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## Azle's retail offerings continue to expand



The new Starbucks is expected to open in a few months.

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A new Starbucks is still a couple of months or so away from opening in Azle.

Some day in the future, it might have some serious coffee competition from

another retail establishment that could come to Azle. It's a place also known for its donuts, a place where people can wash down their donuts with coffee.

David Hawkins, director of planning and development with the city of Azle,

gave an update last week on new retail development in Azle.

Starbucks will operate in Walmart's parking lot, on the side of the lot near FM 730.

"They have not provided us a completion date, but we

just found out that the sewer line has been constructed," Hawkins said. "The shell of the building looks like it's finished, but I have not seen a final sign-off on that yet. They still have to finish up the inside. I would imagine it's still about two to three

months away."

City officials found out in March that there was a missing sewer line that was originally placed by Walmart, so Starbucks had to extend an additional sewer line to serve the building.

"That was unanticipated

additional cost and a three- to four-month delay," Hawkins said. "Otherwise, I think they would have been done by now, if that sewer line was there."

On Highway 199, next

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## Fourth of July is over, but fire dangers continue

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North Texas residents saw firsthand the danger of fireworks being discharged during a period of severe drought over the Fourth of July weekend.

Professional pyrotechnics shows like the one at Panther Island Pavilion in Fort Worth had to be canceled almost as soon as they began because of grass fires that were ignited by the fireworks.

The same happened in Hudson Oaks at its Boomin' Fourth celebration, with dry grassy fields being ignited and quickly spreading at the start of the show.

Tarrant and Parker counties are both at 100% abnormally dry conditions, according to www.Drought.gov, with no immediate relief in sight.

Currently, more than 95% of Tarrant County and nearly 67% of Parker County are classified under severe drought. The rain chances forecasted for the next 10 days are less than 20%.

The dry conditions prompted Parker County Judge Pat Deen to issue an emergency order preventing the discharge of fireworks before the holiday weekend. The order was then extended by Gov. Greg Abbott



ESD 1 Firefighters handled a grass fire just north of the FM 1885 and 920 intersection the morning of July 5th on Box 4610. Courtesy photo

## A protest in Azle

### Women demonstrate against Supreme Court decision



Carlee Brackett and Tammy staged a protest Saturday morning in Azle.

Photo by Don Munsch | SEE STORY PAGE 3A.

## AISD adding more police officers to department

**BY JESSICA MCKINNEY**  
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Azle ISD board trustees voted to approve the hiring of six additional police officers for the district's police department during the board's June 20 meeting.

"The safety of our students and staff has always been a priority and will remain a top priority of Azle ISD," said AISD Superintendent Todd Smith.

"The district is committed to adding police officers to the Azle ISD Police Department in an effort to have a licensed peace officer at all campuses. Azle ISD Police Chief Darren Brockway is working diligently to fill

these positions. In addition, we will continue our ongoing commitment to meeting the mental health needs of all students."

The AISD police department has consisted of a police chief, Darren Brockway, and Officer Steve Stutsman, who primarily teaches criminal justice courses at Azle High School.

AISD also has five Azle Police Department police officers serving as school resource officers during the school year. The SROs have been present mainly at the high school and junior high campuses, and officers rotating through the elementary

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door to Pinnacle Bank, a new Discount Tire location should be finished by fall. Construction began in January on the building.

“They’re shooting for October-November of this year to finish that project,” Hawkins said. “It looks like the building’s almost done. They still have to finish all the paving and drainage and stuff like that.”

On FM 730 across from Walmart, some drainage and engineering still need to be completed for some retail development. Wendy’s and Panda Express restaurants are the first new businesses planned for the development and are expected to open early next year, Hawkins said. Wendy’s will be located next to Domino’s Pizza. The developer is currently pursuing other restaurants to be built on the tract of land, Hawkins said.

Down the road on 730, next to Capriccio’s restau-



The new Discount Tire location is expected to be finished by fall.

Photo by Don Munsch

rant, there’s a development being planned called Hornets Plaza. A parking lot and 8,400 square foot multi-tenant building with a drive-through are expected to be

constructed. That tract of land is zoned commercial, and it could attract medical and retail establishments or restaurants. Hawkins said the developer actually just

had it all re-platted into a single lot for both a parking lot and new retail building south of Capriccio’s. The new parking lot is expected to be shared with the Capriccio’s restaurant.

“Hopefully in the next week or so, we’ll start seeing a lot of activity there,” Hawkins said. “The owner had indicated that he’s been in contact with a Dunkin’ Donuts as a potential candidate for that drive-through. It’s not definitive yet, but it’s my understanding he’s been in contact, so I’d like to think that once the building starts going up, he’ll try to tighten that one down a little bit and get that one in.”

Main St. Tacos will open near South Stewart Street and South Main Street. The

restaurant will operate in a renovated building.

“We were told a few days ago that they’re trying to open on Aug. 15, so right now they’re working on finishing up the inside of the building as well as signage,” he said.

That business has a location in Mansfield in that city’s downtown area.

Also, the Dairy Queen building near QuikTrip should be demolished soon.

“We just issued a permit today for asbestos to be removed from the building,” Hawkins said July 8. “So it looks like a demolition permit is going to be coming up pretty quick to tear down that building. We actually have a pre-development meeting scheduled for

next week with the property owner about future plans with that property, so I think they’re wanting to come in with a QSR, quick serve restaurant, to go in that same spot. I don’t think it’s going to be Dairy Queen, but it will be something else. So, we’ll find that out next week.”

The building is about 50-60 years old, Hawkins said, and he hopes it can be demolished in the next few weeks.

“Hopefully, we’ll get a permit for redevelopment of that site later this fall,” he said.

Another development in the works is Katie’s Express Car Wash that will go up on 199 next to Russell’s Feed & Supply store, Hawkins said.



Main St. Tacos will open near South Stewart Street and South Main Street in a renovated building.

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# A protest in Azle

## Women demonstrate against Supreme Court decision

BY DON MUNSCH  
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Carlee Brackett and Tammy staged a protest Saturday morning in Azle.

The two Azle women – Tammy asked that her surname not be used – held signs in the right of way in front of a parking lot on West Main Street, just south of City Hall. Both support women’s rights, including abortion rights, in light of the Supreme Court decision that overturned Roe v. Wade on June 24. Other protests were held in the rest of the country over the weekend.

Some Main Street drivers rolled past and honked or gestured in a positive way to the two women as they stood with signs. Many just glanced at the signs and continued on their way. Tammy said one man made a derogatory comment to her and, later, another man rolled by and seemed to take a picture with his phone and commented on the size of the protest.

“I’m here to support women and equal rights for people who need them,” Brackett said. “Abortion is health care, and health care is a fundamental human right.” Tammy said she received a communication from a woman who was being induced into labor Monday – she was due on Sunday – and

said she would have been at the Azle protest otherwise.

A registered nurse for 30 years, Tammy said she considers herself “very much pro-life” but also supports abortion rights, self-determination and the right to health care. She said the Supreme Court decision on abortion rights was “callous” and said she is concerned for women’s health, including for young women.

“Especially in Texas, our mortality rate is so high,” she said. “And then we also don’t have the social services to support single moms.” (The Supreme Court’s decision allows states to make their own laws regarding abortion rights.)

Now that abortion rights will be banned in Texas – with the exception of a mother’s life or major bodily function being endangered, as reported in The Texas Tribune – Tammy doesn’t think lawmakers will put more money into social services.

“(Gov. Greg) Abbott’s notorious for taking money from children and social services,” she said.

She thinks more children and women will live in poverty as a result of the new abortion restrictions in Texas. She also worries about how doctors will react to the new laws, as they will fear getting into trouble and being sued, fined or los-



Carlee Brackett and Tammy held signs in the right of way in front of a parking lot on West Main Street. They were the only two people at the protest. Photo by Don Munsch

ing their licenses. The Texas Tribune also reported no exceptions for abortions will be made for rape or incest. Last week, President Joe Biden signed an executive order that seeks to safeguard reproductive health services.

Tammy discussed a number of topics around abor-

tion and the fallout of the Supreme Court decision, including Justice Clarence Thomas writing in his concurring decision on June 24 that other issues based on the same legal foundation as Roe v. Wade should be brought to the Court’s attention, including contraceptives,

same-sex relationships and same-sex marriage. Tammy noted that Thomas did not bring up interracial marriage as an issue that should be reviewed by the Court, explaining that he mentioned other cases involving equality should be brought before the Court. (Thomas, a Black

man, is married to a white woman. Loving v. Virginia, a Supreme Court decision from 1967, overturned laws that banned interracial marriage.)

“How does he justify that he deserves equality more than women?” Tammy said.



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# Azle Lions Club backpack sale starts July 23

**FROM STAFF REPORTS**

The Azle Lions Club will soon hold its annual backpack fundraiser, which sells backpacks full of Azle ISD school supplies.

Money raised helps the organization purchase backpacks and supplies to hand out for free to needy district students.

The sale will run from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. for three Saturdays in a row - July 23, 30 and Aug. 6 - at One Azle, 412 Commerce St., across from the post office.

Backpacks for PPCD and pre-K students will be \$60; for K-4 students, the price is \$75; and fifth and sixth grade backpacks are \$90.

Each backpack contains all of the requested supplies for that grade level.

Free backpacks are not distributed during the event. They are handed out by the schools.

For more information about the sale or about Lions Club in Azle, call Kathy at 817-237-8484 or Rebecca at 817-689-7232.

# Quilter's Guild of Parker County to meet next week

**FROM STAFF REPORTS**

The Quilter's Guild of Parker County next monthly meeting will be July 21.

The guild will meet in-person and via Zoom at Lakeshore Drive Baptist Church, 200 S. Lakeshore Drive in Hudson Oaks. The meeting begins at 6:45 p.m. but attendees are encouraged to come earlier to socialize.

The program this month will be speaker Melinda

Stanton. Stanton has taught several classes for quilt guilds across the U.S. She loves to introduce quilters to the fine art of English Paper Piecing. Stanton will show interested quilters how to tame this challenge with the Lucy Boston Patchwork of the Crosses block. She will also be leading a workshop on July 22 teaching the basics of English Paper Piecing including choosing fabric, fussy cut-

ting and putting it together. Those who are interested in the workshop should contact the guild to sign up.

Visitors are welcome in-person and online. Attendees who are planning to attend online must email their name and telephone number to qgpc2000@gmail.com.

To learn more about the guild, visit its website [quiltersguildofparkercounty.org](http://quiltersguildofparkercounty.org) or find the guild on Facebook.

# Reno calls for service up in June, police chief reports

**BY MADELYN EDWARDS**  
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Reno Police Chief Scott Elsner reported an increase in calls for service in June.

As of June 20, the Reno Police Department received 527 calls in June, according to Elsner's report to city council last month. Elsner described this as an increase from May, which he attributed to kids being out of school for the summer.

"Summer typically brings more investigative calls as kids are out of school and are staying out later. Calls for service always go up during the summer months and there are a lot of reasons for this," Deputy Chief Nathan Stringer said. "More people tend to be out and about more often in the summer months and college-age students are typically home for the summer. More people equals more calls for service. This does not necessarily mean they are committing more crimes. Remember, calls for service include traffic accidents and the like, so an increase in call volume could mean there's more vehicles on the roads, which can drive call volume up."

The increase also may be the result of the police department's move to provide 24-hour service, Stringer

said.

By the end of June, Reno police officers responded to 587 calls for service, Stringer said, which is slightly more than the average of about 580 calls per month though call volume varies throughout the year. The monthly figure refers to all types of police activity in June, both officer-initiated and the public calling for police service.

Out of all police activities, the most common one is traffic stops, Stringer said. In terms of calls from the public, the category with the highest call volume was disturbances, which includes calls regarding assault, sexual assault, child in need of supervision, civil disturbances, domestic disturbances, fight in progress, and person with weapons calls.

Three arrests were made in June as a result of service calls, not including arrests made on traffic stops for other agency's warrants, Stringer said.

Animal control calls have increased as well, Elsner reported at the June council meeting. The animal control officer, a position established this year, has received eight to 10 calls per month in the previous month. Stringer said the animal control officer had 19 calls by the end of June.

The chief also gave an update on the department's progress on closing old cases. Elsner said there were over 100 open cases when he started his position in November.

"It was from a report management system that hadn't been maintained properly in quite some time, and it was also an aging system, and it was starting to shut down on us whenever we were trying to pull up case files," Elsner said.

Stringer said the backlog of open cases is relatively current.

Some of the cases had been open since 2004, Elsner said.

Detective Brandy Bennett said some of the cases had been solved, but the cases hadn't been closed. Other cases had investigative work that needed to be done.

Bennett said the department's work to close the cases had a positive response from the residents involved in these cases, some of whom assumed they would never get closure.

"They don't know, so as far as they're concerned, nobody is working on it," she said. "We communicated very well and contacted everybody that had an open case that we needed to. We got a lot of positive response from that."

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campuses.

Brockway has already begun screening applicants and hopes to have the six positions filled before school starts on Aug. 17.

"I've got four that are looking pretty good," he said. "I'm strongly looking at people with extensive years of law enforcement experience."

Brockway is considering

candidates who have over 20 years of experience, "somebody who knows what they're doing."

By hiring six more dedicated Azle ISD officers, that means added security at all campuses across the district.

Brockway said that the district will still consider implementing the Texas School Guardian program,

which would allow campus teachers and staff to volunteer to be armed on campus after undergoing 16 hours of training and passing a written test.

The Azle ISD Safety Committee will meet again before school starts to discuss state safety requirements and any needs that have to be met before students are on campus again.

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BOOK REVIEW

# Insight and solutions for managing the challenges of dementia

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

Dad used to pride himself on being handy.

He could make anything, imagine anything, fix anything. He was handy, from tools to toys and kitchens to kids. But last week, Dad got lost on his way home from the grocery store, a trip he's made once a week for 30 years, and it scared you both. You might imagine what's coming. Find "Living in the Moment: Overcoming Challenges and Finding Moments of Joy in Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias" by Elizabeth Landsverk, MD, with Heather Millar, and be prepared for it.

So you noticed some memory or cognitive issues and Dad's not himself lately. How do you know if this new behavior is eccentricity or early dementia? Is this a normal sign of aging, or is it outside of normal? What kind of dementia might he suffer from, and to what degree? You'll want to get an

official diagnosis, so you know what to do in the future, and why.

The first thing to know about what Dad's going through is that dementia doesn't mean "It's all over." There's still plenty of life ahead for you both, perhaps for many years to come.

Next, remember that your loved one isn't "trying to be difficult." Their wild out-of-the-ordinary behavior can't be helped, and the disease is "so uncertain, so uneven." There are many possible ways to deal with forgetfulness, frustration, anger, and acting out, and there are things to avoid. Says Landsverk, solutions can sometimes be pleasant, even delightful.

Because Alzheimer's and dementia cannot be cured, have a plan in place for your loved one's care but review it often. Things will change as time and the disease progresses, so be willing to look at "the bigger picture." That

includes thinking about end-of-life issues, power of attorney papers, and legal and financial protections for the long-term.

Watch for scams; there are too many people who prey on our vulnerable seniors. Encourage physical activity, a good diet, and as much autonomy as currently possible. Learn how to craft a work-around for the easier-to-deal-with issues. And remember that "it takes a village to care for an elder with dementia" and "you are not alone."

The sand is not your friend.

It's certainly not where you want to stick your head when a loved one shows signs of dementia because that life's not a beach. No, it's manageable, and "Living in the Moment" can help.

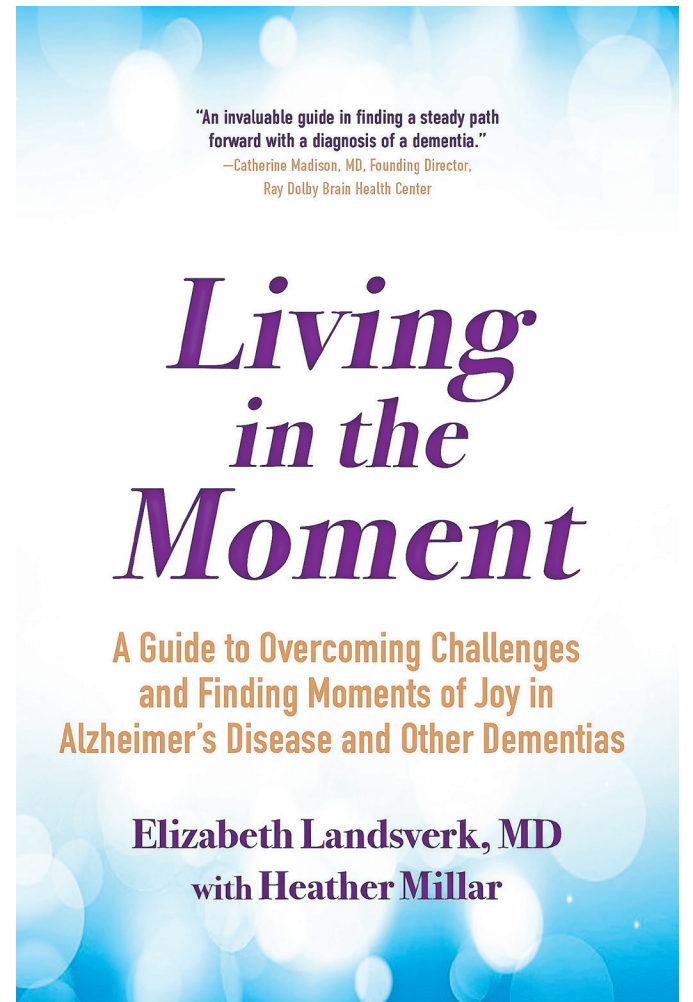
Though it's perhaps not as comprehensive as you may want later, author Landsverk (with author Millar) says in her introduction that

she wanted this book to be easy to use. She succeeded, with a broad overview of the basics, things to know now, medicines that will and won't work, problems to watch out for, and what to ready yourself for in the future. The case studies inside this book are strong and are scary enough to spur quick action, and they're balanced with quiet paragraphs of comfort.

This book is great for caregivers, but it's also an essential read for anyone who's in any way related to a dementia patient. Find "Living in the Moment" and keep it handy.

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# Obituaries

## Russell Curtis Posey 1956 - 2022

Russell Curtis Posey, 65, passed away July 9, 2022 in Alexandria, Louisiana.

Funeral is at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Alexander's Midway Springtown. Visitation from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday.

Russell was born Oct. 6, 1956 in Columbia, Louisiana to Curtis Lee Posey Jr. and Virginia Lea (Russell) Posey Nelson. Russell was a skilled tradesman and enjoyed working with his hands. He was an outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing, and spending time with family.

Russell was a loving son, brother, and uncle who will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Russell was preceded in



death by his father, Curtis Posey Jr.

He is survived by his mother Virginia (Russell) Nelson; sisters, Lisa Cash and her husband Cecil and Cathy Blackwell along with numerous nieces and nephews.

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## William "Fred" Steinly 1929 - 2022

William Freddie "Fred" Steinly, 93, of Azle, Texas, entered into his eternal rest on Friday, July 1, 2022 in Azle, Texas.

Visitation will be from 4 - 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 14, 2022 at Shannon Rose Hill Funeral Home in Fort Worth, Texas. Funeral services will be held on Friday, July 15, 2022 at 10 a.m. at Shannon Rose Hill Funeral Home with Pastor Thomas Kolb, officiating. Burial will follow at Isham Cemetery at 11:15 a.m. Arrangements are made by Shannon Hill Funeral Home.

Fred was born in Carnegie, Oklahoma to Fred and Dola Steinly on March 2, 1929. He married Minnie Bolton on April 2, 1948 in Fort Worth, Texas. He worked as a master of many trades throughout his lifetime. He was a veteran of the Korean war and served in the Army. He was involved in the American Legion, VFW, and many Musical Venues. He is most widely known for his legendary fiddle playing.

Fred is preceded in death by his parents Fred and Dola



Steinly, son Rickey Wayne, and siblings Shirley, Irma, Dorita, LaVae, Lew, and Movita.

Fred is survived by his wife of 74 years, Minnie Steinly, his children, Freddie Steinly and spouse Vivian, Jemmie Steinly and spouse Terry, and Jack Russell Steinly and spouse Sherry; his sisters, Rhonda and Deanna; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

The Steinly family wishes to extend our sincere thanks to the nurses and staff of Solaris Hospice and Pastor Thomas Kolb.

*The Azle News, July 13, 2022 Edition*

# Ministerial Alliance recognizes Shaffers

## FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Azle Area Ministerial Alliance presents the Lew & Sandy Shaffer Award each year at its annual Follow the Flag event on July 4, and this year's award went to David and Daniele Shaffer.

Besides awarding scholarships, this is the only other award given by the AAMA, according to a news release from the ministerial alliance. Started in 2012, the award highlights a person or couple who has consistently exhibited Christian leadership while serving the community in a variety of roles. The recipients are selected by a committee of prior award winners.

The award is named after Lew and Sandy Shaffer, who co-founded Son Shine Ministries in 1977 with Ted and Barbara Platt. It recognizes the challenges Lew and Sandy overcame after Lew suffered a massive stroke at the age of 49, and honors how they as a couple expressed the love of Christ to all they encountered, the release stated.

David took over the reins of Son Shine Ministries

from his late father, Lew Shaffer, and Ted Platt in 2002. He and Daniele have been active in the Azle community and throughout the Metroplex since the 1980s, the release stated. Local involvement has included AAMA membership and board service, Chamber membership and Board and Ambassador service, marriage and family ministry in area churches and directly with couples, and regular parental engagement with Azle ISD as parents of two boys who began at Silver Creek Elementary and continued on through Azle High School before heading to Texas A&M.

David and Daniele were in Germany visiting her family at the time of Follow the Flag but expressed their gratitude in a statement that was read at the event: "Daniele and I are deeply honored to receive this year's Lew & Sandy Shaffer Award. We love this community and enjoy sharing Jesus and equipping families through our work in Son Shine Ministries. We also love the people associ-



David and Daniele Shaffer while in Germany this summer visiting Daniele's family. Courtesy photo

ated with this award and are blessed to be connected in this unique way. We are sorry to miss this year's Follow

the Flag but are there with you in spirit. Thank you for this special award. It means a great deal to us."

# UTGCD to hold hearing, board meeting

## FROM STAFF REPORTS

Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District's hearing and regular board meeting are set for 5 p.m. July 18 at the district office at 1859 W. Highway 199 in Springtown or via Zoom videoconference, a UTGCD news release stated.

In addition to the regular board meeting agenda, which begins at conclusion of Public Hearing, another item of interest includes a public hearing regarding

multiple applications for an operating permit for three commercial water systems in Parker County.

The public is welcome and encouraged to remotely attend via online videoconference/teleconference. Join Zoom meeting by accessing

us02web.zoom.us/j/82018726507  
1 (346) 248-7799 – US  
Meeting ID: 820 1872 6507

The mission of UTGCD, established in November

2007, is to develop rules to "provide protection to existing wells, prevent waste, promote conservation, provide a framework that will allow availability and accessibility of groundwater for future generations, protect the quality of the groundwater in the recharge zone of the aquifer, ensure that the residents of Montague, Wise, Parker, and Hood Counties maintain local control over their groundwater, respect and protect

the property rights of landowners in groundwater, and operate the District in a fair and equitable manner for all residents of the District," the release stated.

For more information about UTGCD, including meeting dates and well registration forms, visit its website at [www.uppertrinitygcd.com](http://www.uppertrinitygcd.com) or call the District's office in Springtown, 817-523-5200.

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# Cool it! I'm not kidding!

Is it because I'm older or is it really hotter than it used to be?

I told Mrs. Sweetie yesterday that I think summer hibernation should be a thing in our neck of the woods. Just stay inside and sleep under the ceiling fan until November.

Every time I walk out my front door, I start doubting all my life choices. Well, maybe not all of them – just the ones that involve anything outside.

And this heat is making everyone act crazy.

Or maybe I'm so hot and grumpy and impatient that it just seems like they're act-



## BE AMAZING

By Gerry Lewis

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

ing crazy.

I get up in the morning with plans for what I hope to accomplish and then I walk out the door and ... "Nope!"

Can we all – including the weather – just cool it?

OK, rant over.

I'm 99% certain (holding desperately to that unrealistic 1% dream) that there is nothing I can do to control this Texas summer heat.

I'm equally certain that

summer hibernation is not a viable option.

And if there is any truth to the idea that I may be feeling it more at 60 than I felt it at younger ages – and I suspect there is a measure of truth there – turning back the clock is neither an option nor a preference.

I guess I'm just going to have to bring my own internal coolness with me.

What's internal coolness?

I'm glad you asked.

It's choosing patience when everything around is a hot mess.

It's choosing kindness when tempers are overheating.

It's choosing to create emotional and spiritual shade for others – not "throwing shade" but being safe and letting people rest and be refreshed in our presence.

Proverbs 11:25 says, "A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."

That doesn't mean that our generosity is simply a means for our own benefit or that

we are really serving ourselves when create refreshing shade for others.

It means that being part of God's work through generously sharing refreshing "shade" is to participate in a community of refreshment where God multiplies the supply to meet the need in ways that often surprise us.

Take a minute right now and try to remember a time when someone – maybe someone you didn't even know – provided you a momentary unexpected respite.

Maybe it was a smile and a kind word that was just at the right time.

Maybe someone held the

door for you when your hands were full or stopped to help you pick up something you dropped.

Maybe someone let you get ahead of them in the checkout line.

Maybe someone sent you a card, text or email just to let you know they were thinking about you.

Shade.

Refreshing.

Coolness.

Now think about how you could do that for someone else. Watch for opportunities over the next few days.

Cool it.

Be amazing today, my friend.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### PEOPLE ARE WHAT MAKE AMERICA GREAT

What a day! The Eagle Mountain Shrine Club participated in the Granbury, Texas, parade on July 4. What an event! Thousands upon thousands of people lined both sides of the parade street and town square.

Our Shrine parade wagon was loaded with Shriners, Shrine clowns and family members. We were the last

wagon in the parade. We waited over an hour before we entered the parade.

As we entered the parade street, what a sight to see. Men, women and children dressed up in the stars and stripes. Smiles, hand waves and thumbs up. Lawn chairs, shade tents and tables set up. They had been there for hours waiting for the parade to start.

As I sat on the wagon bench and as it slowly

moved down the street, I thought, "What makes America great?" I thought of many things, but the answer was always the same: "The people of America make America great."

What a happy sight! America has always been great from July 4, 1776, to today, July 4, 2022. Why? The people – you and me.

*Bobby R. Sloan, Azle*

### FIRE DANGERS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.

through July 5 in an effort to curb the number of fires that would be sparked by residents setting off fireworks at home.

But the order did not prevent many holiday revelers from setting off fireworks anyway.

Azle Fire Chief Will Scott said that his department responded to eight fireworks-related calls for service during the holiday

weekend.

Moses Druxman, the fire marshal and chief for Briar-Reno Fire Department, said that his department also stayed busy during that weekend.

"During the holiday weekend, we had the following: 22 firework violations in Pelican Bay; 15 firework violations in Reno; four firework violations in Sanctuary; 45 fire-

work violations in Northeast Parker County as a part of the Parker County Fire Marshal's Office; 18 EMS calls, three major accidents with injuries, five fire-related incidents," Druxman said.

On July 1, the Parker County Commissioners Court approved an extension to the fireworks prohibition that extends through Sept. 6.

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# The Orchard Event center under new ownership

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY  
azlereporter@azlenews.net

Mike and D'Andra Davidson thought a lot about what they wanted to do with their 10-acre property on the west side of Azle over a decade ago.

While looking at wedding venues with their daughter, picturing what the perfect event space would look like, that's when inspiration struck.

The Davidsons opened the Orchard Event Venue and Retreat in 2011. It has seen hundreds of weddings, fundraisers, appreciation banquets and more over the years. Now, it is time for them to say goodbye to the place they built.

"It's bittersweet, but it was time," D'Andra said.

As of the end of June, The Orchard is under new ownership through a company

called Unity Venture out of Ohio.

"(The new owner) said, 'I want to leave it just as it is,'" D'Andra said. "So we were happy about that."

The new owner has plans to make changes that the Davidsons "had wanted to do for a long time," including enclosing the open-air pavilion so it can be used more.

Even though the new owners are not local, the Davidsons are confident that they will keep operations going the same direction that they did. The current staff at The Orchard will remain and handle the day-to-day operations of the venue.

"The proof's in the pudding," Mike said. "We'll see what happens when it actually comes about, but I think they will (keep things the same)."

Mike will stay busy with his construction business,

ProBuild, and said that they are "ready for some more things."

"Yeah, we're going to refill (that time) now," D'Andra said. The couple wants to include travel plans in the future, as well as plenty of time spent with their kids and grandkids.

The Davidsons are sad to say goodbye to the venue but are thankful for the community that helped it grow.

"We would like to thank the entire community of Azle for all their support and guidance," Mike said. "We kept all of our business locally. ... Everybody has been so helpful, and it's been a great relationship for sure."

For more information about The Orchard Event Venue and Retreat, visit [www.theorchardtx.com](http://www.theorchardtx.com), or call 817-270-4555.

## News From Azle City Hall

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

### "Thank You"

Another amazing concert series has come to an end! We want to thank the bands and fans who made the 2022 Music in the Park Concert Series one to remember! We especially want to thank the Special Events Advisory Board for their hard work and dedication.

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### Azle Memorial Library News and Free Events

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#### Summer Reading - Oceans of Possibilities:

There is still time for children, teens and adults to sign up and participate in our FREE Summer Reading Program! Stop by the library during open hours to sign up for the reading contest to earn prizes just for reading! See the Summer Guide on our website and in the library for full details. The final deadline for sign-ups and prizes is July 25.

#### Family Adventure Storytime:

Perfect for toddlers and preschoolers, plus their caregivers and siblings! Only two dates left this summer - July 13 and 20. Storytime will be on break beginning the last week of July and will resume on August 24.

#### Family Movie:

Beat the heat by enjoying a showing of "Addams Family 2" (rated PG) on the big screen in the air-conditioned Library Community Room on Saturday, July 23, at 1:30 PM. All ages welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult. Free popcorn provided!

#### Matter of Balance Series:

Texas A&M AgriLife & the Area Agency on Aging is bringing back this 8 session series focused on managing falls and increasing activity levels in older adults beginning Monday, August 1. **Classes are free, but space is limited and registration is required.** To register, call the library at (817) 752-2682 and ask for the Adult Services Librarian.

Visit our website for more exciting programs!

Scan for more information on what's happening in the City of Azle or visit us at [www.cityofazle.org](http://www.cityofazle.org).



## LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE CLARK SUPERIOR COURT NO. 5  
STATE OF INDIANA

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF: WILFREDO D. ALVARADO, Petitioner, and ASHLEY N. ALVARADO (a/k/a ASHLEY N. WILKERSON) Respondent. Case No. 10D05-2109-DC-451  
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO: ASHLEY N. ALVARADO A/K/A ASHLEY N. WILKERSON Whereabouts Unknown The STATE OF INDIANA to the above-named individual as Respondent, and any other persons who may be concerned. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Verified Petition to Enter Permanent Custody Order has been filed in the Clark Superior Court No. 5 by WILFREDO D. ALVARADO as Petitioner, naming you as Respondent-Mother and requesting that the Court enter a permanent custody order with respect to your two children, S.A.P.A and G.M.G.A. This Summons by Publication is specifically directed to ASHLEY N. ALVARADO a/k/a ASHLEY N. WILKERSON, whose whereabouts are unknown, and you are hereby notified that you must respond in writing, personally, or by your attorney, within thirty (30) days of the last publication of this and in the event that you fail to do so, judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief requested in the aforementioned pleadings. Prepared by: A. David Hutson, #28616-22 6200 E. Hwy 62, Suite 660 Jeffersonville, Indiana 47130

Telephone: (812) 206-5905 Fax: (866) 932-5315 Email: [david@hutsonlegal.com](mailto:david@hutsonlegal.com)  
Attest: Clerk, Clark Circuit Courts, Dated: June 21, 2022.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Adjustment for the City of Azle will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, July 28, 2022, to consider a variance request to Section 2 (3) Setback Requirements of the City of Azle Ordinance No. 388 for the property located at 1905 Spinnaker Lane, and also known as Lot 116, Block 1, Oak Harbor Estates Addition, an addition to the City of Azle, Tarrant County, Texas. The purpose of the variance is to allow for the construction of a new pergola to encroach the minimum five-foot (5') side yard setback. The meeting will begin at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers located at 505 W. Main, Azle, Texas.

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# It's important to pay attention to details involved in summer trailer towing

The Texas summer heat will stress most anything that is subjected to it. We generally focus on getting our vehicles ready for the heat, but many folks will overlook their trailers. Many of us trailer our boats many miles each week. Spending a little time on maintenance on your trailer can save a big bundle down the road. This article today covers trailer maintenance issues that can be applied most any time of the year and especially in the summer.

One common failure on boat trailers or any trailer is the wheel bearings. Wheel bearings fail due to insufficient grease, worn bearings or due to water damage. In many cases a trailer that is not used on a regular basis will develop rust pits on the bearings which will eventually lead to failure. A trailer that is used more consistently may be less prone to pitting provided there is sufficient grease in the hub.



**ON FISHING**  
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It is a good idea to rework and repack the bearings each year. This should keep you out of trouble. Make sure you refill your bearing protectors regularly. There are many different types of oil systems for trailer bearings. The idea is to keep water out of the bearings.

I usually try to ensure that the bearings are full after a couple of trips. I also like to feel the hub after a long trip to see if they're hot. If they are not hot to the touch they are probably in good shape. If they are hot, you should probably replace or repack them immediately.

Some of the newer bearing systems even have a sight glass to check liquid oil levels in the bearings.

I have found that for most

trailers, a complete hub with new bearings and races is just a few dollars more than a replacement set of bearings, races and seals. You may want to consider purchasing a hub as a backup for your trailer especially if you trailer long distances. Those of you with a single axle trailer may want to seriously look into this option.

Trying to replace damaged bearing races on the side of the road in 100-degree weather is definitely not in the fun category. Those of us with a tandem trailer can run on one axle for a short time even though it is not advisable. It wouldn't be a bad idea to have a spare hub for any boat trailer. One more thing, don't overfill some bearing protectors as they can over pressurize in the heat and damage seals or pop out seals, allowing water to enter more easily.

As most of you know, tires can also fail in the heat. Make sure your tires are in good shape and properly inflated. Blowouts aren't any fun either.

**OTHER TRAILER TIPS**

Some other tips for trailering include making sure that your hitch is rated to handle whatever load you are pulling. A bumper hitch may or may not be sufficient to pull your load. Some bumper hitches are only rated for small loads and trailer

balls have different ratings. For example, a good bumper can be rated to pull 5,000 pounds, but if it only has a 3,500-pound ball on it, it's only good for 3,500 pounds.

It is also a good policy to make sure that your trailer is level when attached to the tow vehicle. A trailer that is too high in the front may sway when running down the road. Whatever hitch that you do use, make sure that the trailer latch is pinned. I use a padlock to lock the latch to the ball hitch. Make sure your safety chains are attached as well even on a short trip. Losing a boat on the road would definitely not be fun.

Make sure your trailer is suited for the load. A real stiff trailer carrying a light boat can damage the boat by transmitting the bumps on the road to the hull. A trailer that is properly sized for the load will better cushion the boat down the road.

Also make sure that your boat is securely strapped down at the bow and at the transom. A boat bouncing around on the trailer will surely get damaged over time. I have had an experience where my boat's hull was damaged due to the trailer not properly supporting the bow weight. It can happen even on trailers provided with the boat.

If you are carrying a heavy load, position the load if possible, over the axle(s). For us, a striper fisherman, trailering the boat with a large capacity bait tank will add eight pounds for every gallon of water on board (e.g. 50 gallons will add 400 pounds of load). Special consideration should be taken for this type of load addition.

Another overlooked item is the web strap on the trailer winch. These straps can dry rot fairly quick (mainly due to the sun and water). I have

watched my boat head out in the lake with no one aboard due to a failed strap while launching. Replace the entire strap or remove the dry-rotted portion that will normally appear sun-bleached. There are normally several extra feet of the strap to use on the winch.

A big problem most of us have to deal with in the Brazos River is the salt content. It is advisable to get an aluminum or galvanized trailer when you buy a boat. A standard steel trailer will rust fairly quickly. You should rinse your trailer after every fishing trip to remove the salt. This will extend the life of your trailer. If you do see rust, take care of it quickly. There are special paints that are rust-resistant.

Make sure you take care of that trailer. It has to get you there. It is just as important as the boat.



Take care of your boat trailer. Spending a little time on maintenance on your trailer can save a big bundle down the road. Photo MCC

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Water temperatures are in the middle to the upper 80s. Thermocline is present on many areas of Lake Granbury, about 20-25 feet down. Sand bass are schooling from Indian Harbor to DeCordova. Crappie are good on submerged timber on many areas of the lake. Catfish continue to be good on baited holes near standing timber. Largemouth bass are good in numbers on crankbaits and soft plastics fished near main lake points and near deeper docks. Striped bass when located are good to 9 pounds on live shad and slabs.

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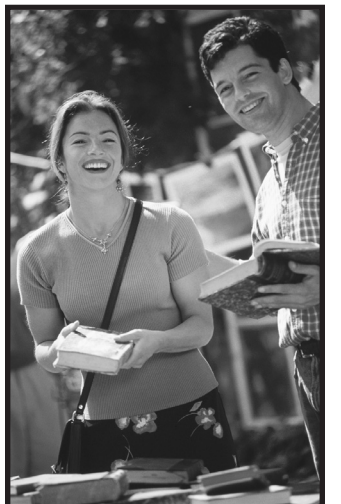
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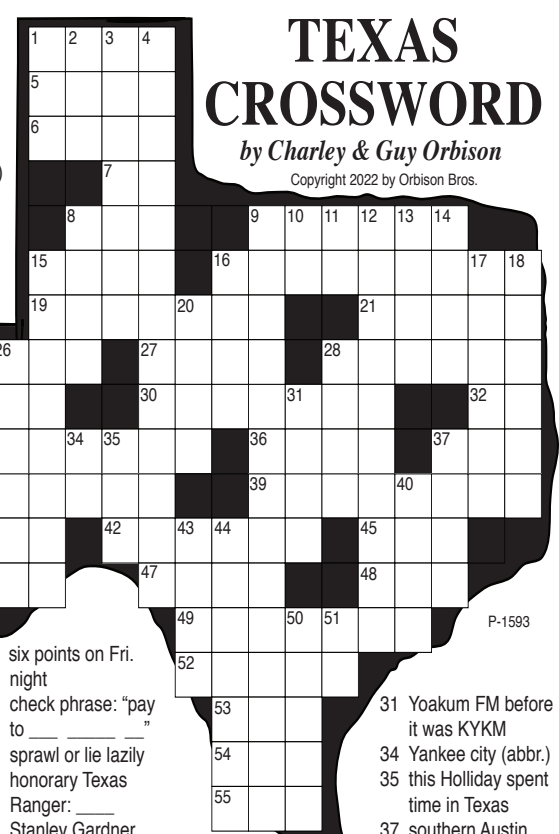
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- 7 "Hook '\_\_\_ Horns!"
- 8 gun rights grp.
- 9 TXism: "first \_\_\_ out of the box"
- 15 Tex Ritter sang the theme song for 1952 western "High \_\_\_"
- 16 TXism: "you're buying oats for a \_\_\_" (waste)
- 19 TXism: "lower than \_\_\_ belly"
- 21 Waxahachie's county
- 22 most outlandish fishing story? (2 wds.)
- 27 popular seasoning
- 28 abuse sexually
- 29 deadly
- 30 illegal pursuer of another person
- 32 this Agee blocked for Emmitt Smith in 1990 (init.)
- 33 TXism: "go to \_\_\_" (Sunday)
- 36 Texans love black-\_\_\_ peas
- 37 a wager at Lone Star Park
- 38 Texas-based film, "\_\_\_ Comin' Back, Red Ryder?"
- 39 "\_\_\_ she wore flannel PJs on her honeymoon"
- 41 cell service provider
- 42 least serious crime: \_\_\_ misdemeanor
- 45 "get \_\_\_ of it"
- 46 TXism: "got \_\_\_ many irons in the fire"
- 47 Vega High class (2 wds.)
- 48 TXism: "that's a horse \_\_\_ different color"
- 49 TX James Baker was Reagan's and George H.W.'s Chief \_\_\_

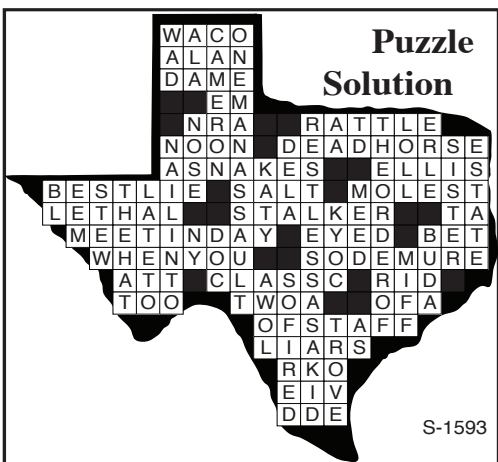
**DOWN**

- 1 TXism: "tight \_\_\_" (cheapskate)
- 2 peach cobbler \_\_\_ mode
- 3 Milam County seat
- 4 TX Lucian Adams got Medal of Honor for \_\_\_ against Germans
- 8 TXism: "plain as the \_\_\_ on your face"
- 9 TXism: "\_\_\_ in church"
- 10 Quannah High class
- 11 six points on Fri. night
- 12 check phrase: "pay to \_\_\_"
- 13 sprawl or lie lazily
- 14 honorary Texas Ranger: \_\_\_ Stanley Gardner
- 15 TXism: "he couldn't drive a \_\_\_ a snow bank"
- 16 Seur \_\_\_ Salle, an explorer in Texas
- 17 Jenna Bush Hager to Barbara Bush Coyne
- 18 real \_\_\_
- 20 a Houston suburb
- 22 famous UT and NFL QB, Layne (init.)



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- 31 Yoakum FM before it was KYKM
- 34 Yankee city (abbr.)
- 35 this Holliday spent time in Texas
- 37 southern Austin suburb on I-35
- 40 fit of pique
- 43 unauthorized absence for a soldier (abbr.)
- 44 Mavs fans were \_\_\_ up for 2022 playoffs
- 50 treasure
- 51 TXism: "drunk \_\_\_ skunk"
- 23 this Myers designed the Texas Capitol (init.)
- 24 meat & veggie dish
- 25 TXism: "he's a little shy in \_\_\_ size" (slow witted)
- 26 TXism: "he'll be \_\_\_ his own funeral"
- 28 archaic "reward"



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# When caring becomes oversharing



## DEAR FRANKIE

By Geneva Woodruff

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

Dear Frankie,

I grew up in a quiet and loving family. When one of us had something to say we gave them our full attention. None of us felt it necessary to share our every thought and feeling. We didn't wag our tails a lot, bark much, or dance around when someone came home. Being reserved was never a problem for me until now.

Recently, my boyfriend has complained that I never share my feelings and questioned if I really love him. He pointed out that he sees posts on Facebook where girlfriends write glowing and loving tributes about the man in their lives. I can't imagine sharing such personal feelings in public, let alone on social media.

I love my boyfriend and don't want to lose him. But I'm shy and can't become demonstrative at this stage in my life. I'm worried this

might be a dealbreaker.

*Concerned, Flossie*

Dear Flossie,

No, you can't change your personality, nor should you. Can a leopard change his spots? Of course not. Perhaps you might ask your boyfriend to suggest ways he would like you to show him how much you care. He might say things like write him a love note, wag your tail when he arrives, or share why you love him. These suggestions might be doable, even for someone shy.

I agree with you about Facebook. Is nothing sacred? You might remind him that one of the greatest gifts one can give to another is to listen to them and provide their undivided attention. If that's not enough for him, it might be time to rethink the relationship.

*Signed, Frankie*

## TARRANT AREA FOOD BANK

# Donation to help local military families



Holidays and Heroes gave a \$40,000 donation, which will be used to help assist local military families who are stationed at the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base in Fort Worth and who are struggling with food insecurity. This donation will be directed to provide Thanksgiving meals to approximately 400 military families in November.

Photo courtesy TAFB

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Tarrant Area Food Bank and Capt. Mark McLean on Thursday July 7 welcomed Holidays and Heroes for a check presentation of \$40,000 to help assist local military families who are stationed at the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base in Fort Worth and are struggling with food insecurity. This donation will be directed to provide Thanksgiving meals to approximately 400 military families in

November, according to a news release from TAFB.

The check presentation was at the Tarrant Area Food Bank Distribution Center; 2600 Cullen St. in Fort Worth.

Junior-enlisted service members and their families face many challenges in today's economy, including providing for their families' basic needs.

"Our service members should not have to worry about feeding their family a special holiday meal at

Thanksgiving," the release stated. "Holidays & Heroes generous donation will ensure no service member in our community will be without the Thanksgiving meal this year. Holidays & Heroes receives monetary donations that support the organization's donation to the Tarrant Area Food Bank to ensure military families in need receive the 'gift of food.'"

The Tarrant Area Food Bank has had a long-standing relationship with

the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base, collaboratively providing food distributions and other food security services on base, the release stated. Tarrant Area Food Bank received welcomed and much needed assistance from both the Army and Air National Guardsman during the pandemic to provide necessary large mega mobile food distributions and packing events for the 13 county communities served.

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# TEA releases STAAR results for grades 3-8, COVID-19 cases increase again

## TEA RELEASES STAAR RESULTS FOR GRADES 3-8

The Texas Education Agency has released the 2022 State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness

Results for grades 3-8, which showed across-the-board improvements in all grades and subjects, with especially significant gains in reading.

"The investments that the state is making in reading academies and accelerated instruction are clearly paying dividends for our students, and the results are a testament to the hard work of teachers across our state," Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath said. "While we still have much work to do to recover from COVID-related learning loss in mathematics, the improvements our students have made in reading are clear."

The spring results include exams in mathematics and reading for grades 3-8, 5th and 8th grade science, and 8th grade social studies.

## MILITARY BASES HAVE BIG IMPACT ON STATE'S ECONOMY

A study analyzing the impact on the state's economy from U.S. military installations concludes that contributed at least \$114.1 billion to the Texas economy last year and supported more than 600,000 jobs across the state. Texas is home to 15 military installations and the U.S. Army Futures Command, which is located in Austin and runs modern-



## CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders

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

ization projects for the U.S. Army.

The study was completed by the comptroller's office at the behest of the Texas Military Preparedness Commission.

"It is amazing to see the tremendous economic impact these military installations have in Texas," said Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar. "The importance of these bases reaches far beyond direct jobs and personal income. The facilities, and the men and women who work and are stationed at them, form the backbone of communities and support countless businesses and induced jobs throughout the state."

## FORMER NFL PLAYER INDICTED FOR BOGUS MEDICAL CLAIMS

Former NFL player Narond "Roc" Alexander was indicted recently for submitting fraudulent health reimbursement claims totaling more than \$25,000 to a health program for former NFL players. The case was brought by Texas Department of Insurance investigators along with the Bexar County District Attorney's office.

Alexander allegedly filed the bogus claims between 2014 and 2018 under the Gene Upshaw NFL Player Health Reimbursement

Plan, which helps pay certain medical care expenses for former NFL players. He could face up to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine if convicted.

"Insurance fraud hurts the people who actually need these funds to cover their health care costs, like the NFL players who benefit from this particular fund," Bexar County District Attorney Joe Gonzales said. "This indictment allows us to seek justice on behalf of the NFL players with legitimate claims who rely on these funds."

After playing for the University of Washington, Alexander signed with the Denver Broncos in 2004 and later played for the Houston Texans.

## GRANT PROGRAM TO BENEFIT TRAVEL INDUSTRY

The travel industry, hard hit by the COVID-19 pandemic, is set to receive \$180 million of funds under a grant program funded by the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The program is designed to provide grants for the recovery of Texas businesses in the tourism, travel, and hospitality industry affected by the pandemic.

"Travel and tourism are critical components to both the state and local economies," said Gov. Greg Ab-

bott. "Visitor spending at Texas destinations brings new money into communities and spurs local job creation across industries in every region of the state."

A series of webinars are slated to provide information for specific businesses. To get more details and register, go to: <https://ttir.gov.texas.gov>.

## DEMOGRAPHIC CENTER ANALYZES STATE CENSUS RESULTS

The U.S. Census Bureau has released its 2021 population estimates, and the Texas Demographic Center has crunched the numbers to determine:

- Texas is growing both older and more diverse. Median age increased to 35.4 years in 2021, up from 33.6 in 2010.
- Texas has more Black residents than any other state.
- All urban core counties in Texas, except for Travis County, lost non-Hispanic white population.
- The state has the third-largest Asian population in the country.
- Harris County has more Black residents than all other counties in the country except Cook County, which includes Chicago.

## SHARING THE ROAD WITH LARGE TRUCKS

Anyone who has driven the state's major highways recently likely has noticed the number of 18-wheelers on the road has risen as businesses and industries work to fill demand in many sectors. The Texas Department of Transportation is remind-



The Texas Department of Transportation is reminding motorists to take extra care when driving around big trucks. Photo MCC

ing motorists to take extra care when driving around big trucks.

Drivers are especially at risk in the state's energy sectors, according to TxDOT. Last year, more than 79,000 crashes occurred in the state's five major energy production areas, resulting in 1,119 deaths — a 20% increase over the previous year.

Among the safety tips offered by TxDOT are staying away from a truck's blind spot; not tailgating; when passing a truck, making sure you can see both of the truck's headlights before moving back into your lane; and never crossing behind a truck that is backing up, since the driver can't see you.

## COVID-19 CASES INCREASE AGAIN

The number of new COVID-19 cases reported in Texas during the past week by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University rose again to 84,417, with 115 deaths recorded. Both numbers are up modestly compared to what was reported the previous week. However, lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations in the state continue to rise steadily, with 3,007 reported by the Department of State Health Services. That's up 22% from the previous week and more than double what was reported a month ago.

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## Albatross

### Wide, Wide Wingspan

The albatross is one of the world's largest flying seabirds.

The most common North Pacific species is the Laysan albatross. There are more than 660,000 breeding pairs just on Midway Atoll in the northwest Hawaiian Islands.

Midway Atoll  
PACIFIC OCEAN  
Hawaiian Islands

The wandering albatross is the largest member of the albatross family. This bird is one of the largest birds in the world. They have the largest wingspan, ranging from 8.23 to 11.8 feet.

**ACTIVITY:** Stretch your arms out wide. Have a family member measure your "wingspan" from fingertip to fingertip.

### How an Albatross Chick Eats

Number the steps below in order.

- The chick then pulls food out of the parent's mouth to eat.
- To feed its chick, the adult forces food up out of its stomach and into its mouth. This is called regurgitation.
- The adult flies back to its chick with the food in its stomach.
- An adult albatross scoops up food for its chick from the sea.

One bird researcher on Midway saw an adult regurgitate a toothbrush and its chick ate it. Chicks are not able to regurgitate food or other materials out of their stomachs and the plastic food stays there, making them sick and sometimes killing them.

### Plastic Problem

Replace the missing words!

Even though this large group of albatross lives far away from people, their young get \_\_\_\_\_ and die because of \_\_\_\_\_ people. Small plastic toys, bottle caps, toothbrushes, and other small pieces of plastic have been found in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the chicks.

How did plastic end up in the stomachs of \_\_\_\_\_ that live so far away from populated areas?

Albatross parents \_\_\_\_\_ hundreds of miles to find food for their chicks. They scoop up squid, krill, fish eggs and other seafood from the \_\_\_\_\_ of the ocean. But these days, they also accidentally swallow floating plastic.

**Skip the Straw!** Plastic straws create huge problems for the environment. Use a paper straw or better yet, just skip the straw!

### You Can Help the Albatross!

You can keep trash from traveling to the sea by recycling, putting trash in trash cans, and choosing reusable alternatives over single-use plastic. Less plastic on land means less plastic in the sea!

**Extra! Extra!**

### Instead of Plastic

Look through the newspaper and find five things made of plastic. What could people use instead of plastic for each of these five things?  
**Example:** Plastic bag—use a cloth bag instead.

**Standards Link:** Life Science: Understand renewable and nonrenewable resources.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

#### How many pounds of plastic waste do scientists estimate albatross bring to Midway Atoll each year?

Color each odd number red to reveal the answer.

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### 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.

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### Greater Than or Less Than

Cut six numbers from the newspaper. Paste two of them on a piece of paper with space between them. Make a number sentence by adding a "greater than" (>) or "less than" (<) symbol, such as 23 > 9. Repeat this with the rest of the numbers.

**Standards Link:** Math: Compare numbers using the < and > symbols.

### Write On!

#### If I Had Wings

What would it be like if you had wings like a bird? Use your imagination to write a short story about life as a person with wings.

## Proof It

Are you an eagle-eyed reader? Circle the seven mistakes in this story. Then, rewrite it correctly on the lines. Have a family member check your work.

### Ocean Pollution

Many people thinks that trash found in the ocean is from boats or ships. This is knot true.

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Crystal Martinez is enjoying her first year as director of the Dazzlers.

Photo by Jeff Prince

## Azle Emerald Dazzlers honing skills for upcoming sports season

BY JEFF PRINCE  
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The sound of a whistle blowing inside Hornet Stadium on an early summer morning was like “Reveille” to a group of girls still wiping sleep from their eyes.

On July 7, the Emerald Dazzlers of Azle High School were preparing for the summer’s first voluntary practice session. More than a dozen girls had showed up at Hornet Stadium despite the early hour and warm temperatures pushing toward the century mark.

Before practice began, the team’s new director, Crystal Martinez, and team captain Daisy Colazo told the girls to line up on the artificial turf. One by one, the teammates took turns describing something fun they had done this summer.

One girl had adopted a pet rabbit. Another girl had installed a bunk bed in her room. One had seen “Top Gun: Maverick.” Another had watched “Minions: The Rise of Gru.”

After the small talk was done, it was time to go to work.

The Emerald Dazzlers are known for their bright smiles and dazzling dance moves. Typically, the girls don glittery hats and clothes and wear flamboyant makeup while dancing and waving pompoms during halftimes at football games.

On this summer day, however, the girls were focused on fundamentals, practicing their steps and arm motions. Sweat flowed down their faces and soaked their clothing. They were dressed casually in shorts and T-shirts with their hair

SEE DAZZLERS, PAGE 17A.

## Azle’s new head coach for girls soccer is a familiar face

BY JEFF PRINCE  
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Hannah Smith, the assistant coach on the Azle High School girls soccer team for the past two years, has been promoted to head coach.

She replaces former head coach Madeline Wood, who moved to Oklahoma over the summer.

“I’m happy to stay here with the kids and just transition to that spot and get going,” Smith said.

Azle was Smith’s first coaching job after leaving college in 2019, and she is in her third year at Hornet Nation.

Smith grew up and graduated from high school in Garland in 2013 before playing Division II soccer at Fort Hays State in Hays, Kansas.

In 2017, she graduated from

Hays State and became a volunteer assistant coach at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi while working on a master’s degree. In 2019, she earned a master’s degree and began working at Azle High.

The Lady Hornets finished out of the playoffs last season with an overall record of 3-18-2 and a district record of 1-8-1. The team consisted of sophomores mostly, and their inexperience showed. Last year’s roster contained just one senior.

This season, the roster will be packed with five seniors and eight juniors with varsity experience.

“We’re gaining a lot more experience than we’ve had in the last two years,” Smith said. “We’ve had a very young team up until this point.”

Also, local girls are starting



Hannah Smith is the new head coach for girls soccer. Courtesy photo

to play soccer earlier in middle school and coming to high school

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The Azle Hornets are gearing up for a new football season, and tickets are available for the fun. Photo by Jeff Prince

## Season tickets remain on sale for Azle Hornet football games

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

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From right, Caitlin Sanders works with her teammates on a dance routine.

pulled up in buns or ponytails to withstand the summer heat.

Taking the lead was Collazo. "You're doing really good," she told the Dazzlers midway through a drill to work on their steps. "I know it's hot."

During a water break, Collazo explained the urgency in getting together during summer break. School begins on Aug. 17, a little more than a month away.

"Our first football game is like, the next week after school starts," she said. "We barely have any time, so we had to get things done now."

The team is learning its routines under a new set of watchful eyes, as former director Erin Boyer has left the

team and been replaced by first-year teacher and director Martinez.

"We got a new director, so we're trying to get back on track," Collazo said.

**MEET THE NEW BOSS**

Martinez is no stranger to Hornet Nation. She attended Azle High School and participated in the color guard for four years before graduating in 2014. Afterward, she continued to work as a volunteer technician with the color guard for several years and became an instructor in 2019.

After graduating from Texas Woman's University in 2020, she entered a workforce decimated by COVID-19.

"Graduating during the

pandemic was quite difficult as jobs in the arts were difficult to obtain since times were uncertain," she said.

Martinez juggled a succession of jobs, including teaching dance at Transcend Motion Dance Company, working as a caretaker, DoorDashing and serving as a paraprofessional at Eagle Heights Elementary School.

Now, she has entered the teaching profession, serving as Dazzlers director at the high school and teaching dance at Azle's junior high schools.

Martinez likes what she sees in this year's Dazzlers.

"They've been doing a good job," she said. "They had a week of camp already to learn routines. They've been working together and

just doing a great job. They want to succeed, and I want the best for them, as well. We are all working together to get it going."

Fitting in with her new charges hasn't been difficult because they have been "very willing and very kind," Martinez said.

A portion of the team was missing practice, but Martinez wasn't concerned. The session was voluntary, and yet more than a dozen girls had shown up.

"It's vacation time, but these girls are willing to come out and work," she said. "I told them if they're out for vacation, I totally understand. It's summer. People want to enjoy their vacations, and a lot of them already had things sched-

uled."

Her goal for her first season as director is to be "inspiring to them and hopefully expand their knowledge of dance," she said.

**MANAGER FARLEY**

When Lizzy Farley was a young girl, she attended football games at Hornet Stadium to watch her older siblings play in the marching band. Mostly, though, she liked watching the Emerald Dazzlers.

"I always sat right behind them when we went to the games," she said. "I didn't want to sit anywhere else."

This year, Farley was appointed as manager, and she takes pride in helping at practices, keeping track of pompoms and boosting

team spirit. She can be sensitive to loud noises, so she prefers helping out from the sidelines rather than being on the field at halftime or during competitions.

"I go to a lot of the practices and practice with them and do what they do," she said. "During the games, I sit over there on the bleachers."

Her teammates appreciate her presence, including Caitlin Sanders, a junior beginning her third year with the Dazzlers.

"Dazzlers is a really fun way to just do what you love, do what a lot of people are passionate about and just dance together as a big group," she said. "It's a very loving and hardworking team. I've always wanted to be on a drill team."



Team manager Lizzy Farley helps keep things in order during practices and games. Photos by Jeff Prince



Dazzlers captain Daisy Collazo blows a whistle while leading the group through drills on July 7.

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with more experience, she said.

"We've just got to put it all together and hope for some results," she said.

Making the playoffs is a

goal but not the only one.

"The biggest thing I want to do is sit down and make goals as a team to kind of know what we're shooting for throughout our district

and throughout the season," Smith said. "The playoffs are always going to be our end goal. Whether we can get there this year, we have the players to do it. I guess

we'll just have to wait and see how it all comes together."

Jelling as a team will lead to more wins, she said.

"The biggest thing is

team, the team atmosphere," Smith said. "I don't want to make goals that I've written out myself because that's something we have to do as a group for them to buy into

it. As long as we stay a team and continue to fight as a team, that's the biggest thing. Being sure we're playing for each other instead of someone just playing for themselves."

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# Game Faces



Arasely Palomares, left, and Megan Brady, right



Micah Putt



Lynnleigh Williams





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