

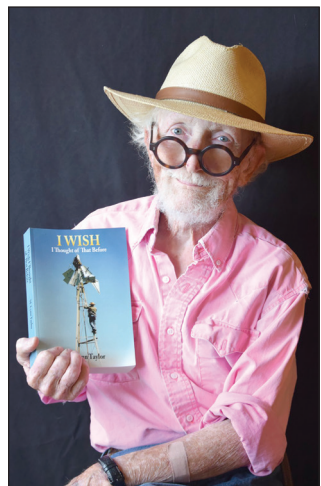


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## Local writer publishes memoir



BY JESSICA MCKINNEY  
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Lynn Taylor has lived a life worth reading about. From his early days on the radio doing JFK impressions, to his time as a journalist (“the last honest job I had”) and working for the Attorney General’s office in Austin on some notable and controversial cases, Taylor talks about the things he experienced in his life in his memoir “I Wish I Thought of That Before.”

Taylor takes readers through moments of Texas history, the newspaper in-

dustry and the Vietnam War. Most notably, he also gives an all-cards-on-the-table account of his battle with depression at a time when those issues weren’t talked about openly, and the things worth fighting and living for.

The book is full of Taylor’s laughter and tears, and the high and low moments of his life, before finally finding his happy ending with his wife, Terri — whom he met on Match.com and married three months later. They are cel-

SEE TAYLOR, PAGE 6A.

Lynn Taylor’s memoir “I Wish I Thought of That Before” was released at the end of May. Photo courtesy of Terri Taylor



Azle street maintenance worker Angel Reyes-Duque mows grass Tuesday morning on Charles Avenue near Lilac Lane. Temperatures were mild Tuesday after some especially hot temperatures lately.

Photo by Don Munsch

## Taking the heat: Workers must deal with hot weather

BY DON MUNSCH  
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North Texans caught a bit of a break this week when temperatures hovered in the 90s and didn’t extend into the 100-degree range, which has happened for several days in June.

While many people enjoy having jobs indoors during these hot and humid summer months, others are not so fortunate and have to toil in the relentless heat.

Jimmy Duvall, streets superintendent and storm water manager with the city of Azle, said that they “take a basic common-sense approach towards working in the heat.”

“I remind the crew every day to drink plenty of fluids and break often. There is always plenty of water on hand and they have access to powdered sports drinks that they can mix with water.”

Duvall said that he and other department managers with employees who work outside try to schedule most of the physical outdoor work in the mornings and then work out of their trucks in the afternoons when possible.

“A lot of times it isn’t possible to stay in the vehicles, so we have to make sure that everyone is taking extra breaks,” he said.

Duvall also said that as a superintendent he just has to

make sure the crew is taken care of and that he constantly reminds them to drink water. They have considered changing hours and starting work earlier in the day so that crews can go home earlier.

The News reached out to TxDOT and Azle ISD but received no response by deadline.

Joseph McCannless, city of Springtown public works superintendent, and Jerrell Rutherford, supervisor of the Springtown ISD maintenance department, talked about these days when the heat can take a toll.

McCannless said employ-

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## No fireworks in Parker County this year

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Parker County Judge Pat Deen announced Tuesday that he has signed a Declaration of Local State of Disaster Due to Drought, which includes a prohibition of the use or discharge of fireworks in Parker County. The declaration was made without authorization of the Parker County fire marshal.

In a news release from Deen’s office, the current severe drought conditions and the imminent threat of individuals discharging fireworks into dry grass, trees and brush prompted

Deen to sign the Emergency Declaration of a local state of disaster because of drought and to prohibit the discharge of any fireworks within Parker County effective immediately.

This order does not prohibit the sale of fireworks, only the discharge, and this order does not affect local public fireworks shows, including the Follow the Flag show on July 4 in Azle. This emergency declaration and prohibition is in effect for 60 hours and will run through midnight June 30.

This emergency order

and prohibition order is currently being sent to Gov. Greg Abbott, who is being asked to extend the declaration and prohibition of discharging fireworks until July 5. Currently in Parker County, 100% of the county is listed as abnormally dry, and 66.85% of Parker County is additionally classified as in severe drought.

“All Parker County residents are being asked to not discharge personal fireworks until the county has had more rain,” the release stated.

## CCC is serving a record number of families Donations, volunteers sought

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY  
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The Community Caring Center serves around 750 families a month, and the numbers for June look to be even higher.

Kristie Cooper, the executive director at CCC, said that those numbers are higher than they were during the height of COVID-19.

“We think that the increasing cost of things like groceries and gas is playing a part in that,” Cooper said.

Families are having to spend more out of their household budgets to pay for gas, which leaves less money for food and other household necessities and personal care items.

Some food items that are

most beneficial to clients of food pantries like CCC are things like canned meats — chicken, tuna, salmon, beef, Spam, canned soups and pasta meals, pancake mixes that only require water, canned fruits, fresh produce, juice boxes, and shelf-stable milk.

While the community has been generous in donating food items to CCC, Cooper said that what they are mostly in need of right now are non-food essentials.

“What we could really use are things like laundry soap, shampoo and conditioner, body wash, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products ... things like that,” said Cooper.

CCC tries to provide many of these items for their cli-

ents, but when those things are not donated, Cooper has to make a trip to a local store to purchase these items to have on hand. This comes out of the nonprofit’s coffers.

“I’ll go to, like, Walmart and fill up a shopping cart or two with things like shampoo and body wash, toothpaste and toothbrushes,” she said. “These are just things that people need but most don’t think about donating.”

Sometimes, those items will be available from Tarrant Area Food Bank, and Cooper will be able to obtain items like toothpaste and shampoo for free, but only sporadically.

TAFB has seen a decrease in retail donations in recent

SEE FOOD BANK, PAGE 7A.



CCC volunteer Catalina Tran (left) and executive director Kristie Cooper work in the Free Shop, which gives clients access to free clothing, household goods and personal care products like shampoo, deodorant and toothpaste, which are always in need.

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# Construction at Liberty unearths Scouts' time capsule



Construction crews working at Liberty Elementary came across a time capsule buried by Cub Scout Pack 243 back in 2000. Photo courtesy

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY  
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Construction crews at Liberty Elementary made a discovery Friday afternoon while working on renovations at the campus — a time capsule from the year 2000. The time capsule was placed in the grassy area in front of the school by Cub Scout Pack 243 when Walter Covington was the Scout leader. The troop had 32 Scouts at the time.

Covington said that the time capsule was not scheduled to be opened until Feb. 25, 2025. The construction crew pulling it out of the ground early leaves him in a predicament — do they go ahead and hold an opening ceremony now or rebury the time capsule and wait until the original date? “I want to get as many of the original Scouts together to make the decision,” Covington said. “Hopefully all of them.”

Covington is asking for the community’s help in contacting all 32 members of Cub Scout Pack 243 from 2000 who took part in burying the time capsule. Then, a decision can be made about what to do with the prematurely unearthed time capsule. Anyone connected to the troop — either Scout or family member — from that time is asked to contact Covington at 817-822-0622.

## Ribbon cutting for Texas Crushed Creations



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# Splash pad, restroom near completion, open date

BY DON MUNSCH  
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A new splash pad and restroom continue to be constructed at Central Park, but no definite date has been set on their opening.

A sidewalk to tie the splash pad to the restroom still has to be completed, and the city is awaiting an electrical panel and components that will be inside the restroom, said Kyle Culwell, Azle parks superintendent.

“That feeds the electricity to the building and to the splash pad,” he said. “That was ordered back in January. We are still waiting on it. It still has not come in. Until we get that – and they have not given me a date –

we’re not going to be able to open.”

He said some grass will be planted around the splash pad.

Each restroom will have three stalls. The restroom will be open during normal park hours. The splash pad will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and it will feature an activator for operations. The splash pad is 95% completed, Culwell said, but the electrical aspects have to be tied together and programming has to be completed.

“Hopefully, sometime in July” is when the splash pad would open, Culwell said.

The splash pad’s season closing date would be the end of September, he said.



The city hopes to have the splash pad open sometime in July.

Photo by Don Munsch

# Developer withdraws application for property

BY DON MUNSCH  
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A developer who sought to put 56 homes in the northwest part of Azle formally withdrew his application for a zoning change on the property, patrons and Azle City Councilmembers learned at the Azle City Council meeting last week.

Azle Mayor Alan Brundrett made the announcement at the June 21 council meeting. Roger McInnis of Gray Interests LLC in Dallas is the developer, and he had previously submitted a Planned Development zoning change request for this property, which consisted of 62 residential lots on 22 acres. The request was to change the zoning from Single-Family One to Planned Development. That request was recommended for approval by the Planning & Zoning Commission on April 21. But the application was later withdrawn by the developer before council

could take any action on the case at its meeting May 17.

McInnis had resubmitted his application for a 56-lot development on 21 acres, and a public hearing was to be held June 21 before Brundrett announced the withdrawal of the application.

In a May 16 letter to David Hawkins, director of planning and development for the city, McInnis outlined his resubmitted plans, explaining Noble Woods development would contain more than “6.3 acres of open space and tree preservation area. The lots have been planned in a way to maximize the preservation of existing trees while still averaging over 9,200 sf in area. A Noble Woods Tree Preservation Plan has been included to demonstrate the development fully meets the intent of the city’s Tree Preservation Ordinance. A tree survey will be prepared with the preliminary plat submittal as provided for in the ordinance.” In the letter, he

had anticipated the request being considered at the June 21 meeting.

In an email, City Manager Tom Muir said the applicant has “indicated he is still working on the development” and that McInnis will have to decide his next move at this point.

“There has not been a new development application received yet by the City for this property,” Hawkins said in an email. “We have not received word yet on whether there will be a new one or something different.”

The development has drawn detractors, who have criticized it for a number of reasons, including traffic increases.

Also at the June 21 meeting, council approved Cynthia Barrios to be a member of the P&Z Commission. Kenny Caswell recently resigned from the Place 5 position. Councilmembers questioned Barrios on her candidacy, including whether she would ever vote for a

Planned Development. She was open to it, based on the area, topography and infrastructure, among other factors.

“On a case-by-case basis,” she said, explaining her thinking and saying she is not opposed to growth. Barrios also discussed the preparations for taking a P&Z seat, learning about issues facing commissioners, and said she will consider development based on how it benefits Azle.

“That’s really my starting point,” she said.

Brundrett said during his questioning that he thought Planned Developments were best for the city, because it gives the city the opportunity to conduct give and take with the developer on a number of factors, such as infrastructure and housing specifications. He advised her that her opinions as a P&Z Commissioner will be limited in public because she will be representing the city.

Also on June 21, the council

received an annual drinking water quality report from 2021, which, among other data, showed the city on average consumed 1.8 million gallons of water per day, which equates to 647 million gallons drawn from Eagle Mountain Lake this year. Water Plant Superintendent Brad Geary gave the report, and a public hearing was held. No one from the public spoke during the hearing.

Also at the meeting, council approved repealing the statutory maximum contribution rate associated with the city’s employee retirement benefit plan with the Texas Municipal Retirement System. City staff received notification from TMRS that the retirement portion of the monthly contribution rate that will become effective on January 1, 2023, would be 12.82%, and that percentage exceeds the statutory maximum contribution rate, which for the city is 12.5%.

With the council’s approval, the city removed the stat-

tutory maximum of 12.5%, allowing the city to fund its TMRS account at the actuarially determined rate of 13.09% and avoid the elimination of the plan enhancements previously adopted by the city. In addition to the lost benefit enhancements, funding the city’s plan at the statutory maximum of 12.5% could lead to an increase in the city’s unfunded actuarial liability and a deterioration of the city’s funding ratio of the plan.

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# Eagle Scout project brings turf to SCE playground

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY  
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Jackson Shew of Azle BSA Troop 243 completed an Eagle Scout project on June 23 at Silver Creek Elementary.

The project involved laying down artificial turf at the elementary school playground, which will allow students to have outdoor recess even after it rains.

"I went to Silver Creek as a little kid," Jackson said. "I wanted to do something local (for the project), so I reached out to the principal and asked what kinds of

things they might need, and she suggested AstroTurf."

The reason AstroTurf would benefit the students at SCE is because, when it rains, the playground area is too muddy to play on during recess, so the kids have to stay inside.

By adding an area of fake turf just outside of the gym, students will be able to play outside in that area during recess.

Jackson and fellow Scouts worked on preparing the ground and laying the turf for three days starting on June 21.

The turf was donated by

Paragon Sports Constructors.

Jackson is an Azle High School student and will be entering his sophomore year this fall.

He has two more badges to go in order to attain his Eagle Scout rank: the physical fitness badge and the cooking badge.

When asked why achieving this rank is important to him, Jackson said, "Personally, getting Eagle Scout opens a whole lot of doors. It looks really good on applications and resumes, and for scholarships."



Jackson Shew works on the turf at Silver Creek Elementary School.

Photo by Don Munsch



Troop 243 members shown here are, front row, Jude Shew, Alex Maqueda, Corbin Mayo and Chase Tucker. Back row are Matthew Perkins, Jackson Shew and William Kisner.

Photo by Don Munsch



BSA Troop 243 helped Jackson Shew complete his Eagle Scout project of laying artificial turf at Silver Creek Elementary. Jude Shew, left, with Chase Tucker, help Jackson Shew, middle, rake the turf.

Photo by Don Munsch

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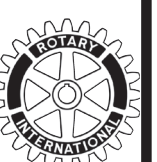
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# Churches hold Vacation Bible Schools



Azle Church of Christ pulpit minister Cub Orcutt portrayed Noah at the church's recent VBS.

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Ash Creek Baptist Church held its Vacation Bible School in early June. The church's VBS theme this year was "Spark Studios: Created in Christ - Designed for God's purpose. Ephesians 2:10." VBS ran from June 6-10, and all of the songs, games, crafts and Bible stories were centered on this theme and verse. The church had an average of 190 workers and children at VBS each day.

An offering was collected to benefit the church's Operation Christmas Child Ministry Team. They will use the funds to fill more Christmas boxes to be sent around the world to children in remote areas.

"Along with the gift of the Christmas box, the children hear about the greatest gift of all - Jesus Christ - in their native language," said Rhonda Bagby, minister of children for the church.

Azle Church of Christ held a VBS in mid-June.

For the offering, on Monday, the children brought pennies; Tuesday - nickels; Wednesday - dimes, Thursday - quarters; and on Friday, they could bring any coins and dollars if they wanted. The contest was between girls and boys. The boys won, "so the fifth and sixth grade girls took one for the team; this was agreed upon ahead of time for those who wanted to participate." Girls had ice cream ingredients poured on their heads as part of a fun activity for the contest.



Attending the VBS at Azle Church of Christ were, top row, Leila Berry and Michelle Bagwell and, bottom row, Kate Bannon and Tillie Bagwell.



Fifth and sixth graders created tie-dyed T-shirts with help from Maddy Westbrook, the VBS's fifth/sixth grade recreation leader.

Courtesy Photo Ash Creek Baptist



ACBC VBS Family Night was held June 9, with preschoolers performing two songs they learned during the week.

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Everett Graham puts ice cream sundae ingredients on Jaclyn Villalobos, seated, in early June during Ash Creek Baptist Church's Vacation Bible School.

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# Obituaries

## Hurene Page Morrow 1936 - 2022

Hurene Page Morrow was born Oct. 16, 1936, in Fort Worth and passed away Wednesday, June 22, 2022 in Azle. After graduating Azle High School, she married the love of her life James Eddie Morrow, on May 5, 1955.

A Celebration of her Life was held at Ash Creek Baptist Church on June 28, 2022, at 2 p.m.

Hurene was preceded in death by her husband, Eddie; son, James Farley; parents, Hubert & Irene Page; & brother-in-law, Jay Woody Morrow.

Hurene was a woman that you would never see without her lipstick and earrings. She loved her home & family in Azle. She was so full of love & always taking care of someone.

One of her favorite things to do was have friends and family to her home for get-togethers. She was a descendant of one of the founding families of Ash Creek Baptist Church. She worked in the office at the local hospital and was co-owner of The Young Set. She supported her husband with the National Association of Postmasters of the United States. Although he held the role, she did most of the work.

She was active in the community and held roles on the boards of the Ash



Creek Cemetery Association, the Azle Historical Museum, Azle Chamber of Commerce and Planning & Zoning Committee.

Throughout her 85 years on this earth, she loved to travel with her family & friends. A few of her favorite places were Alaska, Seattle, Colorado, California, Boston & NYC.

Hurene enjoyed being with her family, sitting on the back porch & visiting with everyone who stopped by, or just reading a book. She was very proud of her girls and grandkids for all of their accomplishments. She will be missed dearly by all those that knew her.

She leaves behind her two daughters & their husband, Mary D'Ann & Jeff Anderson, Amanda Irene & Mike Fowler; grandchildren, Carson Joseph & Olivia Paige Anderson, Cayden James & Colby Ray Fowler.

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## Joe Rex Rollins 1932 - 2022

Joe Rex Rollins, 89, entered his heavenly home on Sunday, June 26, 2022 surrounded by his loving family.

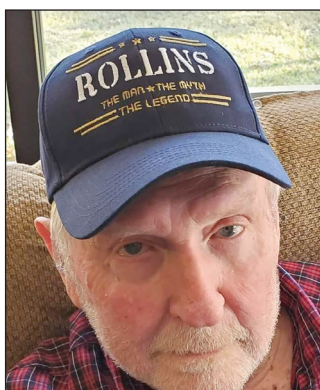
Visitation is Thursday, June 30, from 6 - 8 p.m. at Biggers Funeral Home in Lake Worth.

Joe Rex was born in Dublin, Texas to the late Charlie and Hilda Rollins on Oct. 25, 1932.

After graduating from Rotan High School, he married Lillie Weems and moved to the Azle area where they raised their two sons, Joe and Michael.

Joe Rex loved his family! He loved watching his sons and grandchildren play sports, go to the many birthday parties and holidays with all of the family. He was a man of integrity and loyalty and taught his family these qualities.

Joe Rex was a machinist at Convair/General Dynamics for 35 years where he was well respected and made many friends.



Joe Rex is survived by his wife of 71 years, Lillie Mae. He is also survived by his son, Joe and wife, Doris; son, Michael and wife, Kay. His grandchildren are: Ryan Rollins (Crystal); Lisa Kastner (Jeff); Landon Rollins (Kim); Kristyn Rollins Butler, Katelyn Rollins and Jayden Rollins. His great grandchildren include: Mikey, Niki, Nathyn, Noah, Jakob, Katelynn, AJ, Lane, Aiden, Cadence, Kellan and Kinley Rollins; Drake and Trenton Butler; and Carter Kastner.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### CAN POLICE MAKE HIGHWAY 199 SAFER?

Dear Azle PD,  
Please increase radar monitoring and ticketing on Highway 199 as it goes through Azle and toward Lake Worth. I try to drive the posted 60mph, but I often get flipped off, honked at and nearly rear-ended.

I would say most people drive between 65 and 70

mph there, and I'm certain I've been passed by cars and trucks going 85 and even 90 mph. The new highway is nice and wide, but the speed limit is still currently 60 mph. Speeders are causing dangerous driving conditions, and ticket fines would be a non-trivial boost to the city's revenue.

Please, Azle PD, help make Hwy 199 safer for us.  
*Mike Jones, Azle*

### HEAT, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.

ees in his department spend most of their daily work hours – six to seven – outside.

“There is a wide range of assigned tasks but a majority of the time is spent working water leak repairs, mowing, weed eating and fixing problem spots in the roadway,” McCanless said in an email.

“My grounds crews are responsible for upkeep of our external facilities,” Rutherford said in an email, noting the list includes mowing the grass, weed eating, trimming trees and brush, painting the athletic surfaces, painting parking lots, fixing leaks on irrigation systems, hauling off debris and cleaning flower beds – just a few examples of work employees perform outside.

During summer months, McCanless said, part of his department's crew comes in at 6 a.m. to try and get a lot of the manual labor completed before it gets too hot. Safety trainings are held so that employees can go over the signs of heat-related illness.

“We try to utilize our cooler hours in a couple ways,” Rutherford said. “First, we come in at 6 a.m. to begin work and we take a later lunch so we can work in the cooler temps as long as possible. We also work 4 x 10-hour days to limit our exposure to the heat.”

As far as breaks when employees are working in the sun or unshaded areas, McCanless said they “are allowed and encouraged anytime the employee feels they need to take one.” The length of the breaks depends on what job is being done and how the employee feels, he added.

“Our people almost al-

ways work in pairs to make sure no one is isolated in remote areas in case of heat related issues,” Rutherford said.

Staying hydrated is a must, McCanless said.

“We provide large jugs, water and ice for them to carry on their trucks,” he said.

Rutherford said his employees take a break whenever they feel the need, and there's not a specified time or duration.

“If they feel thirsty or hot they are encouraged to get out of the sun and get as much fluid as needed,” he said.

Crews are encouraged to drink as much water as needed.

“We provide coolers and have an ice machine so they can have as much cold water as needed,” Rutherford said. The department even provides Gatorade on occasions when it can be found.

When it comes to managing the heat that has occurred in June, McCanless said it's always challenging in Texas during the summer especially when the heat is this intense, “but so far, we have not had any issues.”

“I think scheduling is the most important part of our plan for safety as we try to do all the extremely vigorous activities as early as possible,” Rutherford said. “For instance, if we are going to groom a campus, we will weed eat and (tend to) other difficult chores as early as possible. Then after lunch when it's really hot, we will jump on a mower and do the mowing.”

The district's equipment, such as mowers, have roofs to provide shade.

### TAYLOR, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.

ebating their 19th wedding anniversary this month.

The author welcomed guests to Taylor Home Place on June 25 for a book signing, which was attended by neighbors and loved ones,

some of whom drove from as far as San Antonio “for a signature” one guest said.

“I Wish I Thought of That Before” was published in May 2022 by Austin Macaulay Publishers and is available on Amazon.

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# The Value of Kept Promises

Theo Frank, whose entire family lived in Germany for generations, was kind enough to speak my language, knowing his English was far better than my German. Fielding my question with kindness, Theo said, “Yes, you have the blessing from me and my wife, Gerdi, to ask our daughter to marry you. Of course, she will be the one to decide whether she says ‘Yes’ or ‘No.’”

Marrying someone from another country certainly would be complicated, and Theo’s openness to my marrying his daughter encouraged me greatly. He then added, “I do have one request, though: Would you learn the German language



## HOPE MATTERS

By David Shaffer

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

so that you can participate more in the family discussions?” I gave him my promise that I would.

That was more than 31 years ago, and as you read this, my wife, Daniele, and I are back in Germany. One of the best things we did for our marriage was move to Germany soon after our wedding, with the first step being my enrollment in full-time language school at the Goethe Institute in Frank-

furt. Both our sons were born during the four years we lived in Germany, and I was able to keep my promise of learning the German language.

One of the places we are visiting while in Germany is Oberammergau. In 1633, the inhabitants of this small community were suffering the ravages of the bubonic plague. Crying out to God, they promised that they would perform a “play

of the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ” on stage every 10 years if he would protect them from further death and suffering. Soon after making this pledge, the plague ended, and the villagers of Oberammergau have been putting on the Passion Play ever since.

About 1,800 of the 5,000 residents of this village are directly involved in the production of this play, which takes place on a stage measuring nearly two-and-a-half acres. The play begins in mid-afternoon and ends at 10:30 p.m., with a dinner served in between parts. Live animals and realistic depictions provide impactful

storytelling, even for those who do not speak German. At one point, up to 1,000 people appear on the stage, truly a remarkable sight.

Millions have benefited from attending this play – the value of a kept promise by centuries of families from this small Bavarian community. They continue to tell the Gospel to generation after generation – the story of a kept promise of a risen Savior. It is not only a proclamation that Christ conquered death but that, through him, we also may live eternally.

An American minister from the 19th century expressed the value of God’s kept promise when he wrote his own epitaph: “Someday

you will read in the papers that D.L. Moody, of East Northfield, is dead. Don’t you believe a word of it. At that moment I will be more alive than I am now.”

I thank Theo and Gerdi for their blessing; my wife, Daniele, for saying, “Yes,” 31 years ago; the citizens of Oberammergau for continuing to tell the Greatest Story; and for Jesus Christ’s sacrifice of his life on our behalf. Bill and Gloria Gaither penned these hopeful words about the resurrected Christ: “Because He lives, I can face tomorrow. Because He lives, all fear is gone. Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives.”

# Scorecards for an amazing life

If you’re not keeping score, how do you know you’re winning?

Or maybe winning isn’t the goal.

Hmmm...

I’m going to offer a broad life perspective before this article is done, but let me start with a current example.

I’ve been serving as the Interim Pastor at a local church for the past five months helping them navigate the season of transition in preparation for calling their next pastor.

This week is Vacation Bible School week at the church, and this allows me to help with VBS for the first time in many years.

Last night was the first of



## 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).

five evenings of music, Bible stories, crafts, recreation, and snacks.

The church has been preparing for months — with particularly long hours the past few weeks for the children’s minister.

Last night’s attendance was the lowest first night they’ve had in many years, and I know the people who have put in so much work were a little discouraged at the turnout.

So much work for so few

kids.

But is attendance the best scorecard for an amazing VBS? Or for church in general?

Here’s something to ponder: what does a smaller than anticipated crowd make possible?

Could it be that the most important scorecard is not attendance but life impact?

And could it be that a smaller number of kids means that adult workers can pour more individual at-

tention and encouragement into the lives of these precious young ones because none of them will be lost in the crowd?

I think there is an opportunity here that is too important to miss.

We’ll just have to choose to embrace a different scorecard.

Let’s go broad again.

How many times — in multiple areas of our lives — do we increase our frustration because we are keeping score the way we’ve always kept score.

“It’s not whether you win or lose; it’s how you play the game.” (This quote is attributed to sportswriter Grantland Rice in 1927.)

Nobody actually believes that—at least when it comes to competitive endeavors. Someone is going to win and someone else is going to lose. Even if you’re competing with yourself by trying to improve on a previous attempt.

But what if winning at life is not a competition?

What if amazing is not measured in terms like “more” ...

“farther” ...

“faster” ...

“better” ...

or any other comparative expression?

Is it possible to say “Winning!” because we know we have given ourselves deeply and embraced the opportu-

nity of the moment in the best way we could AT the moment?

Jesus said, “I have come in order that you might have life—life in all its fullness.” (John 10:10)

Not everything you want. Not everything you think you need.

Not more and more and more.

But noticing the opportunities that are presented in ordinary moments—even challenging moments—and diving headlong into them—not for the sake of setting a record, but of seeing God there.

Be amazing today, my friend.

## FOOD BANK, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.

months, making it harder for the organization to keep up with the increased demand without having to use their own funds.

Government programs that helped provide food and financial support to food banks during the pandemic have begun to drop off.

“Concurrent to that, the supply chain bottlenecks that are happening are im-

pacting our retail donations and our retail donations are down 24%,” said Julie Butner, president and CEO of TAFB.

Butner said that food banks are seeing record high numbers of people needing food.

“It’s tough because we’re still meeting that need,” she said. “We’re just dipping into our general funds to buy

food and in ways that we never have before.”

TAFB budgeted year-to-date about \$1.5 million to purchase food. They’ve spent close to \$5 million.

For more information about ways to help with support, donations, or to volunteer with CCC, visit [www.communitycaringcenter.com](http://www.communitycaringcenter.com).

## LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICES

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council of the City of Azle will conduct a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 505 West Main Street to consider text amendments to Chapter 14 “Zoning” of the Code of Ordinances, City of Azle, Texas. The purpose of the text amendment is to consider amendments to the regulations within the single-family residential zoning districts.

### Notice of Public Sale

Public boat sale to satisfy storage lien. Up for bids LEGALLY BELONGING TO: Manuel Arellano/Victor Sosa Jr. TX #4673BM SER#N1C19329C101, 2001 20’ Beachcomber. The Sale Will Be Held on July 9th, 2022. 1:00 PM, West Bay Marina, 6925 Liberty School Tap Rd. Azle, Tx 76020 (817)444-1622. Terms are cash/cashier’s check at time of sale.

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### 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

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Attest: Clerk, Clark Circuit Courts, Dated: June 21, 2022.

### NOTICE TO VENDORS AND PROSPECTIVE VENDORS OF AZLE ISD REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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- 30 in Hall County on U.S. 287
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- 37 this Warren starred with TX Quaid in "Tough Enough"
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- 46 this TX Martin was TV's "Peter Pan"
- 47 people can take \_\_\_ the Alamo
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- 54 TX Jayne Mansfield was born Vera Jane \_\_\_
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- 11 spoken
- 12 big theatre in Fort Worth
- 13 "Did so" response
- 14 this world org. has depository library at UT (abbr.)
- 15 Tom Kite assn.
- 17 TXism: "Panhandle rain"
- 19 "\_\_\_ of" (rare)
- 20 mom's description of messy room
- 24 Ranger & Astro leag.
- 25 "My Gal \_\_\_"
- 26 TXism: "got \_\_\_ on" (angry)
- 27 TXism: "\_\_\_ the dogs" (ruined)
- 28 TXism: "won't work \_\_\_ lazy to steal"
- 29 TXism: "\_\_\_ a hornet's nest" (cause trouble)
- 31 "tit for \_\_\_"
- 32 TXism: "cute as a bug's \_\_\_"
- 33 reserve funds for a special purpose
- 38 the Mysterians only hit, '96 \_\_\_," was recorded in Texas
- 40 TXism: "couldn't find hide \_\_\_ hair of it"
- 41 the central idea
- 42 they are prepared before publication
- 48 foreign car
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## Football coach departs Azle Christian for Mineral Wells school

BY JEFF PRINCE  
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Longtime football coach Gary Rushing has led many teams to glory during the past four decades.

He isn't finished yet. Rushing, who resigned at Azle Christian School in December, has been named the new head football coach at Community Christian School in Mineral Wells. A friendship between Rushing and the school's athletic director, Brian Rodricks, helped smooth the transition.

"I never said I was going to retire, but I was truly thinking about it," Rushing said. "But (Rodricks) started calling me, and the next thing you know, we worked it out. I'm happy to be here."

Community Christian plays six-man football in District 1 of the TCAF league and finished 7-5 overall last season with a 4-3 district record. Rodricks was looking for a new coach and decided to talk Rushing out of considering retirement.

"I approached him, and he

prayed about it for a while and thought about it and finally got back to me and said, 'I'd love to do it,'" Rodricks said. "He has been out with us working on our summer offseason strength and conditioning."

Rushing and his wife, Sherry, will remain in the Azle area while he commutes to Mineral Wells for work. Sherry Rushing is a photographer who takes images during games for the school website and news media purposes.

"They are good people," Rodricks said.

### LONG CAREER

Gary Rushing's head coaching stints include football programs at high schools in Lake Worth, Azle, Springtown and Azle Christian. His highlights include winning 130 games in 13 seasons at Springtown and four state championships at Azle Christian.

He hadn't planned on returning to coaching so soon after leaving Azle Christian, but the opportunity intrigued him despite the long com-

mute to Mineral Wells.

"The drive is not easy," he said. "I'm used to driving five minutes. Now, I'm driving 45 minutes, so it's tough, but I'm getting used to it."

Rushing boasts a career record of 184 wins, 83 losses and 2 ties for his football teams. Some of those losses hurt more than others.

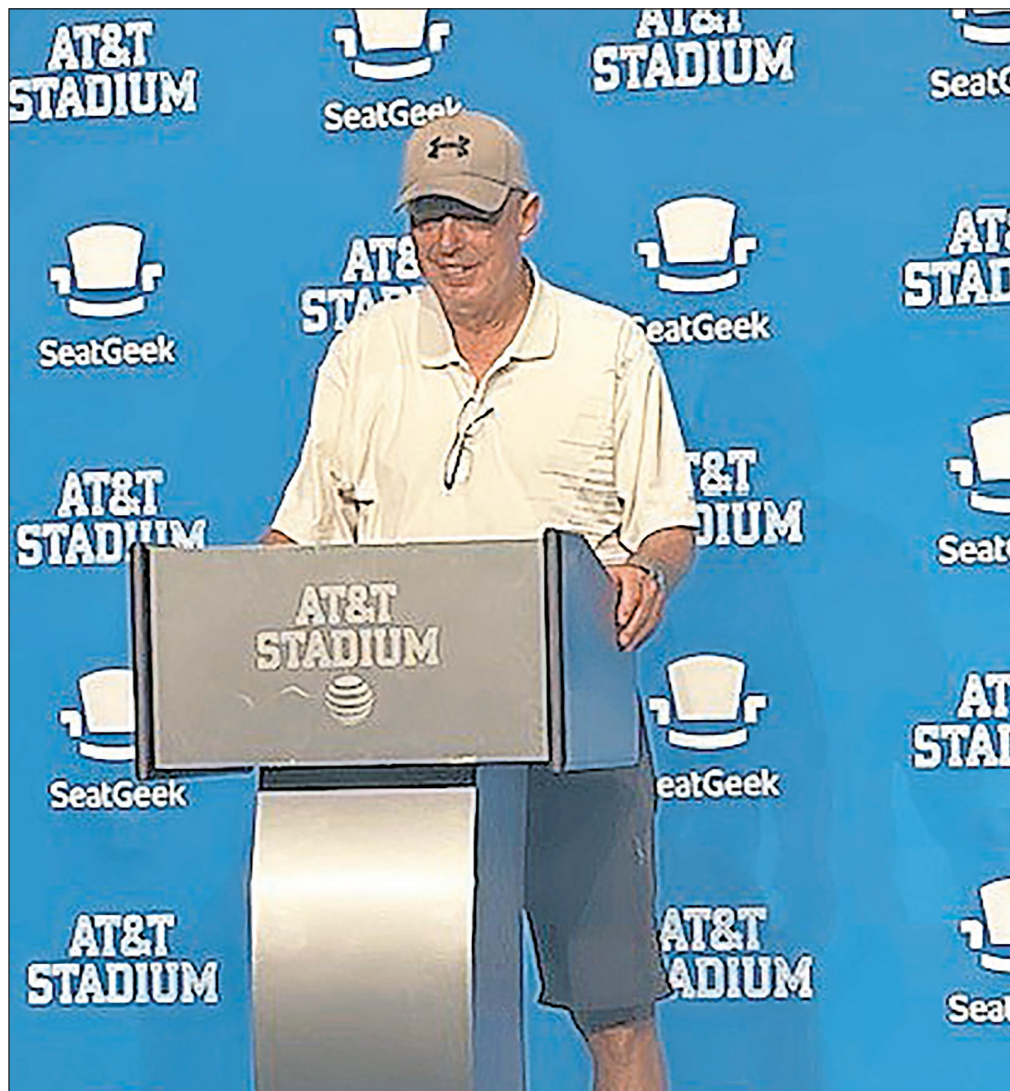
Two years ago, the Crusaders lost a state championship game, and Rushing still feels the disappointment.

"It was a game that that we should have won," he said. "I just felt like we had the better team and that we should have won the game. But we didn't win."

This season, the Crusaders lost a couple of other winnable games.

"I'm not saying that we should have won, but they should have been closer games," he said. "And then, in our first playoff game against the Lubbock team, we lost the game that we were up by two touchdowns in the first half."

In that game, the Crusad-



Azle Christian's former head football coach Gary Rushing will lead Community Christian School's football team in Mineral Wells. Courtesy photo

SEE RUSHING, PAGE 14A.

## Football magazine predicts Azle to miss playoffs

BY JEFF PRINCE  
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Already, the Azle High School football team has controversial bulletin board material to prove wrong, and the players haven't even held their first practice.

Dave Campbell's "Texas Football" magazine is the Old Testament of high school gridiron analyses, but the rag is ye of little faith when it comes to this year's Hornets. Campbell picked Azle to finish in fifth place behind Denton Ryan, Aledo, Burlson Centennial and Justin Northwest.

Some of those names might sound unfamiliar. The University Interscholastic League's new realignment placed Azle in District 3-5A Division I for the next two years, and the competition will be tough. Four teams make the playoffs each year.

Last season, the Hornets played in District 3-5A and finished as bi-district finalists. The Hornets were defeated in the first round of the playoffs by Mansfield Summit.

For the next two years, perennial state powerhouses Aledo and Denton Ryan will be in Azle's district. Other teams in the district include Burlson Centennial, Fort Worth South Hills, The Colony, Northwest, Saginaw and Brewer. Gone are Abilene Cooper, Granbury, Arlington Heights and Crowley.

Head coach Devon Dorris characterized District 3-5A as one of the state's most competitive, noting that seven of its nine teams had made the playoffs in recent years.



Tyler Akers could be the focus of the passing game for the Hornets this season.

The magazine predicted Denton Ryan to finish as district champion in 2022 after being on an "impressive seven-year run where they've made at least the regional final in every season."

Aledo lost in the 5A playoffs last year to eventual state champ Dallas South Oak Cliff. Campbell still has faith in the program, picking the Bearcats to finish second.

Burlson Centennial was picked to be third, with Northwest fourth.

The magazine pegged Azle for a fifth-place finish, which would leave the Hornets out of the playoffs.

Azle players to watch included multi-sport standout Tyler Akers, who will be

"the primary target in the passing game," according to the magazine, which noted that fellow receiver Gavin Green would serve as a "solid second option and is fully capable of hurting a defense that rolls too much coverage to Akers."

Campbell noted the return of defensive lineman Braden Murray, who missed last season to injury. Linebacker Luke Briseno was mentioned for his "big motor," and linebacker Drew Dorris was highlighted for his 62 tackles last season.

Perhaps influencing the magazine's mediocre placement of Azle in district standings was this statistic: Azle's defense returns just four of 11 starters.



Dave Campbell's "Texas Football" magazine lauded Luke Briseno's "big motor" on the gridiron.

Photos by Jeff Prince



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ers lost 42-24 to Kingston Prep Academy. The losses were “hard to take” and left Rushing wondering whether he had motivated and inspired his team to the best of his ability. “When we’ve had the success that we’ve had at Azle Christian, the bar is set high,” he said. “I just felt like these last two years, we didn’t get to where we should have gone. And as the head coach, that’s my responsibility. We needed a change.” He doesn’t blame himself for the losses, but “I just wish that I had coached bet-

ter,” he said. “I wish that I had done a better job preparing them and all the little things. And those are the kind of games in the past that we’ve always won.” He expects better days ahead for the Crusaders. “They’re going to be really good this year,” he said. “I hope they go a long way.”

**NEW START**

Stepping down as head coach at Azle Christian wasn’t a retirement, but it might have felt like it at first. At 71, Rushing knows the aches and pains of a job that requires being physically

active in the extreme Texas weather while keeping up with teenaged boys on a football field. “I’m 71 right now,” he said. “Not too many guys keep coaching when they’re in their 70s.” Still, he jumped at the chance to work with Rodricks. “I’ve been really good friends with (Rodricks) through the years,” he said. “We have a lot of the same philosophies on stuff. It was just a natural partnership.” Taking over for Rushing at Azle Christian is former assistant coach Clay Sanders.

## Coach carries conked-out kid to cold concession stand

BY JEFF PRINCE  
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A quick-thinking coach rushed a wilting player off the field in last week’s blazing heat wave. Tabatha Erwin, head coach of the 10U Lady Hornets softball All-Star team, carried McKinley Ulrich off the field after the young pitcher fainted in the summer heat.

On June 18, Azle was playing Saginaw at a tournament in Aledo, and the temperature was 102 degrees at the 12:30 p.m. game time. The game hadn’t been going on for long when Ulrich, the pitcher, began showing signs of distress.

“I went over to the mound to check on her, and she just went backwards on me,” the coach said. “Before she hit the ground, she was in my arms, and I got her off the field.”

Ulrich was taken to an air-conditioned concession



Tabatha Erwin carried McKinley Ulrich off the field after she showed signs of heat distress. Photo by Stephen Cutchshaw

stand, where she cooled herself down and recovered.

The Hornets lost the game 6-3.

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# Azle's inaugural golf camp a lesson in fun

BY JEFF PRINCE  
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The first day of the inaugural summer golf camp at Azle High School left its mark on Rose Brunner's hands. Her palms felt the pain after spending more than an hour handling golf clubs for the first time without gloves.

The rubber grips had rubbed the fourth grader's hands red, but she didn't mind.

"It was really fun," said Brunner, 9. "It was worth it."

The first golf camp on June 20-22 attracted about two dozen kids from the fourth to ninth grades.

"We had several walk-ups," said Brad Averitte, head coach of the AHS boys golf team. "That's always good to see."

The boys and girls rotated together through four stations – a putting green, chipping station, driving station and a golf simulation screen – receiving individual instructions at each. Fourth through sixth grades

attended camp in the first morning sessions, followed by middle school students in the later sessions.

Averitt saw "some good little golfers," he said. "There are already some kids that could really hit the ball well. It's good to see kids hitting golf balls and swinging golf clubs before they get to high school."

## HANDY SKILLS

Despite the sore hands, Brunner looked forward to returning to camp the next day.

"I really want to become a champion in golf and lots of other sports," she said. "I really want to make lots of big shots, go past the chart, and like, go above the net. That's what my goals are."

Her mom, Katie Brunner, said Rose was inspired by her uncle and grandfather, both big golf fans. Her mom speculated that Rose wanted to attend golf camp, learn the game and start tagging along with her uncle and grandad on golf outings.

"She heard about golf



From left, Lexie Metcalfe, Katie Trammell and Asher Wheeler listen to a coach discuss ways to grip a club.

Photos by Jeff Prince



Briggs Baker practices his wedge shot.



Rose Brunner expects to be competing with her uncle and grandpa soon on the golf course. Photo by Jeff Prince

camp at school and decided that she wanted to do it," the proud mom said.

Rose Brunner had signed up for cheer, volleyball and horse camps, as well.

"Anything competitive, Rose is interested in," Katie Brunner said. "This is her very first time with a golf club in her hands. She's here to learn the basics today, and then her grandpa will take her out and teach her the rest."

Rose Brunner predicted she will become adept enough at golf by year's end to compete with her uncle and grandfather at Cross Timbers.

Camp held at least one surprise for the youngster. The events were held inside a cool room with fans blow-

ing that all but eliminated thoughts of the 100-degree temperatures outside.

"I didn't know it was going to be inside, but it was better because it's hot," she said.

Katie Brunner sat with other parents and watched her daughter interact with the kids and coaches. The camps are well worth the expense and effort, she said.

"Anything to learn a new skill is good for kids," she said. "Any type of different community and culture is good for them. I hope that one day she just finds her tribe, finds people that are interested in the same things and have fun with it."

## SAFETY FIRST

Youngsters swinging

metal clubs indoors could be disastrous without proper precautions, and Azle golf coaches began the first day of camp with sermons on safety.

"This can be a dangerous place," coach Eddy Prather said to the youngsters at the start of camp.

He told the kids to swing their clubs only when standing in one of the isolated hitting bays. He showed them how to carry their clubs by the heads rather than the handles to resist the urge to swing the club absent-mindedly.

"These are damaging," he emphasized. "You have got to watch what you're going to do. Be cognizant of everybody around because somebody may not be pay-

ing attention."

The kids nodded, and Prather imparted a final lesson about respect.

"If you have never seen our simulator before or one like it, it's pretty cool," he said. "We are blessed to have this whole facility. So, we want to take care of it. We don't want to tear it up. And we want to be careful."

Briggs Baker practiced holding his club the safe way until it was his turn to step into a hitting bay to practice swinging a wedge.

"I like it," the 9-year-old Baker said. "It's pretty fun."

Baker is new to the game but learning quickly, said the boy's father.

"He just picked up playing golf, and we thought this (camp) would be a good

experience for him," Randy Baker said. "He is getting to meet the high school coaches, getting to play on the golf simulator and the putting green. That's a good opportunity for him."

Two months ago, Briggs Baker began taking lessons from an instructor at Cross Timbers. When the summer camp was advertised, he was ready.

"He went out with his own money and bought a driver and a putter," Randy Baker said.

## FIRST OF MANY

Azle's summer golf camp should be the first of many, Averitte said at the end of the first day.

"It went great," he said.

In the fall of 2021, an in-

door golf facility opened at the high school.

"The school board, administration and the community came up big and got us this nice facility, and now we can have a golf camp and get some interest in the golf program," Averitte said.

The room holds about a dozen people comfortably.

"Once you get more than 15, it kind of gets a little crowded, but there is space outside if we need some spillover space to do some things," he said. "Hopefully next summer, we will increase our numbers and just keep building the program here."



## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

BY JACKIE "JJ" JOY  
Special to the Azle News

# A comfortable place to socialize

We are well into the time of year when the heat makes older adults want to stay home under the air conditioning. The problem with this is the loneliness and isolation that come with it. This is especially hard on those who are "social" beings. The Azle Adult Activity Center (Senior Center) can help with this by offering a safe, cool place for "seasoned" adults to gather for fun, food and socialization. We serve nutritious meals Monday through Friday and offer opportunities in a variety of areas.

There is a wide assortment of games available, such as dominoes, Rummikub, Wii bowling, Bridge on Fridays and others. Additional activities include Bible Study at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays, Bridge class (for those wanting to learn) on Thursdays at 9 a.m., and exercise classes at 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

We also offer educational programs such as MasterClass on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. This is an opportunity to learn from experts about a wide range of subjects.

Starting July 18, we will

be offering A Matter of Balance. Meeting on Mondays and Wednesdays for four weeks, participants will learn to overcome their fears about falling, how to prevent falls, how to make the home safer and simple exercises that will strengthen areas of the body that affect balance. Anyone interested, please call 817-444-0070 to sign up. The classes are offered from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at our facility located at 601 Southeast Parkway in Ash Creek Park.

Also coming in July, a representative from Moncrief Cancer Screening will be here to discuss the importance of their services. This will be on July 20 at 11:30 a.m. At a date to be announced later, we will be having their mobile unit here do screening.

As you can see, we have a lot to offer at the Azle Adult Activity Center. For questions or to sign up for A Matter of Balance, make a meal reservation or any other information, please call 817-444-0070 or come to see us at 601 Southeast Parkway here in Azle. We will be glad to give you a tour. Hope to see you real soon.

## ANNIVERSARY



### 60 years and counting

Joe Lieb from New Ulm, Minnesota and Nicki Brown from Iowa Park, Texas were introduced on a blind date in 1961 while Joe was in the Air Force. The couple married in June 1962 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Wichita Falls. The Liebs will celebrate 60 years of marriage on June 30. They will host a come-and-go open house celebration on Saturday, July 9 from 1 to 4 p.m. at 1120 Carpenter St. They were blessed with two beautiful daughters, Patti and Pamela, and though they have no grandchildren, they are claimed by lots of "adopted children."

THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE

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### The Little Fish with a Really Long Name:

# Humuhumunukunukuāpuaʻa

**T**his little fish with strong, powerful jaws grows to be up to 10 inches in length.

The **humuhumunukunukuapuaʻa** (sometimes just called humuhumu for short) is known for its bright, beautiful coloration. It is a kind of tropical triggerfish. Many people don't know that reef triggerfish like humuhumu can change colors!

Their color depends on what they are doing. If the fish is sleeping or resting, its colors will be muted and dull. But when the fish is active, healthy, comfortable, and unthreatened, its colors will be bold and bright.

Use the math code to color the humuhumu.

13 + 7 + 3 = ORANGE	12 + 6 + 1 = BLACK
4 + 4 + 4 = BLUE	15 + 3 + 3 = WHITE
6 + 5 + 3 = LIGHT YELLOW	17 + 2 + 2 = RED
8 + 2 + 7 = BRIGHT YELLOW	3 + 4 + 2 = GREEN

Circle every third letter to complete the sentence:

**B F H J S A C D W L N A K G I M I**

In 1985, the humuhumunukunukuapuaʻa officially became the state fish of \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Trigger Fish Teeth

A big name and big teeth! Reef triggerfish like the humuhumunukunukuapuaʻa have some large choppers.

In the wild, triggerfish eat crustaceans, mollusks and coral. They need strong teeth and jaws to crush shells and coral.

Circle the fish that's different from the others.

#### Snout About It

Humuhumunukunukuapuaʻa means fish with a snout like a pig. A snout is the part of an animal's face that includes the nose or nose and mouth and usually sticks out from the rest of the face.

**Extra! Extra!**

**Syllable Search**

Look through the newspaper for long words. Can you break each word into smaller syllables? Copy the entire word onto a sheet of paper, then re-write each word in syllables.

*Example:*  
**im-por-tant**

Standards Link: Language Arts: Separate words into syllables.

#### What's for dinner?

Read the description of each thing humuhumu eat. Then label the picture.

**Crustacean:** A water animal such as a crab, lobster and shrimp with a tough outer shell.

**Mollusk:** A animal like a clam or oyster with a hard shell that protects the soft animal inside.

**Coral:** A tiny soft-bodied animal that typically lives within a stone-like skeleton grouped in large colonies.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

#### How do you pronounce humuhumunukunukuapuaʻa?

It helps to break this long word into a lot of little sounds or syllables:

**Hoo-moo**  
**Hoo-moo**  
**Noo-koo**  
**Noo-koo**  
**Ah-poo**  
**Ah-ah**

Read the syllables on each line, then say them faster and faster until it comes out as one long word. Keep practicing then teach a family member learn to say it.

It's one of the longest words in the Hawaiian language. How many syllables in humuhumunukunukuapuaʻa?

### Double Double Word Search

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

PRONOUNCE	E C N U O N O R P T
SYLLABLES	R T H J L F U S R E
TROPICAL	M O U H A U M O E E
LANGUAGE	L U L C R W P F E T
ANIMAL	L G E O O I S T F H
COLOR	E H U N C R A B U K
TEETH	H U N A N I M A L U
CORAL	S Y L L A B L E S K
SHELL	E G A U G N A L U A
TOUGH	
REEF	
CRAB	
FACE	
JAWS	
SOFT	

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

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### Stretch a Headline

Find a headline in today's newspaper. Add words to make it longer. Then add more words to make it even longer. How long can you make it? Then have a friend or family member try. Who created the longest headline?

Standards Link: Language Arts: Use words to build sentences.

### Write On!

#### Why is the ocean salty?

Discuss your ideas with friends and family members, then write your thoughts down on a page.

### Kid Scoop Together

## Fishy Photo

Some time ago, an odd photo appeared on the internet that showed a gray triggerfish with human-like teeth.

The strange photo was shared thousands of times all around the world. People were amazed that a fish could have teeth that look like ours.

But the photo was fake, likely created by someone who wanted to play a joke on a lot of people. It was a pretty harmless prank, but a reminder that you can't always believe everything you see online.

Talk with a family member about some of the ways you can discover if something you see or read is true or false.

Make a list of steps you can take to be a **True News Navigator** here:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Fast Fish Fact:**  
A female gray triggerfish can lay an average of 772,415 eggs!