



Council gives recommendations on lots, dwellings

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Azle City Councilmembers discussed minimum lot and minimum dwelling unit requirements at their Aug. 2 meeting.

Residents Jim Kirk and Christopher Simpson and gave their recommendations during a public hearing on amendments to the City of Azle Zoning Ordinance pertaining to minimum lot

sizes and minimum dwelling unit requirements for all single-family residential districts. Azle City Attorney Cara White provided her expertise during the lengthy discussion.

The Zoning Ordinance contains the zoning districts for each single-family residential districts that comprise the development standards such as lot sizes, setbacks, house sizes, etc. This agenda item considered

amendments to the minimum lot sizes and dwelling unit regulations within the SF districts. Simpson asked council to table the matter so that council could give the matter more consideration for a solution for people who are heavily invested in a property, as he said he was, and he hoped that people are protected who make these investments as the city makes zoning changes. Council approved an or-

dinance with the following changes:

E-1 Estate One District: Single-family, detached, large-lot housing with minimum lot sizes of 43,560 square feet, with minimum lot widths of 200 feet, and with minimum living space of 2,600 square feet.

E-2 Estate Two District (Legacy District): Single-family, detached, large-lot housing with minimum lot sizes of 32,670 square feet,

with minimum lot widths of 160 feet, and with minimum living space of 2,200 square feet.

E-3 Estate Three District (Legacy District): Single-family, detached, large-lot housing with minimum lot sizes of 20,000 square feet, with minimum lot widths of 100 feet, and with minimum living space of 2,000 square feet.

SF-1 Single-Family One District: Single-family, de-

tached, medium size lots with minimum lot sizes of 21,780 square feet, with minimum lot widths of 75 feet, and with minimum living space of 2,000 square feet.

SF-2 Single-Family Two District (Legacy District): Single-family, detached, medium size lots with minimum lot sizes of 14,520 square feet, with minimum lot widths of 75 feet, and

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Girl Scouts make new summer memories at Camp Timberlake



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Drive down Liberty School Road in Azle and you'll drive right past the Girl Scouts' Camp Timberlake. But many people probably don't know what lies beyond that gated entrance.

Opened in the 1950s, Camp Timberlake was a place that many Girl Scouts spent time each summer for camp and outdoor adventures, learning new skills, exchanging SWAPS (special whatchamacallits pinned somewhere), and making friends.

Camp Timberlake is "a beautiful 100-acre camp property situated along a secluded cove on Eagle Mountain Lake" featuring "wide open spaces for outdoor activities," according to the Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains website. The camp has a high-and-low rope course and archery range, and plenty of trails for exploring nature.

There is also a small dock area

called Shipper's Cove where previous generations of campers were able to take small sailboats out on the water.

But in 2012, Camp Timberlake, along with other Girl Scout camps across the country, shut down. Some camps were even sold in an effort to save money.

Girl Scout leaders told CBS News in 2013 that "the properties have become a financial drain at

a time when girls are less interested in camp."

But Rachel Bevan, Camp Timberlake's camp director this summer, hopes that this will start to change.

The camp reopened in 2021 with three weeks of day camp activities. This year, Camp Timberlake was open for six full

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COURTESY PHOTO

This summer, campers were able to fly across the sky on the zipline at Camp Timberlake.

'Set goals, smash goals, repeat'

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Seven-year-old Charlotte Lindsey doesn't like sitting still.

Now that she has her first athletic blade, she won't be slowing down anytime soon.

Charlotte, a first grader at Goshen Creek Elementary in Springtown, was born without a fibula in her right leg, a congenital (at birth) condition called fibular hemimelia. She was also missing foot bones and only had a few toes.

Doctors did a Symes amputation and straightened her tibia in August 2016. Since

then, she has gone through six casts and many trips to Scottish Rite Children's Hospital in Dallas.

"Every year she ends up having to get a new prosthetic leg," said Lacy Lindsey, Charlotte's stepmom. "This year she received her first athletic blade along with a walking leg to help her be competitive in sports."

With her new athletic blade, Charlotte can begin taking part in adaptive sports, which includes anything from track and field events to basketball to swimming and more.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Charlotte Lindsey is ready to compete with her new athletic blade.



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CAMP

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weeks with activities including rope courses, a zip line, trail hiking, STEM experiments and arts and crafts.

"We serviced 168 girls this summer," Bevan said. "In June, we had a lot more girls come than in July. A lot of parents were afraid that it was going to be super hot and they didn't want to sign their girls up for anything. But it was actually hotter in June than July."

There is a pool at Camp Timberlake, but it needs repairs before it can be used by campers. Bevan hopes they will conduct those repairs, as well as repairs to Shipper's Cove, done in time for next summer.

It will still be some time before Camp Timberlake

is ready to be a sleepaway camp once again. Most of the overnight accommodations are in disrepair.

Bevan hopes that at least some of the camping areas will be refurbished soon, including her favorite called Pioneer, which resembles a circle of covered wagons.

Back in the day, each covered wagon "cabin" could sleep four girls. Now, the canvas covers are badly torn and the wooden bases need repairs.

Other sleepaway areas feature cabins and canvas tents on elevated platforms.

The shower and bathroom facilities in each campsite also need to be refurbished before they can welcome overnight campers once again.

The large dining halls, which also serve as gathering places for campers, are in

the process of being renovated and having air conditioners installed.

Bevan said that she and her campers and staff had a great, full summer of activities, and she is looking forward to having many more.

Although modern technology keeps many girls inside and away from outdoor adventures and camps, Bevan is confident that can change when there are so many things to attract Girl Scouts to Camp Timberlake.

"We're capable of so much," said Bevan. "You just need the right environment to do it."

Camp Timberlake still has a lot of work to get ready for overnight camps in the future. Anyone who would like to make a financial contribution for renovations of the camp can contact Wendy Lee at wlee@g-s-top.org.



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Flag ceremonies are done daily to raise and lower the flag at Camp Timberlake.



COURTESY PHOTO

Girl Scouts in the early days at Camp Timberlake were able to take small sailboats out into the cove of Eagle Mountain Lake.

GOALS

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"She has always been competitive," Lindsey said. "Watching the Olympics really sparked her interest and she said she wanted to do it, so we went for it."

Charlotte began competing in track and field this past June. She and her family traveled to Edmond, Oklahoma, to compete in the University of Central Oklahoma Endeavor Games, one of the premier adaptive sports competition series in the United States.

She received gold medals in the 20- and 60-meter dash for her class and age group, which qualified her for Junior Nationals in Westminster, Colorado.

Charlotte attended the Move United Junior Nationals in July where she once again took the gold for the 20-meter dash and set a personal best. In the 60-meter dash she earned bronze and set another personal best.

Charlotte competed in the 20-meter dash and the 60-meter dash, setting her personal bests each time, said Lindsey.

Next year, Charlotte wants to expand her events to include swimming and field events like discus shotput, javelin, and long jump. She's also interested in trying wheelchair basketball in the offseason.

"I want to do everything," said Charlotte.

Shelbi Vaughan Walley, an Azle resident who competed in discus at the 2016 Olympics in Rio, will help Charlotte in training for her field events.

"I can't wait," Walley said. "I have always admired how Brandon (Charlotte's dad) has pushed her to not limit herself. She is an inspiration to everyone. Although she's so young, still I truly believe that if she sticks



COURTESY PHOTO

Charlotte Lindsey took home gold medals at this year's Endeavor Games.

with it, she could go far in whatever sport it is that she decides to do."

Brandon Lindsey is his daughter's hero and a big believer in positive thinking. He tries to instill that into all that they do, especially when it comes to competing.

"If all Charlotte sees is positivity, she will spread positivity," said Brandon. "It'd be lying if anybody ever told you that you don't have a down day or a down

moment. But the more you tell yourself that it's going to be a good day, the more often you're going to have good days ... I believe positivity is contagious.

"We all know life is too short and you don't ever get a refund on time no matter how fast you are. So, if you can make that time a positive one and have a positive impact on someone else, no one ever wants to return that. So, we set goals, smash goals, and repeat."



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with minimum living space of 1,800 square feet.

SF-3 Single-Family Three District: Single-family, detached, medium size lots with a minimum lot sizes of 14,520 square feet, with minimum lot widths of 65 feet, and with minimum living space of 1,600 square feet.

SF-4 Single-Family Four District (Legacy District): Single-family detached homes on minimum lot sizes of 14,520 square feet with a minimum lot width of 50 feet, and with minimum living space of 1,400 square feet.

SF-5 Single-Family Five District: Single-family, detached, HUD code manufactured housing allowed as well as conventional homes, with minimum lot sizes of 6,000 square feet, with minimum lot widths of 60 feet, and with minimum living space of 900 square feet.

The council did not address minimum widths, although what is listed above is correct. City Manager Tom Muir said the council will address the lot widths in the near future.

During a discussion of the Special Event Advisory Board, board chairperson Marsha Hardin provided an annual report of Music in the Park, which was the 11th year that free concerts were provided in Central Park, with support of local businesses. The concerts were held in May and June.

"We had an average attendance of between 1,500 and 2,000 per concert," Hardin said, noting the total attendance was around 15,000 people this year. "We didn't have to worry much about rain this year. We had one rain-out, but we were able to reschedule it."

She said estimated expenses per event were \$4,600, which covered the bands, security, lights and sound and promotional items. There were 31 businesses that sponsored this year. Hardin expects new businesses to come aboard next year. All told, \$33,500 came through sponsorships. Each concert had a food and dessert truck.

Hardin gave special thanks to Kyle Culwell, Azle parks superintendent, for his work on the concert series. She also appreciates his staff, as well.

She said that there are about 100 surveys from people who attended the event, and overall reviews were positive. The most popular band was Poo Live Crew, and Hardin expects that group back next year.

One issue that emerged this year was someone who set up a tent, as tents can obstruct views, so organizers will have to look at that matter heading into next year. This year, it was just one person setting up a tent, she said. One person may not be an issue, but several people can be a bigger problem if they set up tents at the front.

Also, a couple of complaints surfaced about vaping, and there is a smoking section in the very back of the park, so handling that issue will be studied. Lastly, Hardin said finalizing the bands playing next year will be in September or October.

IN OTHER DEVELOPMENTS, COUNCIL:

- Approved the Façade and Signage Improvement Program application for the Main St. Tacos restaurant at 108 S. Stewart St. The total cost of all signage is \$15,069.91, but the cost of the signage that qualifies for this FSIP grant is \$9,632.68. The applicant requested a grant in the amount of

\$4,816.34 from the city for the signage work. The proposed signage meets the requirements of the Sign Ordinance, according to the meeting packet. Council heard from applicant Frank Alanzo that the restaurant will open soon, in the next week or so. The restaurant will be open seven days a week and serve breakfast, lunch and dinner.

- Approved granting a special permit to conduct construction activity prior to 6 a.m. for a new single-family residence at 528 Dunaway Lane. The date of the request is Aug. 23, starting at 4 a.m.

- Approved proposing a tax rate of \$0.623426 as the city's Tax Year 2022 tax rate to be considered at the public hearing scheduled for Aug. 23.

- Held a public hearing on the proposed Crime Control and Prevention District's budget for fiscal year 2022-23.

- Held a discussion on the daytime curfew, with Chief Ben Hall leading the discussion, which delved into daytime and overnight hours that young people are required to comply with and other legal aspects of curfews.

- Heard from City Manager Tom Muir, who said Azle Memorial Library will be closed on Mondays during August. Muir said a staffing issue exists at the library, and the city can't provide services six days a week. Monday is the least-used day at the library and he hopes the library will return to full staff soon. He also said a budget workshop will be held on Aug. 16 and that the council will have public hearings on Aug. 23 for the proposed tax rate, budget and water and sewer rates. On Aug. 29, the council will consider passing the proposed budget, establishing tax rate and solidifying the water and sewer rates.

Mom is a marathon runner

Dear Frankie,

My mom is a health nut. Besides organic food, toothpaste, clothes and probiotics, she also runs marathons. At least six months before the race, she is out there pounding the pavements regardless of the weather. My motto has always been, "To each his own." But that idea goes over with her like a lead balloon.

So, here's the rub, my mom insists I run with her four days a week. She says it's good for me, improves my breathing, expands my horizons, and it's a time for us to be together. The last reason is a joke. After a half-mile, I can hardly walk, let alone keep up with her. Do you think it's appropriate for an 11-year-old dog that



DEAR FRANKIE

By Geneva Woodruff

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

gets cracked paws and has a touch of arthritis to be training with a marathon runner?

Signed, Lem

Dear Lem,

Talk about self-involved. Why in heaven's name would she think someone your age and arthritic would be capable of running four days a week? Here are some strategies to stop any activity that borders on animal abuse.

First, on the days she runs, hide. Second, if she tries to tempt you with a cookie, don't fall for it. I

know refusing the cookie will take much restraint. But think of the option. However, if she is so hot about you going with her on the run, demand she buys you a stroller.

Eventually, it should occur to her that you don't want to go for a run. Remember to make a big deal when she returns to show her how much you missed her. You want to communicate that it wasn't being with her that you objected to but rather the activity.

Best, Frankie



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Reno establishes water task force

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Reno City Council established a water task force to discuss and make recommendations on water infrastructure improvements. Reno's Planning and Zoning Commission recommended the creation of the task force in June, and at the time, P&Z Chairperson Brian Schrader said the group would study the recommendations of engineering studies, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality standards, write grant applications, support council recommendations and assist

the city administrator. At last week's council meeting, Mayor Sam White said the task force would primarily inform the mayor and council on what needs to be done regarding the city's water system, help find resources and keep the council focused. "We've lost focus," White said during the meeting. "We didn't hear what (City Administrator) Scott (Passmore) told us over the years. This tank is going to keep us focused." The task force is expected to include Passmore, Public Works Director Chris Albright, a mechanical engineer, a chlorine expert and

Schrader, who is also a civil engineer. At the council meeting last week, Schrader explained that recommendations to improve Reno's water system were made to the council through studies issued in 2019 and 2021. Both reports recommended changing the Reno water disinfection system from chlorine to chloramine to be compatible with water systems in Azle, Walnut Creek and Springtown. The 2021 report recommended replacement of 14 miles of undersized water lines and detailed other deficiencies, such as pump capacity, pressure tank or elevat-

ed storage tank capacity, emergency power requirements and failure at city water hydrants. Schrader did acknowledge that the city has made repairs and brought on additional storage capacity at Pump No. 1, and the city is in the process of collecting quotes to convert the disinfection system to chloramine. "Obviously, a problem that has been allowed to deteriorate for decades with no action will not be solved overnight. After reviewing and studying the reports, I felt the recommendations had not been accepted or acted on by the city

or council to circumvent some of the problems the city is experiencing today," Schrader said. "I suspect much of the inaction is due to lack of funding, but that could be combated, at least partially, through grants, impact fees and possible other sources." Deputy Pro Tem Hernando Herrera made the motion to approve the task force's creation, and the city council unanimously approved it. Afterward, an audience member questioned why the council hadn't acted sooner on water infrastructure. Mayor Pro Tem Katie Tucker said the budget was a factor as

well as the former mayor's control over what appeared on the agenda. "I don't have an answer for you," said Herrera, who was on council when the 2019 report was issued. "Do you want an apology? I'm sorry we didn't move on that, but we worked under the direction of the mayor at the time, who controlled the agenda, and the public works director. Why don't you ask him?" After the meeting, White credited Schrader for his role in the creation of the task force.

Prayers for a new school year



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.

It's that time of year. Marching bands are already rehearsing. Athletic teams are practicing. Teachers are getting their classrooms ready. Parents are counting the days. Except for parents of kindergartners and high school seniors — they are crying a lot. There's something about a new school year that affects the entire community — even those who no longer have a direct connection to the school district.

It's the other New Year — the time of new beginnings, new aspirations and new opportunities. Every team is still undefeated and every student still has perfect attendance and no one has been sent to detention. I'll be watching social media for all the first day of school photos, complete with new clothes and backpacks. Since Mrs. Sweetie retired from education and our kids graduated from col-

lege, we are not quite as interconnected with the school calendar as we once were. But we've got two kids who are public school teachers, one that is an adjunct college instructor, and grandkids who are in kindergarten, first grade and second grade, so we do have to consider school schedules when making family plans. Our kids are third-generation educators, so we are well aware of what it means to anticipate a new school year. But I feel compelled to mention that, along with the new opportunities, come some new challenges and fears that previous generations of teachers and

students didn't spend much time worrying about. Those things are my prayers for the new school year. I'm praying for safety. That's not new, but previous generations didn't spend much time thinking about the possibility that a troubled individual would show up at the school with the intent of taking the lives of innocents. We do now. I'm praying for wisdom for administrators who are thinking about how to provide learning environments that are safe and productive for all students and supportive work environments for teachers in a pluralistic but increasingly polarized society.

I'm praying for encouragement for teachers who have sacrificed the compensation commensurate with similar education in other fields because they want to pour their lives into the next generation. They often live under the constant scrutiny of misinformed critics and political agendas that devalue their contribution to the community while they drown in increasing piles of paperwork, procedural hoops and standardized testing. And now they worry that someone is going to sue them for the content of their teaching. I pray for endurance for the support, custodial, food service, and transportation staff who work in silent an-

onymity — until they make a mistake. I pray for patience for parents who are doing their best to get their kids clothed, fed and delivered to school and to be available to read to them and tuck them into bed at night while holding down a job that provides the resources to keep all those things in place. This isn't easy for anyone. But if we'll cut each other some slack, pray for each other regularly and encourage each other frequently, we'll find some amazingness in this school year. Be amazing today, my friend.



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ON FISHING

Hot tips: Fishing advice for those aiming to target summer patterns

It has been really hot for quite a while, and according to the weather forecast, it will continue for some time to come. Some species are more stressed by the heat than others, but these fish still have to feed to survive. The fun part of this season is that when the fish do feed, they are generally willing to chase (active movement). Today's discussion is just a fishing report for those trying to pattern these summer-time fish.

Lake Granbury fishing continues to be fair to good for many species if you can locate them. Many folks are



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

having a hard time catching fish in this hot weather especially during the day. There are fish to catch - just try to get on them real early if at all possible. The thermocline is between 15 and 20 feet, so you need to be focused on those depths or shallower.

Last week, the striped bass and sand bass fishing was

better in the morning, very early. Stripers were good on live bait in 14-21 feet of water with your baits put down to 12-14 feet. Trollers are also catching fish on deep-diving crankbaits, trailed by a pet spoon or jigs. Down-rigging is also popular this time of the year as the fish are willing to chase.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MIKE ACOSTA

GREAT OUTING: This group is shown with their fish taken about a week ago on Lake Granbury. From left are T.J. Garces, Antonio Terrasas, Tony Garces and Carl Rodgers.

FISHING REPORT

Black bass on Lake Granbury continue to hold near shaded structure after their morning feed. Lake Granbury has an abundance of shad, but there is also an abundance of bream. Catching these smaller breams make good bait for striped bass, catfish, black bass and sand bass as well. These bream are holding in submerged brush, and the black bass will follow. You may want to choose your artificial colors to mimic bream/sunfish.

On other reservoirs, Lake Whitney striped bass action has been tremendous with huge schools schooling on the surface from the state park to Bee Bluffs.

Possum Kingdom Lake action is also good with some really big fish to near 20 pounds being caught on live bait fished in the tops of trees mid-lake near Hells Gate to the dam.

Hopefully you can get out early and enjoy the action. Take plenty of fluids and sun block. Hopefully, the heat wave will break and give the fish some relief (we could use the relief as well).

Sand bass are congregating on baitfish on structure and flats in 8-16 feet of water. You may notice some surface action or you might find them boiling on the bait. Work those areas by bouncing spinners or slabs off the bottom, and you will get bit. Vary your presentation, but generally you may need to impart a lot of action to draw the strike.

Lake Granbury crappie action has been tremendous mid-lake on jigs and small minnow. Work timber or bridge pilings near deeper water.

When this article is published, the quarter moon will be overhead - which makes the early and late bite the predicted times. Nothing is guaranteed, but without any other weather influence,

there is truth to the predicted feeding times.

The shallow water bite in the heat of the day is tough. Water temperatures in the backs of sloughs are in the 90s and typically the fish and the bait move out toward deeper water where it is a tad bit cooler. Later in the evening, the bait and fish may make the trek back shallow.

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OBITUARIES

Dorothy Irene Tucker 1929 - 2022

Dorothy Irene Tucker went to be with our Lord on Saturday, Aug. 6, 2022, with her family by her side.

A Celebration of Life service will at 3 p.m., Friday, Aug. 19, 2022 at First Baptist Church of Lakeside, 8801 Jacksboro Hwy, Ft. Worth, Texas.

Dorothy was born May 26, 1929 in Charleston, South Carolina. She was a devoted member of First Baptist Church of Lakeside in Lake Worth, Texas for over 50 years, where she served as a beloved Sunday School teacher and member of the choir. She was a dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother who loved singing, crafting, and traveling.

Dorothy was an avid hairdresser for over 60 years and spent many years teaching at the local beauty college in Fort Worth, Texas.

Dorothy was predeceased by her husband Waman Sim Tucker Sr., her parents George and Minnie Durr, three sisters: Carrie, Eva, and Nancy, four brothers: Harold, Robert (Robbie), Adam, and Johnny, and her grandsons: James Eugene Pestello III and Waman Sim



Tucker III.

She is survived by her sister: Letha Wade, her three children: Zeldia Ann Tucker, Rena Jo Sousa, and Waman Sim Tucker Jr. and wife Annie, her four grandchildren: Toni Pestello, Kimber Cole and husband Mike, Kasie Moore, and Brian Tucker (Elaine) and 11 great grandchildren: Allexus, Meagan, Elijah, Rylee, Madison, Olivia, Callie, Brody, Roman, Cayden, and Tonya.

Her family will be forever grateful for the loving care and support provided by Christus VNA Hospice-San Antonio.

The Azle News, August 10, 2022 Edition

Get ready for the Best of Azle!



FROM MY FRONT PORCH

By Sam Houston

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

The Azle News is excited to announce the Best of Azle competition is starting! This exciting event allows you, our readers, to vote for your favorite businesses in a variety of categories, such as "best electrician," "best plumber," "best Mexican food," "best hamburger" and many other categories.

Why is the "Best of Azle" competition a big deal? It allows you, the consumer, to support your local businesses with your vote, and to have your voice heard on what services or goods you enjoy most.

For businesses, winning the "Best of Azle" certificate allows you to promote your business in the marketplace as "the choice" for a specific good or service. For those visiting Azle, or recently moving into town, being the recipient of the Best of Azle award is like a shining beacon

bringing new business to your door. Many times, businesses utilize the award in future promotions because they know being the "best" means even more business activity.

In other town with a "best of" program, I have always enjoyed the healthy competition between businesses as they fight for the votes of consumers of their product. I have seen restaurants and stores go all out in promoting the event, to sway voters and to beat their competition. A little competition is

always fun!

So, tell your friends and neighbors to grab up a copy of the Azle News and cast a vote. You are free to vote as many times as you would like. Show your support and let your voice be heard. This is going to be epic!

Ballots are available in copies of the Azle News starting Aug. 10 and going through Sept. 1. Clip the ballot out of the paper, vote for your favorites, and then turn the ballot in at the Azle News office either by mail or in person. Voting ends on Sept. 5 at 5 p.m. Winners will be announced and presented in a special tab insert to the Oct. 26 edition of the Azle News. Let the fun begin!

THE UVALDE TRAGEDY HITS CLOSE TO HOME.

This past week I had the opportunity to go to the TPA statewide convention.

One of the speakers was Craig Garnett, the publisher of the Uvalde Leader-News. He gave an outstanding pre-

sentation on the difficulty of covering a mass shooting news event. It was heart-breaking as he explained how one of the members of his staff had a child who had died in the shooting. The employee had started at the newspaper some 10 years ago and at the time of the hire, she was pregnant with the child who perished in the tragedy. The young girl was frequently in the offices of the paper to see her mother. The entire staff loved her and treated her like one of their own.

Imagine the difficulty of covering a story of such magnitude and being emotionally attached to one of the victims. My hat goes off to the great work of the Uvalde Leader-News during the crisis. True professionals in every sense of the word. God bless the victims and the newspaper people who covered the story so well.

Thought for the day: To be the best, you must beat the best.

BOOK REVIEW

Funeral director ponders the afterlife: Are our ancestors still with us?

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

You are never alone. There's always someone running in and out, always traffic in your house. The neighbors are close, your friends are a phone call away, and it seems as though you've always got company. You're never alone, and in the new book "All the Ways Our Dead Still Speak: A Funeral Director on Life, Death, and the Hereafter" by Caleb Wilde, you'll see how that might extend beyond.

For more than 170 years, someone in Caleb Wilde's family has served their community by facilitating funerals. Wilde himself is a sixth-generation funeral director and up until a few years ago, he says that he was skeptical about the possibility of a hereafter.

"I used to believe," he says, "that terror management theory offered the only viable way to explain heaven..."

But yet, he says, he heard "so many stories" that he "began to wonder if they might hold

some kind of truth." Clients through the years had told him too many "ghost" tales for him to ignore. The idea nagged at him enough that he began to study it in earnest. His urgency increased when he suffered from burn-out and sought therapy.

His therapist helped him see that his family's past was what kept him at his job. He began to think: what if our ancestors were with us at all times?

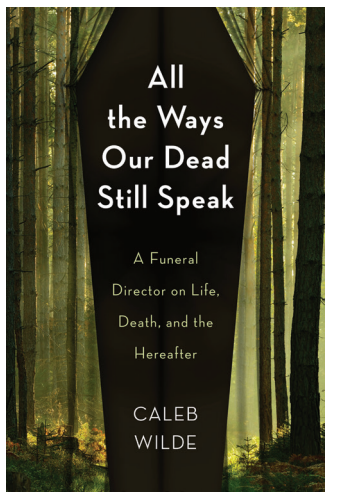
Funerals, he believes, are to death what midwives are to birth, and funerals are not just "for the living." Because boundaries are blurred, he says that the dead are able to "surround us, live in us, integrate themselves into our soil." The love they carried in life extends to their children's children, and "it creates the world" - and when we listen to what the dead have to tell us, it begins "to fill a void we may not have even noticed." This helps keep our loved ones alive in us, and we don't even have to limit the conver-

sation to speech. We bolster each other, support and provide for one another in life - why not receive the same from the dead?

The easiest way to decide whether or not you want to read "All the Ways Our Dead Still Speak" is to know your own tolerance for New Age-ness. Author Caleb Wilde hypothesizes at great length about ancestry and the hereafter, in conjunction with their real-time influences on current lives. Can you follow it and will you embrace it?

Will you be able to cringe at his explanations of Black funerals versus "white funerals?" He explains his well-considered intentions for the distinction, but the lengthy discourse grows quite awkward as it progresses. Can you tease out the stories that Wilde's known for, and which are fascinating and too few, from the philosophy that creeps into the narrative sometimes?

These are questions that will separate readers into



"All the Ways Our Dead Still Speak: A Funeral Director on Life, Death, and the Hereafter" by Caleb Wilde

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those who ponder life and death now, and those who aren't quite ready for the deep stuff. If you fall into the first category, "All the Ways Our Dead Still Speak" should be your next new read. If not, then leave it alone.

The City of Sanctuary will hold a meeting at 6:30 p.m. on August 16, 2022, at City Hall, 1920 Berkeley Drive, Azle Texas 76020 to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for the year 2022/2023. The current tax rate is \$0.15 per \$100.00 valuation and the proposal is to keep the rate the same for the coming year.

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Millions of Texas children are heading back to school this month, as early as this week in some districts. The Texas Department of Transportation urges drivers to be especially alert and focused when driving in school zones and near bus stops.

Drivers are further reminded that a new Texas law requires drivers to stop and yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, according to TxDOT. The Lisa Torrey Smith Act is named after a young mother killed in Missouri City in a crosswalk as she walked her son to school. The driver received a \$50 fine for failing to yield, according to numerous media reports.

Now it's a crime punishable with up to two years in prison.



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.

EX-TRUCKING OWNER CHARGED WITH INSURANCE FRAUD

The former co-owner of Bill Hall Jr. Trucking in Bexar County has been indicted in Travis County for fraud in an alleged scheme to get lower workers compensation insurance premiums by concealing payroll reports. A Texas Department of Insurance news release said the plot allowed the company to avoid more than \$9 million in premium payments.

Francis Hall, the former co-owner along with her husband, was previously convicted of murder in 2016 for knocking her husband's motorcycle off the road in 2013 with her Cadillac Escalade

as she chased his lover, who was in another vehicle, on the same stretch of Loop 1604 in San Antonio. She claimed it was an accident, and the jury gave her the shortest possible sentence in that case. She was released two years later in 2018, according to the San Antonio Express-News.

Fraud investigators with TDI claim that between 2009 and 2016, "Hall allegedly provided false payroll information to Texas Mutual Insurance Company and concealed payroll reports to get lower insurance premiums on their extensive gravel hauling business."

If convicted, Hall could face life in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine. She is currently free on bond.

WILDFIRE DANGERS CONTINUE IN THE DOG DAYS

As the summer heat and dry conditions persist, so does the danger of wildfire. The Texas A&M Forest Service reported 10 active wildfires across the state as of Sunday. The largest fire at 3,323 acres in Throckmorton County was 90% contained. The Big Sky Fire in Gillespie County had consumed 1,459 acres and was also 90% contained.

Burn bans are now in force in 225 Texas counties, according to the forest service. Only El Paso County and a portion of neighboring Hudspeth County are not under some level of drought throughout the entire state.

HEALTH CENTER GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

The Texas Department of State Health Services is seeking grant applications for \$20 million dedicated to health centers in areas where resources are scarce and access to adequate health care can be challenging. The funding came from the federal American Rescue Plan Act, and the Texas Legislature ap-

proved funneling it to federally qualified health centers (FQHC).

"Federally Qualified Health Centers are a valuable support for people who need essential medical care but live in areas where resources are scarce and access can be challenging," said State Sen. Robert Nichols, R-Jacksonville. "Once they are up and running, they operate without local or state financial support. These grants are intended to bridge the gap between start-up cost and full certification to enable the program to expand in Texas."

Open enrollment is available until Dec. 31 or until program funding is exhausted. More information is available on the DSHS website: dshs.texas.gov.

TRAVEL INDUSTRY ELIGIBLE FOR COVID-19 GRANTS

More funding from the federal American Rescue Plan Act will soon be headed toward entities tied to travel and tourism which were adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. That includes arts entities, according to the Texas Commission on the Arts.

The program, operated

by the Governor's Office of Economic Development & Tourism, provides one-time grants of up to \$20,000 to eligible Texas businesses and non-profits that experienced an economic loss due to COVID-19. The \$180 million dedicated to the grant program to aid in the recovery of Texas tourism, travel and the hospitality industry was authorized in the last regular legislative session.

More information can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/3244psej>.

NEW COVID-19 CASES UP SLIGHTLY

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas during the past week rose slightly to 78,845, with 244 deaths reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. DSHS reports 3,490 lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations, a slight drop from the previous week.

DSHS also reports 17.9 million Texans are fully vaccinated, or 60.6% of the state's population, while 7.3 million have received at least one booster shot.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Azle will conduct a public hearing on the FY 2022-2023 Water and Sewer rates on Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at 6:00 PM at Azle City Hall, 505 W Main Street, Azle, Texas 76020.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-18

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Azle ISD helps parents seeking info on meal benefits

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Congress authorized spending during the COVID-19 pandemic that allowed schools to serve free meals for all students, but those funds are not authorized to continue for the 2022-2023 school year. Azle ISD must return to charging for school meals and offering free and reduced-price meals based on student eligibility, the district stated in a news release.

On July 1, Azle ISD began distributing letters and applications to the households of the children in the district about eligibility benefits. Families are encouraged to complete the Application for Free and Reduced-Price School Meals, also available at www.schoolcafe.com and return the completed form online or to any school office.

The application will determine a child's eligibility for free and reduced-price meals and may assist in the determination of eligibility for other state or federal

benefits. Only one application needs to be completed per household. Schools will notify the household of the child's eligibility. The Texas Department of Agriculture administers school nutrition programs in Texas and offers an eligibility calculator at www.SquareMeals.org/ProgramEligibility.

Decisions regarding payment for school meals are made at the federal-government level, not by the school nutrition team or TDA. Azle ISD staffers look forward to serving healthy, balanced meals to students in the new school year, the release stated, and these meals, whether paid, free or reduced-price, offer a good source of nutrition for children.

CRITERIA FOR FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEAL BENEFITS

The following criteria will be used to determine a child's eligibility for free or reduced-price meal benefits:

- Income Eligibility**
- Household income that

is at or below the income eligibility levels

- Categorical or Automatic Eligibility: Household receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

- Program Participant Eligibility: Child's status as a foster child, homeless, runaway, migrant, or displaced by a declared disaster

CHILD'S ENROLLMENT IN HEAD START OR EVEN START

- Income Eligibility**
- For those households that qualify for free or reduced-price meals based on income, an adult in the household must fill out free and reduced-price meal application and return it to the Azle ISD Child Nutrition Department or call 817-444-5115. Those individuals filling out the application will need to provide the following information:

- Names of all household members: Amount, frequency, and source of current income for each household member

- Last 4 digits of the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application or, if the adult does not have a social security number, check the box for "No Social Security number"

- Signature of an adult household member attesting that the information provided is correct

CATEGORICAL OR PROGRAM PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY

The school district works with local agencies to identify all children who are categorically and program eligible. Azle ISD will notify the households of these children that they do not need to complete an application. Any household that does not receive a letter and feels it should can contact Azle ISD Child Nutrition Department

at 817-444-5115 or email dvenable@azleisd.net.

Any household that wishes to decline benefits should contact Azle ISD Child Nutrition Department or call 817-444-5115.

Applications may be submitted any time during the school year. The information households provide on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may also be verified by the school officials at any time during the school year.

DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, the Azle ISD Child Nutrition Liaison will review applications and determine eligibility. Households or guardians dissatisfied with the Reviewing Official's eligibility determination may wish to discuss the decision with the Reviewing Official on an informal basis. Households wishing to make a formal

appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to Matt Adams, assistant superintendent, or emailing him at madams@azleisd.net.

UNEXPECTED CIRCUMSTANCES

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the attached current income eligibility guidelines. People may complete an application online at www.schoolcafe.com.

In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age, or disability. This institution is an equal opportunity provider, the release stated.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.623426 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of City of Azle.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.623426 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.593271 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.602534 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.623426 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2022 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Azle from the same properties in both the 2021 tax year and the 2022 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that City of Azle may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for City of Azle exceeds the voter-approval rate for City of Azle.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for City of Azle, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for City of Azle.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that City of Azle is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2022 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 23, 2022 AT 6:00 PM AT Azle City Hall, 505 W Main St, Azle TX 76020.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the voter-approval tax rate but not greater than the de minimis rate. However, the proposed tax rate exceeds the rate that allows voters to petition for an election under Section 26.075, Tax Code. If City of Azle adopts the proposed tax rate, the qualified voters of the City of Azle may petition the City of Azle to require an election to be held to determine whether to reduce the proposed tax rate. If a majority of the voters reject the proposed tax rate, the tax rate of the City of Azle will be the voter approval tax rate of the City of Azle.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount= (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100

FOR the proposal:

Alan Brundrett	Randa Goode
Derrick Nelson	Amy Estes
Stacy Peek	Rouel Rothenberger
Brian Conner	

AGAINST the proposal:
PRESENT and not voting:
ABSENT:

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes 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.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by City of Azle last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by City of Azle this year.

	2021	2022	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.646149	\$0.623426	decrease of -0.022723, or -3.52%
Average homestead taxable value	\$196,935	\$219,718	increase of 22,783, or 11.57%
Tax on average homestead	\$1,272.49	\$1,369.78	increase of 97.29, or 7.65%
Total tax levy on properties	\$7,341,952	\$7,902,81	increase of 560,865, all or 7.64%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for City of Azle at 817-884-1100 or taxoffice@tarrantcounty.com, or visit <https://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/tax.html> for more information.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Azle ISD will hold a public meeting at 06:00 PM, August 15, 2022 in Board Room, Admin Building, 300 Roe St., Azle, TX 76020. The purpose of this meeting is **to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)	\$0.936400/\$100
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)	\$0.274100/\$100

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories.

Maintenance and operations	0.61 % increase
Debt Service	-29.17 % decrease
Total Expenditures	-2.53 % decrease

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$5,151,588,328	\$5,649,552,399
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$117,407,326	\$151,007,993
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$3,107,873,685	\$3,406,174,350
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$115,310,982	\$144,705,011

*Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$138,430,000

*Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Local Revenue Total	State Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$0.972000	\$0.250600	\$1.222600	\$6,501	\$4,057
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$0.936400	\$0.274100	\$1.210500	\$6,501	\$4,067
Proposed Rate	\$0.936400	\$0.274100	\$1.210500	\$6,501	\$4,067

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$211,513	\$268,406
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$171,513	\$228,406
Last Year's Rate Versus		
Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.222600	\$1.210500
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$2,096.92	\$2,764.85
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$667.93

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.257768. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of \$1.257768.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$29,062,350
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$2,866,100

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

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New teachers eager to begin careers

BY DON MUNSCH
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Kari Crosby and Aubrey Ramos enter classrooms at an age when many of their teaching peers have taught for many years.

Crosby begins her teaching and coaching career at Azle Junior High School, while Ramos will start her initial year teaching kindergarten at Eagle Heights Elementary School. Crosby is a former private investigator while Ramos formerly served time in the U.S. Air Force.

At AJHS, Crosby will teach U.S. History and coach volleyball, basketball and track. She was a stay-at-home mother for years and then was a private investigator for seven years.

"That kind of fell in my lap," she said, describing how she worked in the DFW area for Morrison Investigation out of Weatherford.

The job entailed investigations such areas as child custody, worker's comp, divorce proceedings and insurance fraud, she said. The job centered on contract work, and Crosby got to choose contracts she wanted and didn't have to miss her kids' activities.

"And that was really important to me," she said. She decided to teach because it was always what she wanted to do, but she had children at a young age.

"I started life younger than I wanted to and so that became a priority for me then. And that sort of put my dreams on hold," she said.

But as she got older, she decided it was the right time to start focusing on herself and pursue her dream she always wanted and to show her children that it's never too late to follow a passion.

"Sometimes life happens and it's just not ever too late to pursue those dreams and

achieve them," she said.

Private investigating allowed her to go back to school and work when she could and not miss her children's activities. She received her degree from the University of North Texas. She did her student teaching at Decatur High School, where she taught world geography and sociology.

Crosby graduated from Crowley High School, but her father is from Azle and her two sisters graduated from Azle High School.

"I wasn't from here but I got here as fast as I could, as they say," she said, noting she moved here in 2002. At CHS, she played varsity volleyball and basketball.

Her children have attended school here. Crosby is "very excited" about stepping into the classroom.

"I have seen the impact that teachers have had on my kids and that coaches have had on my kids," she said, pointing out that their effect solidified her reasoning to do this kind of work. Having children who went through the system allows her to have a different outlook, as she has been a parent and now will be a teacher and be able to see both sides.

"I want to be able to do that with other students, because I've seen the impact that it has had on my kids," she said. "So, I'm really excited about making those connections with students and being not just a teacher but also having a whole-picture kind of role in their lives."

She appreciates that Azle ISD has instructional coaches who can help new teachers. She likes the district's mentor program, and the support system is beneficial for teachers, she said.

She is the wife of Brandon Crosby and the mother to Zac Roberson, 27; Dylan Crosby, 20; Chris Lee, 18; and Lyric Mize, 14.



PHOTO BY DON MUNSCH
Azle High School Principal Nate Driver introduces new high school teachers at the breakfast Monday morning for the Azle ISD New Teacher Orientation. Each school principal introduced new teachers at the breakfast.



Kari Crosby

Ramos was born in Massachusetts and grew up for the most part in Wilton, Maine. She spent 16 years in the Air Force, and she left the Air National Guard last September.

"I was active duty for a long time, just shy of nine years, and then I was part of their National Guard," she said.

She was most recently stationed at the Naval Air Station in Fort Worth. She especially enjoyed the active duty portion of her military career. She spent the majority of her career as an air traffic controller. Then she



Aubrey Ramos

moved around career fields to move to different states, explaining she was in the medical field at one point.

Concerning why she chose education as her next career, Ramos said she was at church one day when the pastor said that if "something doesn't serve you anymore, that's OK. If it's not fulfilling you and serving you, you don't have to keep doing it." Ramos said she thought the pastor was speaking to her and about her time in the military. She thought her military career was asking a lot of her daughter with the

demands of her parents deploying, and Ramos thought she accomplished what she wanted in her service.

She started long-term substituting and loves seeing the a-ha moment when children's eyes light up and they finally understand something. Once she realized how important teachers become in the few months spent with a child, "you couldn't put a price tag on that feeling. And they just remember you forever," she said.

Ramos received a grant for her certification, and Jessica Hanson, the former Walnut Creek principal who now works for the Azle ISD central administration office, wrote a letter of recommendation for Ramos, who substituted in kindergarten, third grade and fourth grade at Walnut Creek. The district offers a grant program, with Azle ISD paying for certification. She is halfway through her certification and she recently passed her test. She will be under a probationary certificate this year.

Ramos owns a master's degree in business from Minot

State University in North Dakota and her undergrad degree in behavioral science from Bellevue University in Nebraska. She can't wait to get started this year, and she learned some wisdom about teaching last year from a co-teacher.

"When it comes down to it, if you love the kids like your own and the parents know that, that's all that matters," Ramos said, relating what the teacher said to her. "I was like, OK, I can do that. There's so many directions you get pulled in and so much extra stuff that you have to do as a teacher, I just will always have to circle back to that thought. ... That piece of advice will just forever stay with me because it's so important."

One aspect of the teaching career that especially intrigues Ramos is how much a teacher can affect a student's life and that students remember that influence.

Ramos's fiancé is Juan Miramon, and her daughter, Rosalie Miramon-Ramos, 7, will be in second grade at Walnut Creek.

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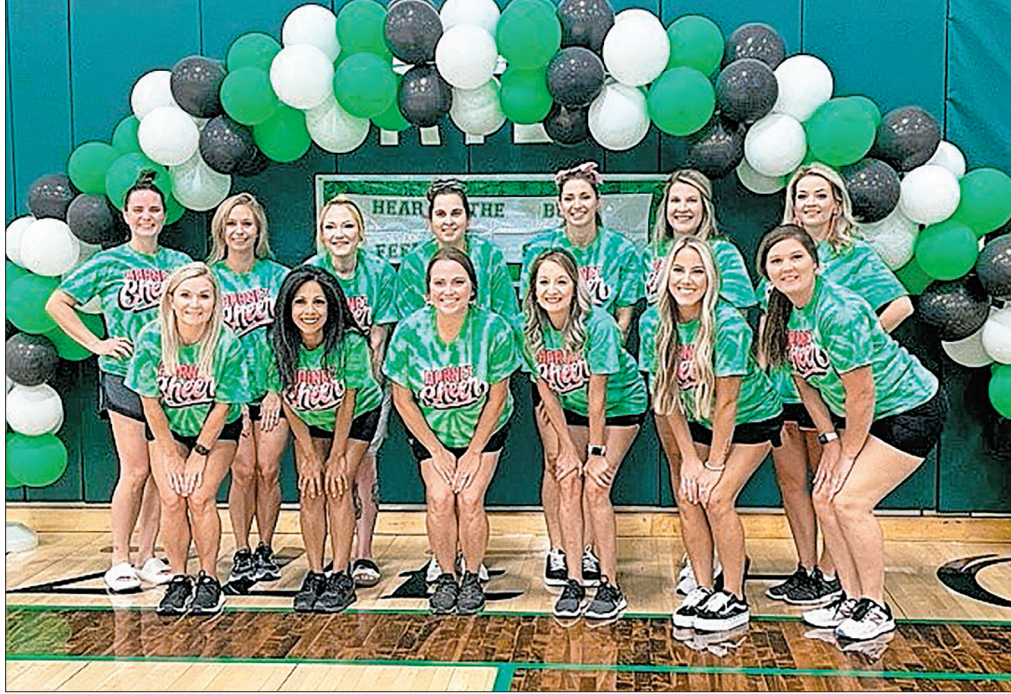
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Azle Youth Sports held its first Cheer Bootcamp Saturday and Sunday at Forte Junior High, with 170 cheerleaders in attendance. Camp attendees were from kindergarten through sixth grade. The camp slogan was “hear the buzz, feel the sting.”

Competitive cheer coaches and some of the Level 3 Competitive cheerleaders from Impact Athletic Training Center attended the event to teach cheerleaders technique, jumps, cheers, chants and a dance.

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Among the cheerleaders at the event from right to left were Kennedy Hall, Autumn Trujillo and Cora Brown.



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AYS cheer coaches were, front row, Christy Woods, assistant fourth grade coach; Tiffany Morales, AYS cheer coordinator and third grade assistant coach; Stephanie Lentz, third grade coach; Lora Paschal, AYS cheer commissioner and sixth grade coach; Stephanie Dennis, first grade coach; and Bailey Thomas, fifth grade coach. Top row are Krista Hefley, second grade coach; Brandy Honea, second grade coach; Sara Jobe, fourth grade coach; Liz Parrish, sixth grade coach; Emily Kruger, flag coach; Sara Tyler, first grade coach; and Bonnia Brown, third grade coach.



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Some girls perform a cheer.




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Beginning golfers hit Azle summer camp for skills, inspiration

BY JEFF PRINCE
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Being new to the game of golf didn't intimidate Ryker McGinnis.

On his first day of golf summer camp, the kinder-

gartener sank three putts in a row from five feet, earning a round of applause from camp mates and an 'attaboy' from golf coach Eddy Prather.

Golf isn't the only thing new to McGinnis. He's a new kid in town.

In June, his family left the state of Washington and traveled 1,800 miles to settle in Azle. Since then, Ryker and his two older siblings - fourth grader Anniston and fifth grader Ledger - have been attending a variety of athletic



PHOTOS BY JEFF PRINCE
Ryker McGinnis receives applause after sinking three putts in a row at summer camp.



Macy Harris wants to golf competitively.

summer camps.

In early August, all three kids were enjoying camp in the air-conditioned golf facility. Their mom, Jennifer McGinnis, watched them learn how to use putters, wedges and drivers and interact with the other children.

"We're new to the area and just taking advantage of all the different camps so the kids can try out for different

sports," she said.

The family chose Azle as their new home after researching places online. She hopes to become a teacher at Azle High School.

"We knew we wanted to move somewhere that kind of matched our family values better and would be a better environment to raise our family," she said. "We started looking at Texas and then

narrowed it down from there and started looking at the school district."

After all the criteria was crunched and examined, Azle sat atop the list.

"That's where they're going to go and that's where I wanted to teach," she said. "We just really fell in love with the Azle school district."

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Azle color guard tackles basics to prep for season

BY JEFF PRINCE
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Each year, a rite of passage occurs for ninth graders.

They leave middle school, where they had reigned supreme, and take their first timid steps into high school, suddenly relegated to the bottom of the heap, mere freshmen looking up to older sophomores, juniors and seniors.

In early August, on the first day of color guard practice, one particular kid might have been more nervous than any of the freshmen.

Middle schooler Alex Schlotzhauer received a special invitation to join varsity color guard this year, marking the first time an eighth grader has held the honor. At practice in the parking lot outside of Azle High School, Schlotzhauer, who prefers the personal pronouns he/him or they/them, worked on foot placement with the other members.

"I'm very excited but nervous at the same time," he said.

Color guard director Caleb Hunter invited Schlotzhauer to join the team after seeing how hard he worked at middle school.

"There is an age difference, of course," Hunter said. "We already see that with the ninth grade and 10th grades."

Dealing with different levels of maturity in kids is part of a teacher's task. Having a middle schooler involved is going to "make the whole unit better," Hunter predicted.



PHOTO BY JEFF PRINCE
Alex Schlotzhauer and the color guard practice their moves.

When the youngster returns to middle school, he can show what he has learned to his peers to help prepare them for their eventual transition to varsity.

"I'm going to have that per-

former in front of everybody to be able to demonstrate, help and teach," Hunter said. "I'm just looking at the long haul of both the middle school program and the high school program and how

that's going to benefit."

The Marching Green Pride has included middle schoolers in the band before, but this is new territory for the color guard. Schlotzhauer grabbed the chance to be-

come a pioneer and perform under Friday night lights. During practice, he relies on assistance from older kids, some of whom he knew at middle school.

"A lot of my friends are go-

ing to be freshmen this year, so I have them, and the high schoolers are really good to help, too," he said.

On the first day of prac-

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Azle summer band camp culminates with free concert on Friday

BY JEFF PRINCE
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The Marching Green Pride is in the middle of its final week of summer band camp, and the work that the kids have put in so far has been impressing band director Aaron Martin.

"These kids have the best attitude I've seen in a long time," he said. "I'm pretty excited to see what they're going to do this season."

Parents will have an opportunity to see and hear the band work its magic on Friday night when Marching Green Pride will perform a free show at the high school.

"Our plan is to try to have the entire first part of the show on the field - moving and playing - ready to go for our parent preview performance Friday night," he said. "We will play the first part of the show and some of our standard tunes and

some of the exciting stuff that we've been working on."

Martin suggested people come prepared to relax and have a good time listening to the music.

"Come on out, bring ice cream or whatever and have a good time," he said. "The more the merrier. I'd love to have a big crowd out here cheering them on because these kids have been working so hard."

The Marching Green Pride will play a free show for Parent Preview Night at 8 p.m. Friday at the parking lot beside Hornet Stadium.



PHOTO BY JEFF PRINCE
An August sun is no match for Giana Schroeder and the dedicated members of the Marching Green Pride.



PHOTOS BY JEFF PRINCE
Alex Schlotzhauer is the only eighth grader on the varsity squad.

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ice, Schlotzhauer worried about "not really being good enough" to work with varsity, or that "they have a lot more experience," he said. "Even the freshmen have been in there for at least two years, and I've only done it once."

By her second day with the varsity team, however, he was feeling more comfortable.

"It's an interesting experience," he said.

PRACTICE FOR PERFECTION

Bryanna Pender, a junior in her third year with color guard, is one of the most tenured members of the team. Most are freshmen, sophomores and juniors.

Being older puts Pender in a position to do some of the more difficult moves, such as tossing and twirling a rifle. She can toss a rifle high in the air and make it spin around five times and catch it in the same position as she tossed it. When she first began working with rifles, she could make a rifle spin just three times.

"You have to have a lot of upper body strength to do any toss," she said.

She enjoys her role as a mentor to younger kids.

"I like helping them," she said. "If they need help, they need help. It's not their fault."

Lines like those on a football field are painted on the parking lot surface to mirror what the color guard members see on the field during halftime shows. The lines help them maintain proper spacing and formations.

During a hot practice on Aug. 2, Natalya Ooten tied a rag around her head to sop up sweat. The sophomore is in her second year on color guard.

During the first day of practice on Aug. 1, her skin blistered despite wearing sunscreen.

"I put two layers on yesterday and still got sunburned," she said.

The guard practiced from 8 a.m. to noon on both days.

Normally, the team would be dancing, moving and rolling on the ground. At summer camp, however, while practicing on an asphalt parking lot in 100-degree weather, nobody would be rolling on the ground. Instead, they worked on foot placement and blocking.

Color guard is "doing a lot better than last year," Ooten said. "We are learning a lot faster. We're performing a whole lot more."

She plans to stick with the guard throughout high school and beyond.

"I love it," she said. "It's sort of what I want to do whenever I get into college. Working so hard really helps your mental state. It helps you get out more. It really gives you a second family, so

you feel like you fit in."

Most of this year's "family" members were new to her. Ooten is one of just five members returning from last season's team. Fresh faces were everywhere.

"A lot of the new people are asking me for help with technique and all that," she said. "I have more responsibilities now."

Crimson McClendon, a freshman, decided to give color guard a try this season and felt upbeat standing on the parking lot learning new skills.

"My summers were long and boring, so I decided to get out of my bed and do something," she said. "It's amazing, and I love every second of it - the inspiration and everything that you get from it, including the exercise, because that's always fun, too."

One reason the guard has so many new faces this year is the growth of the program at the middle school level. Last year, the middle schools offered color guard for the first time, and now some of those kids are starting high school as freshmen.

Their involvement will pay off, Hunter said.

"They are way ahead from what we were typically getting, because now they have experience," he said. "Everything is just going to be a little smoother this year, and we are going to be able to push the technical envelope a little bit more."



From left, Crimson McClendon listens to movement instructions from color guard director Caleb Hunter.

Lady Hornets hungry for playoff success

BY DON MUNSCHE
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Azle High School's volleyball team wants to make strides in 2022.

And not just by posting a winning record or merely making the playoffs. The Lady Hornets' plans are more ambitious, as they want to make noise once they get to the playoffs.

Azle will have a good foundation with 10 seniors from a team that went 21-20 last year - 21 victories were the most wins for AHS since 2014 - and some underclassmen should make their presence felt. Azle's season began Tuesday night with a non-district clash with Bridgeport at home.

The Lady Hornets' motto this season is "I can't, we can," meaning teamwork helps individuals accomplish goals.

Azle lost in bi-district last year to Northwest, who is now a district rival. Azle coach Elizabeth Snyder possesses excitement over the team's chances this year.

"We feel like we're going to pick up where we left off," she said.

She expects Aledo and Northwest along with her squad to be in the playoff mix. Other district opponents this year are Granbury, Wichita Falls Rider, Saginaw and Brewer. District play

opens Sept. 13 with Azle at home against Granbury. "Nothing less than third," Snyder said about her team's goal of where they will finish district-wise.

Senior Makenna Dillow returns as a libero, and her goal is to accumulate 1,500-2,000 digs this year after surpassing 1,000 career digs last season.

"She was hitter for us her sophomore year - she played outside hitter - and she played all the round and she really owned the court well," Snyder said, noting her defense stood out. So, she was placed in libero position and she plays "lights out" defense, the coach said.

As for other players on the team, Snyder is excited about where senior middle blocker Karlee Locke will be when district starts. Senior Cameryn Hoskins returns as right side opposite hitter, and Snyder expects her to shut down some outside hitters this season.

Snyder has high hopes for right side hitter Ellie Lund, a sophomore, and outside hitters Kamryn Hill and Brynn Lee, who are juniors.

The coach also likes what senior Makynna Hinkle, the team's setter, can bring to the team. She recently committed to McPherson College. Her sister, Camryn Hinkle, graduated this spring from AHS and she attends Kansas



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Seniors on the Azle varsity team this year are, from left, Anna Belle Blacketer, Cameryn Hoskins, Skyler Arellano, Brittany Cato, Makenna Dillow, Karlee Locke, Kendall Locke, Riley McKelvain, Makynna Hinkle and Taylor Fischer.

Wesleyan, where she plays volleyball. She starred for the Lady Hornets last year. The current AHS team has several other players who could play volleyball on the collegiate level, Snyder said.

"They're pretty motivated this year," Snyder said Friday about her squad. "Yesterday, they wanted to practice longer. We've been in two-a-days

for a week. ... They're pretty motivated, pretty hungry to win. They want to get past that first round and be one of the programs here that gets past that first round."

Dillow and Hinkle talked about their expectations this year, with both saying the team has numerous players who have a drive to win. Both players think they can

improve in their position, with Hinkle saying she can improve by knowing her teammates better. She likes McPherson, a NAIA school located in Central Kansas, because they play a similar coaching style to Azle and they're competitive and expect to win.

Other players on the Lady Hornets roster this year are

senior Skyler Arellano, libero; senior Riley McKelvain, libero; senior Kendall Locke, right side hitter; junior Melanie Harder, libero; junior Tatum Harrison, setter; senior Brittany Cato, middle blocker; senior Taylor Fischer, setter; senior Anna Belle Blacketer, middle blocker; and junior Shree Patel, right side hitter.

GOLF

FROM PAGE B1

After six weeks in Azle, she believes the family made the right choice to move here.

"I like how close of a community it is," she said. "We're excited to become more a part of the community."

Feeling at home has been easy.

"I grew up a Navy brat, so it's not hard for me to move to a place I've never been,"

she said. "The kids love that it's hot, and they can go outside. There's just so much more to do here."

FORE!

On Aug. 1-2, the McGinnis kids enjoyed golf camp with two dozen other kids. It was the second golf camp of the summer. The first camp in June attracted a similar number of fledgling club wielders.

"I thought I'd offer another camp closer to when school starts because a lot of kids

were gone on vacation" in June, Prather said. "We're right before school, and I figured it would be a good time to have another one."

Elementary kids attended camp in the early morning, and middle school kids and freshmen attended in the late morning.

"Camp just kind of gets the word out there and gets more kids involved to see what we've got to offer," the coach said. "We just hope to spread the word a little bit."

One of the youngest participants was Macy Harris,

a second grader who has smacked a few golf balls in her day but considers herself a beginner.

"I've played in my backyard and at the driving range but never for competition," she said.

She is a cheerleader and plays volleyball and basketball already but has decided to add golf to her resume. At camp, she learned that "you have to hold the putter and never bend your wrists," she said.

Tyler Diffie, a freshman, began playing golf this year after receiving a set of clubs for Christmas. He decided to attend summer camp, meet the coaches, learn a new skill and try out for the high school team. During camp, he practiced driving balls into the simulation screen while coach Mitzi Marquart offered him pointers on his swing.

"It was very fun," he said afterward.

The big projection screen showed an image of a golf

course and tracked the distance of balls being hit toward it.

"It's kind of like a driving range," he said. "You can see how far you hit the ball and how it curved in the air."

Another freshman, Caiden Davis, came to camp to "learn something new and see if I can get better," he said.

He plans on trying out for the golf team this season. "It's fun," he said. "I enjoy it."

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Proof It!

Are you an eagle-eyed reader? Read the story below and circle the six errors you find. Then rewrite the story correctly.

UNDERWATER SCHOOLS

Join fish expert Professor Pescados as *Kid Scoop* explores schools of fish.

School Days

Underwater schools are different from the school you go to. A school in the ocean is actually a group of fish that swim together. About 4,000 kinds of fish swim in groups called schools.

Schools of fish are always made up of one kind of fish swimming together. Sardines swim with sardines, and minnows swim with minnows.

In a school, the fish are able to swim together, moving in the same direction or even changing directions in an instant without bumping into each other. This can make a school of thousands of fish look like one big fish.

Standards Link: Life Science: Living organisms depend on one another for survival.

Can you find these pictures in the school of fish?

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Why School?

Some fish travel in schools to confuse enemies that want to eat them. Traveling together also helps in the search for food. Having thousands of eyes and noses on the lookout for food gives the school a better chance of finding dinner.

Standards Link: Life Science: Adaptations in behavior improve an organism's chance for survival.

Do all fish school?

Not all fish school. For the most part, predator fish do not school. One exception is this fish. These fish are born into and live in large schools.

Circle every other letter to find the name of this fish.

P T I M R K A Y N M H O A B

All Groups Are NOT Schools

Some groups of underwater animals are not called schools. Use the code to find out what each group of animals below is called.

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Standards Link: Life Science: Students know examples of diverse life forms in the ocean.

Extra! Extra!

Common Nouns and Proper Nouns

Look through the newspaper and find five common nouns and five proper nouns. Cut them out and glue them to Professor Pescados' chart in the correct column.

Common Nouns	Proper Nouns

Standards Link: Grammar: Identify nouns.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Traffic Control

How do fish swim so close without colliding? Fish use a combination of their senses to create smooth schooling movements.

Eyes: Each fish can look forward with one eye while the other is looking backward.

Lateral Line: Along each side of a fish's body there is a line of tiny holes or pores. Tiny hairs inside the pores feel the slightest ripple or movement in the water. This lets fish know when another fish is nearby. If one fish moves in a different direction, all the others sense it and move accordingly.

Standards Link: Life Science: Animals have structures that serve different functions in survival.

Double Double Word Search

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

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

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My School

Look through the newspaper for five or more adjectives that describe your school. Then look for words that describe what you want to learn this year. Use these words to write a paragraph with your plans for the coming school year.

Standards Link: Grammar: Identify and use adjectives; Writing Applications: Write brief expository sentences.

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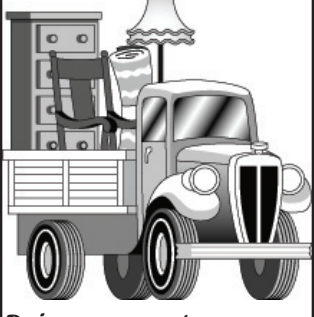
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- "Dallas" was prime time ___ opera
- take home pay age of Sam Houston when he settled in Texas (hyph.)
- TXism: "pulled the ___ over his eyes"
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