



Azle budget and tax rate approved

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The Azle City Council approved the budget and tax rate at a special meeting Monday.

Council adopted a budget that increased property tax revenue, with the increase in property tax revenue in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget being \$560,865. The property

tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$205,163. Council approved a tax rate of \$0.623426 per \$100 valuation, with the general fund maintenance and operations rate set at \$0.569478 and the remaining \$0.053948 for interest and sinking fund debt service.

Water and sewer base rates will remain unchanged this

year from FY 2021-22, as council also approved those rates at the meeting. Council also approved an ordinance providing for amendments to the FY 2021-22 budget to reflect appropriation transfers and changes.

The largest ticket item in the city of Azle General Fund budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23 is \$4,257,530, which comes from the police de-

partment, followed by ambulance service, which has a budget of \$2,928,378. The fire department budget is \$1,763,391, which is the third highest amount for the upcoming year.

Even as there is an overage of expenditures now - \$16,563,476 in expenditures versus \$15,199,049 in revenues - the budget will balance because of savings realized in

this year's budget (for example, health insurance and salary savings) and greater than expected revenues in the current fiscal year, namely sales tax and development fees, said City Manager Tom Muir, in an email.

Muir further explained that while the General Fund's revenue budget reflects an amount of \$15,199,049, the fund will also receive

\$1,088,093 in transfers from other funds (Utility Fund, Stormwater Fund, and Golf Course Fund) for a total current resources available of \$16,287,142. The \$1 million-plus in transfers from other funds are mainly to help pay for staff and other resources paid for by the General Fund for the benefit of the other

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Clear the Shelter event in Azle a success

Some longtime shelter residents still waiting

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Some cats and dogs have new digs after the Azle Animal Shelter's Clear the Shelter event.

But some furry friends continue their wait for that forever home.

Azle Animal Shelter took part in the Clear the Shelter event from Aug. 22-31. Shelter employees were able to find new homes for 11 dogs and seven cats during the event. Adoption fees for "altered" animals (spayed or neutered) were waived during the event.

On Monday morning, there were still 10 dogs and six cats available for adoption. The shelter is also caring for four dogs and 11 kittens undergoing vet treatment before they can be considered for adoption.

Arya, a husky mix at the shelter, is still looking for her forever family. She started her 233rd day at the shelter on Monday.

Azle Police Chief Ben Hall, a proponent of animal adoption, got to visit with Arya at the Azle Animal Shelter while

talking about its current needs.

"This is a good year for animal control budget-wise," Hall said. "The city is reallocating money and adding another animal control officer."

The animal shelter and animal control department fall under the administration of the Azle Police Department, though their budget is allocated separately from the police department.

For the FY 2022-2023 budget, City Manager Tom Muir recommended a budget of \$526,027.

This includes the cost of converting the two part-time kennel technicians to an additional full-time animal control officer and a full-time kennel tech.

A new animal transport vehicle is also included in the proposed budget.

"We are working hard to staff our shelter to keep up with Azle's growth and service demands," said Hall. "We still have room to improve, but this year's budget goes a long way in improving staffing and capacity for service."

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PHOTO BY JESSICA MCKINNEY

Chief Ben Hall visits with Arya, a sweet husky mix that has been at the Azle Animal Shelter for more than 233 days.

Car crash injures AHS student

BY CARLA NOAH STUTSMAN

An Azle High School student suffered severe head trauma when the car in which she was a passenger struck a gate, which went through the vehicle's windshield, on Aug. 25. The gate is located on the high school property.

Maddison York, 17, was the passenger in the vehicle. Bryson Luther Jackson, 16, was the driver of the car and

is also a student at AHS.

According to a crash report filed by the Azle Police Department, the teens were going to feed a goat at the agricultural barn located on the north side of the campus. They were eastbound in a 2005 Dodge Stratus about 7:13 p.m. on a private road between the main campus

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Reno acquires signatures for disincorporation ballot measure

BY DON MUNSCH
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Eric Hunter used to be the mayor of Reno.

Now he wants to see the city dissolve.

Hunter supported a petition to disincorporate the city.

He said the petition to garner signatures allows Reno residents a chance to

decide whether to dissolve the city. The petition garnered 496 signatures, and Parker County confirmed 423 of those signatures; 400 were needed. The petition was turned in to city hall and Parker County on Aug. 2. Parker County Elections Administrator Crickett Miller said her office did check to ensure whether the names on the list were registered

voters of the city of Reno.

"We feel like that the county has better resources and would be able to provide better services to residents of this area when it comes to roads and law enforcement," said Hunter, who joined council in 2011 and ran for mayor in 2017 and served two terms, in an interview before the signatures were turned in.

Reno will never be able to attract enough businesses to "contribute a significant amount of the financial load for the city and everything that the city needs to do," he said. "Everything that the city is ever going to want to do is, at least for the mid- to long-term future, is going to be on the backs of the citi-

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Eagle Mountain Trash Bash Sept. 17

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY
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The Fall Trash Bash for Eagle Mountain Lake is set for Sept. 17, and there's still time to sign up as a volunteer.

Every year, Tarrant Regional Water District hosts a spring and fall Trash Bash, cleaning up refuse from the areas near Tarrant area waterways, including Eagle Mountain Lake and Trinity River. There will also be a cleanup at Lake Bridgeport on Sept. 10 and Cedar Creek Lake on Sept. 24.

"Trash Bash is important to TRWD because it promotes environmental stewardship and unites the communities that surround its waterways," said Tina Nikolic, recreation program coordinator for TRWD.

"People get instant grati-

fication when they participate in Trash Bash knowing they did something good for things that directly impact them."

Nikolic also said that removing litter not only helps with the unsightly mess, but it also helps with water quality and the overall health of our waterways.

"These waterways not only provide a source of drinking water, but they give us the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and have active lifestyles," she said.

In 2021, approximately 4,000 volunteers signed up for the eight Trinity River locations as well as Marine Creek Lake, collecting around nine tons (18,000 pounds) of trash. For the Eagle Mountain Lake cleanup last year, there were 500 volunteers who collected nearly a ton (2,000

pounds) of trash.

This year, the event organizers announced that they would be bringing back the traditional Trash Bash After Party, where volunteers get together for free food and fun after they spend the morning cleaning up.

"The return of the after party is a way that cleanup participants can come together and celebrate their commitment and accomplishments," Nikolic said.

"When you see a mass of people who care, it's contagious. Suddenly you want to do more, and we see an influx of people requesting information about other ways to get involved."

This year, the after party for the Eagle Mountain Lake volunteers is scheduled to be at Twin Points Park at 10200 Ten Mile Bridge Road in Fort



PHOTO BY JESSICA MCKINNEY

Eagle Mountain Trash Bash 2021 volunteers collected about nine tons of trash.

Worth.

Cleanup begins at 8 a.m. and the After Party is from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The celebration will include

entertainment by 95.9 The Ranch, a TRWD hydration station, water slides and face painting, treats by Kona Ice, giveaways and food provided

by the Eagle Mountain Fire Department.

To sign up as a volunteer, visit www.trwd.com/trashbash/

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City sets some sales tax records

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The city of Azle set some records recently. But neither record had anything to do with the rain that fell last week. The August 2022 general sales tax payment of \$353,918.36 finishes as the highest sales tax payment in city history, the city stated in a news release. The amount is a \$37,278.91 (11.77%) increase as compared to August 2021. The August 2022 payment now exceeds the previous record holder May 2021 by \$677.74. Of this record amount, \$283,134.69 is General Fund revenue and \$70,783.67 is Street Maintenance Sales Tax Fund revenue. Current period collections increased

\$38,377.56 (12.40%) as compared to August 2021, the release stated. "It's hard to know exactly what to attribute this record sales tax payment to but one thing is definitely true and that is the business community in Azle has been growing for many years now," said Lawrence Bryant, assistant city manager, in an emailed response to questions. "More commercial business in Azle means our residents can get the items they want/need without having to leave Azle as much as they did in past years. Something I would point to as evidence of that is the fact that sales tax collections in Azle have been climbing for several years. The August 2022 payment, while the largest the city has ever received, was only \$677.74

more than the previous high in May 2021." The August 2022 Crime Control and Prevention District sales tax payment is \$71,015.86 and represents a \$10,675.59 (17.69%) increase as compared to August 2021, officials said. Current period collections increased \$10,906.45 (18.47%) as compared to August 2021. The August 2022 sales tax payment is the highest in the CCPD's history and this is the first time the payment has exceeded \$70,000. Bryant said the previous high month for the CCPD was February 2022 and the August 2022 payment was \$4,549.66 more than February 2022. Bryant said he thinks inflation is a factor in the city's most recent sales tax collections but exactly how much is

hard to know. Asked about the effect that the pandemic played here – insofar as how more people are getting back to being out more – Bryant said Azle's sales tax collections have been climbing for several years. And that includes during the pandemic. "Again, it's hard to know this for sure but I would attribute quite a bit of the increase the city has seen to people staying closer to home to do their shopping more than being in the waning stages of the pandemic," he said. "Additionally, because of financial hardships that many have experienced due to the pandemic and now because of record inflation I believe people are spending more of their money on essential items and less on non-essen-

tial items. I would say much of the shopping available in Azle falls into the essential items category." The August 2022 Municipal Development District sales tax payment is \$71,861.61 and represents a \$2,050.84 (2.77%) decrease as compared to August 2021. Current period collections decreased \$2,167.88 (2.94%) as compared to August 2021. That decrease in current period collections and a decrease of \$274.36 in audit collections are the contributing factors of the overall decrease from last year. "This one is difficult to explain given the healthy increases to the general payment and the CCPD payment," Bryant said in the release. "The best explanation I can come up with is

the same as last month – the MDD sales tax is not collected at Walmart as the building is situated in Parker County. It could be that local consumers are spending more of their money at places like Walmart and less at places like restaurants or on other items they might currently be passing on because of inflation." Finally, Bryant told the News, the city is "very fortunate that many businesses have taken an interest in the city. The continued growth of Azle's business community is a testament of the work that the current and previous city councils have done to make Azle an attractive place in which to do business and call home."

Council discusses tax increases

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Last week's Azle City Council meeting gave the public a chance to discuss the proposed tax rate and budget for the upcoming fiscal year. During open forum, resident Joe Gibson talked about the flooding in the city last week. "And my house was hit again, and it got up to about a foot and half in my backyard," he said. At the Aug. 23 meeting, Gibson wanted to know what more he can do to prevent flooding that comes from the cemetery and into his house and yard. He asked about the Ash Street drainage project being completed in the neighborhood, and City Manager Tom Muir said there had been a supply chain issue concerning the project and that someone from the city would

contact Gibson to follow up. Council held a hearing on the 2022-23 budget and set a date to adopt the budget, which was updated from the previous meeting, a workshop from the week before in which some cuts – \$65,000 – were made to the proposed library budget. Those cuts included a proposed new office and remodeled vending area. During the hearing for the budget, Mary Michael asked whether taxes were going up, and Muir said taxes were being raised but the tax rate is not. He told her taxes will go down if an appraisal remained the same. The tax rate went down two cents from \$0.646149 to \$0.623426. The city will have a total increase in property tax revenue of \$560,865 over last year's budget because of increased property values and new construction. Resident Gabriela Ahlheim

also appeared during the hearing and asked why Azle did not consider the no-new revenue tax rate that other cities are adopting. That rate would be lower than the rate Azle proposed. "There's stuff we got to buy," Mayor Alan Brundrett said in response to her question, outlining what the city had to do to support the growth in the city. He also said that the city has a 7.64% increase over last year's budget, but "probably the majority of that is going for inflationary increases and things like that." Ahlheim said she was trying to understand, as a taxpayer, city finances and then wondered at what point do city officials have to consider cutting back on certain expenses. "And you have to remember, too, everybody up here is also taxpayers in the city, so any changes we make affect

us, too," Brundrett said, adding that councilmembers do everything they can to save where they can to maintain the current rate. After the hearing, council approved an action item to be placed in the special Aug. 29 meeting to consider an ordinance to adopt the budget. One individual, resident Ryan Shearer, spoke during the hearing on the proposed tax rate and at one point ruminated on the word "need" when examining city priorities, and Brundrett said the city focuses on the needs to operate the city, as some aspects of city life are more about the "wants" – such as parks and libraries – but they are offerings that people expect from the place they live. Ahlheim was the only speaker on the proposed water and sewer rates. No changes to rates were proposed.

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funds – mostly the Utility Fund. "That creates a total expenditures over revenue of \$276,334," he said. "This overage is the combination of fund balance paying for some one-time capital items and the added costs of the salary plan market adjustments recently approved by the Council." When the Utility Fund, Golf Course Fund and Storm Water Fund are figured into the budget, there will be \$30,489,384 in projected revenues and \$31,887,219 in expenditures, the city budget book showed. The city's tax rate in 2021-22 was \$0.646149.

In his summary for the annual budget, Muir said the cost of providing city services is "rising very quickly." These rising costs, he said, will also negatively affect the still active new home construction, as will rising interest rates. As always, city staff will keep a close eye on the economy and stay prepared to respond to changes as they happen, he said. "Staff has made every effort to create a budget that will provide the services our citizens have come to expect and staff will continue to seek improvements where they can be found," he said. "Furthermore, it is important to take a cautious approach in the coming year while at the same time intensifying our efforts to attract new businesses to Azle."

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"God bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her through the night with a light from above ..."

Full disclosure: I'm proud to be an American (though, with apologies to Lee Greenwood, I've heard that song enough to last me a lifetime).

I stand at attention with my hand—or hat—over my heart for the pledge of allegiance or the national anthem.

I cheer for the Americans during the Olympic Games and I really enjoy a good fireworks show on the 4th of July.

I've been awed by the purple mountains' majesty, the fruited plains, the foamy oceans, the amber waves of



BE AMAZING

By Gerry Lewis

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grain, the prairies, and everything else that needs a couple of songs to describe.

And I do indeed pray for God to bless America.

But I'm concerned.

I'm concerned at a growing tendency to love America more than Americans.

By that I mean loving an idea and its symbols more than its people.

By that I mean measuring our neighbors' Americanness by the standards and

expressions we have chosen for ourselves.

By that I mean demanding unquestioning loyalty to an idealized expression of patriotism and suggesting that those who don't fall into lock step are America-haters who are trying to steal "our" country.

America is "my" country only in the sense that I choose it as the place where I belong.

America does not belong

to me.

My fellow Americans are not simply those who agree with me.

In fact, many of my fellow Americans may vehemently disagree with me.

And it is their country as much as it is mine.

They get to be frustrated by things that don't bother me and they get to ask questions I'm not asking.

They get to vote for things that I'm against and against things that I'm for.

And they have as much right as I to bring their background, heritage, ethnicity, and belief system to the table for discussion.

I remember being taught that America was a "melting

pot" where people from all over the world were absorbed into "Americans."

As a young adult, someone suggested that America was less like a melting pot and more like a "stew" where the individual ingredients could be more appreciated.

Recently, I saw a suggestion that America is more like a "potluck" where nothing is absorbed into anything, but we all have the opportunity to sample the unique contributions that each person brings.

As a longtime Baptist preacher, that's a metaphor I can understand!

Honestly, this is my dream. I want an America where everyone who chooses it as their place to belong—

whether they have yet gained citizenship or not—can be valued, loved, encouraged, and heard.

I want an America where the loudest and most obnoxious voices aren't calling all the shots.

I want an America where every person can express their faith or their lack of faith without their patriotism being called into question.

I want an America that is not weaponized against Americans.

Is that a pipe dream?

Maybe.

But that's what I'm praying for when I sing "God Bless America."

Be amazing today, my friend.

SHELTER

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Jessie Williams, animal control supervisor, said that it's also time for the city to start looking into phase two of the Azle Animal Shelter.

"We added it into the five-year plan for our budget," Williams said. "I've been able to go out and observe at some animal shelters in other cities and put together a sort of wish list for what we want."

The shelter had some flood damage because of storms,

and the space at the current shelter isn't ready for the demands that will come with a growing population.

"With the growth of the city and the number of animals that are being dropped off and abandoned in the city, the expansion is a needed requirement," according to brief in the five-year budget explanation.

The city received a large donation — \$270,000 — from the Azle Animal Shelter Humane Association (AASHA) in July 2021 when the organization disbanded.

Of that donation, \$260,000 was earmarked for the expansion

of the animal shelter, with the remaining amount being used toward medical care for animals.

The cost of medical care for the animals is another concern for Williams and other staff at the animal shelter.

"We have to be careful where we're spending to make sure what we have has the biggest impact," said Williams.

A Malinois was brought into the shelter recently that had been hit by a car. The cost of surgery and after-surgery care required before the dog can be considered for adoption was too high. But

luckily, they were able to find a rescue organization that offered to take the dog in once a foster space is available.

The most urgent need for the shelter, Williams said, is money for medical care.

"Right now, it's litter season with cats and dogs," she said. "That means kittens — and it could be anywhere from seven kittens to 11 in a litter — and puppies being brought in. They all need treatment before they can get adopted. You multiply all of that times three, seven, 11 animals, and it really adds up."

Williams hopes that another

group like AASHA can get up and running to pick up where the previous nonprofit left off, but it will take someone — or a group — to make it happen.

For now, Williams and the rest of the staff are doing what they can to serve the animals of Azle.

"People don't realize how hard this job is, emotionally and physically," said Hall. "It's one of the most difficult jobs under our department. It takes a lot of dedication. We're lucky that we have Jessie and her staff who are dedicated to this. They are all amazing."

"This is my life," Williams said. "I love it. Good, bad and ugly."

Donations can be brought directly to the shelter. There is a box for monetary donations mounted just inside the door of the shelter. A donor can also request that their contribution go directly to medical care or the future expansion of the shelter.

Another way to contribute is with aluminum can donations. There is a bin at the library for people to drop off cans. Williams said that a "truckload of cans" can bring as much as \$100-200 for the shelter.

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and the north parking lot of the school. The driver told police that he passed out, and

when he woke up, he saw that a yellow swing gate had gone through the vehicle's windshield and out the back left quarter panel.

While Jackson had no significant injuries, the crash

report said the passenger may have suffered a skull fracture. She was transported to a Fort Worth hospital via CareFlite air ambulance with incapacitating injuries.

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The Joy of Being Truly Known

This past weekend the board members of Son Shine Ministries gathered at our ministry property just south of Azle for our semi-annual meeting. The men and women are from the local area (Azle, Fort Worth and Dallas), elsewhere in Texas (Boerne) and also from Colorado, Florida, Louisiana, Ohio and Virginia. For such a small ministry, our organization has a tremendous board that follows best practices and provides encouragement, accountability and guidance on significant issues.

Prior to the board meeting, a Fort Worth pastor asked me if I felt stressed about the upcoming meeting. I understood his question. Having your work reviewed, your organization's finances gone over by the penny and your upcoming plans evaluated can be daunting. It also requires loads of preparation. Of course, the way to move from dreading such meetings to looking forward to them is to work, budget and plan well in between meetings. Then, instead of accountability being seen as an intrusion, it can be welcomed as support.

Like many nonprofits this year, the current economic situation is impacting our ministry. We are in the midst of vital infrastructure im-



HOPE MATTERS

By David Shaffer

Dr. David Shaffer and his wife, Daniele, are Azle-area residents. David is director of Son Shine Ministries (equipfamilies.org) and chair of the Azle Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors (azlechamber.com). david@equipfamilies.org | 817-444-3777

provements at our property, and I brought to the board several options to consider for next steps. The context for this is that our ministry outreach has been robust and increasing month after month.

As I shared with the board the financial situation, we began what turned out to be an incredibly helpful dialogue on moving forward. Rather than being alone to take tenuous steps, our team was joined arm-in-arm by our full board of trustees. It is this type of partnership that bolsters us as we celebrate 45 years as a ministry on Sept. 3.

No one reading this (and certainly not the person writing it) gets things right all the time. Owning the mistakes, correcting what we can and moving forward help prevent avoidance and the fear of accountability and lead us toward viewing such oversight as healthy support.

Accountability for our work has parallels with close relationships. For those

of us who are married, for example, are we building a relationship with our spouse where we both feel truly known? I realize that ultimately such closeness requires trust.

Timothy Keller in his excellent book *The Meaning of Marriage* wrote, "To be loved but not known is comforting but superficial. To be known and not loved is our greatest fear. But to be fully known and truly loved is, well, a lot like being loved by God. It is what we need more than anything. It liberates us from pretense, humbles us out of our self-righteousness and fortifies us for any difficulty life can throw at us."

Our community is an ideal place to find and perhaps provide encouragement, accountability and guidance. Wherever you find yourself right now, I hope you will understand that our community needs you, your voice, your business, your involvement, your ideas and your friendship. No one expects perfection! We want to know you!

Circle of life is just one of many elements in the wonders of garage sales

Have you ever considered the dynamics of a garage sale?

On one hand, the seller is seeking to rid himself of miscellaneous "junk," which for the past few years has been cluttering the storage shed or making it impossible to park both cars in the garage. These items have not been used, or even been touched for several years, but the seller has held onto them because he "might just need them one day," or because they were simply "too valuable" to throw away.

On the other hand, the buyer — whose storage shed or garage is similarly filled to the brim — cannot resist the opportunity to add to their incoherent collection of miscellaneous trinkets and debris. Buyers at a garage sale are sure they will find a hidden treasure, something they "needed," or an item that is worth hundreds of dollars more than what they pay for it.

Getting set up for a garage sale is tough work. Depending on what is going to be sold, the seller needs tables on which to place the merchandise, and racks if there are hanging clothes. Each item must be priced, cleaned up and displayed properly. Posters and social media posts must be made to advertise the location and time of the event. Helpers must be found to assist for the onslaught of garage sale lookers and to answer questions from prospective buyers.

Pricing is a confusing and difficult assignment. Naturally, the seller wants to obtain the highest price



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.

possible for their treasure trove of goodies. But if they overprice an item, it might discourage a potential buyer, thus leaving the rear end of the 2003 Ford to remain lying on the garage floor for time eternal.

Of course, there will be haggling. No matter how low an item is priced, a buyer is sure to offer less, leaving the seller in the paradox of whether to accept immediate sale, or wait and risk the possibility of the item staying put. Seems that even when an item is priced as low as 50 cents, people want to haggle and offer a quarter.

This past weekend, I held a garage sale for my friend Miss Jayne. She had lived in the house for 65 years, and it was full to the brim with treasures. There was glassware, furniture and more knick-knacks than you could shake a stick at. Decorating items, books and of course closets upon closets of clothing and shoes. I have determined if you order clothes from QVC once or twice a week for 20 years, you can create quite a clothes ensemble to offer for sale. We offered items that had never been worn, now for sale for \$1.

It took hours upon hours to make everything ready for the sale day. I was up at 5 a.m. to be in place when early shoppers arrived as they tried to beat the crowd.

The weather was cooler, the crowd was large, and the action was fast and furious. It was incredible to watch buyers act like ants at a picnic, feasting on a piece of cake that had fallen to the ground. They devoured the offerings and looked for more. By 1 p.m. it was all over.

Incredibly, a huge portion of the items sold. Shoes, clothes, earrings and costume jewelry seemed to be the biggest sellers. The house was picked clean, like a rooster feasting on an ear of corn. The "treasures" had found a new home.

Miss Jayne was a little saddened to see her goodies go out the door but was pleased friends and neighbors had made a lot of the purchases. It made her feel like her stuff was going to a good home. My helpers and I were dead tired, and it was difficult to find the energy to put the tables away and clean up. The sale had been a success for Miss Jayne, and people seemed to be satisfied they had bought something they needed at a bargain price.

I wonder how many of the items that were sold will end up in garage sales hosted by the buyers? My guess is quite a bit. Only time will tell. It is the garage sale circle of life.

Thought for the day: It is sad to know that today's Christmas gifts are tomorrow's garage sale items.

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:

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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

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

The City of Reno is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Section 3 Residents, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises, Women Business Enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are encouraged to submit bids.

This project is being supported, in whole or in part, by federal award number TX1765 awarded to City by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

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OBITUARIES

Dorothy Darline Nutt 1939 - 2022

Dorothy Darline Nutt was called home to be with her Heavenly Father on Aug. 22, 2022. A memorial service in her honor will be held at Azle Church of Christ on Sept. 2, 2022 at 5 p.m. Darline was born on July 27, 1939 in Colorado City, Texas but has called Azle her home for more than 80 years. She is survived by her husband, Noel (Jim) Nutt, Jr. who she was married to for 63 years, her three daughters, Debbie, Diana and Tammy and their husbands, 11 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.



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Richard Alan Doyle 1937 - 2022

Richard Alan Doyle, 84, passed away Friday Aug. 26, 2022, at a hospital in Fort Worth, surrounded by his family.

Funeral Service is at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 2, 2022 at White's Azle Chapel. Interment: Azleland Memorial Park. Richard was born Oct. 18, 1937 in Iroquois County, Illinois, to Lawrence and Agnes Graves Doyle. He was raised in Indiana and graduated from Royal Centre High. Richard honorably served his country in the United States Air Force. He served in Korea, and later was stationed at Carswell Air Force Base. He met his wife, Laquanae, and they were married in Gainesville. They moved around some, but raised their family in Fort Worth where Richard worked for Lockheed Martin for over 35 years. The family moved to Azle in 1984 and have lived there ever since. Richard was also a proud member of the Masons for more than 40 years. Over the years, Richard has touched many lives, and he will be missed by all who knew him.



Richard is preceded in death by his parents, and his wife of 58 years, Laquanae Doyle. He is survived by his children, Ricky Doyle and wife, Tina of Katy, Kathy Morgan of Azle, David Doyle and wife, Janine of Azle; brother, Raymond Doyle and wife, Barb; grandchildren, Jeff Doyle and wife, Tara, Kristi Kita and husband, Akio, David Doyle Jr. and wife, Trish, Jason Bryan and wife, Candice, Jordan Doyle, Jeremy Doyle and wife, Samantha; 8 great-grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild as well as many other family members and friends.

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John Frost Maverick III 1938 - 2022

John Frost Maverick III, of Azle, was the first born of John Frost Maverick Jr., and Katherine Bernice Maverick on July 26, 1938 in Houston, Texas.

Funeral was held Wednesday in Greenwood Chapel. Interment: Forest Lawn Cemetery, Houston. Following graduation from Texas A&M University he married Sharyon Kaye Maverick and began a 30 year career as an engineer for General Dynamics raising his family in Azle, Texas. He is survived by two sisters and a brother, Laurie married to Don, Bede married to Jerry and Mike; three sons, John married to Tammy, Gene married to Michelle



and David married to Sarah; six grandchildren, Corey, Shannon, Haylee, Reilly, Rosie and Sam; and three great-grandchildren Gunner, Rhett and Remi.

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PETITION

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zens in the way of their city property taxes."

Petition proponents needed 400 signatures for the petition that would be presented to the city. In accordance with chapter 62 of the local government code, the proposal to disincorporate has to be on a ballot of a general election in which the mayor's seat is on the ballot, so May 2023 would be the first general election in which dissolution could be put to the voters, Hunter said.

The idea for the ballot initiative originated last fall, Hunter said. His stint as mayor ended in May 2021.

If the city dissolves, the police department would cease to exist, while the water department would likely be bought by another utility district. The county sheriff's department would provide police service, and Hunter said he is comfortable with the level of service the SO could give. The SO already provides backup to Reno police. The local fire department for Reno residents would continue. Reno-Briar FD covers part of Tarrant County through ESD services and Hunter said he thought Reno-Briar could be contracted with Parker County to provide services.

The county could perform a good job of maintaining roads in the county, Hunter said. He didn't think there would be any immediate effect on property values should the city dissolve.

"Long-term, I feel that with the growth that's happening, property values are going to continue to go up whether we're a city or not," he said.

There are some housing developments going up now. He said he didn't want to see Reno annexed by Azle should the city be dissolved.

"Parker County passed Tier 2 back in 2018 which, from all the research that I've done with that, Tier 2 required a vote of the impacted residents in order to be annexed," he said.

Right now, Reno has about \$1-1.5 million in outstanding loan debts, Hunter said. Reno residents will be responsible for payments before any city tax burdens are lifted from them, according to one petition opponent.

"From what I understand of the process for a chapter

62, Reno would go through a receivership process, and part of that process would be the liquidation of all assets of the city, which would go toward creditors, who place their claims in court, probably similar to a bankruptcy proceeding," Hunter said.

The liquidation of the city assets will pay off the debt and if there were any remaining debt, then it would be paid off in the form of residents' property taxes, Hunter said.

"But I would suspect that with the amount of city assets that the city has, it would be more than enough to pay off the debt that currently exists," Hunter said.

The Texas Land Commission Office gave two \$1 million grants to Reno, and if the city dissolved, the grant money would not have to be repaid, Hunter said.

Hunter said he just wants to make the Reno area a better place. Because of a fear of retaliation, some people declined to sign the petition, he said. The city has around 2,000 registered voters, and has about 3,000-3,500 residents, Hunter said, and Reno is nearing the point in which it would become a home rule city, so this petition would give people a chance to go back to living in the county and no longer being a city. The petition group has a Facebook page that can be found at facebook.com/groups/renovationreno.

Parker County Commissioner Precinct 1 George Conley said he will abide by residents' desires on the petition. He did not take sides on the petition during a telephone interview.

"I can't say I'd rather it go one way or the other," he said. "My job is take care of the constituents. If they vote to get out, then we'll take of them. If they stay, then we'll take care what we have been doing."

He said he couldn't say what the effect would be if the ballot initiative succeeds, but the county would do all it can to help residents, such as its roads.

"Is it going to be better?" he said. "I can't say it's going to be worse but I don't know that it's going to be better."

He said the county has 300 miles of roads in Precinct 1 and that would be 600 miles of bar ditches, so crews have plenty to do.

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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BOOK REVIEW

Books for 'back to school' will teach and delight

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

There's something about a new pencil.

Its eraser is clean and unsmudged and waiting to help you fix mistakes. On the other end, a nice, sharp point feels like a sign of things to come. A new pencil is all wood and possibilities for a good school year, and so are these great back-to-school books for all ages.

For 4-to-6-year-olds who love to read, dance, act, and do crafts, a trip to the library with "The Sublime Ms. Stacks" by Robb Pearlman, illustrated by Dani Jones (Bloomsbury, \$17.99) may be the thing that makes them smile.

This is the story of Mr. Stephen, who seems to be uncomfortable with his job as librarian. So, when the kids come to the library looking for fun, he asks Ms. Stacks to help (nudge, wink), and she brings glitter, rainbows, exciting stories, and two friends along to make the library the place to be! If your kids have ever been to Drag Storytime, or if a fabulous surprise day at the library sounds perfect, this is a colorful back-to-

school book they'll love.

Though the title might suggest otherwise, "The Art of Teaching Children" by Phillip Done (Avid Reader Press, \$30.00) is not just a book for teachers.

From the first day of school to next spring, Done takes readers on a journey that starts every morning before first bell and keeps kids excited to learn all day. But this book isn't just about life at school: Done also touches upon the night-before-school jitters, parental responsibility, bullying, kids and phones, kids and television, and unique ways to teach children at home. Teachers will also be glad to know that he doesn't forget their personal lives – pride, long days, and burn-out – are also addressed here.

If you're a new teacher, a returning teacher, if you want to help the educators in your child's school, or if you just want an eye-opening book about education today, this is the book to find.

Here's another eye-opener: "The Real World of College: What Higher Education is and What it Can Be" by Wendy Fischman and Howard

Gardner (MIT Press, \$34.95), a book that's based on thousands of interviews with college students at 10 varied institutions around the U.S., where the authors discovered that students have focuses and concerns that don't mirror what we've been told are their preoccupations. What's more, today's college students struggle with complicated mental health issues, a keener concern over their futures than ever before, and pressures that their parents never imagined.

Be aware that this book about academia is ... well, it's very academic and requires time and thought to tackle. Still, if you're sending a child to college this year or next, this could help you both.

The good news is that if these back-to-school books aren't exactly what you need, your favorite librarian or bookseller can help. Wherever they are, help you find a wide range of books for any student, any learning situation, and any school, as well as books for after-school. Pencil in a trip there soon.

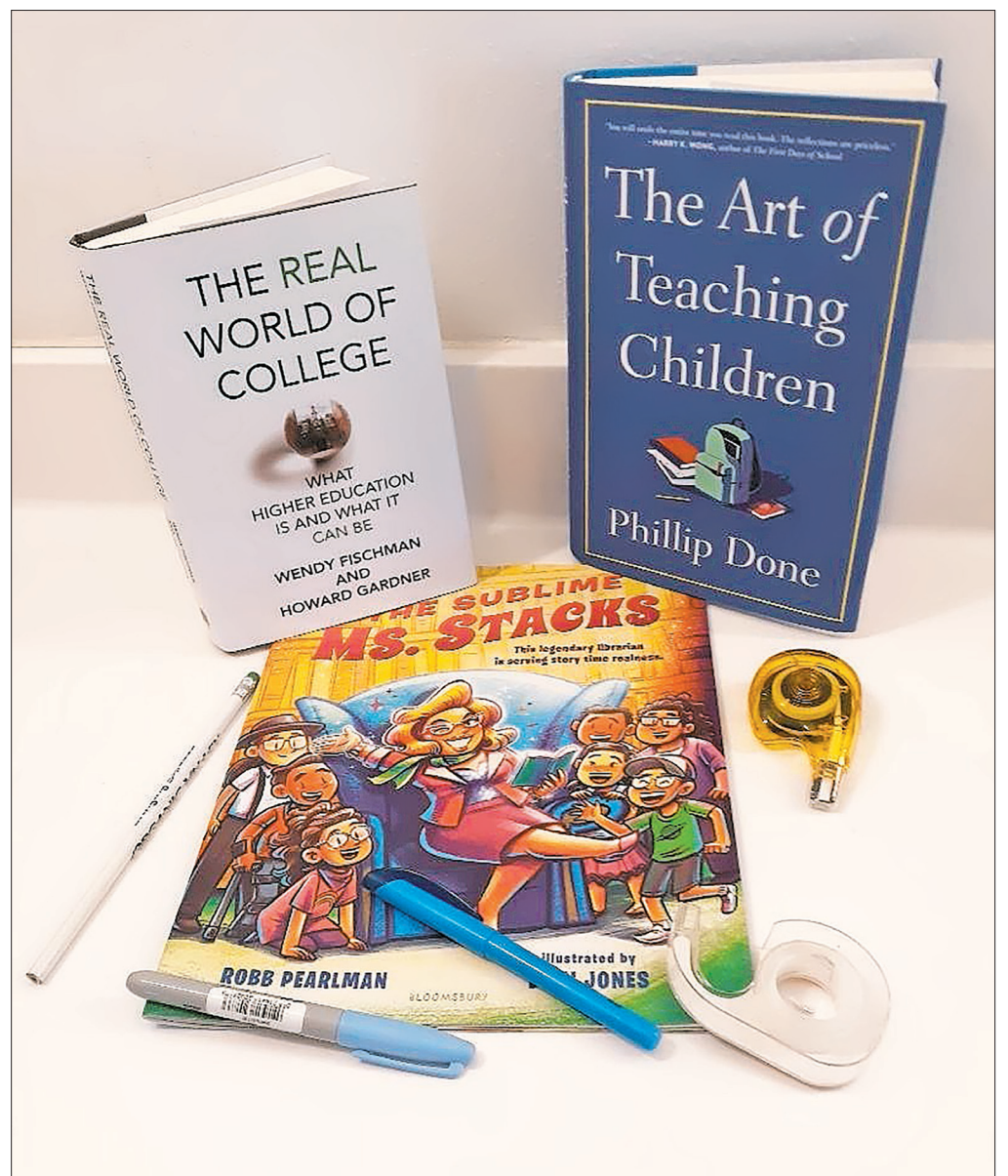


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Thurs Cereal (Kix) Fri Mini pancakes, peaches

LUNCH: Everyday - Variety of milk. Your choice of 1 entree & 1 fruit or juice
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LUNCH: Everyday - Variety of milk. Your choice of 1 entree & 1 fruit or juice, rolls, crackers. Variety of burgers.
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AHS clarinetist brings home state honor

Henry Lalonde was deemed a 'natural' years ago

BY DON MUNSCH
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Henry Lalonde recalls how he began playing the clarinet. An Azle High School senior, he began playing the clarinet in the sixth grade. He plays in the Marching Green Pride at AHS.

"They had all these tryouts for the beginner band," he said, recalling the event from six years ago. "They just gave you a mouthpiece and if you made a good sound, they would let you play."

David Rollins, Azle Junior High School band director, gave him a clarinet mouthpiece, and Lalonde then made what sounded like a goose's honk.

"You're a natural, kid," Lalonde recalls Rollins telling him. "I was, like, oh, really?" Sounds like a goose."

Now, years later, Lalonde makes sweeter sounds from his clarinet.

Lalonde was selected as an Outstanding Performer at the 2022 Texas State Solo-Ensemble Contest (Clarinet Solo) in May in the Austin area. A letter from the UIL sent to Lalonde said of the 100,000 students participating in the regional UIL music contests and the thousands of musicians who performed at the TSSEC, just 2-3% of the solo performers earned the honor of being an Outstanding Performer.

At the May contest, Lalonde performed "Adagio and Tarantella" by Cavallini.



PHOTO BY DON MUNSCH

Azle High School senior Henry Lalonde shows the medal he earned at a state contest in May. Lalonde has been playing the clarinet for several years.

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Slate Skipper celebrates a touchdown catch during Azle's game against Reedy. Skipper caught three TD passes on the night.

Sports roundup

Azle drops opener; volleyball splits games in tourney

BY DON MUNSCH
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HORNET FOOTBALL

A game that Azle had Friday against Frisco Reedy allows coaches a chance to look back and find evidence of progress or success.

Hornets quarterback Jay Jones threw four touchdowns and had 227 yards passing. The Azle defense forced five turnovers.

Still, scoreboard results matter most, and Azle fell behind early against the Lions - 21-0 around 7 1/2 minutes into the game - and lost 69-27 in the season opener at Hornet Stadium. The Lions took advantage of good field position

to take the early three-touchdown lead.

"We didn't start very good," Azle coach Devon Dorris said. "We had a bunch of turnovers and had some special teams' mishaps. Special teams will kill you in the first game, and we've got to fix some things special teams-wise. We didn't play very complementary football early on. I think in their first three possessions, they probably had a total of 80 yards. ... That's tough to defend when you don't have to defend very much. So, we've got to eliminate the mistakes and continue to show up on Monday and get ready for the Grapevine

SEE ROUNDUP, PAGE 2B.

Big win rings a bell at Azle Christian

BY JEFF PRINCE
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New head coach Clayton Sanders kept his on-field remarks short after watching Azle Christian's football team wallop Bryson 45-0 in the season opener in front of an enthusiastic homefield crowd on Friday.

After the game ended, the two teams met at the 50-yard line to pray together. Then, the Crusaders gathered around their new coach for a post-game pep talk.

"I just have three words to say," the coach said. "Ring that bell!"

Players yelled in unison and ran near the end zone, where a large bell was mounted atop a pole.

The bell - an original church bell from 1905 - had been donated to the school and erected on game day to be used for celebrating victories.

The players began yanking the rope, but the bell sounded muffled and dull - hardly a celebratory clang.

Turns out, the metal clapper - or "dinger," as several concerned dads were calling it - had become rusted and hollow, which diluted its effectiveness.

The dads gathered and examined the clapper and began making plans to rectify the situation before this Friday's game. Replacing the clapper in a timely manner appears to be vital. The Crusaders seem destined for plenty more victories under Sanders, who assumed head coaching duties from Gary Rushing.

Rushing stepped aside as head coach after watching the Crusaders fall in the first round of the playoffs last year. Rushing had led the team to four state football



PHOTO BY JEFF PRINCE

Camden Logan scores another touchdown against Bryson.

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ROUNDUP

FROM PAGE 1

Mustangs.”

The Hornets play at Grapevine Thursday, and Dorris said for a lot of players, the Reedy game was their first varsity game and they can watch the film and be able to correct mistakes and play better.

Against Reedy, Slate Skipper had four catches for 69 yards and three TDs for



PHOTO BY RICHARD SCRAGGENS
Azle quarterback Jay Jones scrambles away from a Frisco Reedy defender during the Azle-Reedy game at Hornet Stadium. The Lions won, 69-27.

Azle, while Tyler Akers had five catches for 135 yards and one TD for the Hornets.

HORNET VOLLEYBALL

The Azle volleyball team Lady Hornets traveled to San Antonio last weekend for the Texas Showdown Classic and left with a 4-4 mark, finishing the team's tournament season. The Lady Hornets won the bronze bracket and played a lot of 6A schools.

Azle's record is now 15-11 on the season with home matches coming against

Crowley on Friday and Keller Central on Tuesday.

HORNET TENNIS

Azle High School's tennis team in recent matches lost to Arlington Lamar 11-8 and Chisholm Trail 15-4 and had a match with South Hills match cancelled because of weather. The team's first district match against Granbury was Tuesday. The News went to press Tuesday afternoon.

HORNET CROSS COUNTRY

AHS's cross-country team performed well at the Ryan Gingerbread Jamboree last week. Denton Ryan High School hosted the event.

“What a great meet for us last week,” said AHS cross-country coach Keith Boenisch in an email. “The course is very difficult with hills, hay bales to jump over and water barriers to run through, but our times were exceptionally fast for it being early in the season and the course being tough. We had eight kids medal (top 20) and our team finishes were outstanding. Most of the teams that beat us were 6A. Kids are excited and I am as well as we progress through the season.”



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Anna Belle Blacketer, 17, and Cameryn Hoskins try to block the ball during Azle's game against Springtown last week. Springtown won the game in four sets.

BOYS VARSITY

- Third out of 19 teams
- Barak Geary - 5th
- Jose Neri - 18th
- Austin Gatewood - 22nd

GIRLS VARSITY

- Fourth out of 12 teams
- Reese Jeter - 7th

- Berkley Huffaker - 12th
- Mckenzie Roberts - 16th
- Audrina Montoya - 23rd

GIRLS JV

- Third out of 18 teams
- Azucena Neri- 13th
- Keira Buggar- 18th
- Sarae Perez- 20th
- Brooke Maples - 26th

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- Seventh out of 18 teams
- Braden Shildmyer - 24th
- Jimmy Aldaco - 48th
- Mason Schluter - 57th
- Seth Sexton - 58th

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9/01	Grapevine	at GRAPEVINE
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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Game Faces

Azle Rowdies, Marching Green Pride and Azle Cheer brought plenty of spirit to the game against Frisco Reedy last Friday.

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Mackenzie Hadley, a member of the Marching Green Pride, performs during halftime of the Azle football game Friday at Hornet Stadium.



Senior cheerleader Whitley Armstrong and younger cheerleaders entertained the crowd before the game.



Emerald Dazzlers Denali Rubio and Gracie Lowe get ready for kickoff of the game.



Rowdies Kenzee Fair, Lindsey-Kay Reichert, Phoebe Mosley, Tatum Humphries and Avery Smith exhibit their spirit during Friday's football game at Hornet Stadium.

NATURAL

FROM PAGE 1

"I've never seen anyone else get this (honor)," Lalonde said. "I really didn't know what to feel because I never really seen anything like this before. It was really special." Rollins was effusive about Lalonde's talent. "Normally, you don't see talent in a beginning band student until their second or third year of playing an instrument," said Rollins, in his 12th year as the school band director and in his 49th year of teaching overall, in an email. "Henry was the rare

exception. He is one of the four or five students during my years at Azle that broke the mold and exhibited an unusual level of development during his first year. By the end of his second year, it was obvious that, with guidance and hard work, he could become an outstanding player early in his high school career. His accomplishments prove he has the talent and the work ethic. A true reflection of the guidance his parents have provided." Lalonde will also participate in the solo-ensemble contest this year. Students start practicing a piece in January and the competition is around February or March,

he said. If a student makes first division then he or she advances to state. Lalonde said his private lesson teacher, Mike Dean, has picked out a "really cool" piece for him. He will perform "Première rhapsodie" by Debussy. "That's the one we're thinking about doing, at least," Lalonde said. "It's a lot of fun." Lalonde would "definitely" like to play clarinet in college. He's not sure about which college he will be attending yet, but will major in electrical engineering. He likes playing the concert season when musicians get to sit down and play the especially hard pieces and are allowed to be "expressive

and convey some stuff." MGP Director Aaron Martin said when he heard Henry for the first time, when the now-senior was in eighth grade, he thought "that kid's going to be something special." Martin praised Dean for his work with Henry. Martin expressed pride over Lalonde's honor in May. "Over the years, I've had a few students who've earned this distinction and it's always special," Martin said. "Henry is such a hard worker. Everything he does, he does to the highest level that he can, and this is no exception. He takes his music very seriously, and he comes from a very musical family.

Everybody in his family. His mom is a talented guitar player and a French horn player. His brother plays French horn in our band. All of them are very musical. Just a great family. Great kid." Individual honors don't happen often in music, as it is mostly about a group effort. "We're about the group thing - absolutely. That team identity," Martin said. "However, when you do solo and ensemble contest and the region process, you get the opportunity for those individual honors. It's not in (Henry's) nature to go and seek out the spotlight. But to have that kind of recognition, I think it provides some

validation to the efforts he puts in." Martin said Henry will be featured in the marching show this year, and he will get the opportunity to showcase his talent. "I have my eye on a couple pieces for next semester when we do concert band that could possibly feature a clarinet player," Martin said. "With those things, though, it's an audition, so every kid who plays the clarinet is going to have that opportunity. But our clarinet section - those kids, all of them, are great. And they all work hard, and I think some of it is because of the example that Henry has set."

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Members of the Crusaders football team hang out at the new weight room on campus.

ACS

FROM PAGE 1

championships in the past decade and felt the team needed a change in leadership. He suggested Sanders, a longtime coach who had played under Rushing in high school years ago and had been volunteering as an assistant at ACS.

Sanders looked happy after watching the Crusaders open their season with a shutout victory over Bryson in the TAPPS Division III District 2 six-man league.

"I was just so proud the team got to experience some payback after a very long and challenging offseason and summer," the new coach said. "They have worked extremely hard, and I wouldn't be exaggerating by saying this team is up there with some of the hardest working groups I've ever had in my career. It was just a great feeling to come out healthy and see that light in their eyes that they finally understood why we work as hard as we work."

Standouts in the game included senior Camden Logan, who ran 10 times for 152 yards and three TDs. He also

threw a 50-yard TD pass and made 10 tackles.

A.J. Rollins, a junior, rushed seven times for 135 yards and three TDs and caught a TD pass. He made six tackles and forced a fumble.

Senior Drew Skartvedt made a dozen tackles, including three for losses.

The opening game victory leaves the team feeling confident heading into week two's home game against Heritage Christian of Haslet.

"We have a good start to build on," Sanders said. "This team is hungry, and they will show up Monday morning ready to work. There is no doubt in my mind about that. We will just keep chopping."

The Crusaders are led by three seniors - Logan, Skartvedt and Noah Rollins - but the team is young as a whole. Most of the team's 15 members are underclassmen.

"The three seniors we have are really good ones, but we are primarily sophomore and freshman heavy," Sanders said.

The football players have beefed up their bodies in the recent months after the school built a weight room adjacent to the school building. Sanders considers the weight room as the founda-

tion for the entire athletic program.

"The weight room is a great place where the athlete 100% controls their result," he said. "Their parents don't control it. Their coach doesn't control it. Only the athlete. In my opinion, it is an extremely important part of those life lessons learned as a student athlete."

Last year, the team went 7-4 overall and 3-2 in district. Sanders would like to see those numbers improved, but this year's record won't determine whether the season was a success, he said.

"I'll be able to tell you in 15 to 20 years," he said. "As much as we love the game, it's more than just football at ACS. It's about teaching them and mentoring them as best as we can to help them become great husbands and great fathers. Godly men. Anything else is truly icing on the cake. I truly believe this group can go as far on the field, on the court and in life as they want to. Just a fantastic group of young men. I love each and every one of them."

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

Tennis Time

PHOTOS BY JEFF PRINCE

On Friday, Aug. 26, the Azle junior varsity tennis team competed at a home tournament against Gainesville and came out on top 11-8. At top, sophomore Luke Petersen returns a volley. Bottom, senior Jacob Casperaites celebrates a point.





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Message Carriers

Ancient Egyptians believed some animals could talk to the gods. They would mummify an animal to send a message to a god.



Making a Mummy

It took time to make a mummy, or mummify, an animal. First, the animal's organs were removed. The body was rubbed with salts to dry it out. Then, it was covered in special oils and wrapped in cloth.

Some animals were put into special jars made to look like them.

Mummified Zoo

Archaeologists have also found other animals mummified by ancient Egyptians. Use the code to reveal some of these animals.

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Dog Catacombs: Tomb of the Dogs

There is a burial ground in Egypt that has millions of mummified dogs. It's believed there are eight million dogs buried there! This site is called Saqqara (suh-KAHR-uh).



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Not all mummies are made by people. Some get accidentally mummified, or preserved, by nature. This happened to a young mammoth more than 40,000 years ago.

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Pets in the News

Look through the newspaper for articles and ads about pets. How many can you find? Make a graph to show how many are about each kind of pet. How many are about dogs? How many about cats?

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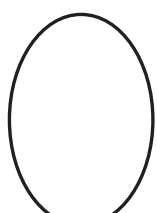
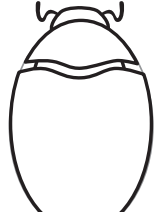
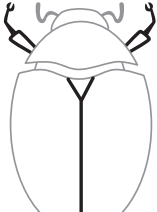
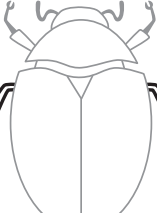

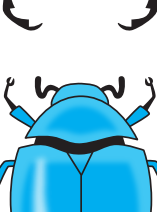
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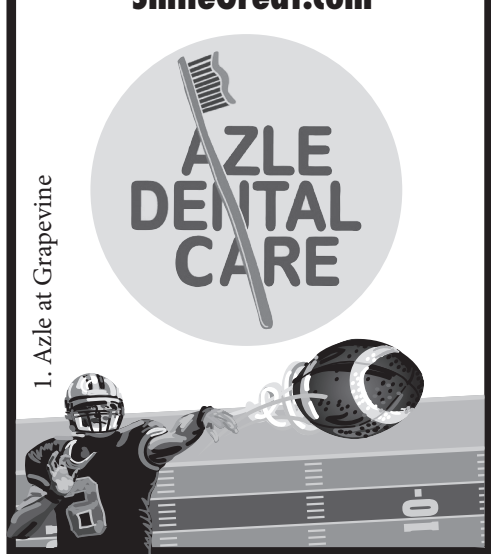
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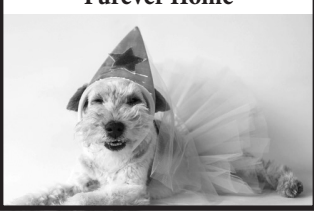
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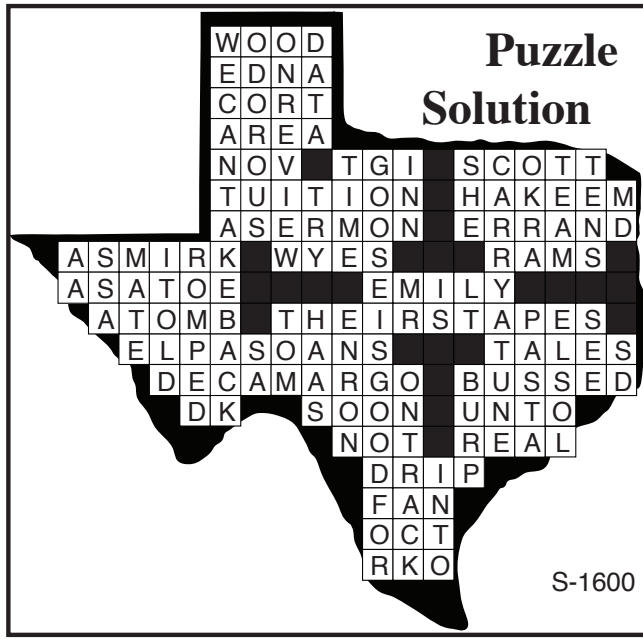
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- 12 "Patton" star, George C.
- 17 cost of education at a Texas university
- 19 this Olajuwon was a Houston Rockets star center
- 21 TXism: "looks good enough to give _____" (suit & tie)
- 22 household task
- 23 smug smile (2 wds.)
- 28 triangles of railroad track
- 29 Mineral Wells High School mascot
- 30 "painful _____ with gout"
- 31 first name of "Yellow Rose of Texas"
- 35 TXism: "silent as _____"
- 36 to pay his taxes, TX Willie released "____": Who'll Buy My Memories?"
- 42 TX westernmost city residents (2 wds.)
- 44 "tall Texas _____"
- 46 Spanish explorer: Diego _____
- 48 transported to school
- 49 cult leader, Koresh, who died near Waco (init.)
- 50 "in a minute"
- 51 "do _____ others . . ."
- 52 TXism: "he's _____ playing with a full deck" (slow)
- 53 "El camino _____ de los Tejas" (now Texas 21)
- 54 faucet problem
- 56 Mavericks, Spurs, or Rockets supporter
- 57 state fair mo.
- 58 TX singer Orbison (init.)

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- 1 TX Perot book: "United We Stand: How _____ Our Country"
- 2 locker room, e.g.?
- 3 "hands-_____"
- 4 the "D" of TX
- 5 Perot's old EDS
- 9 TXism: "it's high _____ we did it"
- 10 TXism: "what's good for the _____ the _____"
- 11 "Fanthorpe _____ State Historical Site"
- 12 TX Nat Stuckey's "_____ Wakes Me Every Morning"
- 13 TXism: "he can't _____ in a bucket" (bad singer)
- 14 fried veggie
- 15 Cowboys, e.g.
- 16 "Hamiltons"
- 18 country song: "_____ a Little Kindness"
- 20 medical deg. for a "pill wrangler"
- 23 battery size
- 24 it administers the gov't retirement
- 25 TXism: "running _____" (spouse)
- 26 song by Texas rancher Randy Travis: "_____ You So" (1987)
- 27 played energetically
- 32 TX Rayburn, long-time U.S. House Speaker: "_____ Sam"
- 33 TXism: "the fat _____ in the fire" (trouble)
- 34 Dan Patrick is _____ Gov. of Texas
- 36 _____ Green County
- 37 Lukas of "Leap of Faith" with TX-born Steve Martin
- 38 Texas company that did accounting fraud
- 39 noodles
- 40 "the sun" in Mexico
- 41 "_____ ya later"
- 43 "Alamo City" initials
- 45 TX actress Sandy (init.)
- 47 "back _____" (progressing again)
- 48 belch
- 55 UT grad Marcia Gay Harden film: "_____ the Wild" (2007)

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