third game, reserve players carried the load.

"They played hard and hustled, and we came out with the win," said ACHS

player Laney Geeslin. "It's pretty awesome."

Azle Christian's season fizzled last year after its coach departed. This year, new coach Jasmine Jones has taught basic fundamentals to her young players along with sophisticated approaches to the game. Geeslin sees the difference.

"Our chemistry is finally meshing together," she said. "We are really starting to work together as a team - unified."

Geeslin gives much credit to the new coach.

"I love coach Jasmine," she said. "She's amazing and really knowledgeable about the game."

Jones smiled broadly while watching her players hug and celebrate after

their district win.

"I love it," she said. "It's not even so much about the wins, it's about starting to establish a certain culture and a certain way that we want to run things. Seeing that being implemented is very satisfying. It just warms my heart to be here with the girls."

The team is focused on improving their abilities, and the victories will come naturally, the coach said.

"What we are focusing on is just being 1% percent better every game," she said. "Our mental (game) is getting a lot better because they're feeling more confident about the way they play, and it's showing up on the court."



PHOTOS BY JEFF PRINCE

Reece Ahrvide serves a hot potato to help topple Stonegate



PHOTO BY JEFF PRINCE

Jacob Sparks goes high for a ball while helping the Azle tennis team topple Northwest.

## Sports Roundup

### Azle drops game to Aledo, moves on to Brewer

BY DON MUNSCH  
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#### AZLE HORNET FOOTBALL

A tough stretch of games for the Azle football team ended last week when the Hornets lost 55-20 to Aledo.

The Hornets knew coming into the season they would encounter a slate of difficult games early in the season, as they began district play with back-to-back games against Denton Ryan at home and Aledo on the road. The season began with non-district

games against Frisco Reedy and Grapevine.

Azle, now 0-4 overall, can still turn its fortunes around beginning Friday with a Homecoming night contest against Brewer.

SEE ROUNDUP, PAGE 3B.

# Azle Christian Crusaders disrupt Mount Calm

## Football Contest

### WEEK 5

BY JEFF PRINCE  
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Another Friday night, another remarkable football game involving the Azle Christian Crusaders.

Two Fridays ago, the team won on the final play of the game in Newcastle after their opponent bungled the snap on an extra-point attempt.

On Sept. 16, the Crusaders traveled to Mount Calm – and had to be escorted out of the stadium by police after a lopsided victory angered the home crowd.

The Panthers of Mount Calm, a small town in Hill County, began the game with a well-placed outside kick, recovered the ball, advanced it up the field and scored quickly to take a 6-0 lead.

Crusaders head coach Clayton Sanders described what happened over the next several minutes as “an absolute blur.”

On Azle Christian’s first offensive play, Camden Logan scampered for a 45-yard touchdown.

The Crusaders defense stood firm against the Panthers. On third down, Drew Skartvedt sacked Mount Calm’s quarterback and forced a fumble, which was



PHOTO BY JEFF PRINCE  
Camden Logan’s powerful running fueled Azle Christian’s romp over Mount Calm.

This week’s contest confounded more than a few readers, who had difficulty finding Game No. 7 hidden in the ads. One reader pored over our advertisements with a magnifying glass and still couldn’t find the game hidden among the ads. The game was listed but accidentally printed in dark letters on top of a dark background, making it almost invisible. Therefore, Game 7 between Burkburnett and Bowie will be omitted from the tally.

That left just 10 games in the contest, and one reader guessed nine of them correctly. Congratulations to this week’s first-place winner (\$20) Moe’s Café.

Four contestants guessed eight games correctly, so we relied on the tiebreaker game between Dallas and Cincinnati to determine who won second and third places. The tiebreaker game generated 37 points, and the contestants who guessed the closest were Margaret Swanzy with 38 and Kyle Gathright with 41. Swanzy won second place and \$10, and Gathright earned third place and \$5.

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## Azle vs. Brewer



### AZLE HORNET VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE 2022

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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	
9/30	Northwest	at NORTHWEST	
10/07	OPEN	OPEN	
10/14	Saginaw	HOME	
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PHOTO BY RICHARD SPRAGGENS  
Kaleb Vasquez scores a fourth quarter touchdown for the Hornets in their 55-20 loss to Aledo.

## ROUNDUP

FROM PAGE 1B

"We're trying to be the best version of us that we can possibly be every week," Azle head coach Devon Dorris said. "It didn't matter if our opponent was Denton Ryan or Aledo or Brewer, we're going to treat it the exact same way - we're just going to go out and try to be the absolute best version of us that we can possibly be."

Against Aledo, the Hornets trailed 13-0 at the end of one quarter but scored a touchdown on a quarterback Jay Jones 72-yard pass to Tyler Akers to trim the lead to six, 13-7. The Bearcats, though, would score three more TDs before the half and go up to 34-7 at the intermission. Azle's scores in the second half came on a Drew Dorris 1-yard run in the third and a Kaleb Vasquez 2-yard run in the fourth.

Coach Dorris said he was proud of how his players competed and that they made some plays early on, but some short-field turnovers spoiled the Hornets' chances of shrinking the Bearcat lead before the half. There were times during the game in which the contest was closer than the scoreboard indicated, he said, but the team has to eliminate turnovers going forward and continue to progress and "be the best team that we can possibly be."

In the Aledo game, Jones completed 18 of 29 passes for 194 yards for Azle. Also for the Hornets, Vance Guthrie led all rushers with 85 yards on 15 carries and Akers led all receivers with six catches for 133 yards.

"All of our goals are pretty much ahead of us," Dorris said, noting a playoff run is still in play as is the chance for Azle to be a good team. "Everything is ahead of us. We've just gotta continue to progress daily and have great practice habits."

### VOLLEYBALL

The Azle Lady Hornets began the district season in grand style by knocking off Granbury 3-0 and then winning on the road at Wichita Falls Rider 3-2, with a fifth and deciding set score of 18-16. Rider won the first set 25-17, and then Azle took the next two sets - 26-24 and 25-19 - before Rider won set four, 25-23.

Karlee Locke led Azle with 19 kills. Other Lady Hornets in double figures with kills were Brynn Lee, 14; Ellie Lund, 12; and Kendall Locke, 11. Makenna Dillow had 69 digs. Makynna Hinkle had 39 assists while Taylor Fischer had 20 assists.

Against Granbury, the Lady Hornets won the match with scores of 25-8, 25-19 and 25-6. Kendall Locke led with 11 kills, while Karlee Locke had 10 kills. Makenna Dillow led with 25 digs. Makynna Hinkle and Taylor Fischer each had 19 assists.

The Lady Hornets were 19-15 as the News went to press Tuesday afternoon. AHS head coach Elizabeth Snyder said after the Granbury game that earning that first district victory was "awesome."

"I knew we'd play well tonight but the girls went above and beyond expectations and really showed us that they're ready to try to take first in this district this year," Snyder said.

She said defense had been sharp already, but "offensively, we've been having a hard time, so our focus for the past week or so, we've been focusing on nothing on hitting. .... And they did it - it connected tonight and we've been playing some tough, big 6A programs, so that got us pretty prepared for tonight's game."

### TENNIS

On Sept. 13, Azle's tennis team prevailed over the Northwest Texans at the district tournament held at the Hornets' home court.

Final score: Azle 12, Northwest 7.

The victory was the first in several weeks for the Hornets, who face a battery of tough teams this season.

The match against Granbury on Aug. 30 was a nailbiter, with the Hornets losing 12-7. And the match

against Rider was telling.

Last year, Rider beat Azle 19-0 on its way to winning second place in district. This year, Azle won three of 19 games, including several games lost in third-set tiebreakers that could have gone either way.

"I am very happy that we did much better this year and were much more competitive" against Rider, said Hayden Huff, Azle's head coach. "The score does not always reveal how much we have progressed."

Last year, Azle played Northwest in a preseason match and lost 13-6.

"We played them with the same team this year and won 12-7," Huff said.

The Hornets are fighting to qualify for the playoffs with two tournaments remaining - Aledo on Sept. 27 and Brewer on Oct. 3. Aledo appears destined to win district, and Huff looks forward to seeing how her team fares against the best. Last year, Azle lost to Aledo 19-0.

"My goal is for the team to improve our score from last year against them," Huff said.

Another goal is to beat Brewer in the final district contest and find a way into the postseason.

### CROSS-COUNTRY

Barak Geary finished 10th at the Lubbock ISD Invitational Sept. 17. He was the top placing boy from Azle and finished with a time of 17:01.0.

### OTHER AZLE FINISHERS WERE:

- 39. Austin Gatewood, 18:25.3.
- 46. Parker Huffaker, 18:45.1.
- 67. Connor Lawson, 19:35.2.
- 73. Ryner Boensich, 19:50.5.
- 83. Juan Rios, 20:07.6.

### AHS GIRLS' FINISHES:

- 15. Berkley Huffaker, 21:24.6.
- 23. Reese Jeter, 22:15.6.
- 27. Mckenzie Roberts, 22:22.4.
- 41. Azucena Neri, 23:08.1.
- 52. Audrina Montoya, 23:41.3.
- 74. Pella LeFever, 24:42.6.
- 75. Yasmeeen Tejeda, 24:44.0.

Azle girls finished fifth overall with 150 points. Azle boys finished ninth overall with 233 points.

Jeff Prince contributed to this story.



COURTESY PHOTO  
Azle's tennis team is learning new skills under second-year coach Hayden Huff while fighting its way toward a playoff berth.



PHOTO BY RICHARD SPRAGGENS  
Azle wide receiver Tyler Akers gathers in a pass and has the whole field in front of him in the Hornets' 55-20 loss to Aledo Sept. 16.



PHOTO BY DON MUNSCHE  
Azle Lady Hornets Ellie Lund, 15, left, and Karlee Locke team up to try to block the ball during the Azle-Granbury game Sept. 13. The Lady Hornets won in three sets.

## BAND

FROM PAGE 1B

Marching Green Pride, Martin said the band's show this year is called "Water Music," and it's based on the idea of what happens when someone paints with watercolors and how paint and water react with each other.

"And you'll see that imagery in our show and costuming," he said. "If you come to a contest, you'll see our costuming. The color guard will have show costuming. We will as well, but we'll only wear show costuming when we go to a marching contest. When we're performing at the football games, we'll be in our traditional green and white uniforms."

MGP's show will feature some music from composer and pianist Philip Glass, Martin said. MGP will participate in several shows this year, with the first one Saturday being the Golden Triangle contest at C.H. Collins Stadium in Denton. The band also will perform in Bands of America shows in Dallas, Midland and San Antonio, with the San Antonio show being a Super Regional. MGP also will perform in the Area Marching Contest this year, even though it's a not a state advancing year for 5A.

Martin answered questions from Rotarians. Some selected inquiries:

### HOW MANY STUDENTS ARE IN THE BAND?

"We have 190 in the band," he said. "Everybody will march on Friday night, and in the competition show, we have just over 160 spots in the competition show, so we've got about 40 that are what we call the JV group." Those numbers in the band include the flag corps.

He said the band will have



PHOTO BY RICHARD SPRAGGENS

Bailey Phillips, left, and Josh Carver play at halftime of the Azle-Denton Ryan game at Hornet Stadium. Marching band members perform at other events, such as shows and contests.

around 20 people in the color guard this year and he said the goal is to increase by five to 10 students each year over the next several years.

### DO YOU STILL COMPETE AT STATE EVERY OTHER YEAR?

Martin said state competition is every other year, and last year was MGP's opportunity to participate in state, but the band finished seventh at area, a qualifying

event to advance to state. The top five bands advance to state.

"I'm still a little bitter about that," he said. "I think we really should have finished first."

He said the finish wasn't indicative of the work the kids put in. Next year will be a state year for MGP, but the MGP will participate in the Bands of America Super Regional in San Antonio this

year.

"So that will be a really good opportunity for the kids to compete against some great groups," he said.

Next summer, the band intends to take a trip out of state and perform, if it can be improved, Martin said.

### WHAT IS THE COST OF A BAND UNIFORM THESE DAYS?

There are a couple of different types of uniforms, he

said. When the band performs for a specific event, such as a show, kids will wear a uniform in which the tops are about \$70 apiece and pants are around \$60 each.

"Now, if you have a uniform made that's intended to last multiple years, like the ones that we march in every Friday night, those are more in the \$400 per uniform range," Martin said. "We try to use those for about 10 years, and every 10 years, we'll petition to purchase a new set of uniforms. Incidentally, this is year 10 for our uniforms."

### WHAT KIND OF COSTS DO BAND MEMBERS INCUR?

They don't pay for the cleaning of the band uniforms, which are machine washable. About once a month, the band boosters will drop by the school on a Saturday and put the uniforms on a rack and roll them across the street to the laundromat and clean them.

The fees for being in the band program are \$550. Every band member will receive a pair of marching shoes, pair of gloves and a pair of shorts for warm weather, among other clothes. When the band travels to Midland and San Antonio, the band will stay overnight, so the fees help pay for those costs as well.

"There is a whole lot that is covered from the district," Martin said. "We have a really great budget, and they've been extremely supportive."

He said the \$550 amount is what the program calculated as far as what is required from students, and "we try to keep it as low we can." There are opportunities for students to come up with the \$550, such as raising funds and acquiring sponsorships, and whenever there is a kid

who can't afford the costs, Martin said help can be found, as he said the school doesn't want a situation in which a kid can't be in band because he or she can't afford it.

"So, fortunately, in a community like Azle, where the school is supported so well, we don't have that problem," he said. "I don't think we've ever, in the six years I've been here, have that be an issue. On occasion, we'll have a kid come and say, 'I just don't think I can be in band because I can't afford it,' and we'll talk to mom and dad and say, look, we're going to find a way to make this work."

### WHAT ABOUT SCHOOL INSTRUMENTS?

What do instruments cost, what does a school provide and what do the kids buy?

Martin said the school will typically provide the large instruments, such as tubas, euphoniums and a number of other instruments. A high school tuba can cost around \$6,000-\$7,000. The school tries to be reasonable with the purchases it makes and the school partners with a couple of music companies. Used instruments can be purchased.

As far as smaller instruments go, the school has a "few odds and ends that we keep on hand for students that cannot afford an instrument, or to use when we have an instrument that is in need of repair, while we wait on the repair to be finished."

Martin said later in an email. "Instruments are expensive," Martin told Rotarians said. "I've got at my house a trumpet that's like \$9,000 that I paid off over 10 years, but most kids are not playing \$9,000 trumpets. They're playing something at the top end, \$2,000, for a trumpet."



PHOTO BY RICHARD SPRAGGENS

Marching Green Pride members Reece Davis, left, and Zaidee Salas perform at halftime of the Denton Ryan-Azle football game at Hornet Stadium.

## ACS FOOTBALL

FROM PAGE 2B

caught in the air by Noah Rollins and ran into the end zone.

Leading 13-6, Azle Christian kicked off, forced another fumble, and Logan grabbed the ball and ran 40 yards for a TD.

Again, the Crusaders

defense shut down the Panthers and forced a four-and-out.

The Crusaders offense went back on the field, and on first down, Logan ran 33 yards for a Crusaders TD.

Four minutes into the game, Azle Christian led 27-6.

Then, the Panthers began to collapse.

"Their starting QB got hurt," Sanders said. "Their backup QB got hurt. Then, their third backup QB got

hurt. At this point, their coach asked me if it was OK to call the game. Obviously, we wanted to continue to play, it's what we prepared so hard for all week, but at the end of the day, he felt like his team wasn't able to safely be on the same field as us, especially after the injuries. I totally understood his concern, and at that point, there was no reason to continue the game, and they called it."

Azle Christian had run five

offensive plays, all of them running plays to Logan, who scored on four attempts.

Azle Christian prevailed 41-6.

The fans in Mount Calm didn't live up to their name. They became angry at seeing their kids get hurt.

"Our team and fans did a phenomenal job at keeping their composure in a very volatile environment," Sanders said. "Their fans were basically forming a lynch mob, and the police

had to escort us out."

Sanders praised Mount Calm's head football coach and school superintendent for their actions.

Both "came over and had great things to say about our players," Sanders said. "They had no ill will at how hard and physical our players played. They commended our players for their play. We simply played fast and physical football. No apologies for that, ever."

Azle Christian (3-1) plays

at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Perrin-Whitt (2-2).

Sanders said his team is looking forward to the game.

"Perrin-Whitt is going to be very athletic, and they are going to be hungry for a win at home," he said. "That is great for them, but we really work on focusing on us. We want to continue to work to fix, improve and polish up on our fundamentals every day."

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- TX Carolyn Jones film: "The Seven Year \_\_\_\_"
- natl. college sports org. (abbr.)
- hair coil
- former Houston mayor Lanier (init.)
- this Heisman winner Brown played high school ball in Dallas
- rubs it in
- Odessa AM
- book: "Little \_\_\_\_ of the Texas Revolution"
- in Grand Prairie: "Ripley's Believe \_\_\_\_"
- very small town in Taylor County
- TX O. Henry short story: "A Houston \_\_\_\_"
- San Antonio AM
- TXism: "gave 'em \_\_\_\_ and a hug"
- this Doug pitched for Astros (1993-97)
- TX Ginger 1947 film: "It \_\_\_\_ You"
- a TX Mandrell (init.)
- TXism: "hot \_\_\_\_ in July"
- TXism: "feel like \_\_\_\_ chewed up and spit out"
- TX pilot Chennault was adviser to Chiang \_\_\_\_-shek
- what Jack took up the hill? (2 wds.)
- produce electricity

**DOWN**

- former Texas airline "Braniff, \_\_\_\_"
- Fort Worth university (abbr.)
- Dimmit County's \_\_\_\_ Springs
- TV movie series: "\_\_\_\_"
- TXism: "hot \_\_\_\_ Fame"
- TXism for "carry"
- TX Buck Owens' "I've \_\_\_\_ Tail"
- TX Sissy played this Loretta in "Coal Miner's Daughter" (init.)
- TX Janis died of this (abbr.)
- TXism: "coming apart \_\_\_\_"
- Hawaiian poi can be made from this tuber
- TXism: "a whole \_\_\_\_" (a lot)
- a Texas Indian tribe
- Texas clothing designer, Oldham
- Astro extra innings game on the West Coast? (2 wds.)
- hinder progress
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_bout"
- this Duvall starred in "Breakout" with TX Quaid (init.)
- TXism: "don't give a hoot \_\_\_\_ holler"
- homemade liquor "sour \_\_\_\_"
- "\_\_\_\_ walk"
- Sam Houston's home in Indian territory: "The Wigwam \_\_\_\_"
- U.S. still has \_\_\_\_ on Cuban cigars
- TX has a debt
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_ as the bottom of a well"
- cowboy bolo
- Shreveport LPTV
- "One \_\_\_\_ one Ranger"
- TX George Strait hit: "\_\_\_\_ Come to Expect It From You"
- TXism: "his recall \_\_\_\_ overhaul"
- type of Apache
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