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AISSD board approves name of new elementary campus

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The Azle ISD Board of Trustees announced the name of Elementary No. 6 during the June 20 meeting.

The name of the new campus is Hilltop Elementary, a nod to the geographic loca-

tion of the school on a hill along FM 730 South.

The name was one of two recommendations made by the Naming Committee, which met June 6. Tim Bevan presented the two names - Hilltop Elementary and Ash Creek Elementary - to the board during Monday

night's meeting.

The school district's guidelines for naming a school building or facility state that they can be named for:

- Any living or deceased person who has served the district or community
- Any local, state, or na-

tional heroic figure

- Any local, state, or national geographic area
- Any local, state, or national symbol

Board approval is required in naming individual schools and facilities.

The Naming Committee did consider names of in-

dividuals who have served the district, including Sam Merck and Dee Gilley, but felt that it would be better to save those honorifics for other facilities in the district.

The board of trustees voted unanimously to approve the name Hilltop Elementary.

Groundwork for the new campus began at the end of May. The school is expected to be completed in time for classes in the fall of 2023. It will have a functional capacity for 600 students and serve as a new K-4 campus for the district's growing student population.

Residents speak out against zoning change

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Pam Malhotra and neighbors on the northwest side of Azle don't want a new housing development that aims to bring in 56 lots on nearly 21 acres.

The Azle City Council met Tuesday, and Malhotra and others in the area of town - Kerry Lane near Jackson Trail - where Noble Woods development would be built hoped council turns away the zoning change request for the development. The developer wants council to change the zoning from Single Family-One to Planned Development. The proposed development has drawn opposition from residents at previous council meetings, and signs opposing the Planned Development dot the yards of many residents near the proposed Noble Woods development.

The News left a message with Roger Gray McNinis of

Gray Interests LLC in Dallas. The developer had previously submitted a PD zoning change request for this property, which consisted of 62 residential lots on 22 acres, which was recommended for approval by the Planning & Zoning Commission on April 21, city officials said. But the application was later withdrawn by the developer before council could take any action on the case at its meeting May 17.

The development property is located on the north side of Kerry Lane approximately 600 feet east of Jackson Trail, according to information from the city. The Planning & Zoning Commission approved the zoning request in a 3-1 vote at its June 2 meeting.

Malhotra, who lives at the end of Jackson Trail, is dismayed when she said she hears Planning & Zoning commissioners or city offi-



A proposed housing development is located near this intersection of Kerry Lane and Jackson Trail. Cross Timbers Elementary School can be seen in the distance. Photo by Don Munsch

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Music in the Park



Blues band Texas Flood took the stage June 14 at Central Park in Azle during the Music in the Park series. Shown here are Tommy Kautona, left, and Steve Buckner. The show was performed on a Tuesday as a weather makeup day. The Friday night summer concert series ends June 24 with Petty Theft, a Tom Petty tribute band. Photo by Jim Stevens

Should we stay or should we go?

How gas, inflation are impacting family vacations

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Higher gas prices in the summer are nothing new, but the prices are causing families to reconsider their seasonal vacations this year.

"Historically, retail gasoline prices tend to gradually rise in the spring and peak in late summer when people drive more frequently," said the U.S. Energy Information Administration said on its website.

In March, AAA reported that Texas surpassed its highest average gas price when it hit \$4 a gallon. Today, gas prices are moving

closer to \$5 a gallon.

The spike in prices for gas has some families changing their vacation plans this summer. Other families are opting to go ahead with their vacation and instead are choosing to cut costs elsewhere in their household budgets.

"We probably shouldn't, but we're still going to Colorado in July," said Haley Wiley of Fort Worth.

"We've been planning and saving, eating a lot of simple meals at home - fruit and veggies and lots of carbs in between: cereal, sandwiches, ramen and baked potatoes. I think some time

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Good N.E.W.S. hands out emergency kits at weekly breakfast

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Terri Bartlett, executive director of Azle Good N.E.W.S., together with Azle Fire Department, put together emergency kits for seniors. The kits were distributed during the weekly breakfast on June 14.

The kits contain:

- Know What 2 Do book
- NOAA Flashlight-Radio
- Whistle
- Toilet tissue
- Face mask
- First-aid kit
- Scissors
- Hard candies
- Emergency information bag
- Disposable gloves
- Hand sanitizer
- Personal hygiene supplies
- Towel
- Large plastic bag
- 2 waters
- Fan
- Coin purse

A total of 150 emergency kits were put together for clients of Good N.E.W.S. Kits were handed out to the clients who came to breakfast and the rest were taken to clients' homes by volunteers and staff from Care n' Care.

Azle FD Chief Will Scott discussed emergency preparedness with breakfast attendees while bags were being handed out.

"I appreciate the Azle firefighters and their willingness to go above and beyond to support our community," Bartlett said.

"I'm grateful for ALL the (Good N.E.W.S.) volunteers who are willing to come early and stay late to not only provide breakfast but friendship and fellowship. This community is truly something special."

Good N.E.W.S. hosts a weekly breakfast for clients at the One Azle building at 412 Commerce St. in Azle, providing them with a time

to socialize and get out in the community for a good meal together.

The Good N.E.W.S. program offers services that "allow home-based seniors to keep their independence," the website says. These services include providing transportation to doctor or hair appointments or trips to the store to shop, friendly visits to their homes and light household chores. They also bring bags of household goods to clients each quarter with things like trash bags, light bulbs and personal care items.

All of the services are provided by volunteers. Bartlett said she is always looking for volunteers who want to generously donate their time to help the seniors in the community.

For more information about being a Good N.E.W.S. volunteer, or to see what items they need donated, call 817-444-2300.



Firefighters Jack Noah (left), Lacy Rexroad and Keith Castro cooked and served a pancake breakfast on June 14 for seniors in the community. Photo by Jessica McKinney

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cials say they want property owners to be able to do whatever they want to do with their property.

The city, she said, "shouldn't annex (land) at all - leave it in the county. And then you truly have the autonomy to do what you want

with it within the restrictions of water and sewer."

She simply doesn't understand the motivation of people who want more development because it's not what residents want.

"And I know it's a global problem - it's not just Azle,"

she said, adding that lots of places are booming population wise. "But we don't have to invite them with our zoning."

Mary Sue Bailey, 86, lives on Westline Road and stands opposed to the new development, citing traffic as a prob-

lem. "We've got plenty of traffic, so where are they going to build the roads?" she said.

The development would be built across the street from her home and is near Cross Timbers Elementary School.

"We were blessed all these years," Bailey said. "When we moved up here, we weren't even in the city."

The roads weren't paved, she said. She moved to the house in 1954 and then performed some masonry work later, adding bricks in 1965.

Deer wander around the area where Noble Woods would be situated. In an email, Malhotra also cites wildlife as a concern.

In another email, Malhotra said residents throughout Azle want the city to revisit the master zoning plan. She hopes the goal of a change would be to reduce density, eliminate remaining multi-family zoning and re-evaluate further commercial and industrial development.

Also, residents want consideration of a building moratorium because the schools cannot support additional students, the roads cannot support additional traffic and the water supply is limited.

"Our resources will con-

tinue to be stressed by environmental conditions and population growth," she said in the email. "People I speak to say they want to city to protect our resources, both natural and lifestyle related. While the city may only be under 9 square miles, it encourages development in the county areas surrounding it. Then you lose it all quickly. We've all seen greenbelts disappear around cities. We're hoping our council protects the existing quality of life in areas they do control instead of allowing developers to destroy it."

Resident Cynthia Barrios lives on Phillips Drive and likes the people in the area and the quiet of the neighborhood. She looks at the issue from a holistic standpoint, explaining she wants anyone who moves into Azle to have the same quality of life, camaraderie and other aspects of living that the city offers.

"And I feel that that development won't be providing that," she said, noting it's putting the 56 homes in 14.6 acres, with the front part of the development being green space.

"We feel that it will be creating an area that does not reflect what this neighborhood represents," she said.

Barrios, who has lived here in Azle for five years and has lived in the area where the development would go up for three years, thinks the developer will cram too many houses in a small space, which will create a lesser quality of life for those moving in there.

As long as people continue to speak up and show up to meetings, then the developer won't purchase the land, Barrios said. She said neighbors are not opposed to growth, but they want growth to be responsible and similar to what's in the area so that people have a similar quality of life.

Jimmy Carter, who lives on Lee Lane, counted traffic as one of the concerns for him in the development, including during school hours in the afternoon.

"Then there's certain periods of the day you can't even come out of the driveway," he said. "You literally sit there trying to come out of the driveway because there are so many cars. It was not really developed at all for this. If you look at it, it's like they took a residential neighborhood and put a school there. The school's already become overcrowded."



Azle residents Jimmy Carter, Pam Malhotra, Mary Sue Bailey and Cynthia Barrios are opposed to a development that would be built in the northwest side of town. Traffic increases in neighborhoods are one reason that sparked opposition. Photo by Don Munsch

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Fireworks: Officials suggest viewing, not creating fireworks show

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Leave it to the professionals.

That's the advice of two local fire department officials regarding fireworks this year.

Azle will be the site of a fireworks show on July 4. The Follow the Flag program includes free food and music and begins at 7 p.m. The fireworks show begins around 9:30 p.m.

People may still legally purchase and possess fireworks, but they come with a load of restrictions.

"The sale, possession and discharge of fireworks is prohibited in the city limits," said Kenny Wilson, Azle

Fire Department marshal.

The city has a provision that allows people to transport fireworks through the city, but if people stop at their house with them, then they are in violation of city laws, Wilson said. After residents buy the fireworks at a stand, they are required to go shoot them off in a place that is safe.

"Fireworks can be discharged in the unincorporated portions of both Tarrant and Parker County as long as you're at least 1,000 feet from a prohibited structure, which is a church or a school," Wilson said. "And you have to do it from private property with the property owner's permission." If someone is caught

shooting fireworks in an unlawful manner, penalties can be assessed, with a fine up to \$2,000 per violation. Both the fire marshal's office and police handle those violations. The fire marshal's office will be patrolling each night from July 1-4, Wilson said.

No one should be lighting fireworks right now with the dry conditions, Wilson said, adding that people should enjoy fireworks by viewing one of the professional fireworks shows being conducted around the Metroplex.

"Because if your fireworks get away from you and set a fire, then you could be facing not only civil penalties but also criminal charges," he said.

Parker County is in a burn ban, but Tarrant is not. As far as whether the burn ban affects fireworks, it takes specific verbiage in the order to prohibit fireworks, and to Wilson's knowledge, that wording was not included when the last burn ban was adopted.

"So, unless they make an amendment, fireworks will be allowed," he said.

Fireworks are explosives and should be treated with great respect.

"Every year, we see people who have been injured handling fireworks because they are so readily available and people don't realize the danger involved in handling them," he said. "We see a lot of tremendous injuries. So,

treat them with respect."

Moses Druxman, chief and fire marshal of the Briar-Reno Fire Department, said fireworks are actually permitted within the city of Reno, the city of Sanctuary and Briar (unincorporated Tarrant County). Within the city limits of Pelican Bay and Azle, fireworks are not permitted.

"Fireworks are not permitted to be discharged from a moving vehicle, at a moving vehicle, discharged from a public roadway, over the water or from a boat and cannot land onto another person's property," he said in an email. "Although fireworks are permitted within several of the cities and the unincorporated areas, due

to drought conditions we do NOT recommend the discharge of aerial fireworks. Many of us love fireworks but this is not the year to be using them on your own. Leave it to the professional shows."

He added that violating the permitted uses of fireworks can result in a Class C misdemeanor and the confiscation of the fireworks. During the Fourth of July holiday, the Briar-Reno Fire Marshal's office will be on patrol within Briar, Reno, Pelican Bay, Sanctuary and Northwest Parker County. If people have any questions, they can always contact fire officials from Briar-Reno FD when they see them, or call 817-677-4227.

Reno P&Z debates center lining acreage of proposed housing subdivisions

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The Reno Planning and Zoning Commission debated center line platting during a meeting when plats for two new subdivisions were tabled by the commission.

At a recent meeting, developers presented plats for Andy Ranch and Legacy Estates subdivisions, located near Knob Hill Road by Cardinal Road and Ladybird Lane, which would have 39 and 54 homes on 40 and 57 acres, respectively. The Andy Ranch subdivision would also include a commercial shopping center.

These properties are currently in unincorporated Parker County but are intended to be annexed within the Reno city limits.

The conversation with the P&Z commission took an unexpected turn for developers when commission Chairperson Brian Schrader asked about center line platting, meaning the measurements of the one-acre lots would start in the middle of the road and the available land to build on would be less than an acre. Schrader claimed that common lots would lose almost a tenth of an acre to center line platting while corner lots would lose nearly a quarter of an acre.

"I don't think that complies with the spirit of the law, the spirit of the ordinance of one-acre lots," Schrader said.

He later added that, "If the city is going to maintain those roads, the city is going to own those roads. It's not

fair to the taxpayer for the city who gets a tax abatement or tax relief off of that area that they own, for the property owner to then pay tax on that."

Keith Hamilton, the consultant who presented the plats to the P&Z, countered that center line platting is not new for developments.

"This has been done before," Hamilton said. "It's not like we're reinventing something that's never been done."

City Administrator Scott Passmore said center line platting is allowed in the state but seemed to side with the P&Z Commission's concerns. Passmore called the issue a "gray area" during the meeting.

"The problem with it is you've got the city's ease-

ments and it takes the city easements out from the center line from edge of the road, and we've got a 60-foot easement in there, so it's going to take 20 feet off the side of the road," Passmore said after the meeting. "That would take 20 feet away from the citizen that they couldn't put a fence in, therefore making it less than an acre, but that citizen would still have to be paying taxes on it, and that wouldn't be right."

Mark Mikhail, the owner, developer and builder of the proposed Legacy Estates subdivision, said during the meeting that if the plats are approved at the county level, that could be more beneficial financially for the developer, so he might opt to stay in the unincorporated county

instead of being annexed into the city of Reno. If the subdivisions stay outside of the city limits, Reno would not receive additional revenue from people moving in and from building permits. The original plan was for the land not to be annexed with the city, but Mikhail was convinced by Passmore, he said.

Schrader acknowledged that the subdivisions would be a good addition to Reno's tax base, but he did not waiver on his stance.

"Yes, this would be a nice little package to put a bow on and make it part of the Reno tax base, but I'm not going to do it at the expense of violating the ordinances and the boundaries and conditions that everyone else has to work within," Schrader

er said.

The commission ultimately decided to table the plats to get more information about center line platting for the Parker County Appraisal District. Mikhail and Nagy Nageb, owner of the proposed Andy Ranch subdivision, said the projects could not keep waiting for forward movement.

"I think they're going to lose the business. That's up to them," Nageb said after the meeting. "We've been through this for months now, and we're losing money. It's millions of dollars sitting there waiting for someone to have time every two, three months to have a meeting, then get nothing from the meeting."

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Gas prices in North Texas have been hovering just below the \$5 per gallon mark for weeks, impacting the way many families are budgeting for vacations and normal household expenses. Photo by Jessica McKinney

with the family camping and exploring out of the heat will be great for all of us, even if it breaks the bank temporarily."

Not everyone can keep their vacation plans. Karolyn De La Portilla, who lives in the Springtown area, said she had to cancel her family road trip to Arizona because of the high gas prices.

"If we would have known that gas would be so high, I would have made other arrangements and done a flight to go out there but now it's gone up because of gas and it's so expensive. It's too much to fly out there and actually justify doing that," De La Portilla said.

However, De La Portilla is still thinking of traveling but not to a destination as far away. Because she is a travel agent, her vacations with family usually double as work trips because she finds destinations and activities that she can tell her clients about.

"While they're family vacations, they are also things that I'm planning for clients or things that I can tell clients," De La Portilla said.

Most of De La Portilla's clients have planned their trips ahead of time and

booked their trips before the rise in gas prices. Those who are trying to travel now are dealing with the consequences of high gas prices.

"My clients who have a little bit of a lower budget have had a very difficult time because they can't go where they want to go," she said. "Gas prices are too expensive and because of the prices, airlines are charging more."

Planning is the key to vacationing with gas prices being so high, Springtown resident Jazmin Derby said.

"You start going on vacation a little bit smarter, whether that be using points or maybe not going out and spending as much or trying to combine, like multi-tripping," Derby said.

By "multi-tripping," Derby means combining two trips into one. For example, she is planning to combine her vacation with her kids with a trip to see family.

JessaLynn Hobbs and her family are also keeping their vacation plans.

"We haven't had a serious vacation in years," Hobbs said.

"As we have stopped planning parties for several reasons, we focus on fam-

ily experiences instead, and with Father's Day and both our son's and my big birthday, we planned on Florida."

They will be flying for their vacation and are planning to save money by cutting corners in other ways, like cooking at the Airbnb for most of the trip.

Vacations are important to Derby because out-of-town trips allow her kids to be exposed to a world beyond Springtown.

"As a kid, we traveled all the time, and so it's just kind of something I grew up loving," Derby said. "It's something I want my boys to grow up loving and have their home base, but also get that there's a whole world of differences and experiences and foods, and I mean you name it, and you can find it, but you just have to be willing to try new things."

Wiley believes that her family will get more benefit from their planned vacation than saving.

"Money is money, and it sucks that gas is so high, but cool weather and a clear view of starry nights, hummingbirds of Colorado, camp fire and marshmallows with my kids — it's calling us."

Follow the Flag to provide safe place to celebrate nation's birthday

BY DON MUNSCH
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Music, food and fireworks are on tap at the Follow the Flag July Fourth event scheduled July 4 for Central Park in Azle.

The free event will be from 7-10 p.m. Patrons may park vehicles around Main Street and in open areas. Reserve parking for volunteers will be at the library. People may bring chairs and umbrellas.

No alcohol will be allowed, said Alton Davis, president of the Azle Area Ministerial Alliance, which organizes the event each year. Davis pastors Community Bible Fellowship in Azle.

Follow the Flag began in 1993 by Lew and Sandy Shaffer, Davis said, adding that Ted Platt also helped spearhead the event. (Platt served on the board of directors of Son Shine Ministries.) In 2006, AAMA took over management of the event from Son Shine Ministries. The first three years, beginning in 2006, the event was held at Forte Junior High School and then the event moved to Central Park in 2009. When Son Shine Ministries managed the program, it was held outside the city limits.

Organizers say Follow the Flag is a Christian event that serves the community and provides a safe atmosphere for people to celebrate Independence Day. Davis said in an email that the AAMA's mission and vision are "Partnering to-

gether with one voice to impact our culture for Christ. We celebrate unity amidst diversity as we pastor our community."

Davis added in the email that AAMA's primary focus is to "lead people to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and allow Him to be our 'banner' for true freedom"

"We want people to see us as having this event out of the love of Christ and loving our community regardless of race, color, creed, anything," he said the interview with the News.

The main source of entertainment is going to be the Joshua Experience, Davis said.

"We'll have them and we'll have a bugler and trumpet player," Davis said, noting that performer's name is Bob Russell, who has performed at numerous ceremonies annually for veterans' burials at Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery. Also, Delbra Calton of Wesley Chapel CME Church will perform a few songs.

Fireworks will begin around 9:30 p.m., or when it gets dark. The show is about 23 minutes long, Davis said, and people may not bring their own fireworks. Pyro Shows, a professional group, conducts the fireworks show.

Several vendors will be at the event, serving free food and drinks. Local businesses, charities, churches and nonprofits donate the food and drinks. Port-a-potties likely will be placed at the park. The restroom building

is still under construction.

"We want just people to come and bring their families and friends," Davis said. "I know we have a lot of new people in Azle and maybe they're searching for a place to go and enjoy fireworks. With it being a Monday night, hopefully most people will want to stay close to the house and get home relatively early."

Davis thanks all of the sponsors who take part in the event and police, paramedics and fire for their help. If anyone wants to make a donation, it can be sent to AAMA, with the donation tagged for the Follow the Flag event. That address is P.O. 275, Azle TX 76098. Volunteers are being accepted at the event. Davis also recommends that parents keep an eye on their children and not let them venture into the wooded area of the park.

At the event, the Lew & Sandy Shaffer Award will be announced to the individual(s) engaged in the local church who has/have played a key role in supporting the community. A Christian motorcycle club will drive down Main Street and escort the flag to the park at the beginning of the event.

For more information on the Joshua Experience, access joshuaexperience.com. For more information on Follow the Flag, access azlema.com/follow-the-flag.

NOTICE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS and REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR DESIGN/BUILD OF PARKER COUNTY ESD1 – FIRE STATION NO. 46 & NO. 47

(Parker County, Texas)

This is notice of a Request for Qualifications AND a Request for Proposals ("RFQ/RFP"). This will be a two-step process. In Step 1, Parker County ESD1 ("PC- ESD1") seeks Responses to its Request for Qualifications ("Qualification Submissions") for the design and construction of up to two fire stations: FIRE STATION NO. 46 and NO. 47 ("Project"). No cost information is to be included in any Qualifications Submission. The Parker County ESD1 will select up to five finalists from the Qualifications Submissions that are properly received. In Step II, the PC- ESD1 will request Proposals for the full Project ("Proposals") from the Finalists selected by the PC- ESD1. The PC- ESD1 will select the Proposal that provides the Best Value to the PC- ESD1. Qualification submissions must arrive no later than 12:00PM on July 8th, 2022, at the Parker County ESD1 administration, address listed below. Qualification submissions will be opened at 1:00PM, on July 8th, 2022 at the same location.

The full RFQ/RFP and the Design Criteria Package are available from the PC- ESD1 at the following address:

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Faith lessons from the Master Chef kitchen

She won immunity with Deconstructed Black Forest Cake.

Mrs. Sweetie and I are fans of the *Master Chef* television show — one of the many ventures of iconic celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay.

The current season (11) invited back 40 contestants from the previous 10 seasons to return and compete for a chance to win the Master Chef title that eluded them in their previous attempt.

In the most recent episode we watched, the contestants had to cook an elevated version of the dish that got them eliminated the last time. The one whose dish was judged as the best would win immunity from the next elimination challenge.



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.

Emily, an amazing baker, was a promising contestant from a previous season. But the Black Forest Cake that she attempted collapsed as she was constructing it, resulting in her elimination.

This time around, she made a Deconstructed Black Forest Cake. It had all the same ingredients, but they were rearranged and presented differently across the plate, so there was nothing that could collapse.

And — as the first line of this post indicated — hers was judged to be the best dish of the night.

For the past several years, more and more is being written about deconstructed faith. Books, articles and blog posts abound on the subject, and tension continues to rise between those who are proponents of the deconstruction and those who are critics.

I readily admit that this is a gross oversimplification of

the issue, but I hope it will help frame it for the limited length of this post:

Some proponents of the deconstruction may have found themselves disillusioned by the faith passed on to them. Some feel that they have been deceived, manipulated or marginalized. They may have found something lacking in what was delivered to them as truth — and the structures and systems that resulted — and they are not sure what to do with it.

Critics of the deconstruction may have felt that the proponents have tried to destroy or abandon the faith in their deconstruction of it. They may view deconstruction as an unfair and unin-

formed attack by those who didn't have a strong enough foundation of faith from the start.

Might I suggest that we could learn something from the kitchen?

Emily's deconstructed cake did not completely abandon the concept of a black forest cake and replace it with a fish sandwich. She didn't suggest that all black forest cakes should be destroyed because the ingredients are all faulty and no one should ever make a black forest cake again.

All the essential ingredients were still there. She just abandoned the familiar form, structure and presentation and highlighted the in-

gredients in a different way — a way defined by those essential ingredients rather than by the traditional structure.

Is it possible that we sometimes cling more tightly to the structures of faith than the essential components of faith? Can the message get lost in the methods?

Could we possibly be strengthened in genuine faith by taking some of those structures apart and allowing God to rebuild them in us in a less familiar format?

Revelation 21:5 - "He who was seated on the throne said, 'I am making everything new!'"

Be amazing today, my friend.

PARKER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Avoid contact with baby deer

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Deer fawning season began last month, and the Parker County Sheriff's Office has received multiple calls pertaining to "abandoned" fawn — baby deer — located on residential property and fields.

In a press release, the sheriff's office recommended that fawns should be left alone if seen.

"A mother deer will rarely abandon their young," ac-

ording to the press release. "They will leave their babies alone for up to 12 hours while they forage. She is usually nearby watching her baby and you. She will not return to her baby if she sees you. Do not touch a fawn. Your scent can mask its natural scent can make it difficult for the mother to locate her fawn."

About four million white-tailed deer live in Texas, according to an article from the

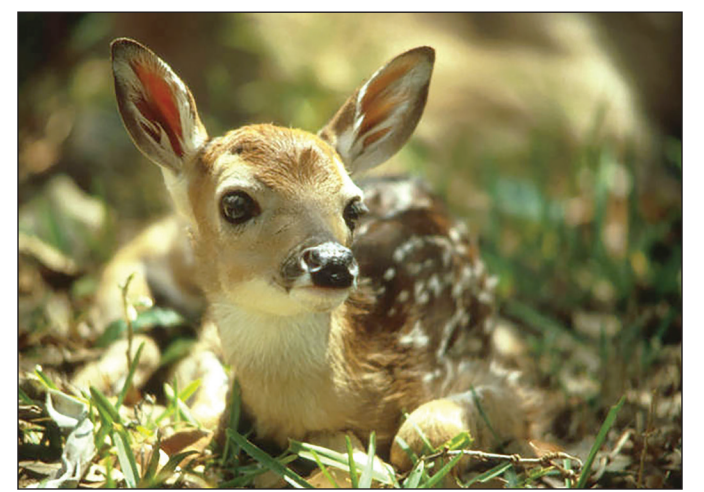
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. People may like to feed the deer that they see at home but feeding them can lead to deer becoming a nuisance and more fawns being born, which contributes to overpopulation. Overpopulation can result in starvation for animals.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department suggests that a permitted wildlife rehabilitator be contacted if a wild animal is sick or injured, in-

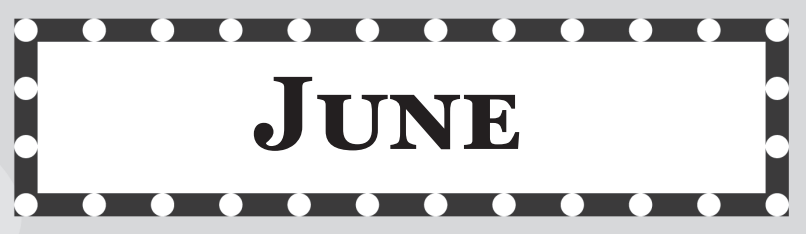
stead of the public handling or transporting a wild animal. For more information about wildlife rehabilitators, visit <https://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/rehab/>.

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Obituaries

Richard Rhodes 1946 - 2022

Richard Rhodes, 76, passed away June 10, 2022.

Funeral service will be held Thursday, June 30 at 10 a.m. at Northwest Church of Christ, Boat Club Road and Azle Ave. Visitation at Greenwood Funeral Home, Wednesday, June 29 from 6-8 p.m.

Richard was born Jan. 5, 1946, in Maxey, Texas (Paris Texas) to D.H. and Barbara (Leatherwood) Rhodes. He was the eighth of ten siblings. Richard served his country in the United States Air Force. He was a postman for 28 years and was a faithful Christian at Northwest Church of Christ. When they moved to Springtown, he was also a faithful Christian at Springtown Church of Christ. Richard was a deacon at both churches for years.

Richard was a sweet and gentle man who loved God, family and friends.



Richard was preceded in death by his parents, Dennis and Barbara; two sisters, Eloise and Mary Evelyn; four brothers, Cecil, James, Robert, and Bobby.

Richard is survived by his loving wife, Patricia, of 53 years; daughter, Wendi and husband David; two grandchildren, Corey and Sarah; three brothers, Willie, Joe, and Kenneth; sister-in-law Linda Blackwell and many nieces and nephews.

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David Don Woodall 1934 - 2022

David Woodall, 87, was welcomed into heaven early Thursday, June 16, 2022.

A service celebrating his life was held at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 21, at Mount Olivet Chapel. Burial will be after the service at Greenwood.

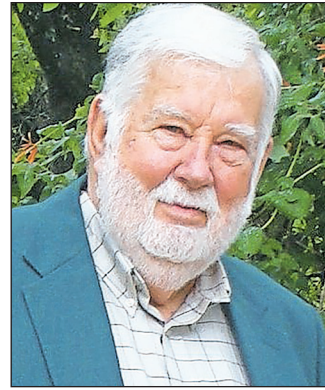
Visitation was Monday, June 20, 2022 from 6 - 8 p.m. at Mount Olivet.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Azle Christian Church or the Lake Worth Historical Society.

David was born Nov. 27, 1934 in Fort Worth and graduated from Northside High School. He attended Arlington State College and Texas A&M University before joining the Marines.

He married Carolyn Collins in 1959 and they had a wonderful life together socializing with friends, dancing, traveling and going to casinos. They raised two daughters, Dana and Kristi. He was an insurance adjuster for 40 years, most of those for State Farm.

He was a longtime member of Azle Christian Church, where he held many roles including Board Chairman, building committees, sports organizer, deacon and elder. He was also a past member of the Fort Worth Claims Association, the Mid-Cities Toastmaster Club and the Lake Worth Historical So-



ciety. He never met a stranger and loved to make people laugh. He will be remembered for his generous spirit, friendly personality and sense of humor.

We want to especially thank all those who cared for him in the past several years including Willow Park Rehab & Care Center and Valor Hospice.

David was preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn.

Survivors include his daughter Dana Miller and Jay, daughter Kristi Long and her husband, Wayne, brother James Woodall, brother-in-law Clarence Collins and his wife, Shirley, grandchildren - Reese Miller, Kit Miller and Carson Long, special family friend, Ward McAfee and wife, Natalie, several cousins, nieces and nephews.

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Wonda Jo "Jody" Bryant 1941 - 2022

Wonda Jo "Jody" Bryant, age 80 of Azle, Texas passed away Saturday, June 18, 2022 in Ft. Worth, Texas.

Visitation is from 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at Biggers Funeral in Lake Worth, Texas.

Service is at 10 a.m., Thursday, June 23, 2022 at New Hope Baptist Church Boyd, Texas with Bro. Jim Edwards officiating. Interment: New Hope Cemetery, Boyd, Texas following service.

Jody was born in Hope, Arkansas to the late Sammy and Rosa Lee Powell on Oct. 14, 1941.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years Paul E. Bryant, Sr. and one brother, Holland "Bud" Powell.

Her survivors include her brother, Roy Lynn Powell and wife, Kathy of Hope, Arkansas; two sons, Paul E. Bryant, Jr. and wife, Kim of Ft. Worth, Texas and Mark Bryant and wife, Kristin



of Springtown, Texas; two daughters, Eva Rose Dutton and Diana Whitehead, both of Azle, Texas; seven grandchildren, Kylene Hubbard and fiancé Jody Stephens, Gary Burns Jr and Angi, Sydney Deal and husband, Ryan, Christopher Harris and wife, Nancy, Josie Bryant, Landree Bryant, and Jett Bryant; five great-grandchildren, Koralline Robinson, Daisie Waller, Jaxx Burns, Griffin and Crosby Deal, and a host of other family and friends.

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ON FISHING

Serious summer changes come early

This extreme heat early in the summer is changing the fishing patterns early this year. Water is stratifying and thermoclines are developing on most of north Texas lakes. Water temperatures are from the middle 80s to near 90 degrees. We have discussed the potential thermocline development, but now it is occurring.

In just a few days on the water this last week, I watched these changes start to take hold. Fish located in deeper water are no longer there.

What I am talking about is the typical summer stratifying of our local waters. Most of our relatively shallow Texas waters will stratify during the heat of summer. The top layer of water between the thermocline and surface will be the most oxygenated water. The layer of water below the thermocline is typically void of oxygen, and most fish cannot survive



ON FISHING

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there.

The layer of water called the thermocline is the transition between the top layer of water and the uninhabitable area below the thermocline. There is typically a sharp drop in temperature in this thermocline which at times makes it a favorable place for many species; however, oxygen levels are not necessarily the best.

Striped bass in the summer and several other species tend to “stress” in the Texas heat and at times will opt for the slightly cooler water in the thermocline versus feeding in the hotter water above the thermocline. Many fish will lose weight in the heat of summer, trying to survive.

Thermoclines can come and go in the summer. Sometimes rain and wind will cool and mix up the water. With little or no wind action and the intense heat, the thermoclines can reestablish quickly.

Thermoclines can be your friend too. In fact, thermoclines eliminate a large portion of the livable area in the lake and in many cases, will congregate the fish. Using this information to your advantage is critical when fishing right now.

So how do you know if there is a thermocline present? Some graphs with the gain on the highest setting will identify the area with a dark band at a certain depth. Another surefire method is

when fishing with live minnows or shad. When your bait starts to die quickly at a certain depth, you probably need to put your presentation shallower until you can find a “happy” depth where your live bait will not die.

On Lake Granbury, we typically get a thermocline somewhere down around 15 to 25 feet below the surface. Thermoclines can be different on different areas of the reservoir. For instance on Lake Whitney, one area had a thermocline around 25 feet down and another area you could get your bait down to over 30 feet without a problem.

I have located schools of striped bass suspended in a thermocline that were not leaving their location. If you could get a fresh bait down on their nose, you could catch fish. The bait would survive long enough to entice a bite. If you didn’t get a bite, you might as well reel

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Lake Granbury water temperatures are in the middle to upper 80s on the main lake and even higher in the shallows. Black bass are good on main lake points and docks on crank baits and soft plastics. Keeper striped bass are slow to fair to 6 pounds on live shad on the lower ends near points and feeding flats. Look for surface schooling action early and late. Sand bass and small striped bass are good on slabs or trolling from Indian Harbor to DeCordova. Look for these sand bass and stripers in shallow water (10 to 15 feet). Crappies on structure are good on small minnows and jigs. Catfish are good on cut shad on many areas of the lake.

Lake Whitney limits of striped bass continue to be good on live bait on the lower ends near the island. Look for feeding fish early and late. Whitney sand bass are good near McCown and near the island. Possum Kingdom Lake striped bass to 10 pounds are good on live shad or down-rigging jigs on the lower ends.

up and replace the suffocated bait with a fresh one and try again.

As with any summer, your best times are typically early and late. Also, any summer rain will cool the surface and will more than likely kick

off a feeding frenzy. Pray for rain, we could use it.

With the thermocline present, look for humps or structure above the thermocline to locate fish and hopefully you will find some fish willing to feed.

BOOK REVIEW

Lessons for leaders from four-legged teachers

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

The guy on the opposite side is many times your weight and more than twice your girth.

He’s not happy, either. He’s snorting and huffing and pacing, eyes wild, and he might lash out at any minute. Thing is, you have to work with this guy, so there’s gotta be a way to get him on your side. With the new book, “Think Like a Horse: Lessons in Life, Leadership, and Empathy from an Unconventional Cowboy” by Grant Gollhofer, why not learn how to make him your partner?

When Wyoming rancher and horseman Grant Gollhofer brings corporate clients to his historic Diamond

Cross Ranch for team-building experiences, execs are often amazed that he can take a horse from terrified to saddle-worthy in a surprisingly short time. During that process, as they stand aside to watch, Gollhofer teaches corporate teams that getting cooperation from an equine is a lot like getting it from a human.

People and horses need many of the same things to succeed, he says: “Trust, patience, firmness, kindness, and respect” are essential, no matter how many legs your “friends” stand on. And “if you don’t believe in a horse – or a person, for that matter – you shouldn’t be working with him in the first place.” Gollhofer says the best

way to deal with human and horse is by “trying to put yourself inside the experience of another.” Know what they dislike, what motivates them, and what makes them comfortable enough to trust. If you’re surprised by their actions, you weren’t paying enough attention.

“Be as soft as you can,” says Gollhofer, “but be as firm as necessary.”

Don’t tolerate attitude, but discipline with love. Give credit to someone who’s trying and praise the “smallest change.” Don’t ask questions if you don’t really want the answer. Learn what T-R-U-S-T stands for, then work to get it and keep it. Never be afraid to “move your feet.” Set clear boundaries and ex-

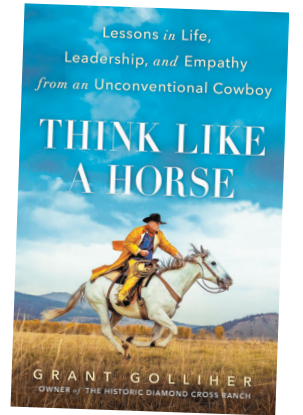
pectations, “Make the right thing easy and the wrong thing difficult,” Gollhofer says, and then let them have “the freedom to choose.”

The first time you run through “Think Like a Horse,” you may believe that the book is little more than the reminiscences of a cowpoke. That should spur you to run through it again because there’s a lot more to this book than just horse-flesh.

It is true that author Grant Gollhofer writes primarily about horses here and that, in itself, is very entertaining, in the way that an old-time western or a weekend ride can make you smile. There’s an easy feel to that and it somewhat cloaks the advice,

leaving behind lessons that you may not initially realize you’ve learned. Then again, it’s not all happy trails, as readers who are looking specifically for help getting the most out of life with co-workers, employees, kids, neighbors or students will quickly see that they’re in the right arena.

And so, if your relationships are anything less than stable, read “Think Like a Horse” and then trot out what you’ve gleaned. Learn from its methods and let its stories rope you in.



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Hornet Academy graduates cross the stage

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY
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Azle Hornet Academy recognized 33 graduates on June 20 at the Azle High School auditorium. The graduates ranged in age from 18 to 49 years old. Family and friends were in attendance to cheer for their graduates.

Azle ISD Board of Trustees President Bill Lane gave the congratulatory remarks to the graduates, saying that their diplomas would be “something you will have to carry forward with you the rest of your life.” Lane also encouraged the graduates to get involved in their community, serve on boards and committees,

and that even if they move away, Azle will always be home. “Don’t forget your roots here,” said Lane. “Don’t forget the people here today.” The Hornet Academy started in 2009. It is not a credit recovery program but rather a pathway for non-traditional students, or students who do not thrive in

the classroom environment, to attain their high school diploma. The program has helped hundreds of students from all walks of life become high school graduates. This latest graduating class marks 643 students that have received their diplomas through the Hornet Academy since it started.

Talk about killing someone with kindness



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,
My brother Davy and I are Jack Russell terriers. We are known for being great hunters. Only one of us, however, acts like a Jack. Can you guess which one? Right, me! The first thing in the morning, our dads let us out into the yard. I immediately survey the property for geckos, toads and snakes. God help them if there is one out there. Davy, on the other paw, plays with his ball and basks in the sun. When we are called inside for breakfast, we both get the same amount of food. I don’t even get a treat for everything I do to keep us safe. Do you think that’s fair?

and there, but I have serious concerns about them being a regular part of a dog’s diet.

Have you ever noticed how many overweight dogs there are at the park? Many have bulked up because their owners want to please them by feeding them treats all day long.

Talk about killing someone with kindness. These dog owners mean well, but they aren’t doing their dogs any favors. Obesity causes all sorts of physical and emotional issues for dogs. Fat dogs eventually have trouble breathing and walking.

Some dogs become so dependent on treats they develop negative behaviors like barking and begging to get their owners’ attention. The next time you pass a mirror, I suggest you pause and revel in that svelte Jack in the reflection.

Best, Frankie

Miffed, Cheer

Dear Cheer,
I do think it is fair. Dogs and humans eat food for nourishment and fuel. Using food as a treat can be a slippery slope. I’m not opposed to an occasional treat here

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



Miss Emily Rose

Penelope Parrish, along with brothers Jake and Cole, would like to present their new sister, Miss Emily Rose. Emily was born April 8 to parents Michell and Scott Parrish of Azle. Grandparents are Teddie and Don Parrish, also of Azle.

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Annual July Fourth celebration receives go-ahead from council

BY DON MUNSCHE
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Fourth of July in Azle means it's time to Follow the Flag.

Azle City Council on June 7 approved a request by the Azle Area Ministerial Alliance to use Central Park and meet other needs for the Follow the Flag Fourth of July celebration event.

Organizers of the event requested a fire truck; a waiver of the fees charged for Fire Department personnel and equipment; a waiver of fees for the rental of the pavilion and amphitheater; and approval of a council variance allowing the issuance of a fireworks permit and a waiver of the fireworks permit fee contingent on all requirements being met for the event. The annual Follow the Flag event on July 4 includes a fireworks display. Organizers said 5,000 to 8,000 people attended last year, even as the event was scaled back because of the pandemic.

To ensure safety, the AAMA requested a fire truck be present at the show and the city waive the standard fee usually charged. AAMA has secured insurance for the pyrotechnics that will be used for the July Fourth event and has secured permission from the property owner at 405 W. Main St. to conduct a fireworks display, said Alton Davis, president of the ministerial alliance, during the meeting. The annual event dates back to 1993, with many of those

years being in the city limits. The event is from 7-10 p.m. and will have live entertainment by Christian musicians.

"It's just a time to create a good, safe atmosphere for our families at the time that we see it celebrate our faith and our freedom," Davis said.

The local faith-based community has volunteered to help at the event, Davis said, as it takes tremendous effort and volunteers to help the event succeed.

Also on June 7, the council approved amending Community Waste Disposal's disposal rate for the city's sludge. The city's garbage franchise agreement with CWD includes the hauling and disposal of sludge generated by the city's wastewater treatment plant, according to information from the city council agenda. CWD said it needed to increase its sludge disposal rate from \$1,488.45 a load, as per the contract, to \$1,635.79 a load as the result of an increase being imposed by Republic Waste for its Arlington landfill, as well as increases in fuel costs and the Consumer Price Index.

CWD averages 13 hauls per month, the council agenda stated, and the \$147.34 per haul increase will result in an \$1,915 increase in the monthly cost and a \$9,577 increase in the budget for the remainder of the FY2021-22 budget year. On Jan. 18, council approved a market adjustment on garbage rates, effective Feb. 1,

but there was no increase in the sludge rate at that time.

In other developments, the council approved City Manager Tom Muir to execute an interlocal agreement with the Tarrant County Emergency Services District No. 1 to replace two ambulances with medical equipment and self-contained breathing apparatuses.

For several years, the city has maintained a recurring annual contract with Tarrant County Emergency Service District No. 1 to provide Fire/EMS services to areas outside of the Azle city limits, the city council agenda stated. Because of this agreement, the city has qualified for Tarrant County's American Rescue Plan Act state and local recovery funds. Tarrant County and Tarrant County ESD No. 1 have worked together this past year to assist EMS and fire agencies to sustain services within unincorporated Tarrant County. The proposed agreement with Tarrant County ESD No. 1 will provide replacements for two ambulances and associated equipment for \$1,160,000. In addition, three SCBAs will be replaced with new SCBAs along with 10 additional SCBA air bottles for \$30,000. The total amount of the grant is \$1,190,000.

"There will be additional amendments to this agreement addressing replacing the third ambulance and associated equipment," agenda information stated. "The agreement will be a reimbursement grant just like it

has been in previous years with the ESD."

The city will pay for the above referenced items upon receipt and acceptance, and the reimbursement to the city will take 90 to 120 days. Money for the items will be placed in the next budget year cycle.

Council approved a resolution suspending the effective date of Oncor Electric Delivery Company's requested rate change. Oncor Electric Delivery Company filed an application on May 13 with cities retaining original jurisdiction seeking to increase system-wide transmission and distribution rates by approximately \$251 million or approximately 4.5% over present revenues. Oncor requested the city to approve an 11.2% increase in residential rates and a 1.6% increase in street lighting rates. If approved, a residential customer using 1,300 kWh per month would see a bill increase of approximately \$6.02 per month.

The city is a member of a 169-city coalition known as the Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor ("Steering Committee"). The Steering Committee has existed since the late 1980s but it took a formal structure in the early 1990s when cities served by the former TXU gave up their statutory right to rate case expense reimbursement in exchange for higher franchise fee payments, the council agenda packet stated.

"Empowered by city resolutions and funded by

per capita assessments, the Steering Committee has been the primary public interest advocate before the Public Utility Commission, the Courts and the Legislature on electric utility regulation matters for the past 30 years," the agenda stated.

The Steering Committee recommended council consider and approve a resolution that suspends the effective date — June 17 — of Oncor's rate increase for the maximum period permitted by law — 90 days — to allow the city and Steering Committee to evaluate the filing, determine whether the filing complies with law, and if lawful, to determine what further strategy, including settlement, to pursue, the agenda stated. Oncor has increased rates many times over the past few years, but this is the first comprehensive base rate case for Oncor since March 2017, officials said.

Council approved authorizing the purchase of three police pursuit vehicles, which are three Chevrolet Tahoes to be funded by the Crime Control and Prevention District. The CCPD is funded by a ¼-cent sales tax on every product purchased within the city limits, Muir explained in an email.

"Those funds are dedicated to the CCPD which is largely utilized by the PD — the Fire Marshal's office also receives funding from the CCPD. CCPDs are authorized under the Texas Local Government Code, Section 363," Muir said.

The vehicles are budgeted at \$42,000 each and will be in the next year budget. Outfitting each Tahoe will cost an extra \$28,000 each except for the one to be used as a command vehicle, the chief's vehicle, as it will cost an extra \$15,000 to outfit.

Also at the meeting, City Secretary Yael Forgey gave an annual presentation about the city secretary office, giving an overview of the functions and responsibilities of her office, which keeps the records of the city.

Forgey said her office received 445 public information requests in 2021, which is about 15% more than the previous year, and more than 600 hours were spent processing those requests. Among other developments Forgey told the council about was a new agenda management software that is in the design phase. Livestreaming will be a part of the software when it is ready and will be available through the city's website, with council meeting broadcasts being one accessible component. The city still needs to get camera(s) and cabling, Muir said in the email, and "we need to update their pricing and order the products now that we have selected a platform on which to broadcast."

Council also approved accepting the resignation of Kenny Caswell from the Planning and Zoning Commission Place 5.



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CREATURES THAT GLOW

Light in the Deep

Most of the world's glowing animals live in the sea.

These glowing creatures live down in the inky dark, deepest parts of the sea where sunlight can not reach. Glowing body parts attract prey and scare away predators. Some fish confuse their enemies by blinking on and off while zigzagging through the water. Others attract mates and communicate using their flashing lights.

About half of all kinds of jellyfish are bioluminescent.

Find the jellyfish that match.

Standards Link: Life Science: Students know animals have structures that serve different functions in survival.

Some kinds of deep sea squid squirt glowing ink when they are attacked. In the black depths of the ocean, the glowing cloud blinds and confuses predators and lets the squid escape.

Standards Link: Life Science: Students know examples of diverse life forms in different environment such as oceans.

Shiny spotlights on deep-sea fish, flashing worms, squids that squirt clouds of glowing ink—they have no plugs, wires or batteries. *How do they glow?*

It's **bioluminescence** (by-oh-loo-muh-NEHS-sense)—which means the making of light by living creatures.

Angler Fish

This deep-sea creature fishes for food. It has a long, skinny fin on top of its head that works like a fishing rod. A little bulb filled with glowing bioluminescent bacteria sits at the end of the rod.

When it wants to eat, the angler fish dangles the glowing bait in front of its mouth. A curious fish swims up for a closer look and—snap! the angler fish's huge jaws snatch it up!

Angler fish are small, but they can be big eaters. Once, a 3-1/2 inch angler was found with a nearly 7-inch lantern fish in its stretchable stomach!

Help this little fish escape the angler fish.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Light Fantastic

Look through the newspaper to see if you can observe:

- something that lights up
- a word that rhymes with light
- a word that describes light

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

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Troubled Waters

Fireworms _____ an amazing _____ light show. Most of the time these worms live _____ in holes and _____ at the bottom of the sea. But two nights after each full _____, the fireworms _____ to the surface, all aglow. The females and males swim around in circles. The females send out a glowing _____ of eggs.

Find where each missing word belongs in this paragraph.

MOON CLOUD
BURROWS SWIM
UNDERWATER
QUIETLY PRODUCE

Standards Link: Life Science: Students know animals have structures that serve different functions in reproduction.

Double Double Word Search

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

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CREATURES	S E L G N A D E D S
ANGLER	E A N G L E R U S I
STOMACH	S S N A P U O E T F
JELLYFISH	U S P N T L L S H Y
SPARKS	F D M A C C E E G L
CLOUD	N I E R R R F L I L
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SNAP	

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

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Message in the Dark

Use the letters that spell the word BIOLUMINESCENCE and your newspaper to make a poem about the deep ocean.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Students write acrostic poems.

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Safety in the Light

Bioluminescence can sometimes work as a great defence mechanism.

One kind of sea cucumber that lives in the deep ocean, can shed its glowing skin if attacked by a predator. This skin then sticks to its attacker, making the attacker a target for other predators?

Azle bareback rider Airian Eubank takes seventh place at state rodeo finals

BY JEFF PRINCE
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North Texas champion bareback rider Airian Eubank overcame a painful injury to nab seventh place while competing against the best high school cowboys in Texas at the state rodeo finals in Abilene.

Laurel Allred, who is also on the Azle rodeo team, placed 66th in the pole bending event.

Eubank entered the contest, held June 10-12 in Abilene, as the North Texas champion and regional reserve champion. He had hoped to add yet another trophy to his bounty, but surprises can happen

when straddling 1,000 pounds of bucking muscle, hooves and teeth.

"My first ride didn't go as planned," he said. "I blew my shoulder out."

Eubank went to an emergency hospital in Abilene for treatment for a dislocated shoulder and was anesthetized. His shoulder had popped out several times already this season, but this time was more severe.

"I had to get put asleep because my shoulder popped out backward instead of forward," he said. "It's been popping out, but I've just been riding it through."

He returned to the rodeo on June 11 to ride again de-

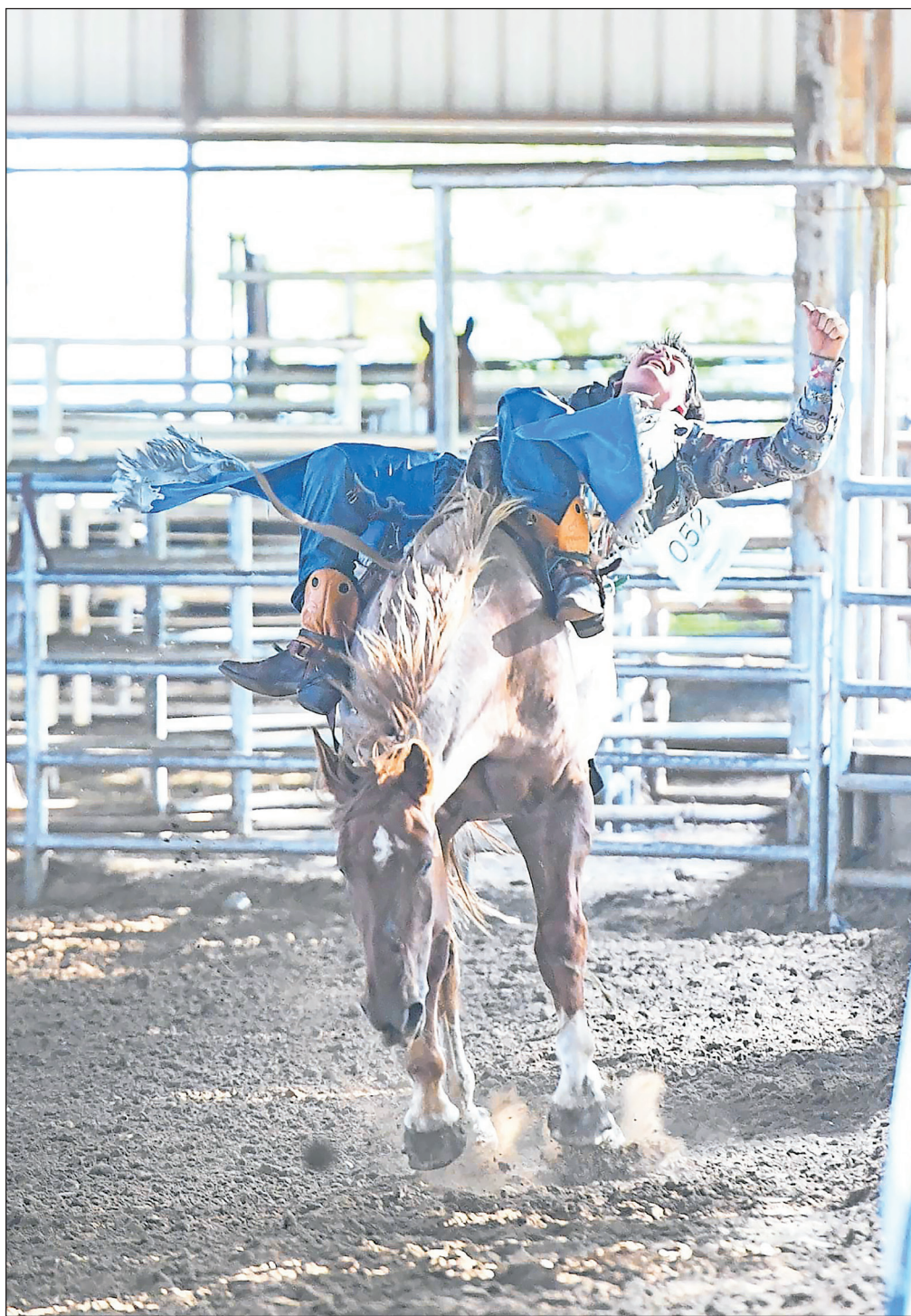
spite his painful injury.

"It hurts, but at the same time, when you're riding rough stock or whatnot, you've just got to cowboy it up," he said.

The horses he drew at state bucked well, he said, giving him two good rides in front of a large audience.

"It was live on the Cowboy Channel on TV, so anybody in the world could watch," he said.

Only the top four competitors in each event qualified to compete at the national finals, so Eubank's senior season is finished. Next, he plans to attend Weatherford College and ride on that school's rodeo team.



Airian Eubank earned a seventh-place finish at the state rodeo finals in Abilene. Photo by Jo H Photography



Airian Eubank won a saddle, six buckles and scholarship money this season. Photo by Jo H Photography

First, though, he will take a needed break.

"I'm taking a couple of months off to heal my body and heal the shoulder," he said.

Eubank's big year comes after an injury-marred junior year. He sat out most of last

season to deal with another arm problem.

"I broke my right arm and got six screws and a plate in there, and that's my riding arm," he said.

He returned before the end of the 2021 season and logged enough rides and

earned enough points to finish in third place in North Texas.

This year, he began a winning streak that culminated with him winning the bareback championship at the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo and qualifying.

Azle soccer's new head coach touts discipline, hard work

BY JEFF PRINCE
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Earning a high school diploma and an associate degree from college on the same day takes hard work and discipline.

Diego Oliveros will continue to rely on those traits as the new head coach for boys soccer at Azle High School.

Oliveros grew up in El Paso and attended Mission Early College High School, a college preparatory school that encouraged its graduates to earn an associate degree early.

"The idea was to finish high school with 60 credit hours of college," he said. "In order to do that, you gave up a lot of the extracurricular side."

He skipped sports at high school to focus on his studies but grew up playing soccer in youth leagues. He continued playing in city leagues as an adult.

After graduating high



Diego Oliveros will lead the Azle Hornets soccer boys into the new season.

Photo by Jeff Prince

SOCCER COACH, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11A.

school in 2012 and earning his bachelor's degree at the University of Texas at El Paso, Oliveros landed a teaching job at Irving MacArthur High School in 2016.

"I didn't come in as a coach straight away, but I knew that was something I wanted to do," he said. "I always thought five to 10 years down the road, I may get into coaching, but it ended up happening a lot sooner than I had envisioned."

That first year, he volunteered to help coach the soccer team at MacArthur.

"That's how I got my (foot in the) door," he said. "Maybe two days into coaching, it became clear to me: I love this. This is what I want to do. I want to be a head coach one day. I want to do it at the highest level that I'm currently at."

In his second year at MacArthur, he was hired as a freshman coach and varsity assistant.

"Through the six years that I was at MacArthur, I was preparing myself, learning from different coaches," he said. "Last year, one of my mentors really started talking to me, saying, 'Hey, if this is something you're serious about, I think you're ready. You have the preparation. You've seen what it takes.' That's kind of when I decided I wanted to look around and see what possibilities there were for growth."

While searching online, he saw an opening for the head coaching job at Azle ISD and applied.

"I did a little bit of research on the town and the school and decided that was a place I would feel comfortable moving and applying," he said.

In-person interviews with athletic director Becky Spurlock and then-principal Randy Cobb convinced him he had made the right decision.

"I'm thankful they be-

lieved in me," he said. "It's not always easy to hire a first-year head coach, but I have felt very supported in the sense that they really believe in the program that I want to build. That gives me a lot of confidence to come in and work."

Oliveros takes over from Austin Fugate, an Azle High alumnus who was hired last year to lead the boys soccer team but moved on after the school year.

THE TWO TENETS

Members of Azle's soccer team will become familiar with Oliveros' two favorite terms. Hard work and discipline are the cornerstones of his soccer program.

Discipline means waking up on time, showing up on time, being prepared, attending classes and behaving in those classes.

Hard work includes practicing with the same passion exhibited during games.

"Practice the way you play; play the way you practice," he said.

Last year's Hornets played hard and displayed discipline but had trouble finding the win column, going 1-15-2 overall and 1-9 against district competition.

"I can't talk too much about what has happened in the past, but I know that in my first few seasons, I want to find the success of a program through the discipline and the hard work," he said.

He isn't setting a goal for the number of games to win this season.

"I just want to take care of the smaller details," he said.

"Once you start doing that right, success will surely follow."

The boys lost plenty of games last season but played well and fell by slim margins.

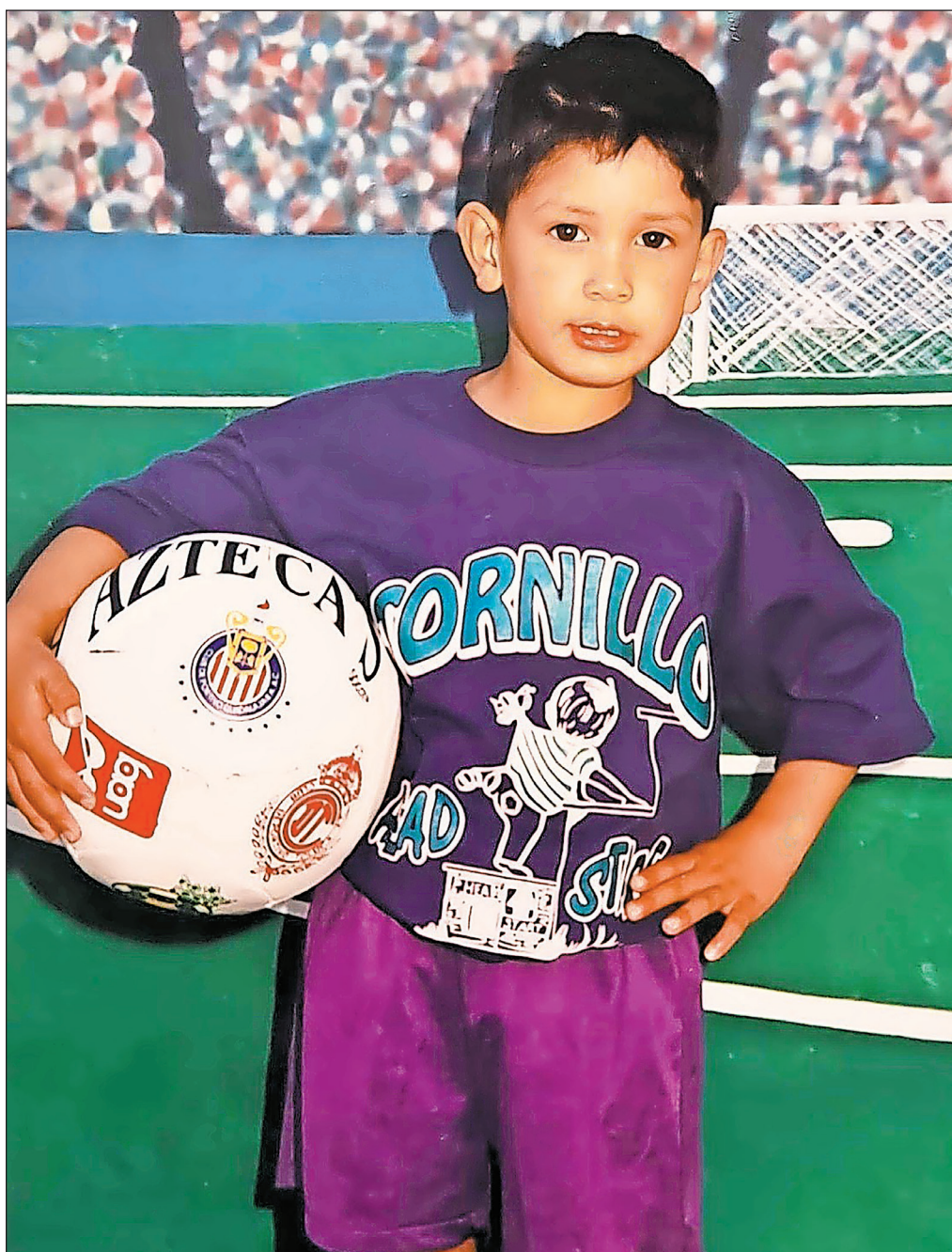
"A lot of those games were decided by less than two goals," Oliveros said. "That just shows me that there's a competitive spirit at Azle."

The coach and his team



Diego Oliveros will lead the Azle Hornets soccer boys into the new season.

Photo by Jeff Prince



A 4-year-old Diego Oliveros played his first season of soccer in an El Paso youth league. Courtesy photo

met for the first time on June 13 at a skills session.

"I get the sense that they are all excited to play," he said. "They are all people who love the game. It's go-

ing to be a little bit of a process where I get to know them, and they get to know me. I do feel that once we're in that same synchrony, we can definitely have some

success, whether that be winning a lot of games or starting as simple as being able to all be on the same page, to show up, be prepared, take it seriously."

Azle ISD adding three new inductees to Athletic Hall of Fame

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Azle ISD officials announced they will induct Don Hood, Jim Bob Nation and Stephanie Parker into the Athletic Hall of Fame later this year.

Nation, born in Azle in 1918, will be inducted posthumously. After graduating from Azle High in 1935, he cast a large shadow in

the town as a businessman, politician, firefighter, community volunteer and longtime public address announcer at Azle Hornet football games.

In 1961, Azle officials named Nation as the Citizen of the Year, an award he could have won many times.

Nation died in 1996. A

baseball complex at Azle High is named Jim Bob Nation's Field of Dreams.

Parker, an accomplished athlete during her years at Azle High, graduated in 2007.

Hood served as head coach for the football team from 1958 to 1962.

The induction ceremony is set for 2-4 p.m. Sept. 24.

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No major rules changes embraced by UIL sports

FROM STAFF REPORTS

What might have been a memorable meeting of the University Interscholastic League's Legislative Council on June 14 turned out to be a relative yawner.

The council considers yearly rules changes that apply to athletics in Texas' public schools. Some of this session's proposals included implementing a shot clock in basketball, excluding freshmen from varsity play, moving soccer from the frigid months to the fall and limiting or eliminating coaches scratching officials.

Each of those ideas would have been controversial if allowed.

The UIL held public hearings in Austin to consider them but took no action. Few observers expected major changes to be implemented. The suggestions were submitted by the public for consideration. Last year, the committee took no action on a similar request to implement shot clocks.

The standing committee on athletics passed the following proposals, according to the UIL website:

Codify off-season and

summer strength and conditioning changes implemented as a response to COVID-19.

Update a class and add a class to the list of courses for which there is an exception to the UIL rule that limits enrollment in physical education (PE) courses during the school day.

Increase travel reimbursements for sports officials by \$5 beginning in the 2022-2023 school year.

Establish a 10-year compensation plan for sports officials.

PROPOSALS THAT WERE DENIED, REJECTED OR RECEIVED NO ACTION:

Alter the language of softball scrimmages per week.

Allow the 15-run rule after three innings in bi-district and area softball.

Prohibit freshmen athletes from participating in varsity competitions.

Change soccer from a spring sport to a fall sport.

Limit or eliminate coaches scratching of officials.

Add a shot clock.

Adjust track and field scoring to include scoring through eighth place

PROPOSALS THAT WILL CONTINUE TO BE MONITORED:

Strength and conditioning for in-season athletes.

Study participation protocol for UIL member schools competing against non-UIL schools.

PROPOSALS FOR STUDY:

Adjust the process of a PAPF (Previous Athletic Participation Form) if the previous school is a private school.

Allow sixth grade participation at the 1A level (survey).

Require a best of three series in all rounds of the 5A-6A baseball post season leading up to the state tournament.

Allow the head golf coach and the assistant golf coach to actively coach during the course of play for all tournaments.

Amend junior high track meet start times.

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Game Faces

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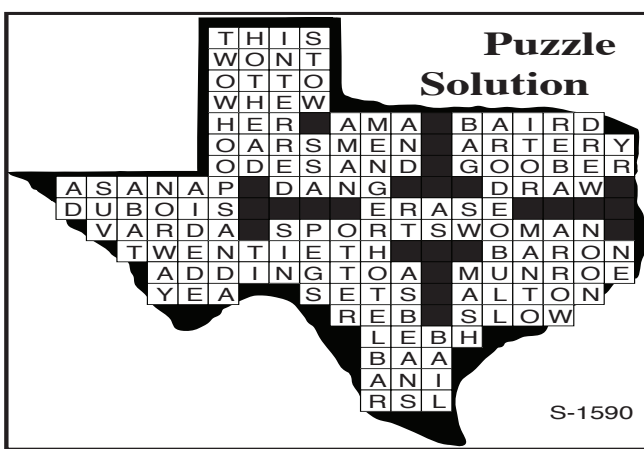
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