

# Making a splash



PHOTO BY JESSICA MCKINNEY

The new splash pad opened Saturday in Azle. The recreational attraction is located near the playground at Central Park and also includes a new restroom next door.

# Music and law

## Teaching abstract concepts in a simple way

Editor's note: This is the 10th in a series of stories on jobs people perform in Azle.

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Music and law. Bryan Weaver teaches music at Eagle Heights Elementary School and practices law here in Azle. Do the two disciplines – music and law – have anything in common?

"They're both people jobs," he said. "I mean, there's a lot of technical things to know, but it's really about people."

Other similarities?

"Music is a very abstract concept – it's not something you can hold in your hands," he said. "It's something that exists in real time. You can look at notes on a page, but that's not really the music – that's a symbol of the music, so the actual music is always flowing in time. It's really abstract, it's really kind of hard to grasp, and my job is to bring that down to a level that little kids can understand."

"And in law, I think there's the same thing: You have these really complex things, but you've got to get down to what is the meat of this, what is the one thing you have to understand," he said. "If you're my

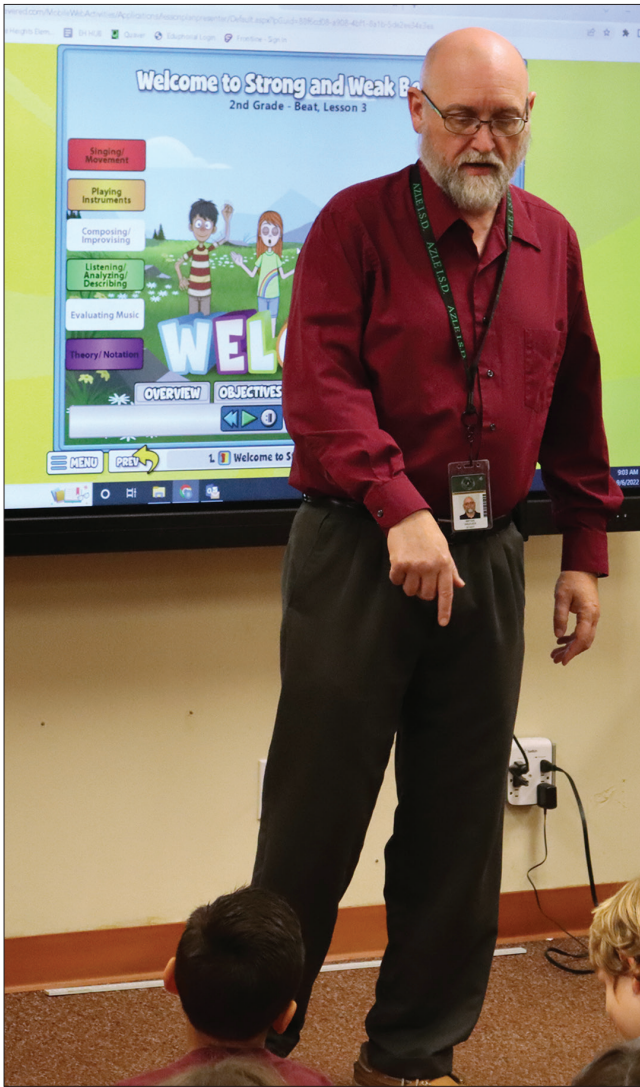


PHOTO BY DON MUNSCH  
Bryan Weaver, music teacher at Eagle Heights Elementary School, talks to second grade students in his class Tuesday morning.

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PHOTO BY MADELYN EDWARDS

The Lyon family plays outside with their two dogs. From left, Hope, Ted, Grace and Krizhana Lyon.

# Finding the open door: Lyon family recounts child adoption process

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About 13 years ago, Ted and Krizhana Lyon spent part of the hours-long trip between Azle and Atlanta, Georgia, trying to think of a name for their soon-to-be adopted daughter.

When they arrived at the hospital outside of Atlanta, their daughter's birth mother told the Lyons that she had already selected a name

for the newborn baby's medical records but that the Lyons were free to change it. The name she picked was Hope, and the Lyons thought it was perfect.

After all, the couple had been hoping for a baby for years. The Lyons tried multiple fertility treatments, including in vitro fertilization, and nothing was working. Ted Lyon said the process of trying to have or adopt a baby was like a rollercoaster

ride. "We got to that point to where, hey, this may be it, and it would fall through whether it was the medical side of it or the state adoption side of it," he said. "We're Christians, and we believe in God, but the question I had was she's hurting so much, we're hurting so much, and it's like where was God through this?"

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# Girl Scout Troop 2745 helps beautify Walnut Creek Elementary



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Girl Scout Troop 2745 began a project to help beautify the drainage ditch near Walnut Creek Elementary. The girls worked hard Aug. 27 to paint the concrete wall with bright colors. Next weekend, the girls will return with a muralist to help create an artistic piece that can be enjoyed by students, staff and residents. The final design will be unveiled Sept. 17 at 10 a.m.

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**Mother-daughter duo mix heritage with Christian beliefs**

The music of Sayani, a mother-daughter duet group based in Springtown, refuses to be restricted to one genre. Jorie West and her daughter Christie make up the musical duo Sayani (pronounced Sah YAH nee), which is a Cherokee word that means Zion. The Wests are of Cherokee, Creek, Choctaw and Celtic descent, and they bring their Native heritage to their music as well as their Christian beliefs.

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# MUSIC

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client, I've got to be able to make you understand so you can make intelligent decisions about what you want to do."

He also said there is the circumstance in which a lawyer stands in front of a judge and has to explain one key issue in simple terms and the other side can't argue against it.

Weaver said he doesn't so much teach music as he teaches kids, and music is what he teaches them. He teaches children in grades kindergarten through fourth grade.

Whether teaching children or meeting with clients, both jobs require Weaver to meet the students or clients where they are.

Weaver grew up in Azle, as did his parents, and he graduated from Azle High School in 1986. He attended TCU for his undergrad degree - which he earned in music - and then eventually attended law school at Texas Wesleyan University.

"So, I actually was a music teacher for 17 years and I decided I needed to make a little more money and I wanted to go back to school and kind of expand myself a little bit and find some new challenges," he said.

He opted for law school, he said, and "it just kind of all worked out." He has taught at the high school level and at the elementary level, and his most recent post was at Goodman Elementary School in Arlington before coming to Eagle Heights. He also taught in Azle. He started teaching at Goodman when he started law school.

"The opportunity came up to come home to Azle and so I jumped on that," he said. "Of course, it's convenient and all that, but I love it here and it's my home and my hometown. That's really important to me."

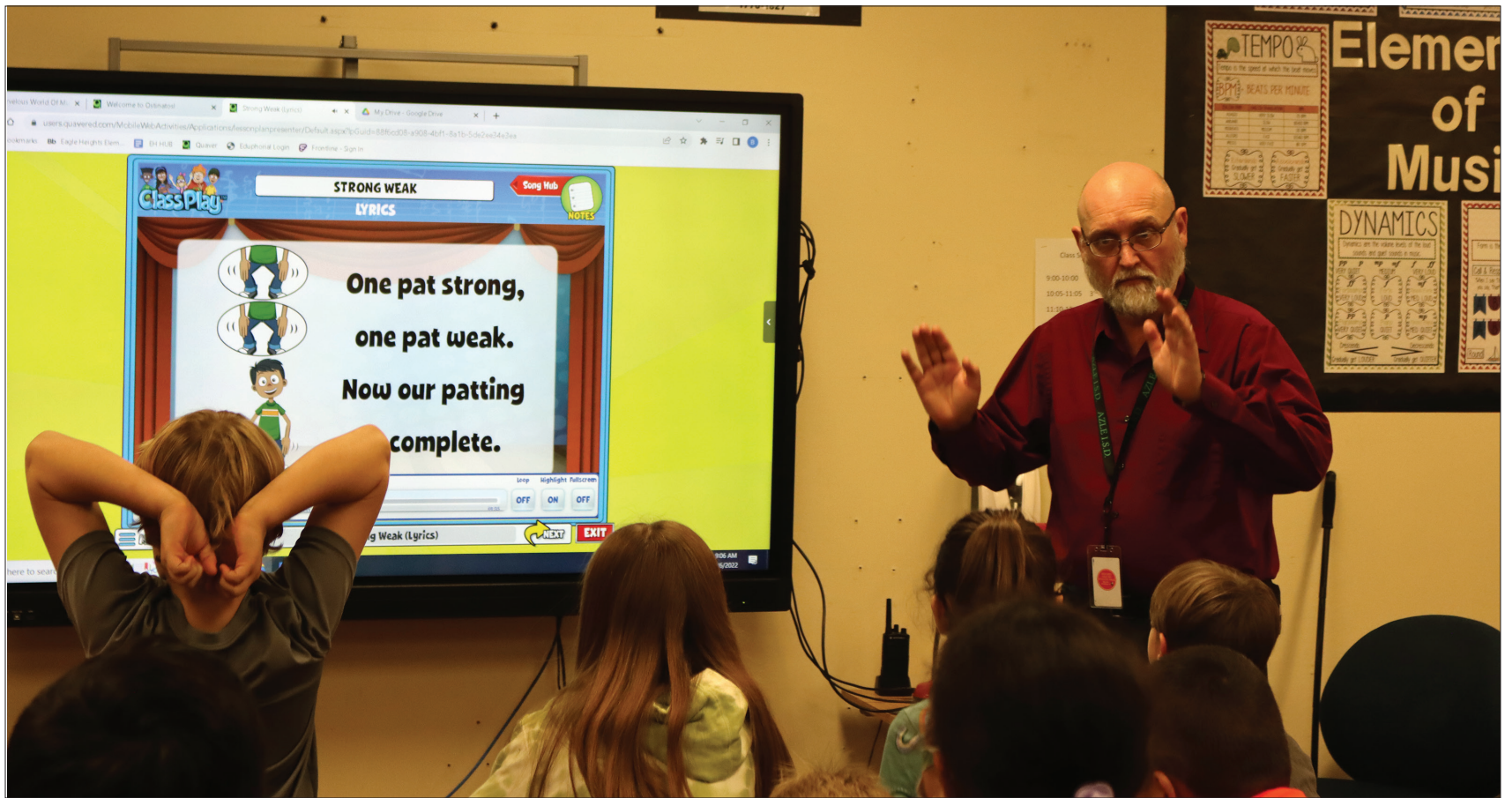


PHOTO BY DON MUNSCHE

Eagle Heights Elementary School music teacher Bryan Weaver discusses a concept to second graders in his class Tuesday morning. Weaver began teaching at the school this year.

Weaver said teaching children is fun and satisfying, but practicing law is satisfying in a different way. Time management is key to being efficient in handling both jobs, he said.

In his civil law practice, his specialties are family law, estate planning and probate and real estate. Family law includes such areas as divorce and child custody. He likes estate planning the most.

"Because if somebody doesn't have a will, it's kind of a big mess to untangle their affairs," said Weaver, who has practiced law since 2012. "But if they have a will, they can have everything set up and it's really quick and simple. I say it's like a gift to your family - it's taking care of things ahead of time. A lot of people hesitate because they think making a will is going to be this big, complicat-

ed thing and it doesn't have to be (that) at all - it can be really simple."

On real estate law, on a private transaction such as buying or selling a lot, it's about overseeing a deed drawn up or contract being made, he said.

Weaver discussed the kinds of cases that arise in civil law and how the law treats circumstances and parties involved. He also discussed the complexities of practicing law, such as attorney-client privilege and how most lawyers will specialize in certain areas.

"Because it's really hard to be competent at everything, so you kind of pick and choose," he said about specialization. "That's one thing that's really important to me is, limiting yourself to your competence, even in like one of these estate cases or fam-

ily law case. If there's something that's extremely complicated, that I feel is over my head or is going to need a whole team of people to work on, I will either pass on it or I will get some help on it."

The most contentious cases Weaver handles are divorce and child custody. Weaver said he doesn't work in criminal law because it doesn't fit into his business model. He works his own schedule and meets with people evenings and weekends because those are times when people are free to meet.

"I feel like I'm helping people either get out of some kind of a jam, and it's not necessarily a jam of their own making, but they're in a situation that is going to require professional service and when I can help them get stuff straightened out, that's a really good feeling," he said

about the nature of his work in law. "Or I can prevent them from getting into something like that."

Weaver said he is the only person practicing the way he does it, as he said most attorneys work on a fixed schedule and keep an office. (He doesn't have an office.)

"I'm trying to be something that everybody isn't and kind of find my own niche," he said.

### JOB SPECS FOR ATTORNEYS

Average law school length is three years, but Weaver was in an evening program while he worked full time during the day and his schooling took four years. After an individual graduates from law school, he or she takes the bar exam in order to practice law. Attorneys also have to pass an ethics exam

that is separate from the bar exam. A lawyer can be disbarred for various reasons, such as misappropriation of money involving a client.

Ninety-five percent of Weaver's cases are uncontested, Weaver said.

"By the time we get to the court, either both sides have agreed, or they've agreed on most everything," he said. "So you still have to have a hearing and you have to present the proof and so on, but it's typically already agreed to."

He said he has enjoyed his first few weeks at Eagle Heights.



"The culture here is so caring about the kids," he said. "It's not about numbers, it's not about scores. Obviously, scores are important, and standards are important and all that, but it's about the kids. That's what we're here for."


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# Back to School

*Dear Azle ISD Community*  
I hope each of you enjoyed the Labor Day weekend. For many, the combination of Labor Day and Back to School marks the end of summer.

Great things are happening in Azle ISD for the 2022-2023 academic year, thanks to our outstanding students, parents, faculty, and staff. Once again, we have reached a record-setting enrollment. Azle ISD currently has 7,071 students, with 2,084 being AHS students. Our district enrollment has continued to rise since the first day of instruction, just as our Azle ISD community continues to experience rapid growth. The bond projects approved in the 2021 May and November election cycles are all underway. Portions of the elementary projects are complete, and the new Hilltop Elementary and Liberty Elementary renovations will finish next summer. The AHS projects have started with estimated completion in the spring of 2024.

As I have previously expressed, school safety remains a top priority in Azle ISD. Our Board of Trustees made the commitment of providing 13 licensed peace officers to protect the students and staff of Azle ISD. This includes five Azle Police Department School Resource Officers and eight Azle ISD Police Department Officers.



**AZLE ISD**  
By Todd Smith, M.Ed.,  
Superintendent of Schools - Azle ISD

Mr. Smith just completed his 28th school year in Azle ISD, with 13 years in campus administration and six years as a district administrator. On June 22, 2020, he was named Superintendent of Schools by the Azle ISD Board of Trustees. He is thankful for the passion and dedication exhibited by Azle ISD faculty and staff and is extremely proud of the work Azle ISD has accomplished and the impact they will continue to make in the lives of our students.

Safety is a shared responsibility amongst students, staff, parents, and our community. Please remember, if you see something – say something.

We continue to be good stewards of your tax dollars. At our August meeting, the Board approved the tax rate at \$1.2105. This tax rate is lower than last year, and this is the third consecutive year the tax rate has been lowered. Our growth has allowed us to continue to keep both the M&O and I&S portions of our tax rate as one of the lowest in the north Texas region. The recently approved 2022-2023 budget not only meets our debt obligation but also includes a pre-payment toward the 2014 bond, saving over \$500,000 in interest. We are also extremely proud of our Azle ISD finance department. The Azle ISD business office has earned the highest ranking from the TEA Financial Integrity Rating System for the past 11 years.

We are quickly approaching this year's homecoming activities, which include the traditional parade at 6 p.m. on Monday, September 19, the homecoming football game on Friday, September 23, and our Athletic Hall of Fame Induction reception on Saturday, September 24. Make your plans to join the fun!

In closing, Labor Day recognizes the many contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity, and well-being. I cannot brag enough on all of our Azle ISD employees for all they do in serving the needs of our diverse student population. They truly model and teach our students the principles of Labor Day. They exemplify our Azle ISD mission of making a difference to every child, every chance, every day!

*We Are Azle*  
Todd Smith  
Superintendent of Schools

# Only on days that end in Y

My buddy, John, is a very positive person. He told me so himself today via text message.

John: I'm a positive person. Positive for Covid as of today.

Me: How do you feel? Other than "with your hands."

Yeah, that's the kind of friendship we have. Because of the nature of our friendship, I'm skipping a few of the texts (feel free to use your imagination) and picking up a few minutes later.

J: I just drank some hot tea and now I think it's nap time.

G: One of my favorite times of day.

J: Yup. Normally just Sundays.

G: I only nap on days that end with "y."

J: I'll try that.

G: It's a good plan.

This Labor Day weekend has been a full, glorious weekend at home with no specific responsibilities except church on Sunday. I had some things I wanted to get done around the house and I managed to get a little done on them.

I also managed a nap on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

Naps are good for both body and soul. I'm telling you the truth here. I take naps for the same reason



**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).

I drink coffee (ironic, isn't it?)—because I'm so much nicer when I do.

Seriously, I think we should listen to our bodies when they tell us they're tired as much as we do when they tell us they're hungry.

Another of my friends just returned from Army reserve duty in South Korea. He posted on Facebook yesterday that he might get over jet lag faster if he hadn't taken a six hour nap after church on Sunday.

Much to my pleasure, none of the replies I saw gave him advice on getting over jet lag faster. They all affirmed that his body needed to recover.

A nap is not a sign of a bad work ethic. Quite the contrary, a nap may be a sign of a healthy work ethic that understands rhythms of work, rest, and play.

It may be a sign that we're growing in a holistic approach to life — coming to grasp the reality that we're not simply worker bees who measure our lives by accomplishment, performance, and

accumulation.

Maybe the fact that we can pause without pressure in the middle of the day and deliberately cease to be productive for a few minutes is evidence that we've come to understand that enjoying the life God has given us is just as much a part of His purpose for us as is doing the work to which He has called us.

I suppose I should clarify that I don't take a nap every day. Sometimes the day's schedule does not allow it.

And that's ok. There's nothing wrong with being busy.

There's something desperately wrong with wearing busyness and exhaustion as a badge of honor.

So what really matters is the deliberate pause — a nap, a cup of coffee, a walk, a few deep breaths — that reminds us that God is near.

Especially on days that end in Y.

Be amazing today, my friend.

## Advertisement and Invitation for Bids

The City of Reno will receive bids for the replacement of four (4) water line creek crossings within the City of Reno associated with the American Rescue Plan Act – Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (ARPA – CLFRF) allocation until 10:00 AM on September 16, 2022 at 195 W. Reno Road, Azle, Texas 76020-6001. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 10:05 AM on September 16, 2022 at 195 W. Reno Road, Azle, Texas 76020-6001.

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

1. Furnish and install four (4) creek crossings of 6-inch water line for a total length of 965 linear feet.

Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications are on file at 195 W. Reno Road, Azle, Texas 76020-6001.

A bid bond in the amount of 5 percent of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid [for those contracts that exceed \$100,000]. A certified check or bank draft payable to the City of Reno or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than, the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as associated with the ARPA-CLFRF and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual identity, gender identity, or national origin.

The City of Reno reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. The City Council may award the bid that presents the best value for the City pursuant to Gov't Code Section 2269.055 using the criteria set forth herein. In determining best value for the City, the City Council shall consider: (1) the price; (2) the reputation and experience of the contractor; (3) the quality of the contractor's services; (4) the impact on the ability of the City to comply with rules relating to historically underutilized businesses; (5) the contractor's safety record; (6) the contractor's proposed personnel (7) whether the contractor's financial capability is appropriate to the size and scope of the project; and (8) the contractor's past relationship with the City.

Bids may be held by City of Reno for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidder's qualifications prior to the contract award.

City of Reno Scott Passmore, City Administrator 9/1/22 & 9/8/22

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## PUBLIC NOTICE:

City of Reno, Texas

### Public Hearing on Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code section 102.006 and Sec. 26.052 of the Texas Tax Code, the City of Reno City Council hereby gives notice that it will hold a Public Hearing and consider action on the Proposed Budget for the fiscal year 2022-2023. The Public Hearing will be conducted during a special meeting to be held on Monday, September 19th, 2022, at 7:00 pm at the Reno City Hall, 195 W. Reno Rd Azle Texas 76020.

**This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$246,667.08 which is a 29.88% increase, and of that amount \$48,792.12 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.**

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public viewing at the above City Hall address or by contacting the City Secretary at 817-221-2500

## PUBLIC NOTICE:

City of Reno, Texas

### Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

#### PROPOSED TAX RATE \$0.468166 per \$100

Pursuant to Texas Tax Code Sec. 26.052, the City of Reno City Council hereby gives notice that at 6:00 pm on Monday, September 19th, 2022, at the Reno City Hall, 195 W. Reno Rd Azle, Texas, it will meet to hold a public hearing and consider action on the proposed Tax Rate to be levied on all property subject to ad valorem taxes for the fiscal year 2022-2023. The Proposed Tax Rate in the City of Reno for the fiscal year 2022-2023 is \$0.468166 on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of the assessed value of the taxable property. The Proposed Tax Rate is the same as the preceding year's Tax Rate of \$0.468166 on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

A more detailed breakdown of the City's tax rate for 2022-2023 is available for public viewing at the above City Hall address or by contacting the City Secretary at 903-785-6581. Visit [Texas.gov/Property Taxes](http://Texas.gov/Property Taxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# City needs library that rises above average

Whoa, Whoa, Whoa! Councilperson Stacy Peek's suggestion that we should "defund" the crown jewel of Azle is 180 degrees misguided.

Azle has truly been blessed with the gift of a beautiful, high quality library facility. To maintain, staff and provide the myriad of services at a high level is something Azle can be proud of. Many cities across the country, some much larger, would love to have the opportunity to offer the benefits our public library provides.

Azle's Library Trust continues to enjoy the widespread support for its effort to provide even more financial support. In fact, over 300 people are expected at this year's Benefit Gala. Citizens of Azle are proud to have an "above average" library.

Consider just a few facts. The Summer Reading Program in June and July: 1,176 registered participants (777 kids, 99 teens, and 300 adults), 34,990 hours read,

30 programs presented and 2,843 program attendees.

June and July Activity: 499 new cards issued, 52,841 books and other items checked out (which surpassed previous record of 1,500 items), and 120 volunteer hours.

Further, consider the value of the positive publicity Azle receives due to the library. It is certainly in excess of whatever marketing effort we can afford. Since opening in 2009, total patron visits to the library have exceeded 1.6 million in number. The average number of monthly visits this year is 6,395. To attract higher quality development to the area, we must offer the best of what assets we have. "Average" for the area won't cut it.

*Jerry Jenkins  
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# Biannual library gala is Oct. 15



FILE PHOTO

Many supporters of the Azle Memorial Library attend the biannual gala held by the Azle Library Trust, helping to raise thousands of dollars for special programs for patrons to enjoy throughout the year. This year's gala is being held at The Orchard Event Venue on Oct. 15.

**BY JESSICA MCKINNEY**  
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The Azle Library Trust will hold the 2022 gala at 6:15 p.m. Oct. 15 at The Orchard Event Venue. The event is held every other year, but because of COVID-19, the 2020 gala had to be canceled.

The trust last held its gala in 2018 - its 10th celebration. The proceeds raised were around \$95,000. The event typically raises between \$90,000 and \$100,000 for the Azle Memorial Library, said

Debra Jenkins, a Chairman of the Trust and this year's Gala Chair.

"The proceeds from the event are used to fund items for the library that are not in the city budget," Jenkins said. "We are strong supporters of the summer reading program ... we provide a lot of the digital resources available to patrons."

Digital resources at the Azle Memorial Library include digital e-books, audiobooks and magazines, Scholastic Teachables (a data-

base of printable worksheets for K-6 grade), Ancestry Library Edition (a genealogy resource), online homework help through Brainfuse HelpNow, Creativebug access to arts and crafts instructional videos and Pronunciator Language Learning to learn different languages.

Money raised at the gala can be used for special programming at the library, including musical performances by the Fort Worth Symphony, STEM programs and educational programs presented by the

Fort Worth Zoo.

"As Chairman of the Trust and Chair of this year's Gala, I'm just so excited that there are so many people in this community that want to help the Trust support the library," Jenkins said.

There is an average of 6,500 library patrons each month taking advantage of all the Azle Memorial Library has to offer since it opened in 2009.

"We are truly blessed to have a world-class library in Azle," Jenkins said.

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# OBITUARIES

## Johnny Lee Stevens 1939 - 2022

Johnny Lee Stevens, 82, passed away, Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2022 in Fort Worth.

Funeral services were held, Monday, Aug. 29, 2022 at Alexander's Midway. Internment followed at Azleland.

He was born Oct. 31, 1939 to Jesse and Carrie (Smith) Stevens in Fort Worth. Johnny was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Inger Frazier; brothers, Bill Stevens, Mac Stevens, and J.R. Stevens and grandson Jeremy. He was an automotive mechanic for over 60 years. Johnny was an avid dirt track race car owner and fan. He enjoyed fishing and spending time with his family. Johnny loved to celebrate holidays and of course Halloween. He was a kind and loving man who would be the first to help anyone in need. Johnny was loved by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years Beulah (Jernigan)



Stevens; son, Jesse Stevens and his wife Patty; daughters, Connie and her husband Scott Ellis, Belinda and her husband Larry Hart; brother, James Wright and his wife, Paula; sister, Mary Christopher; grandchildren, Jason, Jacob, Matthew, and Miranda; great-grandchildren, Mariah, Makayla, Finnley, and Zoe.

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## James "Butch" Howard 1944 - 2022

James Lonnie "Butch" Howard, 78, passed from this life Monday, Aug. 29, 2022 in Azle, Texas.

Memorial Services to be held Saturday, Sept. 10 at Azleland Memorial; viewing at 1 p.m. with funeral service to follow at 2 p.m.

James was born Aug. 7, 1944 to Robert William and Ruby Mae Howard in Freer, Texas. A jack of all trades and a lover of books, James spent most of his time helping others figure out solutions to life's dilemmas. He enjoyed traveling, with backroads being his favorite. He found joy in the small things and most of all he loved his family dearly.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sons C. Michael Hadaway, Michael D. and Darrell K. Rachal; and granddaughter Christian A. Rachal.

James is survived by his wife of 44 years Linda; chil-



dren Nancy Dawn, Stacy Todd, Cynthia Inez, Bobby Lynn, Selina Denise, Bryant Lee and Cory Lane; sister Wanell Smith; 14 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Throughout the years, "Butch" has touched many lives, and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

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## Frances Love Akers 1934 - 2022

Frances Love Akers, 88, of Azle, went to be with the Lord, Sept. 8, 2022, with her family by her side.

Visitation from 6-8 p.m., Thursday, Greenwood. Celebration of Life will be at 9:30 a.m., Friday, Sept. 9, at Greenwood Chapel. Interment: Greenwood Memorial Park.

Frances was born to the late Watsy Thomas Crites and Lela Mae Roddy, Feb 3, 1934, in McLennan County, Texas. A 1951 graduate of Polytechnic High School, Frances worked her entire 32 year career at First of Fort Worth Bank/ Bank of America in downtown.

Frances was married to the late Buddy D. Akers for 50 years. She was a wonderfully caring and attentive mother, mama, and great-mama, aunt, and friend. She loved classic country western and current pop music and loved dancing to all music. She lived a quiet, content life in Azle, and immensely adored her time with family, especially during holidays and birthdays.



Her memory remains in our hearts forever.

Survivors include her daughter Darla Crowder (Brian), son Brian Akers (Denise), daughter Leslie Simmons (JRicky), daughter Lisa Glasco (Brad); grandchildren: Jennifer Palazzolo, Jennifer Decker, Kristin Ramos, Trenton, Chelsea and Megan Rodriguez; great-grandchildren, Reese Palazzolo, Cohen Ramos, and soon to be baby Decker; brother Jerry Crites (Judy).

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## Jimmie L. Meador 1933 - 2022

Jimmie L. Meador passed away May 28, 2022 in Weatherford Texas.

Memorial service and burial of ashes will be in Iowa Park on Oct. 8, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. at the cemetery.

Survivors include his son Jeff and his wife Valerie; daughter Brenda Huffman and her husband Byron; five grandchildren; numerous great grandchildren; and sister Nell Leverett.



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# Beware the pitfalls of online doggie dating



**DEAR FRANKIE**  
By Geneva Woodruff

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

Dear Frankie,  
It seems that wherever I go, I see canine couples. On the rare occasion when I'm down, I think about those couples and wish I had a special canine in my life.

The options for me to meet anyone are limited. There are a few dogs at the park that I would consider dating. However, none of them are available or interested. By any chance, do you know of any doggie dating sites?

Signed,  
Louise

Dear Louise,  
I don't know of any doggie dating sites. I asked my friend Henry, a computer whiz, to do a search.

Would I be correct to assume you discussed your interest in online dating with your parents? If so, have they given you their permis-

sion to sign up. I trust you have addressed the time it will take for them to transport you to and from your dates.

Dating today is not like it was in the old days. You can't assume the guy will agree to meet you in your neighborhood.

It's not uncommon for a guy to suggest you meet him halfway and split the bill for any expenses incurred.

Safety is another issue. How are your street skills? Can you recognize a con or a player? If you don't know what I'm talking about, maybe online dating isn't for you.

In the event you find a site, I wish you the best of luck in finding the canine of your dreams.

Best,  
Frankie

# Coffee with a Cop

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

Have questions about local police and fire departments? Friday will be a chance for people to talk to police and fire personnel.

Azle's police and fire departments will be at the new Azle Starbucks at 727 Boyd Road (Walmart parking lot) from 9 to 11 a.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. Sept. 9.

This will be a chance for the community to connect with first responders over coffee and have "a casual conversation about issues that matter most to you in your community."

"We are excited about the opportunity to meet with the community and be a part of this event," said Azle PD lieutenant Kevin Rogers.

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<p><b>AZLE FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Pastor: Tim Stevens 1020 S.E. Parkway, Azle 817-237-4903 Sunday School.....9:30 AM Morning Worship..... 10:30 AM Wednesday Evening.....7:00 PM</p>	<p><b>THE EDGE CHURCH - AZLE</b> 1313 S.E. Pkwy, Azle 817-237-4822 Missouri Synod "Love God - Serve Others - Share Jesus" Traditional Worship .....9:30 AM Contemporary Worship.....11:00 AM</p>	<p><b>SOLID ROCK BIBLE CHURCH</b> 591 S. Reno Rd., Springtown, Texas 76082 Pastor - Bill Gay - 817-304-7443 Coffee and Donuts .....9:00 AM Sunday School.....9:30 AM Morning Worship.....10:30 AM Children's Church After Music Service Wed. Prayer Meeting.....6:30 PM Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 PM</p>		

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# TxDOT announces \$85 billion transportation plan; Texas sees first monkeypox fatality; grim year for Texas cotton growers

## TXDOT ANNOUNCES \$85 BILLION TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The Texas Department of Transportation has adopted a 10-year statewide roadway construction plan with a record \$85 billion price tag, officials announced last week. The Unified Transportation Plan authorizes the distribution of construction money that is expected to be available during the next decade. Within that framework, TxDOT works with elected officials and local planning organizations, as well as the public, to pick and fund the state's highest priority transportation projects.

In addition to highways the UTP addresses public transportation, aviation, rail, maritime, and freight and international trade. Many projects in the plan are highways identified on the state's 100 most congested roadways list.

"The UTP reflects a continued focus on improving transportation safety as the top priority, maintaining our current system, addressing traffic congestion, and improving statewide connectivity over the next decade," said TxDOT Commission Chairman J. Bruce Bugg, Jr.



## CAPITOL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders

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

Funding for UTP comes from "legislative and voter-approved initiatives that allocate portions of oil and gas taxes, sales taxes, and other money to the state highway fund," according to the TxDOT news release.

## RRC APPROVES FINAL RULE FOR GAS PLANT WEATHERIZATION

More than 18 months after Winter Storm Uri shut down much of the state's electric grid, the Texas Railroad Commission last week adopted the state's first weatherization rules requiring natural gas facilities to protect gas flow to power plants.

"These new rules ensure our state's natural gas supply chain is prepared for extreme heat and freezing cold," said RRC Chairman Wayne Christian. "These rules will ensure that the natural gas facilities Texans rely on for

reliable energy are operational when we need it most."

Fines for administrative violations could reach up to \$1 million.

## GAR HARVEST DRAWING NOW UNDERWAY

Anglers itching for a chance to catch a large alligator gar can sign up through Sept. 30 to enter a drawing through Texas Parks & Wildlife to legally do so on a stretch of the Trinity River that goes from Dallas through East Texas. A total of 150 anglers will have the chance to use any legal means to take one of these prehistoric-looking creatures that is over 48 inches in length.

The following counties are included: Anderson, Chambers, Dallas, Ellis, Freestone, Henderson, Houston, Kaufman, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Navarro, Polk, San Jacinto, Trinity, and

Walker.

"This segment of the Trinity River has become one of the most popular destinations in the world to catch a large alligator gar, but concerns have been raised about the potential for overharvest and its risks to fishing quality," said Craig Bonds of TPWD. "With this drawing system, we are able to give 150 anglers the opportunity to harvest the fish of a lifetime while also meeting our management goal to conserve this unique resource for current and future generations of anglers."

To find out more, go to [tpwd.texas.gov](http://tpwd.texas.gov).

## TEXAS SEES FIRST MONKEYPOX FATALITY

State officials last week confirmed the first death of a Texas patient diagnosed with monkeypox. As reported by the Austin American-Statesman, the adult in the Houston area was "severely immunocompromised."

The rare disease is generally transmitted by skin-to-skin contact with someone already infected. Its symptoms are generally less severe but can be extremely painful, with rashes and blisters arising. Fever, headaches, rashes

and blisters can also occur. The Texas Department of State Health Services has reported a total of 1,695 cases in Texas to date.

## GRIM YEAR FOR TEXAS COTTON GROWERS

Cotton production has been largely wiped out this year by drought and extreme heat, the Texas Tribune reported. The loss to farmers mainly in the Texas High Plains will be at least \$2 billion, according to the International Center for Agricultural Competitiveness at Texas Tech University.

Cotton isn't the only crop suffering from the heat and drought. Corn crops are in poor condition, and many pastures for cattle have been extraordinarily dry, forcing ranchers to sell their animals.

"They've had to liquidate their cattle herds due to the fact that there's nothing for the cattle to eat without supplemental feeding," Brant Wilbourn, associate director of commodity and regulatory activities at Texas Farm Bureau, told the Tribune.

## COVID-19 WORKERS' COMP CLAIMS UPDATED

More than 90,000 COVID-19 workers' com-

pensation cases have been reported in Texas, along with 459 fatalities, according to the state Department of Workers' Compensation. Slightly more than half (51%) of the claims and 55% of the fatalities involved first responders and correctional officers.

Most of the benefits paid were for employer salary continuation or indemnity benefits in the cases of fatalities. The information was gathered through a conference call with 74 selected insurance carriers.

## COVID-19 CASES, FATALITIES SHOW LITTLE CHANGE

The number of new cases of COVID-19 reported in the past week in Texas stayed steady at 56,734, with 183 deaths reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. That is little changed from the previous week.

DSHS reported 2,598 lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations in the state as of Friday, also comparable to last week.

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# The importance of local newspapers in today's world

**BY GLENN ROGERS**  
*Special to the Azle News*

Few professions have attracted the same level of public scrutiny in recent years as journalists. In many instances, these criticisms can be well warranted as many cable or online publications stray further into bad faith opinions rather than objective reporting.

This fracture between the "mainstream media" and the average Texan has deepened because of a competitive dispute between a corporate agenda and the traditional Texan culture — elite coastal publications broadcast a more liberal point of view.

In contrast, our state still prides itself on its conservative values. Throughout the last decade, general trust in prominent media outlets has declined significantly, and only 35% of Americans believe that news companies care about the people or circumstances on which they report. As public trust in the media declines, the quality work of community-focused news organizations tends to be overlooked. In fact, little contributes to the growing culture and safety of the public more than the local newspaper.

Unlike the New York Times or Washington Post, local newspapers tend to be founded, funded and operated by people who live in your community. These reporters, editors and writers spend countless hours researching and investigating local issues with direct impacts. The community newspaper keeps the town informed on elected officials' meetings, local acts of heroism, and, of course, the high school sports teams.

Inside each issue is a beautiful microcosm of the culture of any town — large or small. Your local newspa-

per also keeps the citizenry informed on the critical happenings of local government. While the latest fight in Washington, D.C. may be an exciting story, the deliberations from your city or county commissioners court over the upcoming tax rate make much more of a local impact.

Often the columns I author about essential policies in the Texas Legislature would not exist without the distribution of local newspapers across House District 60. This information would not be printed in a statewide publication, and without these community organizations, local leaders would be unable to keep constituents up to date. Unfortunately, these important institutions are at risk of extinction across the state.

According to a 2022 report by the Local News Initiative, over one-third of local newspapers have ceased operations since 2015, leaving numerous Texas counties without community journalism. Nationally, over 2,500 newspapers have dissolved in the past 17 years, with another third expected to be gone by 2025. More than 20% of Americans now live in a "news desert," meaning they have little to no local online or print coverage.

Many attribute the decline in local news to the rise of online journalism; however, as print organizations shutter their doors, digital replacements are few and far between. The total number of digital online websites is only barely keeping pace with the decline of print. In areas that struggle with connecting to high-speed internet, access to online information is an even more significant challenge. Decreasing advertising revenue, coupled with the dis-

proportionately increased operating costs of a news organization, have left small publishers in an untenable position.

As these local newspapers close, citizens lose necessary transparency on local government and municipal developments. One study found a correlation between increased corruption and inefficiencies in local government as the coverage of local news organizations declined — predominantly in metropolitan areas. Newspaper barons, hedge funds, and communications monopolies have seized control of many local newspaper chains, taking away the crucial interpersonal component that drives the passion and involvement a community desperately needs.

With the August inaugural edition of the Palo Pinto Press, all of the counties in Texas House District 60 are fortunately covered by at least one local print outlet. Each of these community newspapers have dedicated and talented staffers who work diligently to keep you informed and to keep me and my fellow elected officials accountable.

These local news editors and writers are not outsiders, they are integral parts to the communities they cover. They do not write to appease the interests of billionaires or coastal elites; they write to serve you. So next time you see a local paper on the stand, pick up a copy. Even better, subscribe to your local newspaper or place an ad in the paper. Stay connected to your hometown, keep yourself informed on important issues and support local journalism.

*Glenn Rogers represents District 60 in the Texas House of Representatives.*

# Azle Dachshund Derby scheduled

The most exciting 10 seconds in Azle comes this weekend with the 29th running of the Azle Sting Fling Dachshund Derby at Azle Downs (City Park). The first race will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10, following the Sting Fling Parade. Last year's record crowds, and a full race card of championship Dachshunds led to a large purse of medals and

trophies. The entry fee is only \$5. Since last year's racecard was full, it's important you pre-register your champion. There is also a race for 'WannaBe Dachshunds.' Any dog of any breed, and under 20 pounds is welcome. Full information is on the Chamber of Commerce website at [www.AzleStingFling.com](http://www.AzleStingFling.com). You can also call

Julie or Jennifer at (817) 444-1112. A 60 foot test course will be marked on the lawn at City Park for practice runs. Favorite treats can be used at the finish line so register your fleet four-legged friend now, and we'll see you when the fur flies!  
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## Applications being accepted for Texas Game Warden cadet class

AUSTIN — The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is currently accepting applications for its 66th Texas Game Warden Cadet class.

As fully commissioned peace officers, game wardens are responsible for the enforcement of Texas laws across the state, including water safety, natural resource protection and environmental management, according to a news release.

Unconstrained by city or county jurisdictions, Texas Game Wardens patrol the state's natural waterways, oversee hunting and fishing regulations, and often support local landowners. Additionally, game wardens learn specialized skills, making them a reliable resource for disaster response.

"Texas Game Wardens have a long and proud tradition of protecting and conserving Texas' valuable natural resources, including our waterways, landscapes and the wildlife we enjoy daily," said Col. Chad Jones, TPWD Law Enforcement Director who stressed that the role of a game warden goes beyond the badge.

"Not only are game wardens trained in a number of specialized fields like search and rescue and disaster response, but they're also active members of the communities they serve. Game wardens are out in neighborhoods hosting fishing events, educating boaters and encouraging another generation of Texans to enjoy and preserve the outdoors."

TPWD will accept applications through Sept 30. Applicants must be 21 years old by the start date of the academy, with a bachelor's degree from an accredited college. For a list of requirements, please visit the Texas Game Warden recruitment webpage.

All cadets accepted to the program are required to live at the Game Warden Training Center near Hamilton, Texas for the duration of the 33-week training period, set to begin October 2023.

For more information, check the game warden career webpage or contact Texas Game Warden recruiter Chelsea Bailey at [chelsea.bailey@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:chelsea.bailey@tpwd.texas.gov).

## Town of Lakeside Public Hearing Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Cover Page September 8, 2022

This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$226,223, which is a 32.27 percent increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$1,080.

The members of the governing body voted on the budget as follows:

**FOR:**  
**AGAINST:**  
**PRESENT**  
**ABSENT:**

### Property Tax Rate Comparison

	2022-2023	2021-2022
Property Tax Rate	\$0.493500/100	\$0.406239/100
No-New Revenue Tax Rate	\$0.372061/100	\$0.406239/100
No-New-Revenue Maintenance & Operations Tax Rate	\$0.373102/100	\$0.406239/100
Voter-Approval Tax Rate	\$0.493526/100	\$0.449184/100
Debt Rate:	\$0.000000/100	\$0.000000/100

**Total debt obligation for Town of Lakeside secured by property taxes: \$182,175**

## LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICES

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Community Water Supply Corporation will hold a public hearing on September 12, 2022, in the Community Water Supply Corporation building located at 12190 Liberty School Rd., Azle, Texas at 5:00 PM to hear comments pertaining to the submission of a grant to United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development for funding Water Treatment Plant expansion. If you plan to attend this public meeting and you have a disability that requires special arrangements at the meeting, please contact the Manager at 817-444-2112 before 1:00 PM on the date of the meeting and reasonable accommodations will be made to assist your needs.

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## ON FISHING

# Fishing between cool fronts already?

Luckily, the second half of August was a little more comfortable. We can appreciate this early cooling, but I am sure there is more summer to return. With this fair weather, we have had a few wind shifts that brought us a north wind. We know the future fall months as well as the winter and spring months will have cool or cold fronts periodically passing through our area. I guess it is not too early for this discussion.

Barometric pressures will change and the fishing patterns will change with the passing of these cool fronts. Picking the best times to fish around a front can increase your success rate if you can pick your times to fish. If you are fishing a tournament, you may not have a choice. Then you must also know how to coax a bite when the bite is off. There are of course many different factors that can affect the fish bite but knowing how these changes in the weather impacts the bite can be to your advantage.



### ON FISHING

By Michael Acosta

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

As most of us know, right before the cold front hits is probably the best time for catching fish. The fish seem to know that it's time to feed before the higher pressure moves in. An overcast sky before the front moves in normally makes for even better fishing conditions. If the fish are biting right before the front and the front pushes through while you are on the water, the bite will probably continue for a short while after the passage. This has happened to me many times while fishing. Active fish will generally continue to bite after the front pushes through for a short while but when they stop biting, it's probably time to go home.

Barometric changes gener-

ally have more impact to the fish species that are closer to the surface. For instance, black bass in 5 to 15 feet of water may stop feeding and hold closer to structure. This is the case for many species. On the other hand, fish that are holding deeper in the water column are less impacted to the changes happening above the water. I have seen great action in relatively deep water (30 to 50 feet) while fishing after a cold front.

Fishing during the transition of air masses during a slow cold front passage can be some of the best fishing of all. The weather can be cold, rainy and miserable but the fish seem to prefer this environment. Most of you have probably heard that striped

bass bite best in bad weather. Many times, this is true. Just be careful out there when the weather turns.

Cold fronts will start pushing through our area fairly frequently in the next several months. After a front passes, it is usually a couple of days later when the wind will shift back from the south. This is when I generally prefer to get on the water (if I have a choice). Fish that have not been feeding during the higher pressure may start biting due to the falling barometer.

When the high pressure moves in. Fishing may be tougher and you may need to change strategies.

We can never be sure what mode the fish are in regardless of the weather. Fish may bite on those "bluebird" days contrary to all expectations. However, there are certain times that are generally more productive than others. The best thing to do is to wet your line and see if the fish will bite. Just be prepared for those weather changes.



## FISHING REPORT

Lake Granbury water temperatures are still in the middle to upper 80s when I am writing this article. The rainy weather may have the surface temperatures falling. Striped bass fishing is on one day and off the next. Fish are moving some. White bass fishing is fair to good around mid-lake on spinners and slabs. Some good crappie reports continue to be reported near docks by deep water and near bridge pilings. Granbury black bass are reported as good to excellent to 7 pounds on crankbaits and Carolina rigs fished near main lake points.

On other reservoirs, Lake Whitney limits of striped bass are consistent around mid-lake to Cedar Creek. Possum Kingdom striped bass are best near major creek entrances like Cedar, Caddo and Bluff creeks.

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# Tarrant Area Food Bank receives \$200,000 grant from Tom Thumb / Albertsons Foundation Nourishing Neighbors

Tarrant Area Food Bank's work to mitigate hunger issues was aided recently by a \$200,000 grant from Tom Thumb / Albertsons Foundation's Nourishing Neighbors Program that aims to help connect qualified individuals with existing federal meal programs such as SNAP, WIC, P-EBT, and free or reduced school nutrition programs. The funding will be allocated to TAFB's Resources, Education Delivered (R.E.D. Bus) mobile program.

Tarrant Area Food Bank has launched this initiative to bring its services directly to those most in need in the city of Arlington. At the heart of this program is an ADA-compliant mobile service

delivery unit, the R.E.D. Bus, a specially built vehicle, which provides space for the display and distribution of grocery items and office space for TAFB staff to conduct SNAP enrollment and other community service referrals. This grant from Albertson's Tom Thumb, along with city of Arlington funding will allow TAFB to provide this vital service to community members for years to come.

"This generous donation from Tom Thumb / Albertsons Foundation Nourishing Neighbors will help Tarrant Area Food Bank address hunger issues in our community by connecting individuals in need with federal programs designed to reduce hunger issues," said

Julie Butner, President & CEO, in a news release. "We're grateful that Tom Thumb / Albertsons Foundation Nourishing Neighbors are partnering with us to help ensure our neighbors have enough to eat."

Tarrant Area Food Bank continues to provide community support to relieve the effects of the pandemic and in deepening their roots in local communities are launching solutions that bring its services to the people in underserved communities where transportation may be lacking. TAFB continues to see record levels of people in need and through the support of Tom Thumb / Albertsons they will continue to provide emergency

food boxes, offer nutrition education, as well as facilitate enrollment of eligible families into federal benefits programs such as SNAP and Medicaid.

The goal of Tom Thumb / Albertsons Foundation Nourishing Neighbors program is to ensure those who live in the communities served by Tarrant Area Food Bank have enough food to eat.

"We're always looking for the best ways to fight hunger in the communities we serve. By partnering with organizations like Tarrant Area Food Bank we know we can make a difference in the lives of our neighbors who are facing food insecurity issues," said Christy Lara, Director, Public

Relations. "We appreciate the work of Tarrant Area Food Bank to help qualifying individuals in our neighborhoods connect with existing federal meal programs."

TARRANT AREA FOOD BANK (TAFB): Empowering our communities to alleviate hunger by providing food, education, and resources. Through a network of 450 partner agencies, TAFB provides access to over 1M nutritious meals weekly to children and adults facing hunger. This work resulted in access to 55 million nutritious meals in fiscal year 2021. Learn more at www.TAFB.org.

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United States. The Company operates stores across 34 states and the District of Columbia with 24 banners including Albertsons, Safeway, Tom Thumb, Randalls, United Supermarkets, and Market Street. The Company is committed to helping people across the country live better lives by making a meaningful difference by neighborhood. In 2021, along with the Albertsons Companies Foundation, the Company contributed nearly \$200 million in food and financial support, including approximately \$40 million through our Nourishing Neighbors Program to ensure those living in our communities have enough to eat.

# Trials, tribulations of being an NFL player

The NFL season is about to begin, with the Cowboys opening the season against Tom Brady and the Tampa Bay Bucs on Sunday night. I am a big baseball fan, but for my money, the NFL has surpassed Major League Baseball as the national pastime. Seems like almost everybody is a football fan. Between the fantasy football leagues, the gambling on game results, to the casual fans, tens of millions are glued to the TV screen whenever an NFL game is being played.

We non-professionals like to complain about how much the players get paid. Generally, I think people are envious to see grown men getting paid so much money to play a "game." Secretly, the fans imagine themselves in their high school playing days, and then picture being out on the NFL field, receiving



## 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.

those huge game checks for tens of thousands of dollars. For some reason, folks focus on what the players make, and never what the team makes because of the players. People work hard at their jobs, and I can understand why some are envious of the money paid to professional athletes — but it sure looks to me like NFL players earn every nickel.

Playing professional football is a tough, difficult job. To begin with, the damage the game does to players' bodies is significant. Each

year, players get bigger, stronger and faster, which means the collisions have more force and impact. Just to get to the NFL means a player has gone through high school games, college games and an untold number of practices. All the high-impact collisions add up, and a player's body pays a price. According to a University of North Carolina study, the life expectancy for former NFL players is just 55 years. That is more than 20 years less than the rest of the population!

Did you realize the average NFL career is only 3.3 years? At the same time, the average NFL salary is \$860,000 per year. Yes, that is a lot of money, but if the average player only works for 3.3 years, it is not much spread over the rest of your life.

As I watched the last minutes of the Cowboys' final exhibition game, I could not help but think about the young men fighting for a job on the team. At the start of training camp, each team has 90 players, which had to be cut down to a final 53 the week before the season starts.

This means 37 men who had trained all their lives for a chance to play in the NFL were going to be sent home. All the workouts, weightlifting and running they endured will be for naught. The

dreams of those 37 men will be dashed on the rocks of failure. They gave it their all, and then were told their best is not good enough. Hard to watch anyone's lifelong dream become unreachable.

Even if a man makes the team, his future is not certain. He can be injured, to never play again. If a player has a couple of bad games, he can be "waived" and sent home. Former NFL Coach Jerry Glanville once said, "The NFL stands for NOT FOR LONG."

You either produce, and keep producing, or you are out of the league. I wonder how many of us face that sort of pressure daily and how we would respond if we did. Sounds like a tough life to me.

I love my football and I am going to enjoy the game this Sunday night. I look for-

ward to the next 18 weeks of watching the regular season and learning what teams make the playoffs. Eventually, there will be a new Super Bowl champion. I hope it is the Cowboys, but my betting money is staying in my pocket. I have been disappointed too many times.

Thanks to the players who risk their safety and health to play the game I enjoy so much. They earn every red cent.

Thought for the day: The coaches who can outline plays on a chalkboard are a dime a dozen. Winning coaches are the ones who can motivate their players to become champions.

Until next time.

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Visitors & Employees \$3.75

**PreK - 4th**

**BREAKFAST: Everyday - Assorted Fruits and Cereal, Juice, White or Chocolate Milk, Graham Crackers, Toast**  
Mon French Toast, applesauce cup **Tues** Apple Frudel, oranges **Weds** Sausage Biscuit, apples  
**Thurs** Breakfast Stick, bananas **Fri** Waffles, fruit cup

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

**GRADES 5TH - 8TH**

**BREAKFAST: Everyday - Assorted Fruits and Cereal, Juice, White or Chocolate Milk, Graham Crackers,**  
Mon Breakfast Pizza, orange **Tues** Bacon Egg Biscuit, peaches **Weds** Cinnamon Roll, apple  
**Thurs** Chicken Biscuit, applesauce **Fri** Tornado, banana

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

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Mon Breakfast Pizza, Yogurt w/ Granola, Orange **Tues** Bacon Egg Biscuit, Yogurt w/ Granola, Peaches **Weds** Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt w/ Granola, Apple  
**Thurs** Chicken Biscuit, Yogurt w/ Granola, Applesauce **Fri** Tornado, Yogurt w/ Granola, Banana

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

## Hard work, labor unions and the men behind the cartoons

### TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

You've never passed up a chance to catch The Mouse. You might have seen him on television when you were a child, along with Annette or Darlene, Britney or Justin. You've caught him on the big screen, in books and comics, on watches and beach towels. The Mouse has been around for your entire life, even when - as in the new book, "The Disney Revolt: The Great Labor War of Animation's Golden Age" by Jake S. Friedman - he's a mouse in trouble.

When you look back at the life of Walter Disney, you can see how an idyllic early life, his mercurial father, poverty and loss shaped him. These things spurred Disney to focus on a new-fangled way to make a living: young Walt loved to draw.

His father, however, thought Walt was "wasting his time," that cartoons wouldn't pay the bills, and the senior Disney insisted that Walt go to work at the failing family business. Instead, Walt, who'd fallen in love with the new medium of animation and had landed a job as an illustrator at an art studio, began thinking about owning his own animation studio. He went into debt several times to do it, which was another harbinger of things to come: as an adult, once Disney had an idea, he'd move mountains to ensure that it became reality.

You could almost say that Arthur Babbitt's mother was an activist.

She taught her sons to knit for the soldiers of World War I, she gathered food for the poor, and celebrated armistice with a one-woman

parade. Her "all-for-one" attitude shaped Art, but he also realized that he had to make his own success. As a young man, he learned the animation biz at a small studio, clawing for everything he got; when he landed at Disney Productions Studio, he clawed even harder and climbed to the top to become someone Walt Disney was willing to pay very, very well. But Disney had made a few stumbles in the pre-World War II years and there were grumbles within its ranks. Rumors flew of bonuses rescinded and layoffs to come - and then Art heard whispers of unionization at the studio...

When you think about Disney World or Disneyland, it can be hard to separate the happy from thoughts of those behind-the-scenes peo-

ple who make it so. But that's ok - "The Disney Revolt" does it for you.

It takes a (pleasant) while to get there, though, and you won't mind. Author Jake S. Friedman begins his story with a deep regret and over-view, making readers hungry to watch the growth of both main protagonists while the twin subjects of labor and unions lurk in the background with a tinge of 1940s true crime sinisterness. You'll then see how everything went awry and how trouble arrived concurrent with the making of beloved childhood movies.

Another happy: "The Disney Revolt" is an easy read with its business aspect and its trip down Memory Lane. If you're interested in labor relations or if you've always been a fan of The Mouse, this book will have you trapped.

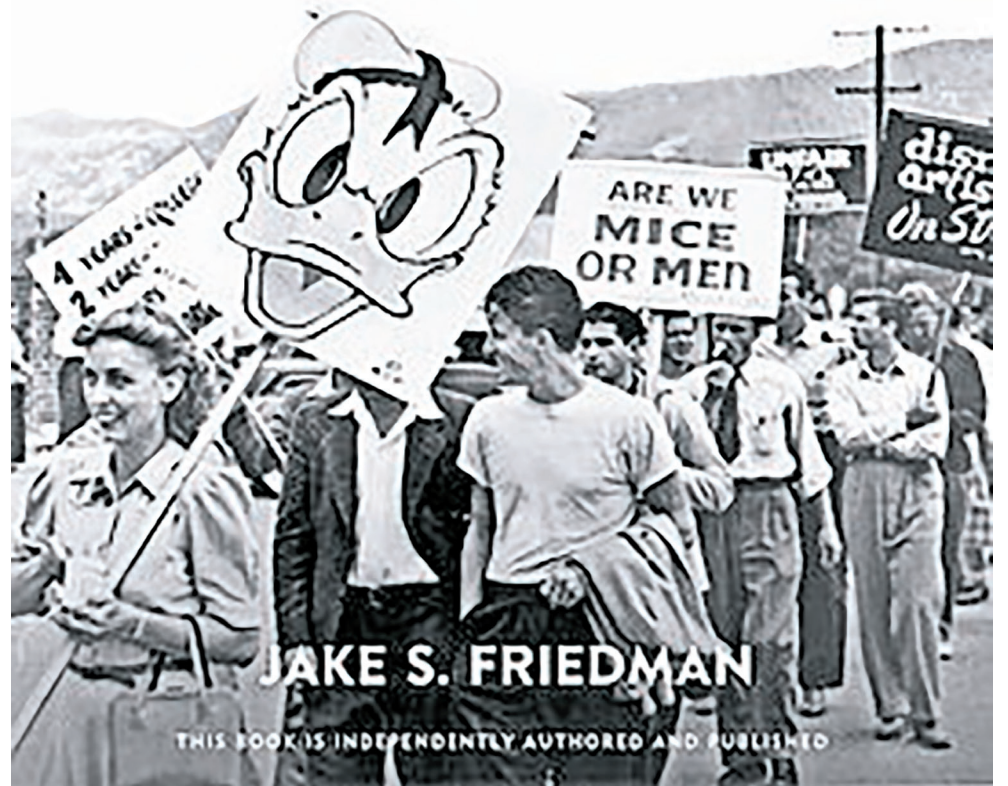


"The Disney Revolt: The Great Labor War of Animation's Golden Age" by Jake S. Friedman

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# THE DISNEY REVOLT

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## PIE TIN TO PLASTIC TOY

How many flying discs can you find on this page?

Can you find each of these pictures in the big picture?

### PIE TIN TOSS

The students at Yale University loved William Frisbie's pies. They even loved his pie tins!

Maybe we should throw the tin without the pie next time!

Tossing empty pie tins became a favorite way to pass time between classes. A firm flick of the wrist and the tin floated through the air.

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Here is a list of some of them. How do you think each game is played? Look them up and find out if you guessed correctly.

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- Double Disc Court
- Fricket
- Disc Golf
- Flutterguts
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- Dodge Disc
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### New Combos

Look through the newspaper for two items that don't seem to go together. Think of as many ways as you can to invent something new by combining those two things. For example, what could you make with a combination of a camera and sunglasses?

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

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

#### Flying Disc Pattern Activity

Circle the disc that will continue the pattern in each row.

Standards Link: Patterning: Understand and extend patterns.

### Double Double Word Search

FRISBEE  
PLASTIC  
MEASURE  
FRICKET  
FLOATED  
FLYING  
CAMERA  
PLATE  
DODGE  
COURT  
CATCH  
ALERT  
YALE  
SOLD  
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Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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M	E	A	S	U	R	E	P	A	U
E	D	E	E	N	T	L	G	M	T
G	H	T	B	R	A	P	N	E	E
D	C	I	E	S	D	E	I	R	K
O	T	L	T	O	I	D	Y	A	C
D	A	I	A	L	S	R	L	T	I
Y	C	I	L	D	C	N	F	T	R
O	S	S	P	C	O	U	R	T	F

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

### Kid Scoop FIT & FUN

#### Flying Disc Golf

Make a course of six or eight "holes" by setting up a series of objects or sites to try and hit with a Frisbee.

Tie a brightly colored ribbon on a tree or pole as a good place to start. An empty bucket or laundry basket also makes a good "hole."

One or more players take turns attempting to hit each target with a flying disc toy.

1 2 3 4

Players count how many throws they take to hit the target. Wherever your Frisbee lands, you take your next shot from that spot.

Hole	Evan	Stacy
1	4	6
2	5	2
3	2	2
4	3	4
5	6	5
6	4	2
	24	21

Add up your score. The player who completes the course in the fewest number of throws wins.

Standards Link: Physical Education: Understands and follows the rules of the game.

### FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

#### Silly News Story

Mix and match news stories to create silly stories. Select a **who**, **what**, **when**, **where**, **why** and **how** from different stories. Write a silly news story with these facts. For extra silliness, use quotes from other news stories.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write in a variety of forms and genres.

### Write On!

## My Invention

Imagine you invented something that helped the world and made you famous. What would that invention be? How would it help the world?



# ADOPTION

FROM PAGE 1

The journey to finally being able to adopt Hope was expensive. The IVF treatments cost the Lyons thousands of dollars, and when Ted got an estimate over the phone for an adoption, he recalled slamming the phone down because it was so expensive. However, he decided to change his mindset.

"The more I thought about it, the more it was impressed on me that this is not my money," Ted Lyon said. "God has given me this money. He's given me the job at Lockheed (Martin). He's made everything possible for us to maybe afford this, so I wanted to try and see if that door was an open door."

With that, the Lyons pursued adoption. They went through the process and the paperwork, and after getting signed up and creating a profile, the phone call came on a Sunday morning while they were at church. Not daring to answer a call from an unknown number during the service, Ted Lyon decided to check up on the call after church and found that it was the adoption agency saying that the Lyons were matched with a baby in Georgia. They were told they needed to act fast if they wanted to adopt the baby.

"Usually, they call and tell you that you're matched, and the mother is three months along, six months along," Krizhana Lyon said. "They called and said you've been matched, the mom picked you and the baby was born today. So, it's decide now and come get the baby."

The adoption would cost about \$25,000, and the Lyons didn't have that much money on hand. Ted called the bank, which meant getting a bank employee to answer the phone on a Sunday during Labor Day weekend and secured the funds.

With the help of family, the Lyons picked up items that they would need for a newborn — diapers, onesies, bottles, wipes and other necessities. Ted and Krizhana Lyon left for Georgia that Sunday



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The Lyon family smiles for a family portrait. From left, Krizhana, Grace, Hope and Ted Lyon.

night.

After arriving in Georgia, the Lyons met their new baby and took her to a hotel, but the process wasn't over yet. For the Lyons to take full custody of baby Hope, the birth mother had to sign off on the paperwork, and that took more than a week to happen.

"Until Mom signs those papers, we're babysitters," Krizhana Lyon said.

After missing appointments to sign the paperwork, the birth mother went missing and couldn't be reached for days, Krizhana Lyon said.

Without the birth mother's signature, a doctor's office wouldn't examine the baby, and the Lyons had to stay in Georgia longer, which racked up expenses for the hotel stay, food and baby formula, among other costs.

"We're just eating through

the money," Krizhana Lyon said.

Around that time, Ted Lyon went to withdraw what he thought was his last \$20, but instead there was \$600 in his account. He called the bank to report a mistake, and he found out that their church had raised some money for the Lyons and Krizhana's grandfather deposited it in their account.

That wasn't the only kindness that the Lyons experienced on their adoption journey. Ted Lyon called Lockheed Martin and asked if the company that he worked for could help him secure a discount on a hotel, but he received more than he asked for. The folks at the Lockheed Martin in Marietta, Georgia, heard about their situation, and Ted Lyon said they gave him a "big roll of money."

Then, he was told that an employee volunteered to shelter the Lyons at their house for free.

"They didn't know us at all. We could've robbed them blind in that situation. They were a really sweet couple," Krizhana Lyon said.

Ted Lyon attributed the good fortune they received during the trip to divine intervention.

"God provided in so many different ways," he said. "The whole thing was just a miraculous experience."

Eventually, Hope's birth mother called the Lyons and said she hadn't changed her mind about the adoption, but she wanted to meet the Lyons again. During that meeting, the birth mother asked to hold baby Hope, but as soon as Hope was passed from Krizhana's arms to the birth

mother's, she started "wailing," Ted Lyon said. Once the baby was returned to Krizhana, she settled down.

"The birth mom said, 'I see what I've needed to see. Y'all are the ones for my child,'" Ted Lyon said.

After the birth mother signed the paperwork, a week of processing took place before the Lyons left Georgia and headed home. Ted Lyon described Hope as an "easy" baby who slept every night.

Three years later, the Lyons expanded their family again when Krizhana Lyon gave birth to their younger daughter Grace.

"Somebody at church, after Grace was born, made the comment, 'You have to have hope, evidence of things unseen, before you can have grace, which is favor with God,'" Ted Lyon said. "It

pulled everything together."

Today, the Lyons live in Reno, and their daughters - Hope, 13, and Grace, 9 - attend Azle Christian School. They are very involved with sports and horseback riding. They stay busy and often do things together as a family.

Krizhana Lyon said she and Ted have always been open with Hope about being adopted. They have answered any questions she has and have promised to help her find her birth mom when she's older if Hope is interested in doing that.

Initially, Ted Lyon said he was concerned about whether an adopted child would truly feel like his own child. But that worry has faded away.

"Hope is as much of me as my own body is, same way with Grace," he said. "They're part of us."

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# Fun opening weekend at the new Azle splash pad

Families finally got to enjoy some time at the new Central Park Splash Pad over Labor Day weekend. Azle city council members and the mayor attended a grand opening ceremony on Sept. 3, welcoming the community to the new feature at the park, which is near the playground and adjacent to a new restroom facility.

"We understand that there were some issues opening weekend for the splash pad," said City Manager Tom Muir. "This is all new to us. We ask for everyone's patience as we try to get the system just right, and that's just going to take some usage."

The city has tentatively decided to keep the splash pad open until Oct. 8.

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## City continues to attract newcomers, businesses

The city of Azle continues to grow with new residents moving in and businesses and houses sprouting up everywhere.

Azle's most recent population stands at 13,610.

"This is truly a community driven by community," said City Manager Tom Muir. "A lot of events that go on, most people think the city puts them on, like Follow the Flag and Sting Fling and the Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting."

City officials do not plan those events. Follow the Flag is the annual July Fourth event at Central Park. Another community event that draws thousands each year is Music in the Park, a Friday evening concert series that runs in May and June. Muir said some cities do take an active role in planning big community events, but Azle does not. Still the city does participate by waiving fees

associated with the community events and also provides barricades and cleanup.

The city is well-known for attracting people to Eagle Mountain Lake and has attractive parks and a school district with around 7,000 students.

Muir studies where Azle is now as it is becoming a growing city in an ever-expanding Metroplex.

"Are we urban or are we rural?" Muir said. "I think probably 5, 10 years now, I think we might be more rural than urban, but I don't know about that now, as the Metroplex continues to grow. I typically tell people that we're rural. And a lot of community wants to keep that rural feel."

Muir said Azle won't grow to the size of some cities in the Metroplex, such as Prosper. The terrain in Azle is hilly, as Muir described, and developing it will cost more.



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Azle city employee Ricky Pipla performs sod work at the new splash pad at Central Park. A new splash pad is one of many attractions the city offers residents and visitors.

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## Community Waste Disposal



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pose of household hazardous waste, tires, metal goods, and used electronics, and have an opportunity to shred confidential documents.

These services have led City of Azle winning numerous environmental accolades from state recycling organizations, such as the 2021 State of Texas Alliance For Recycling, Environmental Leadership Award for their brush diversion program.

Paint collected at X-Treme Green events are used for the city's recycled paint program that provides free recycled paint to residents for use in beautifying Azle neighborhoods.

CWD works with the City of Azle staff and other community organizations to make all community events "Green Events." CWD is honored to be Recycling Sponsor for the annual Sting Fling.

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Chris was the operations manager for Rockin CT Land Surveying and had the opportunity to purchase that company in June of 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. From that purchase, APEX arose.

Since then, they have been fortunate enough to branch out across Texas. They pur-

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# Coffey: Campaign is about people, not politics

Mimi Coffey wants people to know she prioritizes people in her bid to win a state House seat in Austin.

A Democrat, she seeks the District 99 seat in the Texas House. That seat is now occupied by Republican Charlie Geren, who has been the District 99 rep since 2003.

She ran for office for House Seat 99 in 2001, during Geren's second term in District 89. She did not draw an opponent in the primary this spring. She praised Geren's service to the people of this area, but she said she and Geren would just vote differently on issues. She plans to have a major presence at Sting Fling, and said she her campaign has been active to spread the word to people in the district.

"It's people over politics," she said, explaining why decided to run for office again. "I think that we have in the past 20-plus years gone to the extreme right where corporations' profits have taken precedence over the everyday citizens' lives, and that's shown in what they're doing with education, what they're doing with a woman's reproductive rights. It's shown with the fact that the Republicans rejected \$9 billion in expanded state Medicaid that was coming to Texas that could have reduced people's property

taxes. Every time somebody goes to a county hospital, and they can't pay the bill - which is a lot of people - the property owners end up paying that bill because that gets shifted to property tax owners."

She doesn't like how corporation interests have been "predominantly more important for decades over the average person."

Coffey grew up in White Settlement and spent her entire life her except for the time when she went to Baylor for her undergrad degree and then to Texas Tech Law School. She came back to West Fort Worth where she grew up, and all four of her children went to Brewer High School. She has been a lawyer for 27 years and has owned her own law practice since 2000. She is board certified in DWI defense by the National College of DUI Defense. She is a criminal defense lawyer who specializes in DWI.

Being able to see what happens to people who lose jobs or go bankrupt as well as delving deep into understanding substance abuse issues for the past 27 years have helped her understand "the real problems that our community faces," she said.

Coffey has two offices: a main office in Fort Worth and a satellite office in Dallas.

She serves all of North Texas, including Parker County, and has done so for years.

On some of the issues, she said there are two priorities: a teacher shortage crisis and the lack of access to basic health care. She said some teachers are tired of dealing with politics creeping into the classroom and don't feel appreciated, but the primary reason the shortage exists is because of insufficient pay. She opposes ideas of taking public school dollars and moving them toward vouchers for private schools.

"Our public schools are suffering already," she said. "I can't even imagine if you yank the rug from underneath them."

On the health care front, she said when people don't have access to health care and can't go to the doctor when they need to, their health problems are compounding. She said the Legislature can help more as far as people lacking health insurance.

"If we're going to be smart about the state's finances in the future, we need to really have a drive to educate and inform people on how they can get Obamacare, and that's based on the income they have," she said. "A lot of people just don't understand that and I think a lot of our Republican lawmakers, they don't even want to say the



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Mimi Coffey

word Obamacare." She represents the experiences and interests of small business owners, she said,

and takes care of her employees at her business. She also said she understands the majority of Texas's income

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# Charlie Geren wears many hats

A familiar fixture in Tarrant County for many years, Charlie Geren opened Railhead Smokehouse more than 30 years ago, growing the business into one of the area's most popular bar-beque joints.

Aside from his duties running a successful restaurant, Geren also manages a career in commercial real estate, and is currently the vice-president of the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show.

However, Geren is probably best known for his history of service as state representative for House District 99, which includes the Tarrant County portion of Azle.

First elected in 2000, Geren, a Republican, has worked to strengthen the local economy and advocate on behalf of Azle's teachers and schools.

In fact, October 2015 was designated "Charlie Geren Appreciation Month" by Azle ISD for his strong support of public education in the Texas Legislature.

Geren has contributed to the Sting Fling for more than a decade and a half, and looks forward to once again celebrating the Azle community.



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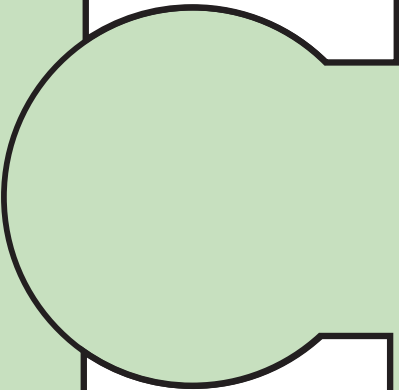
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Booth #	Company	Booth #	Company	Booth #	Company
1-2	<b>Taqueria Montoya</b> Street tacos, quesadillas, loaded nachos. Aguas frescas.	32	<b>Jehovah's Witnesses</b>	92	<b>Servolution Network</b> Servolution - Community support non-profit
3	<b>CVA Products</b> I have products for sensitive skin, goat milk soaps, beer soaps, coffee soaps, oatmilk soaps, deodorants, lip butter, goat milk bath, goat milk bath, goat milk bath bombs, room sprays, bugs repellent, car freshener, candles, wax melts, simple syrup, popcorn, insulated bottles, led gift, sensitive dogs groomings and balms, toys, bath crayons, crayons, laundry powder, play dough kits, sugar scrubs.	33	<b>Lindsay Ellis State Farm</b> State Farm Insurance	93	<b>Texas Health Harris Methodist</b> Hospital Azle Hospital literature
4	<b>A Heavenly Home</b> I am offering all organic, hand-crafted herbal tea blends aiding you to feel, think, dream, sleep, and breathe; They are ?Teas of Value.? Just like You, each tea experience you have will Hope-fully re-spark happiness, Love, inspiration, rest, and peace.	34	<b>March Roofing</b> Roofing marketing material	94	<b>Sweet Bling Junkie Paparazzi</b> bling, porch bling, door bling and hotwheels
5	<b>America's Best Vacuum Service LLC</b> Business Literature	35	<b>Spt Boutique And Barrels</b> Boutique	95	<b>SteAm1 Designs</b> Wood Round Door Hanger, Stove Top Covers and Plant hangers
6	<b>Azle Christian Church</b>	36	<b>Crave</b> Sweets and treats. Sandwich boxes	96	<b>Freshies</b> car fresheners
7	<b>Colorstreet Nail Color Strips</b>	53	<b>TX-45 Azle Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol</b> Information & static display. Interactive aerospace demonstrations. Wreaths across America.	97	<b>crave</b> Sweets and treats. Sandwich boxes
8	<b>Azle High School Swim Team Booster Club</b> Azle swim team merch. T-shirts, sweatshirts, earrings, clear bags, etc.	54-55	<b>Bufs BBQ &amp; Grill</b>	98-99	<b>Eye Of The Tiger Ministries</b> Clothes, jewelry, make up, knives, tazer, pepper spray, kid toys and more
9	<b>CASA of Tarrant County</b> CASA stands for court appointed advocate. Our job is to advocate for the children in foster care in Tarrant County.	56	<b>It Makes Scents-Scentsy and GiG Creations</b> Azle Merch and scentsy	100-101	<b>Rodney Lee for Justice of the Peace Precinct 4</b> We specialize in serving Gourmet Candy Apples and other carnival style foods from our food truck.
10	<b>Pick - A - Duck</b> Kids pick a duck game and prize wheel. Everyone WINS! \$3.00 each or two for \$5.00 - EVERYONE WINS	57	<b>Azle Church of Christ</b>	102	<b>Kiss My Glass - Texas Edition</b> We etch glass (beer mugs, pints, whiskey, shot, wine), make sarcastic wooden signs/bottle openers, sarcastic t-shirts, resin items (dominoes, coasters, keychains), cloth pencil bags, temporary tattoos, stickers, buttons, keychains, sublimation tumblers and signs, light up toys/bubble guns, and we make fresh cotton candy (on the spot in 11 different flavors) and sno cones.
11	<b>Mr Wallys Pickles</b> Homemade pickles	58	<b>Tri-County Electric Cooperative</b> Tri-County Electric Cooperative information	103	<b>Lotus Wellness and Apothecary</b> Yoga, vibrational sound therapy, also selling products like elderberry, fire cider and all natural salves, etc.
12	<b>Dazzler Booster Club Car</b> bash - pay to take a swing at a beat up old car.	59	<b>Redbird Unique Creations</b> Hand crafted squirrel feeders, bird houses and walking sticks	104	<b>SporTherapy Azle</b> SporTherapy Literature
13-14	<b>Dosey Dough</b> Fried dough, lemonade, Italian ice, hot dogs, sausage dogs.	60	<b>Mystical Blades</b> Knives, axes, swords, etc.	105	<b>Rag Banner Memories</b> I sell custom rag banners and will have free drawing for them.
15	<b>Cowtown Bling N Things</b> Women's boutique, home décor, jewelry, etc.	61-62	<b>Kona Ice Northwest DFW</b> Snow cones	108-109	<b>Bahama Bucks</b> Sno trailer Snow cones
16	<b>Azle Lake Run</b> Azle Lake Run literature	63	<b>Dynamic Solar</b> Dynamic Solar Literature	110	<b>Redhead Collections</b> Children's clothes, mommy and me, western style jewelry, etc.
17	<b>Camp Gladiator</b> Camp Gladiator	64	<b>RnR Event Center</b> Event center literature	111	<b>BirdChit Bird Houses</b> , feeders, chimes, etc.
18	<b>Crocheted Cuties</b> crocheted stuffed animals - bees, dinosaurs, octopus, etc.	65	<b>Inspired Creations By Cheyenne</b>	112	<b>Lolita's Custom Designs</b> T-shirts, tumblers & earrings, etc.
19	<b>Frontier</b> Frontier will be promoting their Fiber Optic high speed internet service that is now available to the Azle community. We will have a prize wheel and pass out information plus FUN promotional items.	66	<b>AHS Project Graduation 2024</b> Photo Booth - Shirts, and pullovers for sale.	116	<b>The Sun Station 2020</b> Selling t-shirts, sweaters, tumblers, hats, earrings, koozies and Croc charms
20	<b>Haley Carter State Farm</b> State Farm Insurance	67	<b>Azle High School Baseball Boosters</b> Dunk Tank and Baseball Merch	117	<b>MJB Scents</b>
21	<b>C&amp;R Custom Made</b> Custom graphic tees, tumblers & boutique items.	68	<b>Azle FCCLA</b> Free Face Painting and water	118	<b>Fidelity National Title Agency</b>
22	<b>Sarah's Creative Gifts</b>	69	<b>Integrity Taxpros</b> TaxPros information and games	119	<b>Eagle Crest Villa</b> Literature
23-24	<b>Silver Creek UMC</b>	70-71	<b>Azle Chamber of Commerce</b> T-Shirt & wristband sales	120-121	<b>Reds Bar B Que</b> Chopped BBQ sandwiches, Turkey Legs, Chips and drinks
25	<b>Azle Animal Shelter</b>	72-73	<b>Train Pick-Up &amp; Drop Off</b> (Turn around area)	122	<b>Good N.E.W.S.</b> Good N.E.W.S information
26-27	<b>Sandy V's Teas n Things</b> Quesadillas, sausage on a stick, sausage wrap, hot dogs, bacon wrapped hot dogs, tamales, tamale Frito pie, Frito pie, popcorn, fresh brewed flavored teas, lemonade and limeade.	74-76	<b>Gellyballers</b> GellyBall, it's like Paintball & Airsoft but no mess and virtually no pain!!	123	<b>AHS Project Graduation 2023</b> Selling merch and Gaga ball for free for the kiddos. No charge in exchange for leading the parade committee
28	<b>Mimi Coffey</b> Campaign Information	77	<b>Azle Band</b> merchandise Band merch (t-shirts, cups, etc.)	124	<b>This to That</b> Craft items, bird baths, bird feeders, Modpodge
29	<b>Northwest Tarrant Progressives</b> Voter registration booth with free water	78-79	<b>Old Time Funnel Cakes</b> funnel cakes, foot long corn dogs, tater twisters and fresh squeezed lemonade	125-127	<b>Roll Call of North Texas</b> Roll Call - Veteran Organization - Military Museum Trailer
30	<b>Full Circle Woodworking</b> Wood working items for sale	80-83	<b>Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District</b> Upper Trinity Ground Water Conservation District	128	<b>All For The Love of Animals</b> Petting Farm Unicorn and alpaca
31	<b>GEMcreates Tumblers</b>	84	<b>Cowtown Canines</b> Dogs for sale	129-130	<b>Level Up Promotions</b> Level Up Promotions - RKG Roofing
		85	<b>Trinity Territory LLC</b> Real Estate		
		86	<b>Sunset Avenue Boutique</b> We are a young adult/woman's clothing boutique.		
		87-88	<b>Azle HS Cheer Booster</b> Selling cotton candy, sodas, water and Cheerleading merch!		
		89	<b>South Estates Realty</b>		
		90	<b>Angela Harrison Agency-Farmers Insurance</b> Business literature		
		91	<b>Hortons Bulldogges of the South</b> Puppies for sale-Old English Bulldog		



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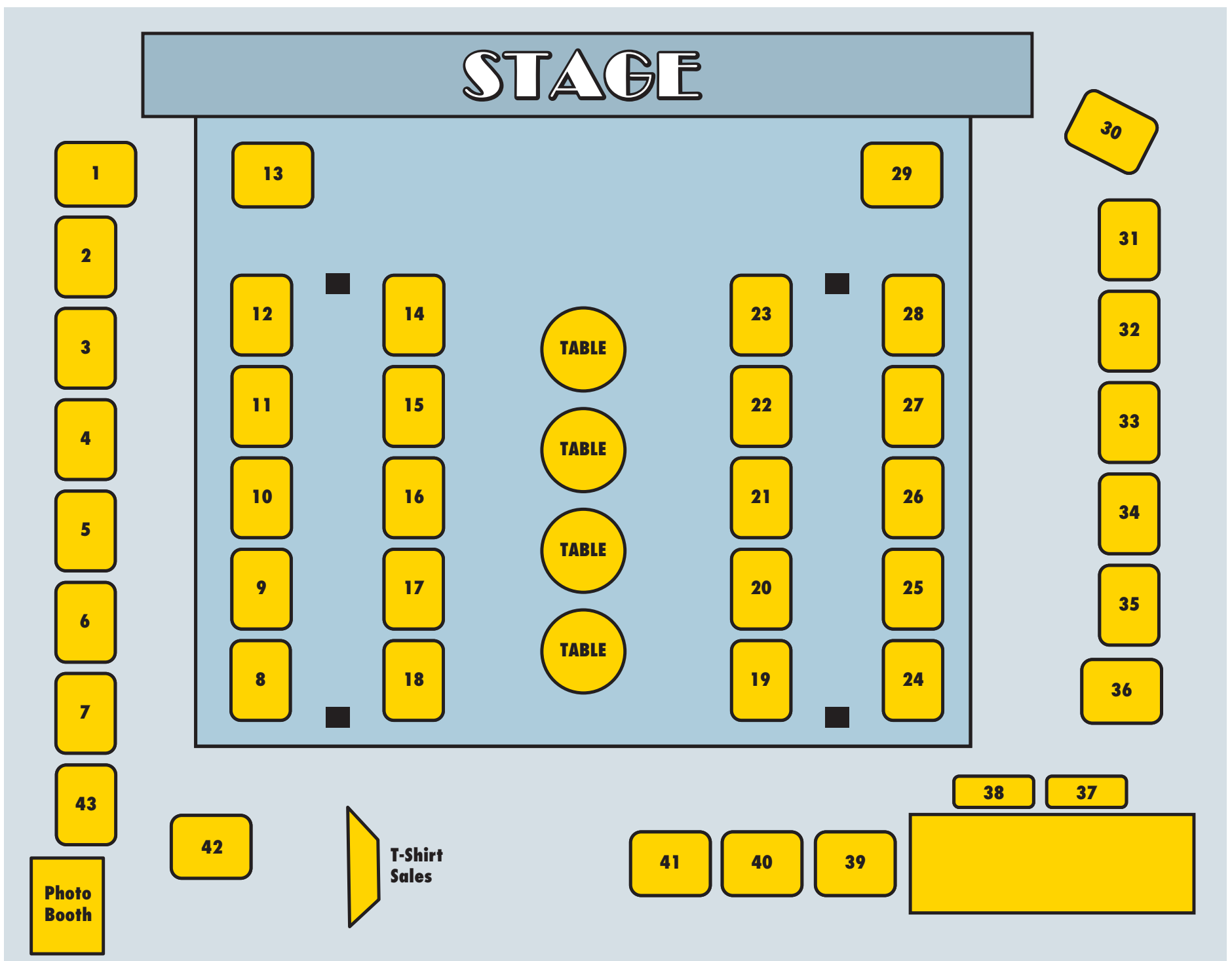
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1	<b>Survivors Studio</b> Therapy Center	21	<b>MLD Crafts</b> Papercrafts, covered notebooks, clip boards, magnets
2	<b>Eagle Mountain Pregnancy Help Center</b>	22	<b>Sweeter Than Honey KJV</b>
3	<b>Aria Blue</b> Sublimation T-shirts other small sublimation items (keychains, car fresheners, popsicle holders, coasters, etc.)	23	<b>Tejas Jypsy</b>
4	<b>Triple C Training LLC</b> Information booth for ladies only firearm training, children safety and training/safety in the workplace.	24	<b>Paparazzi Accessories</b> Paparazzi jewelry - ALL pieces \$5
5	<b>Lil C's Creations</b> Engravable items, cutting boards, wristlets, bracelets, earrings, and gift basket sets.	25	<b>Iconic Exteriors</b> Home improvement company
6	<b>Buckley's Hugs</b>	26	<b>S&amp;J Air Designs</b> Air plants & arrangements
8	<b>Maw-Maw's Treats</b> Cookies, cakes and pastries	27	<b>Rusitic Grace</b> Handmade jewelry, crafts and woodworking.
9	<b>Power Home Remodeling</b> Home remodeling company	28	<b>Fleece Dreams</b> We specialize in braided fleece blankets
10	<b>Memaw's Closet</b> Children's boutique, clothes and accessories	29	<b>Community Caring Center/The Porch Resale Shoppe</b>
11	<b>A Momma's Love Tea</b> Hand crafted teas and supplies, local honey and honey sticks.	30	<b>McDonalds</b>
12	<b>Wandering D Designs</b>	31	<b>Optimist Club of Azle</b> Making Christmas Ornaments to hang for Christmas on Main Street trees
13	<b>Kipwick's</b> Hand poured candles	32	<b>Olive Branch Clothing Co</b>
14	<b>Dude's Treats</b> Selling homemade dog treats.	33	<b>Oncor Electric Delivery</b> Exhibit featuring electrical safety. Giving away children's items (coloring books, etc.)
15	<b>Rooster Exotic Woods</b> Pens and other wood work	37	<b>Azle TD Club</b> Azle Football Sports Club
16	<b>Pinnacle Bank</b> Temporary tattoos	39	<b>Whaley's Creative Woodwork</b> Christmas decorations, plaques, bowl and toys (trucks, cars, puzzles) for children
17	<b>Innov8tive Posh/Perfectly Posh</b>	40	<b>Gold Star Memorial</b> Information about Gold Star Memorial
18	<b>Azle Manor Health Care</b>	41	<b>Roll Call of North Texas</b> Information and Veterans with Roll Call North Texas
19	<b>Moore's Mercantile</b> Homemade vanilla products	42	<b>Magnolia Hill Farm Co</b> selling T-shirts, signs and tumblers
20	<b>Sew Sew Signs</b> Sewn items; bowl cozies, casserole carriers, tortilla warmers, doll clothes & accessories and hand-painted interior décor signage	43	<b>The Ranch Christian Church</b> Hand made crafts

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### High school bond projects set to begin

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY  
The Azle School Board approved the construction of the Eagle Mountain High School bond projects during the Aug. 15 meeting.

### AISSD adds four veteran police officers for student safety

One more still to be hired

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY  
The Azle Independent School District (AISSD) has hired four veteran police officers to help protect students and staff from any dangerous situations.

### Cheer Camp

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY  
The Azle Area Chapter of the American Legion is sponsoring a cheer camp for students in the area.

### Council circulates concerns about library budget

BY DON MUNCH  
The Azle Memorial Library Board is circulating concerns about the proposed 2023 budget.

### 14th annual Sting Fling is Sept. 10

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY  
The Azle Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the 14th annual Sting Fling community event on Sept. 10.

### Some longtime shelter residents still waiting

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY  
The Azle Animal Shelter is still waiting for some longtime residents to be adopted.

### Acquires signatures for corporation ballot measure

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY  
The Azle Animal Shelter has acquired signatures for a ballot measure to incorporate the shelter.

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said her business helps with personal and business tax filings and offers credit repair and notary services.

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## Roundup: Hornets off to a slow start, now focus on Denton Ryan

BY DON MUNSCHE  
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The Azle Hornets trailed early for the second straight week and lost their second and last non-district game of the season, this time a 58-14 decision to Grapevine Sept. 1 at Mustang-Panther Stadium.

Azle (0-2) trailed 17-0 at the end of one quarter and 31-0 halftime against the Mustangs (2-0). In a 69-27 loss to Frisco Reedy the preceding week, the Hornets fell behind by double digits early in the game and trailed 28-14 at halftime.

"Overall, we did some really good things at times, but we have to be disciplined across the board because 10 guys might be doing the right thing and one guy doing the wrong thing, and the one guy doing the wrong thing always shows up," Azle head coach Devon Dorris said about the Grapevine game.

Each player has to do his part on every play, the coach said.

"And it's not one guy all game - it's a different guy in different plays, if that makes sense," he said.

He said his team has to become better at the fundamentals of the game. Players have to get better each week and each day at practice.

"They know what's ahead of them and they know that the light will click at some point, and hopefully, it's sooner than later," Dorris said. He said players still believe in themselves, and he expects to see a process of improvement every week, starting this week against Denton Ryan (0-1). The game is Friday at Hornet Stadium.

Against Grapevine, Azle quarterback Jay Jones passed for 144 yards and tossed one touchdown and ran for another. Vance Guthrie had four catches for 33 yards and a TD reception. Slate Skipper had two catches for 69 yards. Hagen Hughes led all rushers with 74 yards on 11 carries.

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PHOTO BY RICHARD SPRAGGINS

Azle linebacker Matthew Garcia tackles a Grapevine ballcarrier during Azle's 58-14 loss to the Mustangs Sept. 1 in Grapevine. The Hornets are now 0-2.



PHOTOS BY JEFF PRINCE

Emily O'Neil guards the net against Granbury.

## Azle tennis falls in first district clash of season

BY JEFF PRINCE  
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The first district tournament of the fall tennis season had arrived.

Finally. Most tennis teams had begun district competition a week earlier, but the Azle Hornets had drawn a bye that week. So, on Aug. 30, Azle's tennis players were finally ready to kick off district play, but a rainstorm south of Tarrant County had delayed their opponent's bus trip, and the Granbury Pirates showed up more than an hour late.

After another 20 minutes,

the Granbury players had warmed up. Azle's players had re-warmed up. The tournament was set to begin.

Azle head coach Hayden Huff gathered her team around, telling them they had worked hard for weeks and were prepared to "take care of business."

The teammates yelled in unison, "One, two, three - Hornet pride!"

"Finally" had arrived.

The late start meant the tournament would stretch far into the night, past 10 p.m., but the kids were amped up and ready to play. One of the first matches of the tournament pitted

doubles partners freshman Emily O'Neill and junior Savannah LeFan against two of Granbury's girls.

LeFan coped with some nerves.

"I'm usually always nervous, but I know it'll be fine," she said.

Waiting for their turn to play, Madison Hamilton and Nolan Garcia stood beside the court and watched their teammates perform. Hamilton and Garcia were playing together as mixed doubles partners for the first time this season.

"I really like tennis,"

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## Heritage Christian tops Azle Christian in six-man score-a-palooza



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Heritage Christian hurdles Azle Christian in a high-scoring game.

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A (figurative) fireworks show erupted after Heritage Christian's football team traveled to Azle on Friday night to take on the Crusaders in the second

game of the TAPPS Division III District 2 six-man league.

Heritage scored early, but Azle Christian kept responding with points of its own. Back and forth the teams went.

The first quarter ended with Heritage on top 19-14.

The Lions gained further momentum near the end of the second quarter, taking a 67-53 lead into halftime.

The Crusaders roared back in the third quarter to tie the game 73-73.

SEE FOOTBALL, PAGE 5C.

## New coach inspires Azle Christian volleyball girls

BY JEFF PRINCE  
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Building a strong volleyball program requires a coach to inspire players to throw themselves into the effort.

Check one. Jasmine Jones is the new volleyball coach at Azle Christian School, and she is intent on implementing a powerhouse program. So far, team leaders are all aboard.

"Our coach is such a big mentor in her faith and in her everyday life, it's really inspiring," said sophomore Jacelynn Hammond. "I feel like everybody just wants to be as good as her. She pushes us a lot on the mental side and the physical side."

Last year, Hammond played volleyball for the first time as a freshman, but the season fizzled after the coach left the school. Now, the sophomore is happy to have someone as charismatic and invigorating as Jones leading



New coach Jasmine Jones is leading the Azle Christian Crusaders into the volleyball season.

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# Game Faces



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## Denton Ryan vs Azle



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8/26	Frisco Reedy	HOME	69-27 L
9/01	Grapevine	at GRAPEVINE	58-14 L
9/09	Denton Ryan	Home	
9/16	Aledo	at ALEDO	
9/23	Brewer	HOME	
9/30	Northwest	at NORTHWEST	
10/07	OPEN	OPEN	
10/14	Saginaw	HOME	
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Azle's Cameryn Hoskins, 13, and Kendall Locke try to block a ball during in a non-district game against Crowley last week in Azle. The Lady Hornets lost the match in five sets. Azle begins the district season Sept. 13 against Granbury at home.

# ROUNDUP

FROM PAGE 1

## VOLLEYBALL

The Azle Lady Hornets rallied from a seven-point deficit to win Game 4 of their home non-district match against Crowley Sept. 2.

Trailing 17-10 at one point, Azle took a 21-19 lead and then held on to win 25-23 to force the decisive Game 5.

In Game 5, the Lady Hornets took a 6-3 advantage, forcing a Crowley timeout. Later, a kill from Brynn Lee gave Azle an 8-6 lead, but Crowley dominated the rest of the way, going on a 4-0 run at one point and never leading by fewer than two points. Crowley won 15-10 after a serve hit the top of the net and fell onto the floor for an ace to end the contest. Azle lost by a score of 18-25, 25-14, 19-25, 25-23, 10-15.

Azle played Keller Central Tuesday night at home. The News goes to press Tuesday afternoon,

"We went into a different lineup - we had an injured player (Taylor Fischer) - so

that kind of got us scrambled a little bit," Azle head volleyball coach Elizabeth Snyder said about Game 5. "So I just think adjusting to that a little bit made us a little concerned. Crowley's block tonight was huge. It was a big ol' block and we had a hard time getting around it, and I think that just kind of made us timid."

She thinks her team has played well up to this point in the season.

"We've played a lot of competitive volleyball," she said. "We've had some good wins, some tough losses. We finally finished the tournament season, so the girls' bodies are a little broken right now, so pushing through that, they've really developed some grit, so we think with a little rest this weekend and getting ourselves together - we're going to get some practice in tomorrow - I feel like we'll come out pretty strong."

She thinks the team needs to improve blocking timing and pursuing the ball. The Lady Hornets begin district play Sept. 13 against Granbury at home.



PHOTO BY RICHARD SPRAGGENS

Azle wide receiver Tyler Akers looks for space during Azle's game against Grapevine last week in Grapevine. The Hornets lost 58-14 and are now 0-2 on the season.



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Lady Hornet teammates react to Ellie Lund's (15) kill against Crowley last week in Azle. The Lady Hornets lost the match in five sets. Azle begins the district season Sept. 13 against Granbury at home.





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Nolan Garcia and Madison Hamilton are enjoying their first season of mixed doubles.

# TENNIS

FROM PAGE 1

Hamilton said. "You can do more stuff to the ball, like slicing and different types of spins. I just find it really cool."

Last year, she began playing tennis for the first time as a freshman. Back then, she had never even touched a tennis ball much less hit one with a racket. Still, she had earned the nickname "Tennis Mom" a few years earlier because of her penchant for wearing a one-piece tennis dress she bought at a mall. She didn't play tennis, but the dress was comfortable, fit well and made her feel festive, and so she wore it for fun.

"It looked good on my body type," she said. "I never wore it to school. I wore it more when out with my friends."

She has outgrown the dress since then. Now, Hamilton wears an official Azle tennis jersey with shorts rather than a dress.

"I'm winning some matches," she said. "I'm still getting used to tennis, and I'm still getting used to doubles."

Her mixed doubles partner

is older and more experienced. Garcia, a junior, began playing tennis in the eighth grade but doesn't offer much unsolicited advice. He respects his partner's abilities and work ethic and doesn't try to coach her.

"We're on the same level," he said. "If we make a mistake, we know what's wrong. We don't really need to correct each other, but we do try to help each other every once in a while."

Neither had played mixed doubles until their coach paired them up three weeks ago for a tournament.

"I never thought of mixed doubles," Garcia said.

Hamilton and Garcia have become close friends since then, and Garcia has noticed his partner making big strides on the court.

"She has improved a lot, so it's a lot easier than I thought it was going to be," he said. "It's really fun."

Huff put the two together as a mixed doubles team, thinking they could benefit from each other.

"They communicate really well, and their personalities mesh really well," she said. "That's part of the reason why I put them together."

Hamilton is outgoing, and Garcia is a rock, she said.

"Maddie can get flustered sometimes, and Nolan is really calm," the coach said. "That's good for her. Nolan is really positive, and that's what she needs."

In fall, tennis is played as a team sport. Athletes compete in singles and doubles, but scores are compiled as a team, and tournaments are won or lost as a team. In spring, the season becomes an individual sport, with athletes winning or losing on their own.

"We have grown a whole lot in the past year," Huff said. "We have the capability to do really well this season. They're making me a little nervous right now because they're not playing that great. It could be that it's the first district match - just butterflies, nerves. But they're all fighting."

The Hornets continued to battle in a tournament that lasted more than five hours, but the team came up short on the scorecard.

Granbury prevailed 12-7. Next up, Azle tennis will challenge Northwest at 4 p.m. Sept. 13 for a district contest at Azle's home court.



Right: Savannah LeFan overcomes butterflies to become a warrior on the court.

Bottom: Jack Clark is among the Hornets' best players.



# Football Contest

## WEEK 2

Last week's 11 games for the contest included one listed erroneously. (UNT played SMU rather than Northwestern.) So, that game wasn't tallied in the final scores. The prognosticators were in good form, with three people picking eight of 10 games correctly. The tie was broken by the tiebreaker game between Louisiana Monroe and Texas. The Longhorns won 52-10 for a total of 62 points. This week's contest winner is Kyle Gathright, who predicted 55 points for the tiebreaker. Gathright wins \$20. Second place and \$10 goes to Kinny Pack, who predicted 51 tiebreaker points. And third place and \$5 goes to Anna Boyd.



## COACH

FROM PAGE 1

the Crusaders.

Jones began playing volleyball at 12 while growing up in Mansfield. In 2015, she graduated high school and played volleyball for four years at McMurry University in Abilene, where she graduated in 2019.

Volleyball remains her passion.

Jones knows a friend with children who attend Azle Christian, and the friend told Jones she would be an ideal fit as volleyball coach. Jones interviewed for the job and toured the school and "loved everything about it."

"My goal long term is to build a good volleyball program," she said.

She plans to focus on fundamental and physical and mental aspects of the game. Her job will be easier since the roster is primed with natural talent, she said.

"My girls are extremely athletic, very hard working and very coachable," she said. "They have learned so much since I've started. Right now, our biggest trouble is allowing all the things that we're learning to click during the games, but we're finding different avenues that work for us."

She will also work on the team's "game IQ," she said.

"It's not just about getting the ball over the net, there is strategy behind it," she said. "There is defense according to different teams. Where to go if you are in trouble. Where you should hit. What kind of shot can you do. Things of that nature."

The team is on the young side, with three seniors, two juniors, five sophomores and four freshmen. One thing they have in common is heart, the coach said.

"They are so loving and caring - great girls," she said.

So far, the team has struggled to find the win column and is 0-7-1 in TAPPS 1A District 2 nonconference



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Cassidy Barber, Dari Skartvedt, Jacelynn Hammond and Vanessa Malewiski hope to return Azle Christian to the win column on a regular basis.

games. Still, the girls expect to start logging wins in the regular season.

The district opener is Sept. 15 at Waxahachie Prep.

Jones has been relying on senior outside shooter Cassidy Barber for points and leadership.

Barber is a "strong player for us with her skill set," Jones said. "She works hard and wants everybody around her to work hard."

Jones has helped Barber channel her energy in positive ways.

"She wants to push the girls," the coach said. "We've been learning a healthy way

to push our teammates and things of that nature."

Barber is glad her senior year will end on a high note.

"This year is exciting," she said. "Seeing the team actually work as a team is incredible and to have a coach that pushes not only on the court but off the court with academics and a relationship with God, it's just a whole different dynamic."

Freshman standout Dari Skartvedt has the same opinion about the team and coach. Skartvedt, a setter, has played volleyball at Azle Christian since seventh grade and is now entrenched

on the varsity roster.

Skartvedt, the younger sister of all-around athletes Drew and Jake Skartvedt, likes the fast pace on varsity and has proven herself a valuable player.

"Varsity is definitely different than middle school, which is slow," she said. "Varsity is really fun. You get to do all this crazy stuff and there is a lot of skilled people. It definitely pushes you, but I really like it."

The freshman, at Jones' urging, has become a team leader despite being one of its youngest members.

"I'm learning how to be a

leader and how to be able to push through, because that's hard," Skartvedt said. "Volleyball is so mental."

Older players, such as Barber, have encouraged her, as well, which gives Skartvedt more confidence.

"It's a little difficult because I don't want to overstep my boundaries," she said. "I want to be respectful but still be a leader. It's important to stay balanced and make sure you're not being too disrespectful but also speaking up when I need to."

Barber isn't worried about the lack of victories so far.

"I feel like it's rocky, but

we're finding our feet right now," she said. "It's coming along a lot faster. We're doing great."

Vanessa Malewiski, a dominant returning player from last year, likes what she sees on the court and hears on the sidelines. Jones has won the girls' affection, and they are playing hard for their new coach.

"She is stern but not too stern," Malewiski said. "She's perfect. She's a really big influence on us because she does care if we make a mistake, but it doesn't make her angry at us."

## FOOTBALL

FROM PAGE 1

Both teams stuck to their running games for most of the evening, and the back and forth continued into the crucial fourth quarter. Crusaders quarterback Levi Morrow threw just six passes all night but led his defense in tackles with 13. Jake Skartvedt (10) and Logan (nine) were also among the top tacklers. Logan added an interception to his defensive effort.

Players on both sides showed fatigue by game's end but kept fighting to overcome the muggy night, long playing time and intense physical exertion.

Azle Christian fumbled on its own end of the field near the end of the game, and Heritage scored quickly. The Crusaders drove back down the field and had a chance to win, but the team couldn't find the end zone.

Final score: Heritage 93, Azle Christian 87.

Azle Christian head coach Clayton Sanders was pleased with the team's effort.

"There are other things we need to keep improving on, such as fundamentals, mental toughness and conditioning," he said. "That falls on me, and that's what we will continue to work on."

The team benefit from the loss, he said.

"Win or lose, iron sharpens iron, and we feel like we will get better from playing Heritage," he said.

Next up, Azle Christian faces Newcastle.

"Our schedule was built to challenge us, week in and week out," Sanders said. "It doesn't get any easier with Newcastle. They are ranked in the Top 10 in the state for a reason. They are well coached, tough, blue-collar kids who aren't accustomed to losing. All that is great for them, but we are going to just continue to focus on ourselves, keep putting in the work, and stay hungry to get better every week."



PHOTO BY JEFF PRINCE

Noah Rollins beats Heritage to the ball on a squib kickoff on Friday night at Azle Christian.

The coach expects another tough four quarters of war on Friday.

"That's what we want from Newcastle, and that's what they will get from us,"

he said. "You can't hide in six-man football. It is the hardest, most physical game there is. The only way to get conditioned to it is to get tested week in and week

out. We don't want easy, and there isn't any team on our schedule that will be. That's the way we want it."

Azle Christian plays at 7:30 p.m. Friday at home

against Newcastle.

"It is always nice to play at home in front of your fans," Sanders said. "We were blessed to get seven home games this season. We'd love

to pack the stands with our Crusader faithful and whoever else that would like to see two teams go at it for four quarters. It's going to be a good one."



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**ACROSS**

1 TX Tommy Lee Jones 1978 film: "Eyes of Laura \_\_\_\_\_"

5 TXism: "get your ducks in \_\_\_\_\_"

6 weather's "El \_\_\_\_\_"

7 El Paso's first female mayor Suzy Mills County seat

8 Mills County seat

16 popular Dallas area "West \_\_\_\_\_"

17 mineral springs (2 wds.)

21 Gov. " \_\_\_\_\_" Ferguson

22 TX Farr of the "Sons of the Pioneers"

23 Kiowa chief "Orator of the Plains"

24 hair style foam

29 TXism: "at my \_\_\_\_\_ end" (frazzled)

30 TX Helmond's role on "Who's the Boss"

31 European political org. (abbr.)

32 TX LeDoux's " \_\_\_\_\_" "Dollar"

34 a rapper's "dog"

35 TXism: " \_\_\_\_\_ as a boardinghouse cat"

36 art in oil

37 it's scored when an Astro crosses the plate (2 wds.)

38 \_\_\_\_\_ brush

39 TXism: "nip \_\_\_\_\_"

41 TX "Bandit Queen" Starr

42 TXism: "not a lick"

43 Lou Gossett role on Texas-based "Return to Lonesome Dove"

**DOWN**

1 owner of 92 Texas Domino restaurants: "Mac Pizza \_\_\_\_\_"

2 state where TX Johnny Ringo died

3 Pres. Reagan

4 Texas wildflower ocotillo, aka "flaming \_\_\_\_\_"

9 TXism: " \_\_\_\_\_ the unvarnished truth"

10 "his and \_\_\_\_\_"

11 there's a mess of \_\_\_\_\_marts in Texas

12 this Ladd starred in "Santiago" with TX Chill Wills (init.)

13 TX Dan Jenkins' "Life \_\_\_\_\_ self"

14 TXism for "thing"

15 TXism: " \_\_\_\_\_ bien"

18 hubby of 21-across

19 TXism: "if a hog had wings he'd be \_\_\_\_\_"

20 lightly fried

22 famous Rice QB of the 1950's (2 wds.)

24 TX runner Mal who won 3 gold medals (init.)

25 TX V.T. Hamlin created "Alley \_\_\_\_\_"

26 fictitious sister of TX Ima Hogg

27 Texan activity in Colorado

28 seat of San Patricio County

29 TXism: "got a hankerin' for"

30 in Bowie County on U.S. 67

33 not yours

34 TXism: "he couldn't beat a \_\_\_\_\_"

35 Marble \_\_\_\_\_, TX

37 these are now illegal in Texas

38 TXism: "the shoots \_\_\_\_\_ eye bullets"

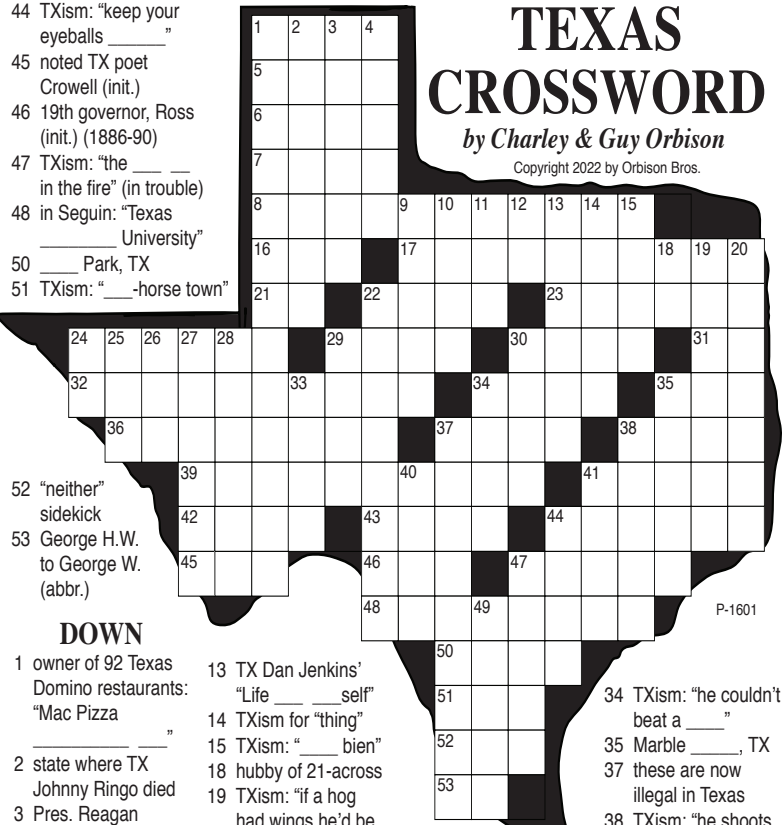
40 TXism: "me casa \_\_\_\_\_ casa"

41 TX barbed wire tycoon: John " \_\_\_\_\_ Million" Gates

44 "chute" or "graph" prefix

47 less than

49 Dallas Cowboys' "Ring of \_\_\_\_\_"



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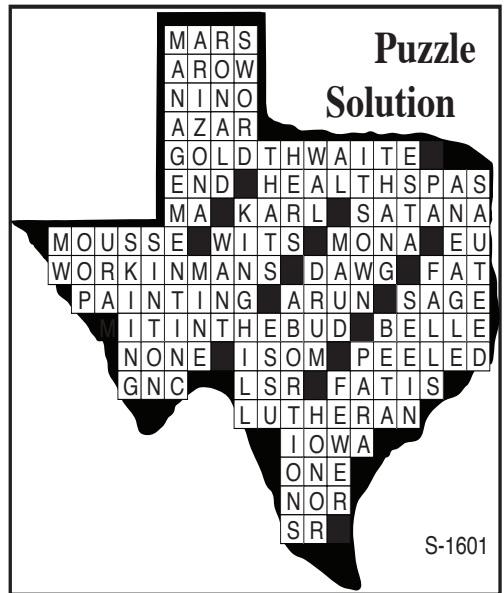
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