

## Former AHS student arrested for threats

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A 16-year-old male, a former Azle High School student, was taken into custody this week after he made threats, Azle Police Chief Ben Hall announced on Sept. 12.

The suspect, who had been withdrawn from Azle ISD on May 3, had allegedly made threats of violence online. The threats were indirectly made against the high school and more directly toward certain students the suspect was engaging with on social

media. "On Sept. 11, the Azle Police Department and Azle ISD Police Department were notified of a series of threats posted via various social media outlets," Hall said in a press release Monday evening. "While not speci-

fying Azle ISD as a target, the threats did threaten many students directly and indirectly."

Hall stated in the press release that "the investigation was initiated immediately and continued throughout the day." He said that being

able to get information from social media companies is "a very challenging thing to try to figure out ... because most of it requires a warrant or some level of exigency to be able to get the companies to cooperate and get you the data that you need."

Azle's city and school district police departments worked together with Lake Worth Police, Fort Worth Police and the Fort Worth Office of the FBI to identify the movement of a male juve-

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## Bringing the 343 home

### Never Forget

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"Never Forget" is a phrase that has taken root in the heart of Americans since Sept. 11, 2001.

For first responders, it is a mantra that stays with them every day as they climb into their fire trucks, squad cars and ambulances.

And on the anniversary of 9/11, "Never Forget" becomes something like a prayer for those who were lost from the ones who will always remember.

Members of Azle Fire Department joined hundreds of fellow first responders in memorial stair climbs in Dallas and Fort Worth over the Sept. 11 weekend.

Brandon Henderson, Clinton Kierych, Robert Newsom and Austin Bray climbed at Fort Worth's Memorial Tower Climb at City

Center on Sept. 11.

Up to 200 first responders - including local police and fire departments, county sheriff offices, FBI agents and City Center security officers - climbed to the 27th floor of the Bank of America tower four times. This made the climb approximate to the 110-story climb to the top of the World Trade Center.

Azle FD Assistant Chief Lee Godbold and his two sons participated in the Dallas 9/11 Memorial Climb on Sept. 10 at Fountain Place. This was the second year Godbold climbed with his oldest son, who is also a firefighter, and the first year climbing with his youngest son, an EMT working on an ambulance.

First responders who are taking part in memorial stair climbs are given a name tag -

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Azle firefighters Austin Bray (left), Clinton Kierych, Robert Newsom and Brandon Henderson took part on the Fort Worth Memorial Stair Climb on Sept. 11.

## Azle High School 2022 Homecoming Court



PHOTO BY JESSICA MCKINNEY  
The homecoming court for Azle High School Homecoming 2022 includes (back row, from left) Trey Thornton and Malayah DeMoss, king and queen nominees, and senior prince and princess Adam Ruelas and Alexis Scoggins; (third row, from left) Braden Love and Kamryn Crawford, king and queen nominees, and junior prince and princess Easton Hill and Shree Patel; (second row, from left) Drew Dorris and Kayla Cockerline, king and queen nominees, and sophomore prince and princess Ethan Bartlett and Keren Iya; (front row, from left) Jake Mobley and Kenzee Fair, king and queen nominees, and freshman prince and princess Andrew Stewart and Addison Dorris.



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# Single vehicle fatality on southbound Highway 199



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An Azle man, 40, died Tuesday morning after crashing his pickup truck driving south on Highway 199 in Azle. Azle police are still investigating the single-vehicle crash, and as of press time, no identity has been released for the driver, as police had to notify family. There were no passengers in the vehicle.

## Good N.E.W.S. hosting fundraiser to support seniors

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The Good N.E.W.S. Living at Home/Block Nurse Program will hold a fundraiser at 11 a.m. Sept. 24 at One Azle, 412 Commerce St., across from the post office.

The program is seeking \$250 sponsorship donations from local businesses and individuals and/or a silent auction item.

The fundraiser will have singing performances by Chris Journey, a bake sale, a silent auction and \$5 hot dog lunch baskets.

Two items will also be put up for a raffle on the day of the event. The first item is a custom made six-seat outdoor table (retail value \$1,000), and the other is a Green Mountain Trek Grill (retail value \$500). Tickets are available now for \$10.

The bake sale will begin on Sept. 19 and will continue through Sept. 24. Donations of baked goods or ingredients for cakes, cookies and other items may be dropped off at the One Azle building.

The program is volunteer-based and is supported entirely by grants, donations, and fundraising events, and Good N.E.W.S. does not receive any state or federal funding.

Good N.E.W.S. is a nonprofit social support program that assists senior citizens in Azle, Springtown and the surrounding area.

The mission of Good N.E.W.S. is to enrich the quality of life of seniors in the community by "providing essential support services, thus enabling them to stay in their homes and avoid premature entry into nursing homes." Some of the services pro-



COURTESY PHOTO

This custom made six-seater outdoor table is one of two raffle items for the Good N.E.W.S. fundraiser on Sept. 24. Tickets are on sale for \$10.

vided by Terri Bartlett, program director, and her team include telephone reassurance, friendly visits, shopping assistance, transportation, minor home repairs, light household chores, yard work, respite, and community resources.

Each quarter, volunteers put together bags of household and personal goods that many seniors may not be able to afford, such as shampoo and deodorant, laundry detergent and dish soap.

Bartlett said that Good N.E.W.S. has also been excited to be able to host its Tuesday morning weekly breakfasts for seniors once again. Breakfast is served at 8:30 a.m. at the One Azle building.

"We have between 20 and 40 seniors eating breakfast

with us each week," Bartlett said. "They really look forward to this time to gather and socialize and have a good hot breakfast."

The program will also be gathering gifts for its "Senior Angels," later this year, bringing Christmas to clients.

Good N.E.W.S. just celebrated its 25th anniversary in June, and it currently assists about 150 seniors.

"It's only because of our wonderful community that we can do all of these wonderful things to support our seniors at home," Bartlett said.

For more information about the program, how to volunteer and what support it needs, call 817-444-2300, or visit [www.goodnews4seniors.org](http://www.goodnews4seniors.org).

## North Texas Giving Day is Sept. 22

North Texas Giving Day, hosted by Communities Foundation of Texas, is Sept. 22, but early giving has already begun.

Several local nonprofit organizations are taking part in the annual event, which can help raise thousands of dollars to further their missions.

Local nonprofits taking part are Community Caring Center, Good N.E.W.S. for Seniors, Ser- volution Network, Azle Area Ministerial Alliance, Heather's Old Skool Village, Reel Recovery, TAGG Rescue and Eagle Mountain Pregnancy Help Center.

There are hundreds of organizations taking part in NTX Giving Day this year. To find a non-profit to support, visit [www.northtexasgivingday.org](http://www.northtexasgivingday.org).

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# Reno citizens successfully push back on removal of P&Z members

BY CARLA NOAH STUTSMAN

The city of Reno's council chambers featured standing room-only capacity on Sept. 6, and it quickly became clear the citizens were of one accord.

At issue were two items on the agenda: one item to consider the removal of Planning and Zoning Secretary Alicia Kubena and Commissioner Stuart White and a second item to consider removal of P&Z Chair Brian Schrader.

Three council members - Deputy Pro Tem Hernando Herrera, Shelli Swift and Jeff Davis - voted at an Aug. 11 council meeting to place the items on the agenda for behavior they deemed inappropriate on the part of the three P&Z commissioners. Mayor Pro Tem Katie Tucker opposed the measure. At the Sept. 6 meeting, Tucker entered a motion to dismiss the entire matter, but her motion died for lack of a second. (In Reno, the mayor only votes to break a tie.)

The behavior in question

occurred during a July 25 meeting during which Davis alleges Kubena and White talked in the gallery while City Administrator Scott Passmore was speaking, keeping council members from hearing what Passmore said. During the July meeting, the council discussed and approved a water task force to make recommendations about water infrastructure improvements to council. Kubena asked the council why action to improve the water infrastructure had not been made previously, and this prompted a back-and-forth conversation that included raised voices on both sides of the dais.

Schrader's misdeed, according to Swift, was unfairly blaming the council for issues with the city's water infrastructure.

At the Sept. 6 council meeting, resident after resident spoke passionately about the matter. While each person who spoke presented their remarks differently, it was clear they all thought the

council was wrong to bring action against the P&Z members - especially for conduct, as they pointed out some council members have also behaved badly. Some even described the effort to remove the members as retaliatory.

Some highlights from citizen comments include:

"We have a very knowledgeable group of volunteers in our P&Z committee. If we ever needed this input and directional assistance, it is now. To even suggest removing one of these citizen volunteers because of hurt feelings is ludicrous."

"We're not going forward, we're going backward. Our city is burning down, and we're watching you argue. You have the most qualified people in that position (P&Z) you have ever had in this city; as a matter of fact, they are actually the most qualified people to hold any position in this city."

"The council wants to give a consequence to Stuart (White) and Alicia (Kubena) for their conduct at that meeting in

the form of excluding them and denying their efforts to make this city a better place. At the July 25 meeting, I also witnessed a council member yell at Brian (Schrader). ... Council, you are the authority figures in the city that we're depending on. If you're going to dismiss Brian, Stuart and Alicia for conduct, based on what I've witnessed at several council meetings, a few of you should also be dismissed for conduct. If we're going to teach our kids to problem solve and suffer the consequences of their choices and actions, then you, too, should be subject to the same consequences you're handing out."

"I couldn't believe, when I got here for my first meeting, the behavior of the council. I felt like I had walked into junior high. ... Today's meeting, though, is like the difference between night and day. So thank you for cleaning it up and bringing the professional side tonight."

Once the citizens had spoken, Tucker moved to kill both agenda items related to

removal of P&Z members, but her motion died for lack of a second. City Attorney Dottie Palumbo stated her motion should have been worded to "postpone indefinitely" rather than to "kill."

Tucker stated that certain council members are guilty of the same behavior P&Z members are accused of - shouting, speaking before being called on, gesturing or pointing. She said a member of the council was the first to shout and point on July 25 and stated her belief that if the code of conduct is the same for everyone, then two council members who should be punished in the same manner as the P&Z members. The citizens stood and applauded Tucker's remarks.

After further discussion among the council, Mayor White asked for a motion on the matter. Jody Works, who was sworn in to replace the late Granville "Randy" Martin III just moments earlier in the meeting, entered a motion to permanently table the item to remove White and

Kubena from P&Z. The motion was seconded by Tucker. However, Herrera, Swift and Davis voted the measure down, which leaves the possibility of removal of the two members a possibility in the future.

Mayor White moved on to the item to remove Brian Schrader from the P&Z. Several citizens spoke on this item, again chastising the council and urging them to let bygones be bygones.

Swift then explained that both measures started out to discuss the behavior of the three P&Z members, but social media comments fueled the fire to the point that some council members decided to ask for removal.

Mayor White asked for a motion, but none was made. No action was taken to remove Schrader, but as in the item to remove Stuart White and Alicia Kubena, the item has the potential to come up again in the future.



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# Council recognizes APD officer promotions



PHOTO BY DON MUNSCH

Four Azle Police Department officers - shown here, from left, Chris Javarone, Ty Tapp, Thomas Gilbert and Dora Scudder - received promotions and were recognized at a recent Azle City Council meeting.

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Four Azle Police Department employees recently received promotions, and last week, they were honored for their work at a badge presentation ceremony at the Azle City Council meeting.

Before the badge pinning ceremony, Azle Police Chief Ben Hall discussed what the badge should mean to officers each time they put it on.

"Just as these officers have earned a new rank, each and every time we put this badge on, we have to earn it," he said. "We earn it by conducting ourselves in a professional manner, caring for the community that gave us the trust to wear this badge and then, finally, ensuring that we never tarnish it. So, in providing these badges and then doing this ceremony, please remember each and every time that you put this badge on. It is yours (to) maintain and it is yours to ensure it is worn with the appropriate level of seriousness and commitment."

Thomas Gilbert, Chris Javarone, Dora Scudder and Ty Tapp were recognized, and each individual had a spouse or family member pin their badge. Hall gave background information on each officer before their badges were pinned.

Gilbert was promoted from corporal to sergeant. Gilbert has been with the department since February 2018.

He received his Peace Officer's License in 2013 from Tarrant County College. Gilbert has earned his Intermediate, Advanced Peace Officer and Basic Instructor Proficiency certifications. In 2019, he was named "Officer of the Year."

On Dec. 14, 2021, Gilbert was featured on the web-

based "Azle Resident Page" by a local resident. The resident explained she was cleaning her garage when an officer drove by, and her two sons waved him down. Gilbert stopped, exited his vehicle and walked up to the kids and gave them a tour of his police vehicle and in-car equipment and explained how everything works.

She said her sons "will never forget today."

Javarone was promoted from officer to corporal. He has been with the department since August 2018.

He graduated from Haltom High School and received his peace officer's license from the Weatherford Police Academy in June 2015. Prior to coming to Azle, Javarone worked for the Godley Police Department for more than two years.

Javarone has earned his Intermediate Peace Officer certification and Basic Instructor Proficiency certification.

In July 2021, Javarone received a Letter of Commendation for spotting a suspicious vehicle in front of a closed business. The driver was detained and after obtaining consent to search the vehicle, Javarone found an instrument used in catalytic converter thefts.

Because of his good work, detectives found the driver had made more than 30 transactions for the sale of catalytic converters, Hall said. A warrant was issued for the suspect for theft.

Javarone spent the past year working as an investigator and was recently assigned to Azle ISD as an SRO corporal.

Scudder was promoted from sergeant to lieutenant. She has been with the department since June 2017.

She graduated from

Presidio High School in 2008 and received her Bachelor of Science in criminal justice from Sul Ross State University in 2016. While working with the Alpine Police Department, she received her Telecommunications Operator License, Peace Officer License and Basic Peace Officer Certificate.

Scudder earned certifications in Intermediate, Advanced Peace Officer and Basic Instructor Proficiency along with Basic, Intermediate and Advance Telecommunicator certifications.

She also worked in telecommunications for the University of Texas and as a peace officer for the Brewster County Sheriff's Office and the Westover Hills Police Department before joining Azle.

Scudder was promoted to corporal in August 2018 and to sergeant in October 2019.

Tapp was promoted from officer to corporal. He has been with the department since December 2018.

He graduated from the Valley Christian Academy in Roswell, New Mexico, and attended Tarleton State University where he received a degree in animal industries and a minor in business.

Tapp received his peace officer's license from the Weatherford Police Academy and came to Azle right after graduation. He earned his Intermediate Peace Officer certification in March 2021.

He was recognized with a Life Saving Award in 2020 in connection with an accident in which a female driver was unconscious and unresponsive from an apparent heart attack. He along with other officers performed CPR on the victim, and she made a full recovery.

## News From Azle City Hall

We welcome your comments or suggestions on information you would like to see reported on this page. Please call Azle City Hall, 817-444-2541, or email Administrative Assistant Debbie Clayton at dclayton@cityofazle.org Until next month.....

### Water meter transmitters to be upgraded

Beginning September 12, the City of Azle will begin the process of upgrading transmitters on existing water meters from 3G to 5G technology. The technology industry will be terminating 3G technology by year's end. Ratliff Utilities will be installing the new equipment.



The transmitter, or endpoint, on each meter sends the meter reading to Azle Utility Billing Dept for billing purposes, and also allows customers to monitor their water usage through EyeOnWater - a secure on-line website (and smartphone app) where City of Azle water customers can view their usage activity to gain a better understanding of the amount of water they use. It can also be used to identify potential leaks. (Visit www.cityofazle.org for more info on EyeOnWater).

What can water customers expect at their meter:

- The equipment replacement should take between 5 to 10 minutes.
- Should be no interruption in water service to your home or business.
- Not expected to affect water bills.

The project is estimated to take three (3) months to complete, weather permitting.

For questions/concerns, please contact the Public Works Director at (817) 444-7094 or email rwhite@cityofazle.org.

### Cases of wildlife with canine distemper increasing

Azle Animal Control has recently seen a significant increase in the community of wild animals demonstrating symptoms of distemper. Most of the animals (foxes and raccoons) picked up by Azle Animal Control have tested positive for distemper.

Canine distemper can infect raccoons, foxes, coyotes, skunks, and unvaccinated dogs. Symptoms of distemper may include discharge from eyes/nose, unusual behavior such as disorientation or wandering aimlessly; nocturnal animals may be seen in daylight hours; and they may become aggressive if cornered. If you see an animal acting abnormally, do not make contact, keep your pets away and call Azle Animal Control IMMEDIATELY, 817-752-2681, or 817-444-3221 after hours. If you have been bitten or scratched, seek immediate medical attention and report the incident to your local Animal Control Dept.

Distemper can be easily transmitted to dogs through shared water bowls, food bowls, being near the infected animal as it is coughing or direct contact. You can help stop the spread of distemper by:

- Not leaving food/water bowls outside, including bird feeders/bird baths.
- Make sure all trash cans are securely closed with locking lids.
- **DO NOT TOUCH OR HANDLE A WILD ANIMAL THAT IS ACTING UNUSUAL OR APPEARS SICK.**
- Ensure your dogs have been vaccinated for distemper and rabies.

For more information, call the Azle Animal Shelter at 817-752-2681.

## Azle School Menu Sept 19-23, 2022

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| <p><b>BREAKFAST:</b><br/>PreK-4th Grade,<br/>7-12th Grade \$1.55<br/>5-6th Grade FREE<br/>2nd Meal \$2.00<br/>Visitors/Employees \$2.75</p> | <p><b>LUNCH:</b><br/>PreK-4th Grade \$2.55<br/>5-6th Grade \$2.75<br/>7-12th Grade \$2.55<br/>2nd Meal \$3.20<br/>Visitors &amp; Employees \$3.75</p> |
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**PreK - 4th**

**BREAKFAST: Everyday - Assorted Fruits and Cereal, Juice, White or Chocolate Milk, Graham Crackers, Toast**  
 Mon Crescent Roll, applesauce cup **Tues** Breakfast pizza, bananas **Weds** Cereal Bar, apples  
**Thurs** Muffin, oranges **Fri** Kolache, fruit cup

**LUNCH: Everyday - Variety of milk. Your choice of 1 entree & 1 fruit or juice**  
**Mon** Chicken nuggets or Fish Sticks both w/roll mashed potatoes, peach cup **Tues** Enchiladas, Beef & Bean Burrito, Taco Salad, rice, beans, squash, apples **Weds** Orange Chicken, Ham & Cheese Sandwich, fried rice, mandarin orange salad, oranges **Thurs** Cheeseburgers, Hamburgers, French fries, bananas **Fri** Cheese Pizza, Pepperoni Pizza, Caesar Salad w/roll, corn, applesauce

**GRADES 5TH - 8TH**

**BREAKFAST: Everyday - Assorted Fruits and Cereal, Juice, White or Chocolate Milk, Graham Crackers,**  
 Mon sausage croissant, apple **Tues** Breakfast Taco, pineapple **Weds** Breakfast Bowl, applesauce  
**Thurs** Breakfast Stick, orange **Fri** Donuts, peaches

**LUNCH: Everyday - Variety of milk. Your choice of 1 entree & 1 fruit or juice, rolls, crackers. Variety of burgers.**  
**Mon** Chicken Nuggets or Fish Sticks both w/roll mashed potatoes, peach cup **Tues** Enchiladas, Beef & Bean Burritos, Taco Salad, rice, beans, squash, apple slices **Weds** Orange Chicken, Ham & Cheese Sandwich, fried rice, mandarin orange salad, orange **Thurs** Cheeseburgers, Hamburgers, French fries, bananas **Fri** Cheese Pizza, Pepperoni Pizza, Caesar Salad w/roll, applesauce

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 Mon Sausage Croissant, Yogurt w/ Granola, Apple **Tues** Breakfast Taco, Yogurt w/ Granola, pineapple **Weds** Breakfast Bowl, Yogurt w/ Granola, Applesauce **Thurs** Breakfast Stick, Yogurt w/ Granola, Orange **Fri** Donuts, Yogurt w/ Granola, Peaches

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 • Fruit of the day subject to change due to deliveries and shortages. • Fruit, hot & cold veggies offered daily.

**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 Alfredo, 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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# Council approves organization to operate Senior Center

BY DON MUNSCHE  
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The Azle City Council on Sept. 6 approved City Manager Tom Muir to execute an agreement with Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County to operate the Senior Center.

In October 2020, Meals on Wheels began operating the Senior Center, the city agenda packed stated. Prior to contracting with Meals on Wheels, the city partnered with Sixty and Better (previously Senior Citizen Services of Greater Tarrant County) for many years to operate the Senior Center.

For FY 2022-23, Meals on Wheels requested a 3.04% increase from the current agreement to \$21,228 annually to operate the Senior Center. In addition, the agreement is for a three-year period, ending Sept. 30, 2025. The proposed agreement allows for 3% increases on an annual basis, city officials

said. The Senior Center is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., except on holidays, and a meal program is provided for people 60 years of age and older.

At the Sept. 6 meeting, among other actions, the council also:

- Approved Robert Schocke to serve as on Place 3 for the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

- Conducted a Proclamation for Adult Activity Center Month with Jackie "JJ" Joy, director of the Azle Adult Activity Center, accepting the proclamation from Mayor Alan Brundrett.

- Approved a submission of the grant application for reimbursement for up to three rifle rated ballistic shields to be awarded through the State of Texas through the Office of the Governor's Public Safety Office in the Criminal Justice Division.

Azle Police Chief Ben Hall said these shields used to

be only available for SWAT, but they are deemed "very helpful" now for rapid response at or near schools. The grant application is for up to \$16,000. Council also approved a grant reimbursement for police departments for travel expenses associated with sending police officers for training at Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training facilities. After the school massacre in Uvalde, state officials identified the need to aid local departments in sending officers to this critical active killer response training. This grant covers costs associated with attending training, including hotel and meal expenses, and is estimated to be \$6,000.

- Approved City Manager Tom Muir to execute an interlocal agreement with Fort Worth Transportation Authority (Trinity Metro) to provide door-to-door transportation services for Azle's seniors and persons with

## Meals on Wheels has been authorized to operate the Senior Center until 2025.

disabilities for a variety of purposes, such as medical appointments, shopping, recreation, school or work. Catholic Charities Fort Worth handles the scheduling and is the transportation provider. Trinity Metro administers this federally funded program through Tarrant County Transportation Services. The Interlocal Agreement runs from Oct. 1, 2022, through Sept. 30, 2023, and the cost will remain the same at \$3,126, which shall be paid in three equal installments of \$1,042. Rider cost remains unchanged since 2004 - \$2.50 for a one-way trip and Azle riders will still have guaranteed space each Monday. The separate FTA grant for the additional "guaranteed" day of TCTS

service that residents have enjoyed since October 2018 will expire Sept. 30, city officials said. So, Monday will be its only "guaranteed" day of service, as rides on other days are provided on a case-by-case basis as space allows, the agenda packet stated.

- Conducted a public hearing and approved action regarding a request to rezone a 1.5-acre tract of land situated in the Joshua Cook Survey, from the Estate One District (E-1) to the Commercial zoning district. The subject property is generally located along the northern most edge of Azle city limits on the east side of FM 730 North, north of Sandy Beach Road. No one from the public spoke during the hearing.

- Approved a change to an

ordinance regarding amendments to an Azle Zoning Ordinance pertaining to zoning change application procedures. This amendment centers on strengthening the restrictions upon when an applicant can reapply for a zoning change request. At a recent Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, the P&Z Commission approved a motion that if the request is withdrawn after the Planning and Zoning Commission public hearing publication date, the same or more intensive request cannot be made on that property for three months. The council approved 180 days in their motion for the time period. No one spoke from the public spoke in the hearing.

# UTGCD to have hearing, board meeting

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District's public hearing and regular board meeting are set for 5 p.m. Sept. 19 at the district office or via Zoom videoconference, UTGCD stated in a news release.

In addition to the Regular Board meeting agenda, which begins at the conclusion of public hearing, another item of interest includes:

Public Hearing regarding multiple applications for Operating Permit for several commercial and/or public water systems in Parker and

Montague counties.

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The mission of UTGCD, established in November 2007, is to develop rules to provide protection to existing wells, prevent waste, promote conservation, provide a framework that will allow availability and accessibility of groundwater for future generations, protect the qual-

ity of the groundwater in the recharge zone of the aquifer, ensure that the residents of Montague, Wise, Parker and Hood counties maintain local control over their groundwater, respect and protect the property rights of landowners in groundwater, and operate the district in a fair

and equitable manner for all residents of the district, the release stated.

For more information about UTGCD, including meeting dates and well registration forms, visit its website at www.uppertrinitygcd.com or call the district's office in Springtown at 817-523-5200.

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# OBITUARIES

## Patricia Shay Wells 1963 - 2022

Patricia Shay ("Patty") Wells passed unexpectedly on Aug. 6, 2022 in Nampa, Idaho. She was 58.

A memorial visitation 5 - 8 p.m., on Friday, Sept. 16, 2022 at White's Funeral Home in Azle, Texas.

In lieu of flowers please donate to a cause or charity close to your heart.

Patty was born in Austin, Texas, and was adopted by Patrick and Elizabeth Shay. She graduated from Euless Trinity High School in 1982, and then went on to study Marine Biology at Texas A&M at Galveston where she met her husband of nearly 35 years, Michael Wells. Patty was an animal lover, an accomplished equestrian, and proud independent business owner who loved fishing and spending time at the beach. But as much as she loved animals, it was her family that truly had her heart.

Patty was a loving and supportive mother, aunt, friend and doting grandmother who made sure everyone was



cared for. Her generosity was boundless and she will be missed by all who knew her. Patty fulfilled a dream of hers late in life when she met her birth mother, Virginia, as well as several of Patty's siblings, half-siblings, and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Elizabeth Shay; father, Patrick Shay; and brothers, Michael & William Shay.

Patricia is survived by her husband, Mike; daughters, Mary Wells and Erin Wells; and granddaughter, Harper.

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## Letha Faye Templeton 1946 - 2022

Letha Faye O'Neal Templeton, 76, loving wife, mother and friend passed away at her home in Azle on Monday, Sept. 5, 2022.

Service is at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17 at White's Azle Chapel. Visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, 2022 at White's Azle Funeral Home.

Letha was born May 20, 1946 to Lonnie and Letha O'Neal in San Antonio, Texas. She was an amazing nurse that retired from Baylor All Saints following a career that spanned a little over three decades. She and her husband were both members of First Baptist Church of Azle for a number of years. She loved Elvis, traveling, scary movies, gambling at Winstar, and the boys from Supernatural.

Above all she loved her family and her children and her life revolved around them. She dedicated herself to her children and later to her grandchildren and great grandchildren. There was never a time when she wasn't available to help them when they needed it and she will be deeply missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents; parents-in-law, Sid and Elizabeth



Templeton; her beloved husband, Clarence; her daughter-in-law, Barbie Elrage, and her sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Willard Brock; her niece, Christina Tessier; her nephews, Willard Brock, Jr. and Jesse Templeton.

She is survived by sons, Andy Templeton and Matthew Templeton and wife, Amanda; daughter, Lisa Templeton; sisters, Joan Johnson and husband, David and Pat O'Neal; brothers, Lonnie O'Neal, Jr, Jeff O'Neal and wife, Tammy; and her brother-in-law, Sidney Templeton; 10 grandchildren; eight great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews that she loved.

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# Water woes in Reno prompt loan for repairs

BY CARLA NOAH STUTSMAN

The Reno city council voted at a special meeting on Sept. 6 to issue a limited tax note in the amount of \$656,000, with proceeds from the note to be combined with a matching grant from the Texas Department of Agriculture in the amount of \$500,000 to make long-needed repairs to the city's water system.

Proceeds from the tax note and the matching grant will be used to convert the disinfection method of the city's water system from chlorine to chloramine to make it compatible with nearby municipal water systems, such as Azle, Springtown and Walnut Creek SUD.

This change will enable Reno to purchase water from those entities any time a problem occurs, rather than issuing a boil water notice. Additional proceeds will be used to replace several broken valves in the water system; installing a 6-inch water line and fire hydrants along Miller Road, thereby increasing water pressure on Cardinal Road; and installing a booster pump at one pump station; and possibly purchasing a spare pump.

The council initially considered issuing the note in the amount of \$1.325 million, which would allow the city's water department to switch out existing manually-read water meters with smart meters in addition to the work noted above. The automated smart meters would negate the need for water department personnel to physically read each meter in the city, thereby

saving on labor costs. Asked if the city could afford the \$215,000 annual payments for a \$1.325 million loan, City Administrator Scott Passmore told the council it could if water rates were increased. When he was asked if the city could afford the \$106,000 annual payment for a loan of \$656,000, Passmore said water rates still need to be increased.

Council member Shelli Swift entered a motion to authorize the mayor to issue the tax note in the amount of \$656,000, to authorize Passmore to sign the documents as city secretary, and to reconsider purchasing the smart meters at the Sept. 19 council meeting following a budget workshop on Sept. 8. That motion was seconded by council member Jeff Davis and approved by the council, with Mayor Pro Tem Katie Tucker voting to oppose it.

Deann Carson of Government Capital Group cautioned the council prior to the vote that splitting the loan into two components would require cost the city about \$17,000 in additional loan fees. She recommended the second loan, if approved, be categorized as personal property in order to save those fees. Carson also said the city will likely pay a higher interest rate than the 3.39 percent it will pay on the first loan.

The city's legal counsel, Dottie Palumbo, explained that although proceeds from the loan will be deposited into the water department, which is an enterprise fund, repayment of the loan will come from tax revenue.

## Vanetta "Geri" Harmon 1950 - 2022

Vanetta Geraldene "Geri" Harmon, 72, of Azle, passed away on Sept. 7, 2022, at home, surrounded by family.

Memorial service will be held Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022 at 10 a.m., at White's Funeral Home Chapel in Azle, Texas.

She was born in Ryan, Oklahoma, on Feb. 22, 1950, to the late Aldene and Darlene Smith. Geraldene loved nothing more than being with her family. Her hobbies included photography, painting, bowling, dancing, hunting, and gardening.

She is preceded in death by her parents; and brother, Rodger Smith.

She is survived by daughters, Cathy Lorenz, of Azle, Tammy Lee and husband, Larry, of Vernon; sisters: Alice Ball and husband, Tom,



of Central, Oklahoma; Dora Anne Huff and husband, Terry, of Granger, Indiana; brother, Jerry; six grandchildren: Taylor, Makinzie, Jessica, Cody, Ollie, Michelle, and great grandchildren: Nolan and Grayson.

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| <p><b>AZLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b><br/>                 (Disciples of Christ) Senior Minister, Ashley Dargai, Katie Medlin, Worship Minister<br/>                 117 Church St. • <b>817-444-3527</b><br/>                 Sunday School..... 10:00 AM<br/>                 Morning Worship..... 11:00 AM</p>   | <p><b>CROSSROADS BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>                 Pastor - Jon Baker<br/>                 Corner FM 730S &amp; FM 1886<br/> <b>817-755-0279</b><br/>                 Transportation Available<br/>                 Worship Service..... 10:30 AM<br/>                 Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 PM</p>  | <p><b>HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA</b><br/>                 4795 E. Hwy 199 - Reno <b>817-221-HOPE</b><br/>                 Follow us on Facebook for streaming services<br/>                 Sunday School..... 9:00 AM<br/>                 Traditional Service..... 10:00 AM</p>  | <p><b>SILVER CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>                 Pastor: Jay Ditty<br/>                 Minister of Music: David Musick<br/>                 Corner FM 730 S. &amp; Veal Station Rd.<br/>                 Church <b>817-444-2325</b><br/> <a href="http://www.silvercreekbc.org">www.silvercreekbc.org</a><br/>                 Sunday School.....9:45 AM<br/>                 Morning Worship..... 10:50 AM<br/>                 Evening Worship..... 6:00 PM<br/>                 Wed. Prayer Service..... 7:00 PM</p> |  |
| <p><b>AZLE FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b><br/>                 Pastor: Tim Stevens<br/>                 1020 S.E. Parkway, Azle <b>817-237-4903</b><br/>                 Sunday School.....9:30 AM<br/>                 Morning Worship..... 10:30 AM<br/>                 Wednesday Evening..... 7:00 PM</p>  | <p><b>THE EDGE CHURCH - AZLE</b><br/>                 1313 S.E. Pkwy, Azle <b>817-237-4822</b><br/>                 Missouri Synod<br/>                 "Love God - Serve Others - Share Jesus"<br/>                 Traditional Worship.....9:30 AM<br/>                 Contemporary Worship..... 11:00 AM</p>  | <p><b>SOLID ROCK BIBLE CHURCH</b><br/>                 591 S. Reno Rd., Springtown, Texas 76082<br/>                 Pastor - Bill Gay - <b>817-304-7443</b><br/>                 Coffee and Donuts..... 9:00 AM<br/>                 Sunday School..... 9:30 AM<br/>                 Morning Worship..... 10:30 AM<br/>                 Children's Church After Music Service<br/>                 Wed. Prayer Meeting..... 6:30 PM<br/>                 Wed. Bible Study..... 7:00 PM</p> |  |  |

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# OBITUARIES

## Jimmie Sue Dickey 1935 - 2022

Jimmie Sue Howard Dickey, age 86, a resident of Azle, Texas, passed away to be with the Lord on Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. Psalms 73:26.

A graveside service was held at Bethel Cemetery in Decatur, Texas on Sept. 12, 2022.

Sue was born Sept. 28, 1935, in Decatur, Texas to Clemma J. and Pearl North Howard.

On Halloween of 1952 in Decatur, Texas, Sue, tricked rather than treated, Emmitt Wayne Dickey into marriage. She and her husband, Wayne, spent their early years of marriage in Wise County, Texas before moving to Azle, Texas in 1965. There, and throughout their remaining 51 years of marriage, life blessed them with quite a large family and group of friends.

Sue was a member of Ash Creek Baptist Church. She worked several years at Azle Manor Nursing Home, but her most notable life's work was that of a homemaker and Granny, as most knew her by. Granny loved to cook; most everything was fried. She never failed to have plenty prepared for the many that came by for supper each evening. She kept her neighbors concerned as they never knew when she would accidentally catch the countryside on fire burning trash or run their brick mailboxes down while driving and eating ice cream. Granny was feisty, a fighter, loved attention, but most importantly she was truly full of love.

As Sue's battle with renal disease progressed, her last few months were spent at Springtown Park Rehabilitation and Care Center. Her family would like to extend their heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to the employees there for



their love and compassion. She made many wonderful friends and memories during her time there.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; infant granddaughter, Traci Sue Glaze; granddaughter, Brandi Diane Dickey; infant great-great-grandson, Tycen Wayne Scroggs; siblings, Orville Driskell, Marvin Driskell, Govie Morris, C. J. "Shorty" Howard, and Bobbie Tiller.

Those left behind to cherish her memory are her best friend, caregiver and daughter, Becky Glaze of Azle; sons "Bubba" Dickey of Azle, and David Dickey and wife, Misty of Mineral Wells; her grandchildren, Lori Scroggs and husband, Doug of Mineral Wells, Amy Suddeath and husband Larry of Azle, Brent Glaze of Bridgeport, Shane Dickey of Azle, Kelly Russell of Abilene, Morganne Epting and Koby Dickey both of Mineral Wells; her sister, Wanda Kay Stagg and husband, Lowell of Decatur; her brother-in-law, Jack Tiller of Lewisville; her sisters-in-law, Nada Howard of Highland Village, Norma Dickey of San Angelo, and Marie Moore and Dorris Dickey, both of Rhome; 22 great-grandchildren, and 17 great-great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, and their families; and a host of friends.

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## Terry Dale Bayless 1965 - 2022

Terry Dale Bayless, 57 of Azle Texas passed from this life Friday Sept. 2, 2022, in Granbury, Texas.

Memorial Service was held Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2022, at Willow Park Baptist Church in Aledo.

Terry was born in Fort Worth, Texas and graduated from Azle High School in 1983. He started playing piano at age 7, and his senior year in high school, won the National Louis Armstrong Jazz Award. After high school and a short stint at college, he started playing in local country bands in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Soon he was invited to join Mason Dixon. He traveled the country playing shows with Barbara Mandrell, Hank Williams Jr, Gary Morris, and several others. They did several TV shows including Nashville Now, and New Country and were signed to Capitol Records.

After Mason Dixon, He returned to the DFW area and in 1992 won Keyboard Player of the Year at the Dallas/Fort Worth music awards. In 1993, he played several shows with Willie Nelson, including Farm Aid. He spent two weeks recording with Willie at his studio, Pedernales. In 1995, He moved to Nashville and joined up with Wade Hayes. With Wade, He was on several TV shows including Austin City Limits. He toured with Alan Jackson, Brooks & Dunn, Tim McGraw and many others. After Wade Hayes, He joined Mel McDaniel and mostly played the Grand Ol' Opry hundreds of times from 1999 to 2007. He also played on Mel's last studio album, "Reloaded".

Terry returned to his hometown of Azle about 7 1/2 years ago, where he has been playing the Dallas/



Fort Worth music scene with artists such as, Vince Vance and the Valiants, Lisa Layne, Skip Pullig, Chuck Cusimano, Chris Rivers Band, JD Myers and many more. He has also enjoyed being a member and playing piano at Willow Park Baptist Church.

In June 1994 Terry married the love of his life, Margie McGee. Together they raised a beautiful daughter, Charlotte and talented son, Jacob. Terry was also recently excited to learn of a daughter, Laycee and five grandchildren, that he did not know about. Family was the most important thing to Terry, and he always provided for and made sure they were taken care of.

Terry is proceeded in death by his parents, Ellis and Patsy, and a year ago, his beautiful wife of 27 years - Margie; grandson, Damian; and nephew Alex.

Those left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Charlotte Nichols and husband Jason of Dickson Tennessee; son, Jacob Bayless and fiancé Casey Pardue of Azle; daughter Laycee Iracheta and husband Hector of White Settlement; brother, Ricky Bayless of Azle; and nephew, Ryan Bayless of Hudson Oaks; grandchildren: Emalee, Sophia, Matthew, and Averiegh; one granddaughter due Dec. 1, 2022, and many more friends.

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# Hospital auxiliary hosts volunteer appreciation luncheon

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital of Azle hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Tea on Aug. 2, with volunteer awards and milestones presented for 2019-2021.

Carol Feemster received a 50-hour certificate, volunteer pin, 100-hour bar, and 250-hour bar.

Cathy Ostermann received a 50-hour certificate, volunteer pin, and 100-hour bar.

Nancy Richardson received a 50-hour certificate, volunteer pin, and 100-hour bar.

Nancy Robbins received a volunteer pin and 100-hour bar.

Traci Bowling received a 250-hour bar.

Claudia Garcia received a 250-hour bar.

Charon Garcia received a 500-hour bar.

Patricia Goff received a 500-hour bar, a 750-hour bar, a 1,000-hour bar and 1 Diamond H pin.

Peggy Helm received a 750-hour bar, a 1,000-hour bar, a 1,250-hour bar, and 1 Diamond H pin.

Ferrol Miller received a 1,000-hour bar, a 1,250-hour bar, and 1 Diamond H pin.

Anne Carlson received a 1,250-hour bar.

Mary Dement received a 1,250-hour bar, a 1,500-hour bar, a 1,750-hour bar, a 2,000-hour bar and 2 Diamond pin.

Mary Fonville received a 1,250-hour bar, a 1,500-hour bar, and a 1,750-hour bar.

Tina Owens received a 1,250-hour bar and a 1,500-hour bar.

Teri Guyer received a 1,500-hour bar, a 1,750-hour bar, a 2,000-hour bar, 2,250-hour bar, 2,500-hour bar and 2 Diamond pin.

Diana Burks received a 1,750-hour bar.

Aida Hargrove received a 1,750-hour bar, a 2,000-hour bar and 2 Diamond pin.

Jan Flavin received a 2,250-hour bar.

Karen Searfoss received a 2,250-hour bar.

Janet Hargrove received a 3,750-hour bar.

Carolyn Arnold received a 5,500-hour bar and a 5,750-hour bar.

Shirley Dechert received a 6,750-hour bar.

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# So What's Next?

"Striving for success with-out hard work is like trying to harvest where you haven't planted." -- David Bly, former Minnesota state legislator.

Let's visit a little about some of the things that we have been through during the past 12 months and how they have affected the quantity, quality and prices of agricultural products.

Since September 2021, we have experienced cold temperatures, extremely dry weather, wildfires, hail, tornadoes, flooding and high temperatures. Of course, all of these affect our lives in many ways. But because of agriculture's strong reliance on at least decent production conditions, we received a triple whammy in the quantity, quality and pricing department of agricultural products. Because of the dry, windy conditions this spring, the likelihood of dry plant material becoming good tender for wildfires increased.

Of course, people losing their lives and homes was the highest on the tragedy list and then came livestock producers who not only lost animals to the fires but also any grazing materials that remained including stored hay. So, we now had livestock producers who immediately lost a portion, if not all of their source of livelihood due to animals being killed in the fires.

Producers with livestock who survived their encounters with the fires now had animals with no or little forage to graze or hay to feed. The livestock raisers then had to make the decision of having to feed expensive feed or liquidate their stock. And then the next decision for many raisers was to either try to keep their heads above water or completely get out of the business.

Another concern was the ones making the choice to get out also put more pressure on the job market.

Now before we leave the topic of the wildfires, I want to mention that several firefighter friends of mine have told me that upwards of 80-90% of wildfires are caused



**AG 101**  
By Jack DeShazo

Jack DeShazo has decades of experience in the agriculture field.

## Just Another Day in the Life of an Agriculturalist!

by humans. Whether due to careless burning of refuse, including brush, and reckless use of fireworks, welding, grinding and even mowing can be the cause of fires. Vehicles with catalytic converters being driven through or parked in dry grass are also possible starters of fires. Even though we did get some much-needed rain, the soil was so dry that much of the moisture is already gone because of it soaking into the ground, so the danger is still there.

Also be aware that as fall arrives and the warm season grasses and other plants go dormant, rainfall will not deter fire nearly as easily as when the plants were actively growing. Please be careful with any activity that may cause fire.

Now let's go back to the topic of agricultural losses and their effects on everyone.

Remember that you do not have to be an agriculturalist to be affected by these things. Keep in mind the old saying "If you eat, you are involved in agriculture," but it's not only food that is affected, also included are clothing, shelter and energy.

Don't let the idea slip past that when dry weather is figured into the equation the plant crops are also affected which means that human food crops, livestock feed crops, fiber crops and plants that are used for energy production and even timber for lumber can be stunted or nonexistent.

Now let's go to the principle of "supply and demand." Remember from senior economics class that when supply is in short supply and

demand is great, the prices go up and with great supply and little demand prices go down. Everyone knows that not everything is governed by supply and demand, but do know that most of agricultural products are, right?

Let's look at just a few examples. A wildfire burns all of the forage used for livestock grazing, the raiser can no longer provide feed for the livestock so they are sold at the livestock sale barn, the market becomes flooded with the livestock so the price ultimately goes down. Secondly, the lack of rain has caused the feed grains to be in short supply causing the prices on livestock feed and human food to go up. When we finally do get rain, it pours down and we have floods which wash out the crops thereby making a shortage of food-stuffs pushing the prices up for the consumer. When you are going through the grocery store and you are noticing prices, don't forget that supply and demand is a snowball rolling downhill gathering more snow and velocity as it goes. This principle also includes agricultural products. This can be a very complicated subject that cannot be covered in one individual column, but its importance does warrant consideration by everyone.

Sometimes we get caught up in so many of our own concerns that we take our food supply and other necessary agricultural products for granted; this can be a dangerous oversight, so please be conscious of the importance of our agriculturalists and the tough times they also face. Until next time.

# Popcorn Players presents 'Rumors'



COURTESY PHOTO

Cast members Scott Nurmela (standing left), Ron Counta, Joshua Holden Jr., Steve Sanford, Jonathan Wright (standing right) and Sarah Lee rehearse in the weeks leading up to opening night for the production of "Rumors."

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY  
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The Azle Arts Association will produce Neil Simon's "Rumors" this September for the Popcorn Players' fall performance.

"Rumors" is a two-act farce that centers on an anniversary dinner party gone awry when guests discover the host, the deputy mayor of New York, has been shot — by himself — and his wife is missing.

The guests must all get their story straight, but as a number of "confusions and miscommunications mount,

the evening spins off into classic farcical hilarity," according to a synopsis on the Azle Arts website.

The play is directed by Jeana Henry and assistant director Lisha Nurmela, and stars Cynthia Hall as Chris Gorman; Steve Sandfort as Ken Gorman; Rozanne Gann as Claire Ganz; Jerry Hall as Lenny Ganz; Ron Counts as Ernie Cusack; Joshua Holden Jr. as Glenn Cooper; Sarah Lee as Cassie Cooper; Scott Nurmela as Officer Welch; and Jonathan Wright as Officer Pudney.

Opening night is at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 16, with additional

shows Sept. 17-18 and 23-25.

Friday and Saturday performances begin at 7:30 p.m., with Sunday matinees starting at 2:30 p.m.

The theater is located at 1012 Southeast Pkwy. in Azle, next to Azle First Assembly of God.

Tickets can be purchased online by visiting [www.AzleArts.org](http://www.AzleArts.org), or by calling 817-238-7529. Adult tickets are \$15 and students, seniors and military tickets are \$12. All matinee performances are \$10 a ticket.

"Rumors" is rated PG due to adult content and language used.

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# A Breath of Fresh Air

"Where could you travel over and over again?" I got that question via email from Storyworth, an online service that sends me a question every week to share the story of my life. The idea is that I'll share enough short snippets to be bound into a book for my grandchildren. I've been blessed to do a lot of traveling in my life. Not as much as some. Way more than others. There are a few destinations to which I've made multiple trips, primarily because of a ministry connection of some kind. The truth is that I simply love to travel and my favorite part of travel (besides eating) is being outside in nature. A place with lush vegetation, breathtaking views, and cool streams where I can hike, explore, and contemplate—this nurtures my soul. In fact, I'm sitting on a bench in a park right now—enjoying a shade tree and a cool breeze as I compose this post on my iPhone. Today I needed to get out of the house, the office, and the car and get a breath of fresh air (literally and metaphorically). I don't do it often enough. You probably don't either. There's so much to do. So many pressures, challeng-



## BE AMAZING

By Gerry Lewis

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

es, and responsibilities. So many distractions, disappointments, uncertainties, and conflicts. Dare I suggest that there are too few breaths of fresh air in most of our lives? I thought about that early this morning as I read from Philippians chapter 2. Some selected verses really hit home for me today. "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others." (Philippians 2:3-4) It's so easy to be internally focused—me first, mine first. I know I've read those verses hundreds of time, but a word hit me unexpectedly today: "the" "Not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of THE others." Not generically and vaguely the interests of "others" but "the others." Real people with names and faces.

The ones you literally interact with on a regular basis. It's one thing to say I care about others. It's another thing to say I'm committed to the well-being and interests of John, Sally, Lorenzo, Lizzie, Achmed ... "The" others. And that perspective, then, calls upon me to behave in a certain way. "Do everything readily and cheerfully—no bickering, no second-guessing allowed! Go out into the world uncorrupted, a breath of fresh air in this squalid and polluted society." (Philippians 2:14-15, The Message). This question occurred to me: What if we decided TODAY to BE the breath of fresh air we want to experience? What if we were to live intentionally as those who speak life, vitality, and refreshing into everyone with whom we come in contact? Be the breath of fresh air and be amazing today, my friend.

# What fuels the fascination many of us have with stockpiling 'collectibles'?

For some reason, human beings like to collect. It stands to reason a person might attempt to collect and store food so they would have something to eat at a future time. It makes sense for someone to collect money so they can provide for themselves when they are too old or infirmed to work. But why do we collect items? There is something in our inherent nature that drives people to gather associated items. Maybe it is the power in "ownership" and the thought of having an item others covet. There are people who collect because of the potential for profit. People who collect cars, guns, comic books, antiques or baseball cards often buy with the expectation their purchase will appreciate. My brother-in-law has a huge collection of Springfield rifles and is considered as an expert by many in their valuation and his knowledge of their workings. I have sat and listened to him describe a small screw for a particular sight from a Springfield, and why the screw he owned was valuable and sought after by fellow aficionados. I could see the pleasure in his eyes that he had obtained something that others treasure. He fully believes his collection will provide well for his children when he passes, and from what I know about it, he is probably right. Any time groups of people are interested in collecting the same type of items



## FROM MY FRONT PORCH

By Sam Houston

Sam Houston is a syndicated columnist and newspaper executive. He is also an author, actor, playwright and entertainment producer/promoter.

the potential exists for the price of a collectible to go up. Remember Beanie Babies? They were simple, small stuffed toys, but amid the Beanie Baby craze, the cheaply made creatures were traded for hundreds and sometimes thousands of dollars. Nowadays, they seem to end up in garage sales or thrown out in the trash. My wife collects old match books. Some folks collect souvenir shot glasses. I guess the nearest thing I have to a collection is a bunch of old poker chips from casinos around the country. If the items do not have a true monetary value, perhaps it is because the mementos take us back to another place in time. My poker chips remind me of trips made with friends to Las Vegas, Atlantic City and other places, and the good times we shared. While serving as a good paper weight at my work desk, when I pick up the chips and jingle them in my hands and I can hear the "clicking of the chips," it conjures up a good memory. It is that feeling, that memory, that makes me keep them. My mother collected a certain type of china. She spent thousands of dollars, "investing" her time and money, mainly because she thought the china was so

beautiful. She also thought it would continue to appreciate and we kids would have a "jackpot" when she passed. Unfortunately, when sold the china never brought anywhere close to what she thought it would. I did save a few pieces because they reminded me of Mom. I think some folks collect just so they will have a purpose. Their desire to add a special piece to a collection keeps them motivated and inspired to keep searching. I have also witnessed the quiet satisfaction of the person who has completed a collection. Curiously, there seems to be a portion of sadness that comes with the end of the search. Satisfaction of course, but a degree of sadness in knowing the hunt is over. I would love to hear what it is you collect. Is it imprinted golf balls, old cookbooks, marbles, or what? Send me a note by email (see below) and tell me what items you collect and why you collect them. I may give the most unique collector my inherited collection of Captain Kangaroo photos. Thought for the day: Often the story of an artifact's journey is more remarkable and entertaining than the object itself. Until next time.

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BOOK REVIEW

# Dog shows, bridge and murder - so much to like about this mystery

**TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER**

It's your deal. Cards cut, they're in your hand, and now you dole them out. Thirteen cards each, one at a time around the table, let the game begin. Do you bid, or pass and hope that your partner has a good hand? As in the new mystery, "Peg and Rose Solve a Murder" by Laurien Berenson, do you even have a shot at winning?

It should've been a very good day. Peg Turnbull was judging at a dog show, and being with dogs was her favorite thing. The dog show community in her Connecticut area was close-knit, she knew everyone, the sun was shining - and then she saw her sister-in-law, Rose.

Back when Peg and her dear, departed Max were first married, a teenage Rose had just entered a convent. Fast forward through the years, Rose left the nunnery to marry a priest, blah-blah, Max died, Rose and her husband moved nearby, Peg still didn't get along with that woman.

And there Rose was, ruining a perfectly good dog-judging day with a ridiculous invitation for Peg to join her in a bridge club.

After so many decades, Rose Donovan felt it was time to try to connect with her sister-in-law. Rose had things to apologize for, and neither

of them were getting any younger. Years ago, Peg used to play bridge or something, didn't she? So maybe they could - well, if not be friends, at least not be enemies anymore.

As it turned out, the bridge club needed two new hands and they welcomed Peg and Rose into the fold immediately - although the two women could tell right away that there was big drama inside the room. There were hints of impropriety and personality clashes, both of which had Peg intrigued. She loved nothing more than a good mystery.

So when one of the bridge players was shot inside his home, she wondered. Would Rose make a good partner outside of the bridge club, too?

For a mystery lover, "Peg and Rose Solve a Murder" could be a bit of a let-down.

At least a third of this book passes before there's even a whiff of crime, in favor of dog show and bridge plot-lines and character introduction. The murder itself feels almost like a footnote or a minor faux pas once it finally appears, and it's only discussed in terms relative to the people in the bridge club, as if no one else in Connecticut could've been the killer.

Don't put this book down

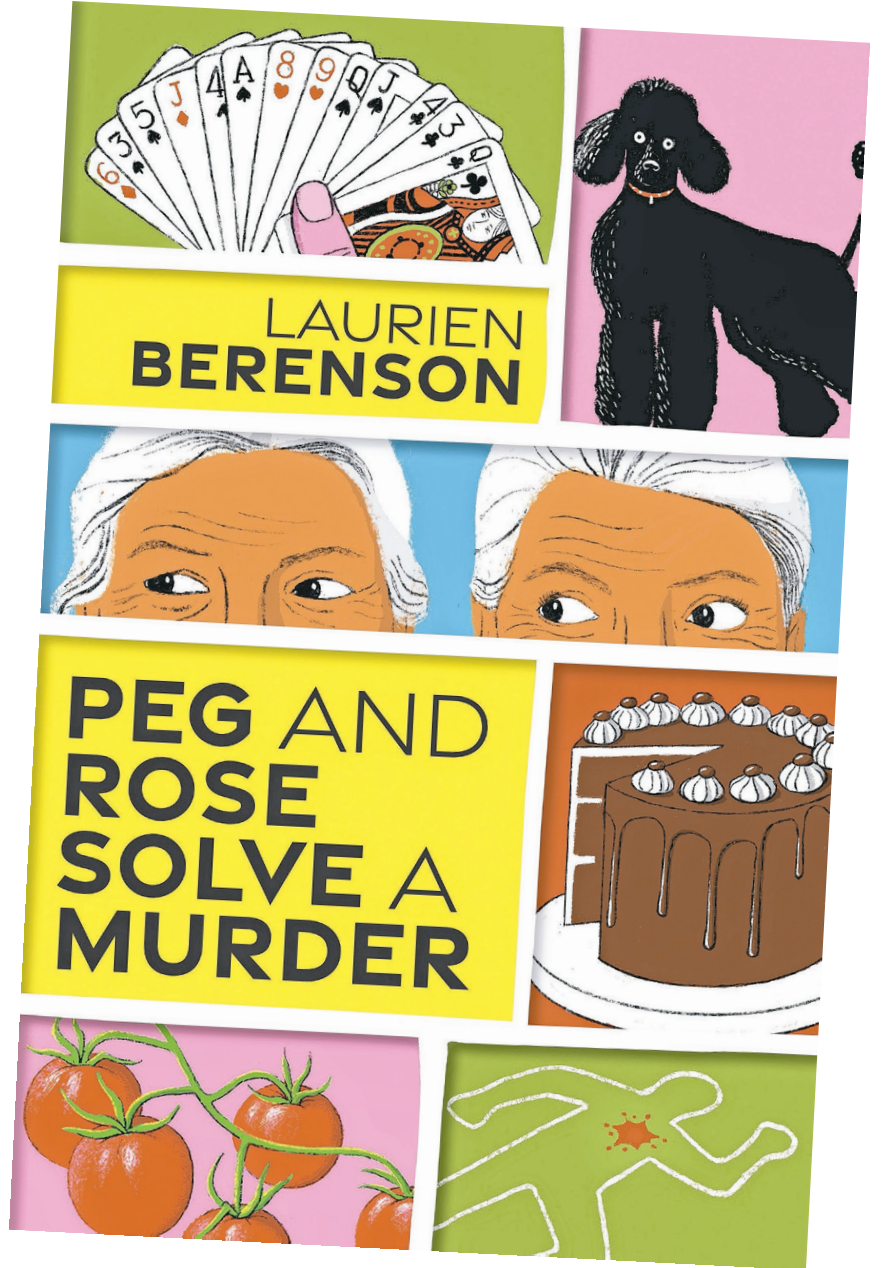
yet, though.

Author Laurien Berenson writes with a breezy flair that's perfect for this kind of mystery, and that breeze blows in the humor. Berenson's Peg is feisty and ornery, a perfect companion to prim, fussy Rose. Seriously: you know a TV series like this, don't you?

Mystery mavens who love dogs will particularly love this book, as will readers who enjoy sleuths who are past "a certain age." If that's you, though it has its bumpiness, grab "Peg and Rose Solve a Mystery." You'll like it a great deal.



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# Focus on health: TLC or overkill?

*Dear Frankie,*  
I'm concerned that my mom is over-focused on my health. Once a month, she gives me pills to prevent heartworm, fleas and ticks. I'm OK with that; no one wants heartworms or Lyme disease.



**DEAR FRANKIE**  
By Geneva Woodruff

Frankie is a rescue dog and an emotional support animal for Geneva Woodruff. Woodruff is a retired educator.

I also get a daily medicine chew for my hips and joints that tastes terrible. I won't eat it unless it is smothered in something edible. My mom coats it with peanut butter. She thinks she is fooling me, but whatever, nothing like a peanut butter snack.

She insists on cooking my food. She says you can't trust the dog food companies. Every time there is a recall for a toxic ingredient, she posts it on Facebook. She wants her friends to see what she has been telling them all along.

My food is cooked weekly and divided into 14 meals. She insists that two meals a day are necessary for good digestion.

A typical meal is an organic chicken seasoned with

a pinch of salt (dogs need sodium), mixed with a powdered vitamin supplement, and fresh green beans.

When it comes to exercise, she is a fanatic. I go to doggie daycare four days a week for strength training and yoga classes.

I won't go into the monthly grooming appointments or semi-annual physicals, dental exams, and cleaning.

Don't you agree that her focus on my health is a bit of overkill?

*Signed, Marcia*

*Dear Marcia,*  
I agree that the monthly pills are essential. Excellent work on the peanut butter snack.

What's your beef otherwise? Delicious home-cooked meals twice a day sound like heaven to me. It beats food

poisoning.

Probably grooming every six weeks is sufficient. Nothing worse than a dog with matted and smelly hair.

If it's the exercise that gets you, what's so bad? In your golden years, you can look back on the years you looked like a canine goddess.

I do think the teeth cleaning twice a year is a bit much. Anesthesia shouldn't be taken lightly and should be avoided whenever possible, especially in your twilight years.

Maybe it's time for a new vet. When the vet walks in to examine you at your next appointment, growl, bark, and whine, maybe your mom will get the hint.

*Best,  
Frankie*

## ON FISHING

# Rain, cooler temperatures have increased the action on our area lakes

You can't absolutely predict the fishing for any given day, but you can get close right after a rain. Fishing after it rains or even during a drizzle can produce some great action as most of us know.

The recent rains have cooled the surface temperatures of all local bodies of water and the fishing is taking off. Water temperatures fell to around the low- to mid-80s on most reservoirs. I am sure that summer is not over and these temperatures may rise some, but we will take what we can get.

Numerous lakes, including our own, are producing better catches for most every species.

Last week, I reported that the fishing was picking up on Lake Granbury. This week, I have an even better report, especially for white bass and striped bass. Black bass catches are reported good as well to 8 pounds plus. Lake Granbury may not be the fishery it used to be, but there is still a tremendous amount of action to be had and there are very few folks taking advantage of it.

Due to rain/storms in the forecast, staying at home was in order. Cooling water along with live shad (bait) or silver and chartreuse slabs you too can get on the fish. The white



**ON FISHING**  
By Michael Acosta

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bass, or sand bass as we typically call them, are active early near feeding flats from The Shores in town, to Indian Harbor and near DeCordova.

Smaller striped bass are mixed in with the sandies and

many times they are boiling the surface. The bigger striped bass are typically not too far away. The lower ends are still the best for the keeper striped bass, and live bait is generally hard to beat.

## FISHING REPORT

Catfish action continues to be good on cut bait on many areas of Lake Granbury. Look for incoming water or stained water. Crappies continue to be good near submerged timber mid-lake. Small jigs and minnows are the best choice for crappie.

Other reservoirs are reporting lots of top water action as well (Lake Whitney and Possum Kingdom Lake). Possum, Kingdom striped bass and largemouth have been feeding from South D&D and downstream by Bluff Creek and Hell's Gate. Whitney striped bass are near McCown Valley to the state park.

I believe the fishing will continue to improve as the month rolls on. Watch the predicted times based on the moon phase. Look for morning and evening bites near the quarter moon when this article is published.

The recent rains did not have enough runoff to fill the lake, but there was a rise in level and the fresh water is needed.

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# Veteran wants to establish Memorial Monument here for families

BY DON MUNSCH  
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Ray Ivey wants to see a Gold Star Families Memorial Monument erected in Azle.

He spoke to the Azle City Council about his proposal idea at the council meeting last week. Discussion of the monument was placed on the council agenda at Ivey's request.

Ivey said the beginnings of a committee had been formed.

"This is about the family, not the veterans particularly," said Ivey, an Army veteran who served as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam, explaining the project is about the people left behind after a loved one perishes during his or her time of service.

He said the Defense Department recognizes the project and the need to honor families and others who had a loved one died during their time in the service.

"They often get forgotten about," he said.

He explained that during World War I, families displayed a small banner of a blue star for every immediate family member serving in the armed forces. When that family member died during ser-



PHOTO COURTESY RAY IVEY

This Gold Star Families Memorial Monument was erected in Keller. Ray Ivey would like to get a Memorial Monument placed in Azle.

vice, the family replaced the blue star with a gold star.

Ivey mentioned the Woody Williams Foundation, which is committed to supporting every GSFMM project and committee, according to information Ivey shared with council at the meeting.

"To help each project be carried out as efficiently as possible, the WWF provides extensive support and services throughout all phases of the effort. This includes years of experience addressing hundreds of unique factors across the United States," the

WWF information said, noting the WWF provides every local committee support in the following areas: administrative support, financial services, monument and construction and communications.

There exist 183 communities in the country with 106 monuments installed and with 73 in progress, Ivey said, noting 15 of those monuments are in Texas and nine have been established and six are in progress.

"We are not one of those that I just mentioned," he said. "We will be when we get

registered with the foundation, and I have been in contact with the foundation. And that (registration) should happen within the next week to 10 days to maybe two weeks."

He told councilmembers they are not involved in this project yet but could become involved if the monument were placed on city property.

"And one of the places that we've looked at is the park. We've looked at the area at the top of the hill by the library," he said, noting that there is a "big flat area at the

very top" that would be great for the monument.

He said, though, that location would not be decided at this meeting, held on Sept. 6, and that he just wanted to get a feel for what council thought about the project. He said putting the monument on private property would almost double the project cost simply by just having to buy the land. The private places examined rest along Main Street.

Project cost: around \$55,000. Ivey said the cost is usually more, around \$75,000, and some cost a little more. Organizers in the project would design the project, although these monuments have some common elements. He said a Gold Star member family member has to agree to be involved in the committee, and someone from out of town has agreed to be in the committee. He said his committee is attempting to contact a family with a connection closer to the community who had a family member die in the service. He said he has seen a monument in Keller and it was "fantastic in its presentation."

Ivey said his group can't take money for the proj-

ect until it is registered as a nonprofit. In-kind donations would be accepted, and Ivey said some fundraisers would be conducted for a monument here and that he could see people buying stones noting family members' military service for the monument walkway. A current draft design would be to include Gold Star family stones - a little larger than bricks - around the monument.

As the project progresses, Ivey will return to council to have it consider anything related to the project that needs its approval.

Ivey's information from WWF given to the council said the majority of funding for the GSFMMs comes through private donations. Grants and corporate funding have also been a key part of reaching financial goals. The WWF will assist in providing guidelines and strategies to ensure ethical and successful fundraising practices. Another important consideration is the role of in-kind donations in GSFMM projects. These donations play a vital role in completing the project by eliminating or reducing costs.

For more information, access [www.woodywilliams.org](http://www.woodywilliams.org).

## CLIMB

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called an Accountability Tag - to carry with them. The tags bear the name of one of the 343 firefighters, 60 police of-

icers and eight EMS workers who died at the towers.

After completing the climb, each participant walks to a microphone and announces the name and company of the individual on their tag before placing the tag on an account-

ability board.

"This name calling and the placing of the tag on the board signifies a member has been brought home," said Godbold.

This year, Godbold climbed for Kenneth Marino of

Rescue 1, located in the Hell's Kitchen neighborhood of New York.

"(Marino) had been a firefighter for 20 years and employed by the FDNY for 10 years," Godbold said. "His remains have never been found but his helmet was. Kenneth put on that helmet and responded to the World Trade Center less than one hour after his wife of three years and their children, Kristin, 3, and Tyler, 1, had paid him a surprise visit at his Manhattan firehouse."

Marino was 40 years old and was last seen in the North Tower with his crew prior to the collapse more than 70 stories up, Godbold said.

"Making this climb each year helps me remember that

vow of never forgetting and in some small part bringing a fellow firefighter home," said Godbold.

For Azle's assistant fire chief and other first responders, it's important to "never forget this event."

"The ultimate sacrifice that was given that day is one I hope we never have to repeat in my lifetime," said Godbold. "I believe we should pass along to the younger generation of firefighters coming into this job today the true meaning of this job. Most of those coming into this job today were not even born on 9/11. Many people will call firefighters heroes. The day we take our oath of office is when we are heroes. After that it is all part of the job."

Godbold has visited the

United 93 crash site in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, as well as the Pentagon, but has only driven past the tower site in New York.

He describes 9/11 as "one of the darkest days in our history as a nation."

"But the resolve of the people that followed in the days after was incredible," Godbold said. "Everyone of all backgrounds stood together not as individuals but as Americans." My wish is that we as a country could get back to those days/months that followed this event. To come back together not as individuals but as Americans, because we do not need to forget that we are living in one of the greatest countries in the world."



COURTESY LEE GODBOLD

Assistant Fire Chief Lee Godbold (right) climbed with his two sons, Reed (left) and Cannon (center) at Fountain Place in Dallas on Sept. 10.



COURTESY LEE GODBOLD

Assistant Fire Chief Lee Godbold wore his 9/11 memorial helmet for the stair climb in Dallas on Sept. 10. He carried the name of fallen firefighter Kenneth Marino on his climb.

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# Most Texas teachers consider quitting

## POLL: MOST TEXAS TEACHERS CONSIDER QUITTING

More than three-fourths of Texas teachers say they have seriously considered quitting the profession largely because of a perceived lack of respect and support, according to a new survey by the Charles Butt Foundation. Excessive workload and inadequate pay were other major reasons that teachers are considering leaving, The Dallas Morning News and other media outlets reported.

The percentage of teachers considering quitting has risen to 77% this year from 58% in 2020, when the foundation conducted the first survey on the subject.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic, Texas has experienced a teacher shortage that prompted the Texas Education Agency to form a task force to address the issue. No official findings have been released.

The statewide survey included 1,291 public school teachers drawn randomly from TEA's 2020 roster of teachers. Among those teachers who seriously thought



## CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders

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about leaving the profession, 68% updated their resumes, while about one-third applied for another job.

"This isn't just teachers not feeling satisfied," research associate Victoria Wang told The Morning News. "They're actively taking steps to leave the classroom."

The foundation is named for the CEO of H-E-B, the largest privately held employer in Texas. Its goal is "pursuing a more equitable and prosperous future for all Texans," according to its website.

## DROUGHT CONDITIONS EASE IN STATE

Welcome rains across the state have eased drought conditions, with 62.3% of the state in moderate to severe drought, affecting about a third of the state's population, according to drought.

gov. That is down from the end of June, when drought conditions covered 86% of the state.

Most of East Texas and South Texas and the El Paso area are no longer experiencing drought. Severe drought remains prevalent around the San Antonio and Midland-Odessa areas and eastward to the Abilene region.

## VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS OCT. 11

Eligible Texans who plan to vote in the Nov. 8 general election must be registered by Oct. 11, according to Texas Secretary of State John Scott. While voter registration in Texas is county based, Texans can make sure they're registered by visiting the secretary of state's Am I Registered portal: <https://ti.nyurl.com/4wcn4b9x>. Early voting runs from Oct.

24 to Nov. 4. A hotly contested governor's race between incumbent Republican Greg Abbott and Democratic challenger Beto O'Rourke is at the top of the ballot. Other statewide races include lieutenant governor, attorney general, comptroller, land commissioner, agriculture commissioner, and railroad commissioner.

Other races are underway for seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, Texas Legislature and assorted local offices. Check with your local elections clerk for a full sample ballot.

## ABBOTT: ELECTRIC GRID SAFE THIS FALL

The state's electric grid should have no problem handling power demand this fall, Gov. Greg Abbott said after meeting with members of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas and the Public Utility Commission. A joint meeting was held last week to discuss the issue, although typically there are few challenges to the grid during autumn and spring because of decreased demand.

The new forecast by ERCOT predicts plenty of power

available in October and November, despite planned shutdowns by a number of Texas power plants for scheduled maintenance.

"The State of Texas continues to monitor the reliability of our electric grid, and I thank ERCOT and PUC for their hard work to implement bipartisan reforms we passed last year and for their proactive leadership to ensure our grid is stronger than ever before," Abbott said.

The grid faced unprecedented demand this summer with triple-digit temperatures across most of the state for weeks on end.

## UPDATED COVID-19 BOOSTERS SHIPPING TO STATE

The third booster vaccine for COVID-19 is shipping to health-care providers across the state this week, the Texas Department of State Health Services reported. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has allocated about 900,000 doses of the updated boosters to Texas. That figure includes 502,500 doses of the Pfizer vaccine and 192,800 doses of the Moderna vaccine available for order by health-care

providers. Another 200,000 or so doses will be available through large retail pharmacies, such as H-E-B, CVS, Walgreens and Walmart.

The so-called "bivalent" vaccines differ from earlier versions in that they protect against both the original strain of COVID-19 and the Omicron variant that has been responsible for more than 99% of the COVID cases in Texas in the past month, according to DSHS.

People can get the updated booster if it has been at least two months since they received the original vaccine or one of the previously offered boosters.

## COVID-19 CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS DROP

The number of new COVID-9 cases reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University during the past week dropped to 49,326, down about 10% from the previous week, with 133 new deaths reported, also a decrease. DSHS reported 2,440 lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations, just slightly lower than the previous week.

## THREAT

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nile suspect who posted the threats.

Fort Worth Police found the male in an area between Lake Worth and Fort Worth and took him into custody. He was charged as a runaway and is currently being held at a Tarrant County juvenile facility.

Hall stated that Fort Worth mental health officers were present when the juvenile was taken into custody without incident. No weapons were located at the time of arrest.

The police chief said that charges for making terroristic threats were likely coming, specific to making threats to schools and students.

Authorities think the individual acted alone, and they are not looking for additional suspects.

Many parents expressed concern that they were not notified as soon as the school district and police department were made aware of the online posts.

"On Sunday, the original post had been forwarded a few times and was several hours old," said Amanda Moore, AISD director of communications. "Also, the threat was vague in that it was not directed toward anyone in particular. There was no threat to Azle High School at that time, just a derogatory comment. No additional postings were provided."

Moore went on to say that the original investigation was centered on finding the suspect because he was listed as a missing person, and it was apparent that he may need some type of mental intervention.

"At this point, the police were already actively looking for the suspect, which included sending law enforcement to the home, where the suspect's parents were contacted and provided possible leads as to where the suspect may be," Moore said. "It was only after the school day had started on Monday that the suspect began posting additional direct and indirect threats, which changed the course of action for police, resulting in soliciting addition-

al help from the Fort Worth Police and the FBI."

Moore continued, stating that "the district is proud of our Azle ISD Police Department as well as our relationship with the Azle Police Department and cannot thank them enough for their work with the Fort Worth Police Department and the FBI that resulted in getting the suspect into custody."

Azle ISD administration and police department encourage everyone to remember that "if you see something say something."

"Threats of any kind to the safety and well-being of our students and staff are taken very seriously, are thoroughly investigated, and may result in criminal charges," the district said in an email Monday.

"Such actions cause a disruption to the entire school, provide a disservice to students and staff, and breed fear and divisiveness in our community."

Azle PD will continue to have a heightened presence throughout the school district this week.

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**Members of Roll Call enjoy the parade.**



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Azle High School cheerleaders march in the Sting Fling parade with fellow cheerleaders Whitley Armstrong, left, and Malayah DeMoss, right.



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Members of the Marching Green Pride played Saturday at Sting Fling. They are, from left, Evan Stockton, Amanda Thorpe, Javier Avila, Cesar Lopez, Michelle Lorenz and Stephanie Yarbor.



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## Sports roundup

### Fast start helps Ryan defeat Azle

BY DON MUNSCH  
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Jeff Prince contributed to this article

The season doesn't get any easier for the Azle Hornet football team as it travels to Aledo Friday for the second district game for both teams.

Azle (0-3) comes off a 63-14 district opening loss to Denton Ryan Sept. 9 at Hornet Stadium. The Raiders led from the outset, scoring on the opening kick and setting the tone from there. Ryan led 35-0 at the end of one quarter and 56-0 at halftime.

"They're a really good football team," Azle head coach

Devon Dorris said about the Raiders. "We've played three really good football teams, but this team had some speed that we just haven't seen. It took some time to adjust. It was our goal to start fast; we didn't necessarily do that. But I was really pleased with how our kids continued to fight all game."

He said even though the scoreboard might not indicate it, he thinks his team got better.

"We've talked to our kids all week about the improvement that we need to see on film, and even though the scoreboard was lopsided one way, I do feel like we defi-

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PHOTO BY RICHARD SPRAGGENS

Azle running back Conner Combs looks to evade a Denton Ryan defender during the Azle-Ryan football game Sept. 9 at Hornet Stadium. The Hornets lost the game, their first district contest, 63-14.

## AHS volleyball player leads nation in a statistical category



PHOTO BY DON MUNSCH  
Azle volleyball player Makenna Dillow.

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Some positions in sports can get overlooked insofar as their impact to a team's success or failure.

In volleyball, fans note how kills, service aces and assists can affect an outcome. But so can digs, and Azle High School senior volleyball player Makenna Dillow is making herself stand out in that category.

In volleyball, a dig occurs when a player hits or passes a ball or keeps the ball in action to teammates after an opponent's spike or serve. Dillow, a libero, has already accumulated more than 700 digs this season at last count and leads the nation in that category, according to MaxPreps, a national website that catalogs high school sports teams' information, including games, schedules, rosters and statistics.

"To be honest, I can't believe it," Dillow said about

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## Azle ISD to induct new Hall of Famers at Sept. 24 banquet

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

The three people pegged for induction into the Azle Athletic Hall of Fame came from generations separated by decades, but they all had something in common.

Each of them — Jim Bob Nation (Class of 1935), Don Hood (head football coach at Azle High School 1958-1962) and Stephanie Parker (Class of 2007) —

left an enduring mark on the local sports scene and community.

In 2015, AISD established the Hall of Fame to shine an admiring light on graduates who become outstanding contributors to school athletics on and off the field. An induction committee made up of former coaches,

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## A mix of young, senior runners help guide cross-country program

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Azle High School's cross-country program has a mix of underclassmen and seniors making their mark on the team this year.

Sophomore Audrina Montoya and freshman Azucena Neri and seniors Jimmy Aldaco and Zeke Juarez are among those runners in the program showing great strides.

"I just didn't expect to be varsity — I just had to push myself," Montoya said.

Neri said her expectations were high but she didn't expect to meet them. Both runners have achieved their personal records at meets this year.

"Honestly, ever since I was growing up, I just liked running, but I never took it seriously because, I don't

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## Azle Christian football storms Newcastle in nailbiter



PHOTO BY JEFF PRINCE  
Camden Logan led the Crusaders in rushing with 183 yards.

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Last Friday's football game pitting Azle Christian High School against Newcastle was about as exciting as any fan could have imagined, and there were plenty of fans to bear witness.

Azle Christian has played its first three football games at home this season, and the hometown crowds have been loud and large.

"The fans have been crazy this year!" Athletic Director Ryan Rollins posted on Twitter. "The boys feel the energy. Thank you Crusadernation!"

How exciting was the game?

Consider: Newcastle, ranked seventh in the UIL Division II state rankings, entered the game as a huge favorite.

Azle Christian head coach Clayton Sanders characterized the game as "very intense and physical."

The game came down to the final play.

And the Crusaders won. "I'm proud of our team for staying focused this week, ignoring the naysayers and finding a way to finish," the coach said.

Two weeks ago, the Crusaders scored 87 points and lost.

Against Newcastle, they scored 27 and won.

Welcome to six-man football, where scores vary wildly, and the action and excitement are non-stop.

Azle Christian squared off against the Newcastle Bobcats at a home clash on Sept. 9, still smarting from the previous week's 93-87 home loss to Heritage Christian.

The Crusaders opened the game against Newcastle with strength and determination and powered their way to a 21-6 halftime lead behind a stingy defense and the strong running of Camden Logan. Sanders had focused the previous week's practice on defensive fundamentals,

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# NAILBITER

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and the Crusader defenders showed how much difference a week can make.

The only points scored by Newcastle in the first half came on an onside kick return.

"Newcastle was a little shell-shocked in the first half with how well our defense was playing," Sanders said. "The defense really showed up and shut down what they do very well on offense."

The Bobcats, however, scored 20 points in the second half while limiting the Crusaders to just six. Part of Azle Christian's problem was hanging onto the football. The team turned the ball over seven times.

"It was extremely humid, and the ball got a little slippery, but we also just didn't execute as well on offense as we normally do," Sanders said.

Tough games expose a team's flaws. After the Heritage game, the Crusaders worked on defense.

After the Newcastle game,

they will work on protecting the ball.

"We have to do a better job of protecting and cherishing the football," Sanders said. "We will keep chopping and working on it."

Still, the coach realizes that part of the reason his team struggled on offense is because they were playing a stellar team.

"They weren't ranked seventh in the state for no reason," Sanders said. "They have a great group of players and coaches and made some good adjustments at half. They hit us on a few big plays, and it became a chess match."

Azle Christian's coaches made crucial decisions of their own to help sway the contest.

"As a staff, we made some adjustments, and the team did a phenomenal job of applying it on the field to keep us in a good position to win the game," Sanders said.

The jockeying from both teams led to an incredible finish - a final minute of football that was hard to believe.

"I've been doing this for 14 years and have been around football my entire

life," Sanders said. "I've never seen - much less been a part of - a finish like Friday night."

In the final minute of the game, with Azle Christian leading 27-20, the Crusaders fought their way to Newcastle's goal line and wanted to run it into the end zone to pad their lead - but fumbled instead. The ball bounced off the running back's hands and plopped into a Newcastle defender's hands.

Newcastle drove to midfield and had time for one more play. As time expired, Newcastle's quarterback heaved a "hail Mary" pass into the end zone.

"Our player was in great position and went up at the highest point and intercepted the pass, (or) so we thought," Sanders said. "As our player was coming down, their player ripped the ball out of our hands and fell in the end zone for a score."

Azle Christian fans were floored.

"It was honestly such an impressive effort and play on that player's part," Sanders said. "Just, wow!" Down by one point, 27-

26, Newcastle tried to win the game by kicking a PAT, which counts for two points in six-man football. The snap, however, slipped off the tee. Azle players pressured the holder, who threw the ball up for grabs.

"It was a battle between their player and ours, and our player won and knocked down the ball."

The player who won that battle for the ball was Noah Rollins.

"We call him 'Iceman' because he never gets rattled," Sanders said. "So, it was fitting that Noah was the one who made the final play to help secure the win."

Sanders was so keyed up after the game that he didn't sleep the entire night, he said.

"I couldn't," he said. "It was that intense and emotional of a game. Our team needed this one after last week. I'm glad we found a way to fight through the adversity and finish. I'm proud of the team for that."

Final score: Azle Christian 27, Newcastle 26.

Running back Camden Logan led Azle Christian on offense with 200 total yards and three touchdowns.

On defense, Jake Skartvedt made eight tackles, a quarterback sack and an interception.

Next up, Azle Christian goes on the road to play Mount Calm. The Panthers have shut out two teams this season by scores of 50-0 and 46-0, with their last win coming in just eight minutes due to the mercy points rule.

"It's not going to get easier, but that's the way we like it," Sanders said. "It's our first long road game, so there will be some new things to experience and have to work through. Overall, we are healthy and that's really all I can ask for after two very physical games."

To beat Mount Calm, the Crusaders will need to "focus on ourselves and clean up our turnover issues," the coach said. "We have either been hot on offense and cold on defense, or vice versa, so it is imperative to find a way to put a complete game together and be consistent at doing so."

# Football Contest

## WEEK 3

This week's contest was tight, with numerous contestants picking nine of the games correctly. However, three contestants - Bobby Boyd, Eddy Swanzy and Margaret Swanzy - picked 10 of 11 games correctly to establish a three-way tie for tops. The tiebreaker game between the Dallas Cowboys and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers would determine the contest winners. The Bucs beat the Cowboys 19-3, with a total of 22 points being scored. Therefore, Margaret Swanzy won first place and \$20 by picking 48 tiebreaker points. Eddy Swanzy won second place and \$10 after predicting 55 tiebreaker points. Boyd won third place and \$5 by predicting 63 points.

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| 9/01                                       | Grapevine       | at GRAPEVINE       | 58-14 L |
| 9/09                                       | Denton Ryan     | Home               | 14-63 L |
| 9/16                                       | Aledo           | at ALEDO           |         |
| 9/23                                       | Brewer          | HOME               |         |
| 9/30                                       | Northwest       | at NORTHWEST       |         |
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# Azle Christian sweeps Heritage for first volleyball victory

*Azle Christian Lady Crusaders celebrated their 3-0 sweep of Heritage on Sept. 8.*

BY JEFF PRINCE  
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The Azle Christian Lady Crusaders celebrated their 3-0 sweep of Heritage on Sept. 8 like it was something extra special, which it was.

The smiles, tears, hugs and laughter from Azle Christian's volleyball girls represented the end of a long losing streak that stretched back to last season.

"It feels like a million dollars," said Cassidy Barber, a

senior and team leader. "It's good to see that we come out here, and we work, and then, it really pays off - and we see the dedication not only that the players have but that our fans have."

The Crusaders are playing under new head coach Jasmine Jones, who has been teaching basic fundamentals in the early part of the season to prepare her team for district competition that begins this week.

Against Heritage, Jones saw

her girls reacting instinctively rather than thinking too much about what they were doing. All those lessons in fundamentals are beginning to take hold, the coach said.

"They are being implemented from the play by play, where we're supposed to be on the court, how we should pass the ball, what we should do if we're in trouble," Jones said. "It's a lot less in their heads and 'What should I be doing?' and just playing functionally and making it

simple."

Losing games regularly during the early part of the season was disappointing to the team, but the coach assured them that victories would come in time.

"We've had a hard couple of weeks, so we really needed this win," Jones said. "I was very glad that we pulled that through. It was a great way to bounce back from what we've been experiencing."

The team has come close to winning games this season but fallen just short.

"This whole season, they have been very capable, but we've been fighting our own minds," Jones said. "Now, after what they've done tonight, they have the confidence to know that they can do this. I definitely think that we will prove it with the rest of our season."

Barber said the Crusaders arrived for the Heritage game with good attitudes despite their on-court struggles.

"We really played our hearts," Barber said. "We know at the end, we are not going to be judged by whether we win or if we lose, but we worked our butts off during practice, and it really showed tonight."

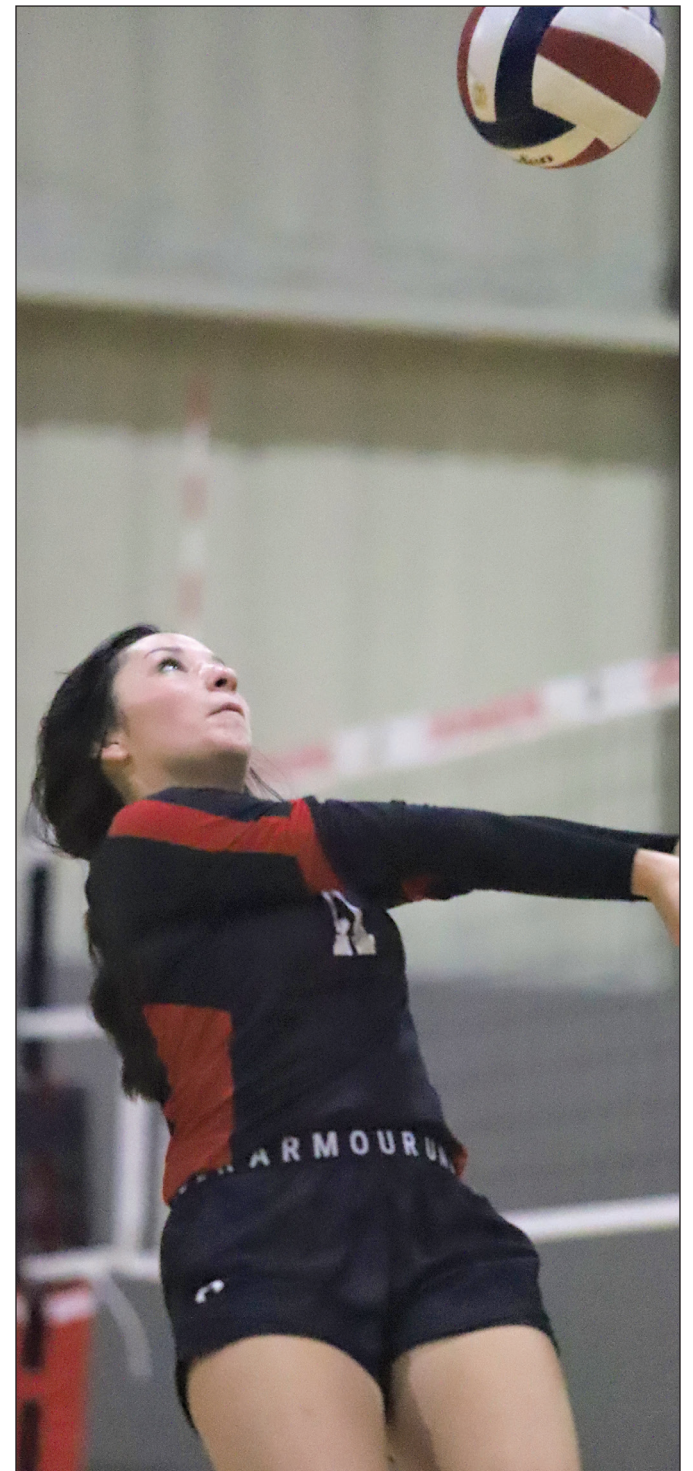
A turning point against Heritage came in the third game. ACS had won the first two games, but not by large margins. In the third game, Heritage took a commanding 18-12 lead, and the Crusaders appeared to be struggling to find their momentum.

Then, Vanessa Malewiski began serving.

Malewiski, a junior, and her young teammates went on a scoring roll. By the time Malewiski had relinquished the serve, Azle Christian had taken a 20-19 lead and held on to win the game and match.

"I really wanted to persevere for my team," Malewiski said afterward. "It's super exciting because this team is so much better than what we've shown in the past. I believe that this winning can continue."

Her serves appeared to confound Heritage, allowing Azle



Elle Henderson helps Azle Christian earn its first win of the season.

Christian to re-take the lead, which it never relinquished. Malewiski said she was manipulating the ball's trajectory on purpose by putting "some spin" on it.

"I was trying to float serves so the ball will wiggle and drop," she said.

Ending the long losing streak could be a fresh start

for the Crusaders, Malewiski said.

"We have the chemistry," she said. "We have we have the skill. I believe that the rest of our season will be winning."

Azle Christian goes on the road to play Waxahachie Prep at noon on Thursday, Sept. 15, in Waxahachie.



PHOTOS BY JEFF PRINCE

Vanessa Malewiski puts some English on her serves to help the Crusaders bounce back in game three.



PHOTOS BY DON MUNSCHE

(Left) Jimmy Aldaco and Zeke Juarez are seniors on the Azle High School junior varsity cross-country team, while Azucena Neri and Audrina Montoya (right) compete as a freshman and sophomore, respectively, for the varsity.



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know, I didn't think it was a sport," Neri said.

Montoya agreed, and she also has enjoyed running since she was young.

AHS cross-country coach Keith Boenisch said he has liked seeing how much Montoya and Neri have progressed. He said he never thought he would have seen them on varsity by this point.

"But from the get-go, from the beginning of August, they've worked really hard

- they've gotten better and better faster than others have, and it's just been fun to watch them grow and compete and you can tell they like it," he said. "They like competing. We slowly moved each of them up to varsity over the last couple of weeks and they didn't miss a beat. I think that's where they're going to stay and help us a lot."

Boenisch talked about the youth on the girls team.

"As a whole, we're really young - we're running four freshmen, two sophomores and a senior," he said. "If you had asked me at the begin-

ning of the season would we be running that much youth, I would have said no. So, it's scary because they're learning as they go. So every week, they're putting stuff together and honestly, it's been real smooth. They've competed well and we've gotten better each week, so we're very pleased with where we're at and halfway through the season, how much we better we potentially get could."

Aldaco said improvement can be accomplished by showing up and being dedicated to practice every day and be committed to running

each day. He also plays soccer, and he uses cross-country as a way to bolster his stamina and help his skills, such as acceleration.

"I've been pushing myself hard every morning, every night," said Juarez, who doesn't play any other sports.

Aldaco comes from a running family, while Juarez said his sister likes to run. Aldaco said his goal this year is, if he doesn't medal, he would like to make top 30. Right now, he's in the top 50. Juarez wants to improve his PR.

"They never complain, they work hard," Boenisch said

about Aldaco and Juarez. "They're on JV, but they lead the JV. They're good leaders and they lead by example. They're not vocal, but they work hard and that's contagious.... They don't complain about what the workouts are - they just do them and they get better and they produce."

The boys team offers a good melding of veterans and young runners, the coach said.

"I haven't worried about them," Boenisch said. "It's much more competitive on their side when it comes to district and moving on. But

right now, we kind of control our own destiny. We should be third at the district meet at worst; we could be second, but we could also be fifth.... It's just real tight, but we are in the leading edge of that group, so I feel good about everything."

He said the veterans understand what it takes to get to October and be strong. He said he is seeing progress as runners are getting faster, and he's pleased with workouts.

# ROUNDUP

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nately improved and at some point, that improvement is going to be a sweet victory," he said.

For the Hornets, wide receiver Conner Combs scored on a 20-yard pass from Jay Jones at the beginning of the fourth quarter, and quarterback Austin May scored on a 1-yard run late in the game to close out scoring.

Hagen Hughes led all Hornet rushers with 97 yards on 13 carries. Vance Guthrie carried the ball 17 times for 55 yards. Wide receiver Tyler Akers had five catches for 60 yards, leading Azle receivers.

Aledo beat Northwest 49-20 last week and enters Friday's game against Azle with 1-2 record overall and 1-0 in district play.

## CROSS-COUNTRY

AHS cross-country runners performed well at the Run of the Panther event Sept. 2 at the KISD Athletic Complex. The boys team finished second with 84 points, and the girls were third overall with 97 points. Azle had two girls finish in the top 10.

On the boys team, Barak Geary finished third with a



PHOTO BY RICHARD SPRAGGENS

**Azle defensive lineman Braden Love, right, zeroes in on Denton Ryan backup quarterback Brody Quillin during the game last Friday in Azle. Ryan won 63-14.**

time of 17:12.45. Jose Neri was second overall for the AHS boys with a time of 18:18.93, which placed him 13th overall. Azle runner Austin Gatewood was right behind him at 14th with a time of 18:38.00.

## OTHER FINISHERS:

- 18. Parker Huffaker, 18:50.59
- 36. Connor Lawson, 19:34.98
- 58. Ryner Boenisch, 20:57.25

## AHS GIRLS FINISHERS:

- 4. Reese Jeter, 20:53.99
- 6. Berkley Huffaker, 21:40.66
- 19. Mckenzee Roberts, 22:45.52
- 29. Azucena Neri, 23:34.02
- 39. Yasmeen Tejada, 24:19.13
- 53. Pella LeFever, 25:21.32

## AZLE RAISES RACKET AGAINST RIDER IN TENNIS BATTLE

Azle's fall tennis team is

a work in progress, and its development was noticeable in the recent tournament against Wichita Falls Rider, a rival with a longstanding and successful program.

Last year, Rider defeated Azle 19-0.

On Sept. 6, the two teams met again, and Azle won three matches. Final score: Rider 16, Azle 3.

"I am really happy that we were able to win some matches this year," said Hayden Huff, in her second



PHOTO BY JEFF PRINCE

**Peytie Chambers and the Azle tennis team travel to Saginaw on Sept. 20.**

year as head coach at Azle. "We possibly could have won a few more matches. There were some close losses in the third set tie breaker.

Overall, we were much more competitive."

Next up, Azle challenges Saginaw at 4 p.m. Sept. 20 at Saginaw.

# DILLOW

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leading the nation this season in digs. "I don't really, like, think of it a lot. It's not really, like, yeah, I'm on top of the nation or something like that, because that's not going to define me at the end of the day. So I just continue to work and continue to be the best person or player I am."

She said accumulating all these digs centers on her trusting her teammates and her teammates trusting her, too. She has adjusted to playing a middle-middle defense during her time at AHS.

"And I was also a hitter, so I didn't play middle back," she said, noting middle back was a better fit for her than left back, but in club ball she does play left back.

"She reads the ball really, really well," AHS head coach Elizabeth Snyder said. "She reads well and reacts well - that combined is deadly."

Dillow said she's had great coaching at AHS - from Snyder and assistant coach Kenley Buckholt - and she appreciates their teaching since she has been at AHS, where she's been since her sophomore year.

"I played on varsity my sophomore year when I came here and ever since then, it has just been great," Dillow said. "It's an experience I wouldn't trade for anything. Great teammates overall, too. Some sister bonds have come (from) that."

Snyder describes Dillow as outgoing and a big leader on the court.

"She's a presence, quite a presence," Snyder said. "She's strong in every aspect

of the game - serving, serve-receive. She's constantly running a 2.5 serve-receive right now passing. She digs stuff that's not even hers. She gets aces; her setting is amazing. She's literally got every skill needed." A 2.5 serve-receive passing score is considered good.

Dillow has good size for a libero, and that's why the middle back position is great for her as her expansion is wide, Snyder said.

"And she plays selflessly - she's doing it for her teammates, 100%," Snyder said.

Snyder said she hasn't heard from a lot of colleges yet about Dillow, but she thinks the high school sports coverage from the Fort Worth Star-Telegram can help spread the word. Dillow has more than 1,800-plus digs career-wise and Snyder expects her to hit 2,000 this

season. Dillow has starred for a few club volleyball teams, and those teams have helped her grow in the sport. As far as what parts of her game she can improve in, she thinks defense is the area she struggles with the most and she would like to read the hitters a bit better than now. Snyder said Dillow also tallies quite a few assists as a libero.

The team has lost a few games lately, and Dillow said turning the corner is "just the mental aspect we have to overcome right now and I think it's a good time for it to happen before we get to district. And when we get to district, I think everybody is going to be on the same page and we all have the same goals for making it further than the first round of play-offs and winning district."

District play began Tuesday against Granbury. The News went to press Tuesday afternoon.

Dillow is still undecided on schools, but she hopes the college she attends "feels like home like Azle, to be honest." She said there are three fields of study she is considering: engineering, dentistry and psychology.

For now, she enjoys her senior year of playing volleyball.

"This has been the best season I've had for all my years here in high school," she said. "I'm going to miss senior year, and it's really made a difference in my life and it's really like changed the person I am for better, like on a daily basis."

# HOF

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athletes, teachers, retirees and community members choose the winners.

The Hall distinguishes average people from those who excel at school academically and athletically and in life itself, said Becky Spurlock, athletic director at AISD.

The Hall of Fame reception begins at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, in the high school's Hall of Fame area followed by the induction ceremony at 2:45 p.m. in the competition gym. Admission is free.

THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE

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## Making Money Grow

Have you heard the phrase, "Money Doesn't Grow on Trees"? The sad truth is, money does not grow on trees. We have searched the world over and can't find one anywhere.

But what if we did? It might look something like this. How much money can you find growing on our silly money tree? (Each "leaf" is a \$1 bill.)

**The Big Question**

Do you plan how to use your money wisely - for spending, saving, investing and donating? But how do you get money to put in the bank?

**Earn it!**

It might be nice if people would just give you money. But most people get money by earning it. That means they do some sort of work in exchange for money. This is called **income**.

**Complete each of these rhymes to discover ideas about ways kids can earn money.**

Try this to earn some money: Ask the neighbors on your block if you can take their pooches For a nice long

Can you think of three more ways you could earn some money?

With a box for a counter, There's money to be made From lemons, water, sugar By selling

Earning money around the house Really isn't super hard. Just ask a parent if you can help By weeding in the

Maybe someone that you know, Maybe even right next door, Would pay you a buck or two To pick up something from the

If you have some old toys Here's an idea that will not fail: You can make yourself money By having a garage

**Extra! Extra!** Put these coins in the bank.

**Rhyming Words**

Look through the newspaper for pairs of words that rhyme. Can you find five or more pairs in a short time?

**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Follow written directions.

**Parents**

Discuss with your child ways you earned spending money when you were a child. Help them think of ways they can earn money.

## Kid Scoop Puzzler

Olivia and Logan each set up a lemonade stand. Count how much money they each made. Who made the most?

**Olivia**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Logan**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Double Double Word Search

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

|           |                     |
|-----------|---------------------|
| INVESTING | R M G N I T A N O D |
| DONATING  | H A K R N B L O C K |
| INCOME    | Y I N A C G M Y O H |
| LEMONS    | M N E E O S E E R T |
| RHYMES    | E Y G R M O W N W U |
| GARAGE    | S N O M E L W O O R |
| MONEY     | E G A R A G R M R T |
| TREES     | N B A N K G S D I K |
| TRUTH     | I N V E S T I N G T |
| BLOCK     |                     |
| GROW      |                     |
| EARN      |                     |
| BANK      |                     |
| WORK      |                     |
| KIDS      |                     |

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

## Kid Scoop Together: Lemonade Stand

Follow this "recipe" and start a lemonade stand of your own!

**STEP 1: The Business Plan**

You will need to invest a little cash to get started. Visit or call a local store to find out the cost of the items you need. Add up your costs to determine your price and profit. Here is what the math looks like:

| EXPENSES:   |        |
|---|--------|
| 12 lemons cost .....                                    | \$1.20 |
| 1 3/4 cups of sugar cost .....                          | .20    |
| 10 paper cups cost .....                                | .60    |
| Total cost for 10 cups of lemonade: \$2.00              |        |
| INCOME:   |        |
| 10 cups of lemonade at 50¢ each ...                     | \$5.00 |
| PROFIT:   |        |
| (The money you make after covering your expenses) ..... | \$3.00 |

On a hot day, you might sell 100 cups of lemonade! How much money would you earn?

**STEP 2: Make Big Signs**

Make a big sign to attract people to your stand. If it is OK with your neighbors, put up several signs to direct people to your stand.

**STEP 3: Open Up!**

A lemonade stand can be just a box or a portable table. Remember to smile and say "Thank you!" to every customer.

# FOOTBALL CONTEST

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**1st PLACE \$20** **2nd PLACE \$10** **3rd PLACE \$5**

Winners can pick up their checks at the Azle News office after Thursday.

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There are 11 games listed in advertisements on this page. To enter, pick the winner and write the name of that team in the appropriate blank on the official entry form.

Mail or deliver the form to: Azle News at 321 W. Main St., Azle, Texas 76020, by **1:00 PM FRIDAY**.

(Limit one entry per person).

Entries will be tabulated weekly and the results published in that week's issue of the Azle News. The first place winner each week will receive \$20, the second place winner \$10 and the third place winner \$5. The tie breaker will be used to determine placings. In case of a tie, the money will be divided equally.

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### AZLE OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Deadline for entries 1 p.m. Friday!

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. \_\_\_\_\_  
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 9. \_\_\_\_\_  
 10. \_\_\_\_\_  
 11. \_\_\_\_\_

Tie Breaker: 9 Score \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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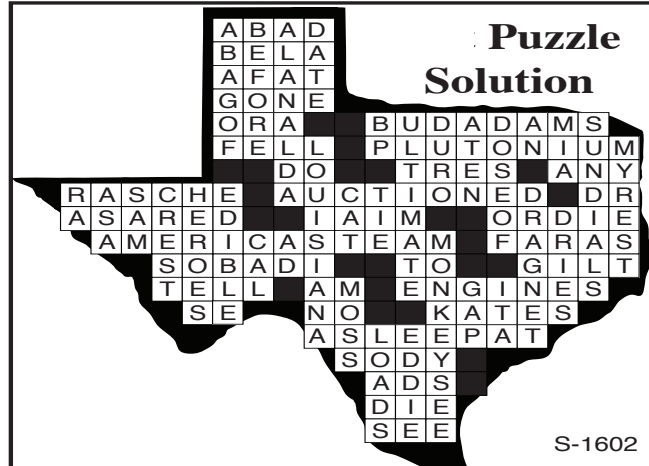
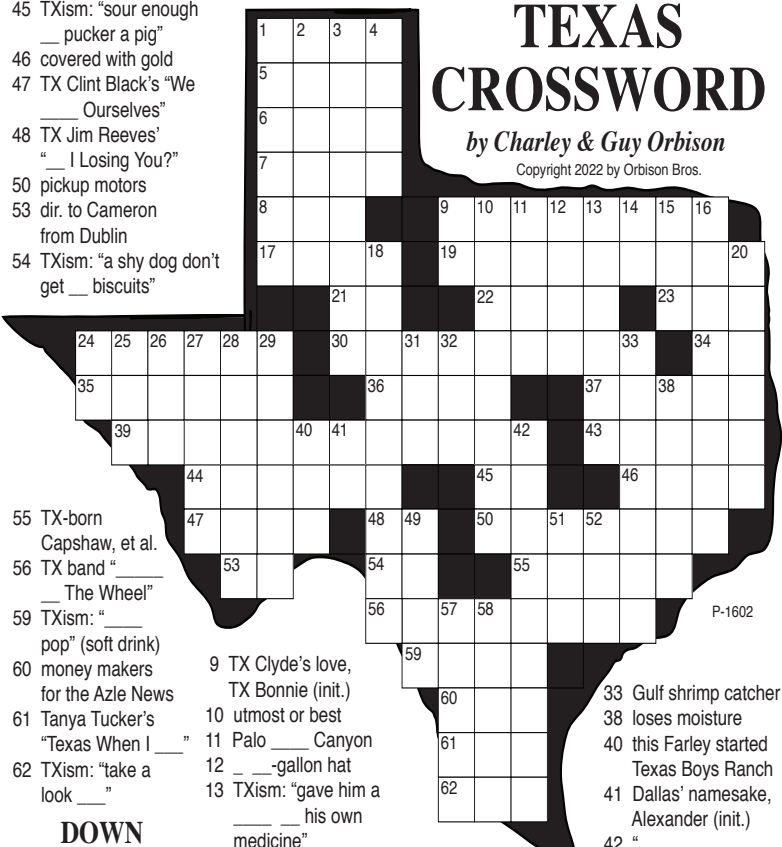
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- 1 TXism: "\_\_\_ \_ hembre" (mean)
- 5 Houston Olympic gym coach Karolyi
- 6 TXism: "tight as a cinch on \_\_\_ horse"
- 7 early saying: "\_\_\_ to Texas"
- 8 TXism: "don't give a hoot \_\_\_ holler"
- 9 ex-owner of the Houston Oilers
- 17 TXism: "joined his shadow in the dirt"
- 19 hard-to-get-rid-of part of TX Pantex's old warheads
- 21 TXism: "that'll \_\_\_ nicely"
- 22 "three," in Mexico
- 23 TX Dennis Quaid 1999 film: "\_\_\_ Given Sunday"
- 24 this David starred in TV film "Silhouette" set in a TX town
- 30 how TX cattle are sold
- 34 \_\_\_ Pepper
- 35 TXism: "mad \_\_\_ -eyed cow"
- 36 TXism: "\_\_\_ to" (intend)
- 37 TXism: "it's root hog \_\_\_"
- 39 what some call the Cowboys (2 wds.)
- 43 TX Pride's "My Eyes Can See Only As \_\_\_ You"
- 44 TXism: "want it \_\_\_ \_\_\_ could split"
- 45 TXism: "sour enough \_\_\_ pucker a pig"
- 46 covered with gold
- 47 TX Clint Black's "We \_\_\_ Ourselves"
- 48 TX Jim Reeves' "\_\_\_ I Losing You?"
- 50 pickup motors
- 53 dir. to Cameron from Dublin
- 54 TXism: "a shy dog don't get \_\_\_ biscuits"
- 55 TX-born Capshaw, et al.
- 56 TX band "\_\_\_ The Wheel"
- 59 TXism: "\_\_\_ pop" (soft drink)
- 60 money makers for the Azle News
- 61 Tanya Tucker's "Texas When I \_\_\_"
- 62 TXism: "take a look \_\_\_"
- DOWN**
- 1 TXism: "\_\_\_ \_ bones" (skinny)
- 2 TXism: "build a fence \_\_\_ you buy cattle" (plan)
- 3 he was "Hawkeye Pierce" (2 wds.)
- 4 TX Ross met Margot Perot on a blind \_\_\_
- 9 TX Clyde's love, TX Bonnie (init.)
- 10 utmost or best
- 11 Palo \_\_\_ Canyon
- 12 \_\_\_-gallon hat
- 13 TXism: "gave him a \_\_\_ his own medicine"
- 14 TXism: "got \_\_\_ itchy trigger finger"
- 15 TX Chuck Norris film: "\_\_\_ 2" (abbr.)
- 16 solar time pieces
- 18 neighboring state
- 20 "I have to get \_\_\_" (early to bed)
- 24 ex-Maverick coach Aduabato (init.)
- 25 TXism: "clean \_\_\_ \_hound's tooth"
- 26 Gen. \_\_\_ Houston
- 27 North \_\_\_ TX
- 28 "Texas \_\_\_ Monument"
- 29 good to eat
- 31 TXism: "fraidy \_\_\_"
- 32 cowboy's bolo
- 33 Gulf shrimp catcher
- 38 loses moisture
- 40 this Farley started Texas Boys Ranch
- 41 Dallas' namesake, Alexander (init.)
- 42 "\_\_\_", "monkey do"
- 49 found on trees at Caddo Lake
- 51 teeth space
- 52 TXism: "call \_\_\_ \_day" (quit)
- 57 cargos on trucks
- 58 TX-born Reynolds was married to this Fisher

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