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## Blue Diver Search & Recovery

### Pulling valuables from Neptune's treasure chest

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For a lot of people, dropping an item in the lake — cell phone, wallet, keys, watch — means you'll never see it again. But Ryan Prigmore has changed that with his business, Blue Diver Search & Recovery.

Seven years ago, Prigmore wanted to find a way to make his scuba diving hobby pay for itself. That's when he created Blue Diver Search & Recovery, providing dive services to clients around Dallas-Fort Worth at

any time of the day or night. "Any day on the water is better than a day at home," Prigmore said.

Prigmore and his assistant Morgan Payne will travel to any of the area lakes to do hull cleaning and inspection, propeller inspection, search and recovery and underwater video recording.

All of these services are best suited for someone who is dive certified and has all of the equipment to keep safe while underwater. That's especially important in bodies of water that are considered "low visibility," including

Eagle Mountain Lake, Lake Worth and other lakes across North Texas.

"There are very few blackwater divers in Texas," Prigmore said.

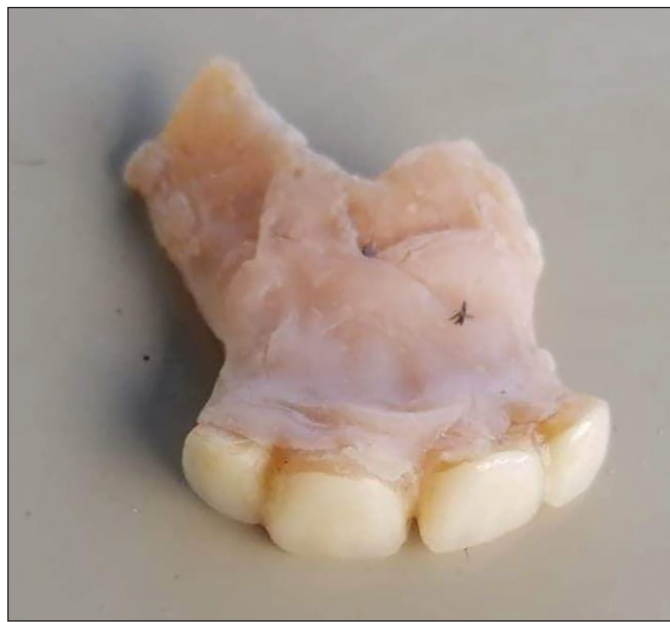
"There are maybe three or four other diver services in the state, and most don't travel."

When diving in those lakes at night, it is considered "blackwater diving," meaning there is zero visibility. Blue Diver is called out often for those types of dives to recover property that has been dropped into the water when people are finishing up their day on the lake.

Some of those dives can take Prigmore and Payne down 35-40 feet in Eagle Mountain Lake to retrieve items that have been dropped overboard.

Blue Diver is called out many times to recover cellphones, car keys, wallets. But among his strangest call-outs was a set of teeth — which he had to come out for twice in a 24-hour period.

Prigmore also said that the strangest thing he's seen on a dive were several 50-gallon drums filled with concrete.



Prigmore has retrieved many things from the lake, including a set of partial dentures. Courtesy Photo

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Ryan Prigmore holding up a Rolex he recovered from the lake. Courtesy Photo

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## Formula shortage still affecting area families

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A baby formula shortage began impacting families in the U.S. last month, and it will still be several weeks, if not months, before supplies begin to get back to normal.

The shortage was caused by a combination of supply chain issues because of COVID-19 and the closure of Abbott Nutrition's Sturgis, Michigan, plant in February for possible contamination.

Dataseamly.com said that in early May, 43% of the top-selling baby formulas were sold out nationwide.

Texas was among the states with the "highest levels of sold-out baby formula products," with 53% of the top-selling products sold out as of May 1, according to CBS News.



Area stores are limiting formula purchases for families until supplies are back to normal. Photo by Jessica McKinney

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## Teachers take different paths to earn Azle ISD top honors

BY DON MUNSCH  
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Charlean Roberts never wanted to be a teacher. Katherine Womack saw herself being a teacher at a young age.

The two Azle ISD teachers were honored for their efforts with children by being named teachers of the year,

with Roberts taking the Elementary Teacher of the Year and Womack receiving the Secondary Teacher of the Year.

Just completing her 11th year in the district in 2021-22, Roberts teaches third grade at Cross Timbers Elementary and said the key to her success has been in determining how to



Charlean Roberts  
Photo by Don Munsch

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## Educator who once played teacher honored as Teacher of the Year

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Hoover Elementary School sixth grade teacher Katherine Womack knew from the beginning of her childhood that she wanted to be a teacher.

"I used to play teacher and I always wanted to be the teacher, not the student," she

said. "I liked creating a classroom, I liked having rules that I could set forth and I liked that organization. I craved the bureaucracy of it all. I think I really wanted to be a teacher from the very beginning."

But it was not until she entered her late teens and early 20s that she saw teaching as



Katherine Womack  
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**FORMULA**, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.

Abbott's Michigan plant was given the green light to resume production by the FDA, and it got back to work earlier this month.

The company said it could take about three weeks before the new formula begins to reach store shelves, according to BBC.

**HOW DOES ONE PLANT CAUSE ALL OF THIS?**

Four companies in the U.S. produce about 90% of the country's baby formula, including Abbott Nutrition. The Michigan plant is its largest plant and was producing around 20% of baby formula for U.S. families.

In February, Abbott Nutrition closed its plant in Michigan and issued a recall of baby formula following concerns of bacterial contamination after two infants died and two others became sick. The company established a \$5 million fund to help pay for medical care and costs of infants impacted by the shortage.

The company will prioritize production of specialty formulas for babies with digestive problems and severe food allergies.

**WHAT IS BEING DONE?**

The Biden administration invoked the Defense Production Act on May 18 to boost formula production.

The administration also began importing formula from Europe to help supplement the formula supply in the U.S. so families could get the formulas they need for their babies.

Millions of bottles' worth of formula have already been brought to the U.S., with about 1.6 million bottles' worth arriving in Texas on June 2.

**IS THE FORMULA SAFE?**

European formulas undergo the same stringent safety measures as the U.S. from the European Food Safety Agency, so it is considered safe.

**WHAT SHOULD FAMILIES DO IN THE MEANTIME?**

- Do NOT water down baby formula. [HealthyChildren.org](http://HealthyChildren.org) says that watering down baby formula dilutes the amount of protein, minerals and nutrients in the formula and can throw off a baby's electrolyte balances, which can lead to hospitalization.

- Homemade formulas are NOT recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics due to the high number of risks from contamination and nutrient concentration.

- Check with your pediatrician about when it is safe to switch your baby to whole cow's milk temporarily.

- Plant-based milks like almond, soy and coconut are not safe or good substitutes for formula.

- Check with local breast milk banks to supplement with donated breast milk, such as the Mother's Milk Bank of North Texas near Benbrook. It is not recommended that you get breast



Bonnie Monninger, right, assistant director of the Community Caring Center of Azle, stands with volunteers Curt Lampkin, left, and John Martin, the latter holding a can of baby formula. The center had a few cans of formula when this picture was taken in May. The center orders food from Tarrant Area Food Bank, its main supplier, and the center distributes a brochure of local food programs other than the Community Caring Center. The News checked with the three main grocery stores in Azle over the last few weeks to see how they were doing on formula supplies, with varying amounts of formula in stock. The stores have daily limits on the number of cans of formula that people may purchase. For more information on donating to Community Caring Center, call 817-270-2962. Photo by Don Munsch

milk from an unverified source because an accredited milk bank screens donations for diseases, bacteria and nutritional composition and

then pasteurizes the milk before it goes out to the community.

- Try a different formula if possible. If your baby has

special dietary needs, check with your pediatrician or specialist on safe substitutes.

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A woman's waterproof wallet that was lost overboard.

Courtesy Photo

When he went back a short time later to check them out, the drums were gone.

As for the most valuable

thing he's been called out to help recover, Prigmore said that would be boats during winter 2020, when ice and

snow covered much of the area including the lakes.

Payne said that the service Blue Diver provides is "cool

and necessary" and that people need to know that just because something goes in the water, it doesn't mean it's lost forever.

Payne joined the business last year after a friend of hers had to call out Blue Diver to retrieve a phone dropped in the lake one night.

"I didn't know this type of work existed," said Payne.

Payne started scuba diving when she was 15 years old and has an interest in building a career around underwater cinematography.

"I want to do big projects,

work with NatGeo, Discovery ... things like that," she said.

Before working with Prigmore, Payne hadn't done any blackwater diving.

"He's taught me so much ... There are so many accidents on the lake, and this service is necessary and helpful. It can be dangerous (work) for anyone who's not knowledgeable."

Prigmore partners up with Jeff Burns of North Texas Marine Recovery and Salvage, taking part in his weekly podcast, "Uncovered with Jeff Burns," when they

talk about recovery and salvage, treasure, and all things diving. "Uncovered" can be heard every Thursday on JoCo Community Radio or podcast platforms.

Prigmore is also active with Save Eagle Mountain Lake Inc., a nonprofit organization that has a mission to "preserve and protect the ecological environment and quality of Eagle Mountain Lake and its watershed by promoting community awareness, engagement, and advocacy."

# Smile and Share it!

Azle's own "DAD" isms 2022 Winner



## Bill Gerdes

**"Smile - it makes people wonder what you're up to."**

*He used to always say this to me growing up - especially when I was a moody teenager.*

*- Entered by daughter Laura Lewis.*

**We hope all of our dads have a very happy Father's Day!**

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# Council denies request for tree burn pit

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Azle City Council opted not to go out on a limb for a developer after it received a request that would require the councilmembers to go against a recent ordinance.

The request was to operate a tree burn pit for the Sandy Beach Addition development. Council denied the request in a 6-0 vote at its June 7 meeting. Councilmember Derrick Nelson was absent from the meeting.

Sandy Beach Addition is a new single-family residential development that is preparing to begin grading the site and removing trees on the property, city officials said in the agenda packet. The developer is requesting to operate a tree burn pit for the disposal of the trees for this development.

Last October, the city of Azle adopted a restriction on burn pits as a method of disposal of trees for new residential subdivisions as part of the Tree Preservation Ordinance. The property is generally located along the south side of Sandy Beach Road behind Hoover Elementary and is currently undeveloped, according to city information.

FNH Construction LLC, the applicant, requested that burn pits be allowed in lieu of chipping, mulching or other means of tree disposal for preparation of constructing this subdivision. The Tree Preservation Ordinance states the Tree Board – that is, Planning and Zoning Commission - can consider appeals to the requirements of the ordinance and make a recommendation to the city council. The Tree Board

considered this tree burn pit request at its May 19 meeting, and there was a recommendation for approval, but the vote was tied 2-2.

Scott Huber, representing FNH, spoke to the council June 7 after three people – Cynthia Barrios, Jim Kirk and Bart Rue – spoke out against the request.

“Our concern is really how this is going to affect the wildlife that’s out there,” Barrios said, adding that there is a burn ban in place now with Parker County. She also mentioned the Tree Preservation Ordinance.

Rue discussed the ordinance, the fire hazard with the lack of moisture lately and said he thought the developer could chip the trees and put them back into the environment. Kirk pointed to the ordinance, which said that trees should be mulched or taken away and that they should not be burned.

“We should not be producing greenhouse gases, we should not be burning trees. We should be mulching them or taking them away,” Kirk said, requesting council to deny the request.

David Hawkins, director of planning and development with the city, conducted a short presentation, discussing the neighborhood where the burn pits would be operated.

Huber, who works as an operational manager, said burning the trees would be more environmentally friendly than hauling them off, explaining they will take up landfill space.

“Chipping those trees – you’re still going to have to haul them off,” he said, adding they will take up landfill space.

He reiterated his point that burn pits are a safe, environmentally friendly way to deal with the trees.

“I’ve done it many times in the past myself,” he said, noting people’s concerns about the wildlife but the animals get used to people in the area and have no fear of people.

Councilmember Stacy Peek said she researched the issue and found out trees do not have to be taken to a landfill, explaining they can be taken to Living Earth, where they can be recycled into mulch after people have chipped them.

“Also, Parker County has what they call the county barns, and they allow trees and chippings to come there, and they recycle them and turn them into mulch,” she said. “And the citizens of Parker County can actually go there and use the mulch for free. So, there are other methods to recycle those trees versus just burning them.”

She questioned whether the burn-out process is environmentally friendly, discussing how she lived close to a neighborhood where trees were burned and that ash had gotten into residents’ swimming pools. One individual who lived there said she was going to have to move because she could not breathe.

Mayor Alan Brundrett said deciding how the matter should be handled was “pretty simple” to him, explaining the ordinance was enacted last year that disallowed burning trees as a way of disposing them and that it made no sense to oppose the restriction now. The council then voted to oppose the request.

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cater to a student’s kind of learning method. She teaches general ed at the school, meaning she covers all subjects. Born in Hot Springs, Arkansas, she didn’t graduate from college – Tarleton State University – until she was 39. She grew up in Conroe.

“I did not grow up wanting to be a teacher – I had no desire,” she said. “I was getting a degree to be an auditor, to be (in) finance. In fact, I worked at Walmart for 17 years in their cash office.” She worked for two different stores, one here in Azle and one in White Settlement.

Roberts said her daughter prompted to her to pursue a teaching career. The daughter had ADHD and then Roberts found out later, when her daughter was in fourth or fifth grade, she was on the autism spectrum. The Roberts family was in a district outside Azle ISD. Charlean volunteered at the school where her daughter attended, and the more Roberts was there, the more she thought she could be a teacher. She went back full time to college when their daughter was in eighth grade and graduated when she was in 11th grade.

“And I have been there ever since, trying to help kids who ...” she said, her voice trailing off.

“She’s the person that finds the child that needs the help,” said husband, Scott.

“(The student who) needs testing, that needs just a few accommodations to make them successful, that were like my daughter,” she said, agreeing.

She said she has a niche for finding out there’s something askew happening in a child’s learning.

“And usually, not all the time, but I’m usually right,” she said.

She said sometimes a student needs to be taught a different way.

“I like to give them all the accommodations so they can be successful and do it on their own,” she said. “And many times, they just needed some testing because they were dyslexic, or maybe they just needed glasses, or maybe just taught a different way.”

Roberts also has experience from her background that helps her understand students from challenging backgrounds, as she said she and her brothers were in and out of state custody as children. She became emancipated at 16 years old, so she said she is able to look for abuse in children.

She likes seeing that lightbulb finally going off and the student understands a lesson. But she also discussed the reality of teaching, for which she puts in a ton of hours. Her husband attests that Charlean, from the moment she wakes up to the moment she goes to bed, is working on something related to a child or more than one child to help a child’s learning.

“I guess what keeps me going is this is our future,” she said. “(I’m) not getting any younger. These kids are going to be taking care of us. They are going to be the ones making the decisions one day – the lawyers, the doctors, the fast food (employees), the mechanic who fixes my car.”

Roberts is honored to win the Teacher of the Year honor and said it is humbling, but she said she doesn’t like attention.

“I’m just one of those people,” she said. “I like to know I’ve done a good job, but there are a lot of people that are deserving of that, especially the last couple of

years.”

Her principal, Shelly Wynns, said in an email that Roberts is an “expert at building student and parent relationships. Her classroom is a family that supports and values each member of the community.” Wynns said Roberts understands that education begins with truly caring about the students.

“She goes over and beyond to work with students to surpass their struggles in order to accomplish and exceed their goals, almost seeming intuitive on how to teach to the need of the student,” Wynns said. “Mrs. Roberts’ influence doesn’t stop at the threshold of her classroom. She continues to monitor past students and will check in with students that she observes while on duty or in the hallways. Mrs. Roberts is an educator that seems to be designed for her role.”

As far as her favorite memories, Roberts said she especially enjoys when she has a student who tries hard and gives maximum effort, and she and the student finally find what works for that student.

“I guess I’m more for the underdog,” she said.

Students come back and see her at the school to say hello. She said she has learned that teachers have to talk to students and that they have to build a trust with them. Being firm, fair and consistent also helps teachers in the classroom.

She wants to see society get back to a point that the teachers and schools pair up with parents to work as a team tending to a student’s education. Roberts said she is able to do that for the most part with most parents.

Charlean and Scott have one child, Amanda, 28.

# News From Azle City Hall

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

## Azle Parks and Recreation Presents...

### 2022 Concert Series

June 17th 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM



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## Azle Memorial Library News and Free Events

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### Summer Reading—Oceans of Possibilities

This summer children, teens and adults can “dive” into the library for FREE fun! Set sail for the library any time during open hours to sign up for the reading contest to earn prizes just for reading! Plus, attend free events taking place in June and July such as the ones listed below (and more!). See the Summer Guide on our website and in the library for full details.

**Family Adventure Storytime:** Perfect for toddlers and preschoolers, plus their caregivers and siblings! Takes place on Wednesdays 6/8-7/20 at 10:30 AM in the Library Community Room

**Teen Task Challenge:** Teens ages 13-17 are invited to participate in a FREE (friendly) task-driven competition. Earn prizes! Eat snacks! Make friends! Registration required (call 817-752-2682). Takes place on Thursday 6/16 at 6:00 PM.

**Art Talk:** Meet a docent from the Amon Carter Museum of Art and learn about her favorite art works. Free for adults and older teens. Takes place Saturday 6/18 at 1:30 PM in the Library Community Room.

Visit our website for more exciting programs!



## Azle Municipal Offices Closed July 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY

Police/Fire services will be available by calling 817-444-3221, or 911 in case of emergency. Water/sewer emergencies, call 817-444-3221.

Community Waste Disposal will run their regular trash route.

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



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Parents must take active role in teaching children

In recent weeks, there have been several mass shootings, including those in Buffalo, New York, and Uvalde, Texas. But there have been many more deaths throughout the United States because of gun violence.

Hearing this on the news, seeing this on the news, and some of our liberal officials talking about gun control bring to mind the many thousands of people killed in car wrecks each year. Nothing is said about the teenagers and children killed.

These two things, guns and automobiles, bring to mind me when I was a young person. I got my first Red Ryder

BB Gun when I was 7 years old. I got my first .22 single shot rifle when I was 13 and my first shotgun at 14 and pistols at 19 years of age. I bought my first car when I was 13 years old.

Why I am telling all above? My parents had the ability to teach me and my brothers how to handle firearms and drive cars and to learn. Today, parents let children have a cellphone and teach them nothing. Cellphones and school are where they learn.

As a parent of five children, I taught them how to handle firearms. I taught them how to drive. My old-

est daughter, Stepheni, got her driver's license at the age of 14. All others at 15.

Parents are responsible for their children. I look up at my children, my grandchildren and my great-grandchildren – each group is being taught by their parents.

Many parents will read this and be angry at the above and say, "It was different in your day. Times have changed." Yes, times have changed, but I must say my 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren are being taught by "touch, feel and go," not by cellphone.

*Bobby R. Sloan, Azle*

# UTGCD board to hold meeting

Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District's Public Hearing and Regular Board meeting are set for 4 p.m. June 23 at the district office or via Zoom video-conference, according to a news release. In addition to their regular board meeting agenda (begins at conclusion of Public Hearing), other items of interest include:

Public Hearing regarding multiple applications for Operating Permit for two public water supply systems and one commercial water system in Parker County.

Public Hearing regarding multiple Historic Use Permit Applications in Hood, Montague, Parker and Wise counties.

The public is welcome

and encouraged to remotely attend via online videoconference/teleconference and can join the Zoom meeting by accessing:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82744876801>  
**1 (346) 248-7799 – US**  
**Meeting ID: 827 4487 6801**

The mission of UTGCD, established in November 2007, is to develop rules to provide protection to existing wells, prevent waste, promote conservation, provide a framework that will allow availability and accessibility of groundwater for future generations, protect the quality of the groundwater in the recharge zone of the aquifer, ensure that the residents of Montague, Wise, Parker and Hood

counties maintain local control over their groundwater, respect and protect the property rights of landowners in groundwater and operate the District in a fair and equitable manner for all residents of the District.

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

# Hidin' Grayson

Have you ever played "Hidin' Grayson?"

Perhaps you have played another version of this game.

When my baby boy, Zeke, (now 31) was three or four years old, his best friend was Grayson. Grayson's mom sometimes had Zeke over to their house for play days. One of their favorite games was hide-and-seek.

One day, as the game was about to begin, Grayson looked at his mom and asked her, "Are we ever going to play Hidin' Grayson?"

It was at that point she determined that Grayson had known the game as "Hidin' Zeke."

Little kids are so much fun!

Fast forward a quarter-century or so and I often play hide-and-seek with my grandchildren. It's a hoot to watch how they "hide" and for me to walk around "seeking" them while I can see them the whole time.

And, of course, I can hide in some of the most obvious places and still observe them seeking.

This thought occurred to me today in light of some of the responses I've heard to some of the unspeakable horrors that highlight our news each day.

"Our problem is that we've removed God [meaning the Bible and prayer]



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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).

from our schools and society."

Now, to be clear, I'm a follower of Jesus and I am very much in favor of reading and studying the Bible and spending time conversing with God in prayer.

But we miss the point if we think we pitiful humans have the ability to remove the God of the Universe from anywhere!

These words from Eugene Peterson really spoke to me this morning:

"The central item in the religious life isn't my knowledge of God but his knowledge of me. Not my faltering search for God but his search for me. God's aggressive search for us and his exhaustive knowledge of us have resulted in an existence in which there is no place we can go where God is absent. We can take the Bible out of the hotel room, take prayer from the schoolroom, take the Ten Commandments out of the courtroom, and we haven't diminished his presence in any of those places. We can take his name off the coins, and he is no less a present

reality than before. We can deny him, we can curse him, we can ignore him, and he is still intimately acquainted with all our ways, still tenderly holding us in his love, still faithfully extending his mercy to us, and still generously offering us his grace."

If we ever think God is missing or hiding, it's because we — like my grandchildren — simply don't have the capacity to see Him. Our perspective is too limited. Our vision is too narrow.

We have not yet learned enough or matured enough spiritually to see Him and to see how He is aware of and involved in our everyday experiences.

Therefore, when bad things happen, we assume his absence, unconcern, or inability rather than seeking His wisdom and working in cooperation with Him to respond to bad things in good ways.

If we are really seeking Him wholeheartedly, we will find Him.

Be amazing today, my friend.

## City of Azle – Public Notice

### 2021 Annual Water Quality Report Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)

The Annual Water Quality Report, otherwise known as the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), is a regulation passed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as part of the 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments. The amendment requires all community water systems to provide their customers with an annual water quality report by July 1st of every year. With the CCR, communities benefit by acquiring a much better understanding of their water suppliers and the processes involved. This allows them an opportunity to make an informed decision regarding the use of their drinking water. The report is a summary of the quality of water the City of Azle provided its customers from January 1st to December 31st, 2021 and it gives the City an opportunity to explain how the community's drinking water supplies are protected.

The report can be viewed on the City of Azle's website at:

<https://www.cityofazle.org/DocumentCenter/View/8081/2021-Water-Quality-Report>

You can obtain a paper copy by visiting the Azle City Hall located at 505 West Main Street Building 1 or you can request a paper copy be mailed to you at no cost by calling the Azle Water Treatment Plant at 817-752-2686

### Public Hearing

Date: 06/21/2022 Time: 6:00 p.m.

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# Hoover memorial bench 'will be a comfort'



Lana Hoover, middle, and family members hope that "when those young people see this comfortable, old bench, that they'll remember the kind and generous folks that thought so very much of their town, and also wanted to leave it just a bit better for having lived in it."

Photo by Jessica McKinney

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Wendal Hoover had a long career with Azle ISD. He was principal of Azle Elementary School for eight years and then served as the district superintendent for 24 years.

In 1993, the district honored the former superintendent by naming a new fifth and sixth grade campus after him — Hoover Elementary School.

Hoover died in 2020, followed by his wife Glenda in 2021. The couple's children wanted to place a memorial bench at the campus in recognition of their father's commitment to the school district, especially the campus he called "his chestnut tree."

"When the ribbon to this lovely school was cut back in 1993, Dad was planning his speech and called me to

have me find a poem that he wanted to quote," said Lana Hoover, his daughter.

"I had no idea how 'The Village Blacksmith' by (Henry Wadsworth) Longfellow had anything to do with school, but he was adamant that I find it for him. On that day in 1993, he started his speech with:

'Under a spreading chestnut-tree

The village smithy stands; The smith, a mighty man is he,

With large and sinewy hands;

And the muscles of his brawny arms

Are strong as iron bands.'"

Hoover went on to say that this school was "his" chestnut tree, Lana said, and that long after he and Glenda were gone, it would continue to "educate young people, which was their life's work."

The bench at Hoover will be a comfort to children who

are waiting for parents to pick them up when they are sick, for kids to sit and read a book, to laugh with friends and to sometimes cry with them, Lana said.

Lana and her siblings Lisa and Keith, and their families, hope that "when those young people see this comfortable, old bench, that they'll remember the kind and generous folks that thought so very much of their town, and also wanted to leave it just a bit better for having lived in it."

The inscription on the bench reads, "Be Firm, Fair, and Consistent."

"Dad said this often," Lana said. "He gave each of us this advice our whole lives. He also shared it with his teachers and staff. It also epitomized both he and Mom and was a motto that they lived their lives by — they were both firm, fair, and consistent."

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# Obituaries

## David Monroe Parr 1943 - 2022

David Monroe Parr, 79, passed away peacefully Monday, June 13, 2022 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Service is at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 18, 2022 at Saint Jo Church of Christ, Saint Jo, Texas. Visitation is from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 17, 2022 at White's Azle Funeral Home. Interment: Illinois Bend Cemetery, FM 677 to Illinois Bend Rd.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Azle Lions Club P.O. Box 211 Azle, TX 76098 or Illinois Bend Cemetery, C/O Wanda Parker, 512 Dowd Rd., Saint Jo, TX 76265.

David was born March 20, 1943 in Henrietta, Texas and was preceded in death by his parents, William Travis Parr and Velma Grace Allison Parr; and his eldest brother, Jerry Dwayne Parr.

David was raised in Henrietta, Texas until the middle of 8th grade. The family then moved to Saint Jo, Texas where he graduated high school in 1961. David went into the Army, then spent a few years in the Reserves.

David married Linda Lyons in Saint Jo, Texas in 1965. They moved to Azle, Texas in 1966 and raised three children. He worked as a leather craftsman at Noco-na Boot company and a machinist for General Dynamics and Lockheed Martin for over 37 years.

Throughout his life, David was a member, deacon and elder of the Church of Christ.

David's first love was his 1939 Chevy. He was so meticulous about his beloved car, that he made all his passengers put down a protective mat in the floorboard



before putting their shoes inside the car.

His hobbies included reading, traveling, restoring antiques, cooking, fishing, spending time with his grandkids. Memorable moments of dad telling his sons, "You ain't holding that flashlight right. And to his little girl to, "Quit drinking out of the dog's bowl."

Over the years, David touched many lives, and he will be missed by all who knew him. David will be especially remembered for his caring heart, compassion and his generosity. Making anyone laugh at the expense of a good joke or prank. His smile was contagious and he never met a stranger.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Linda; daughter, Alicia Dale and husband, Jeremy Dale; sons, Terry Parr and wife, Kristi, Michael Parr and wife, Billie; grandchildren, Kyndal, Kalyan, Lanie, Cheyenne, Billie Jack and Savanna; 11 great-grandkids; brother, Carl Dean Parr and wife, Patsy Parr; mother-in-law, Charlene Lyons; brother-in-law, Dale Lyons and wife, Vicky Lyons; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

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## Donald Ray Huffman 1938 - 2022

Donald Ray Huffman, age 83, passed away on Friday, June 10, 2022, in Fort Worth.

Memorial service is at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 18, 2022, at Ash Creek Baptist Church, 300 S. Stewart St, Azle, Texas 76020.

Flowers are appreciated and donations may be made to the Ash Creek Baptist Church Beyond Fund, 300 S. Stewart Street, Azle, Texas, 76020, or, to the Disabled American Veterans Fund, [dav.org](http://dav.org).

Don was born Aug. 31, 1938, to J.Y. and Fern Huffman in Braggadocio, Missouri. He was a wonderful son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend to all who knew him.

Don met the love of his life Polly Marie Young, and they were married on Oct. 2, 1959. They lived 62 happy years together and had two sons and a daughter. He worked for Bell Telephone for 20 years in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. He completed his career as a business partner/owner at Huffman Irrigation and Landscaping in Azle/Southlake, Texas.

Don Huffman was a patriotic man who served in the Air Force and who loved his animals. He enjoyed being outdoors and seeing all the nature around him. He was an active member of Ash Creek Baptist Church in Azle, Texas. He loved his family more than life itself. He had a big smile, a loving heart, and a kind and gener-



ous spirit. He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his sister, Julia Yvonne Huffman Norton and brother-in-law, Charles Norton. He considered Charles to be the brother he never had, and he always had a special bond with his sister.

Don is survived by his wife of 62 years, Polly; son, Jace Huffman and his wife, Tracy, from Columbia, Missouri; son, Justin Huffman and his wife, Janet, from Grapevine, Texas; and daughter, LeAnn Huffman, from Flower Mound, Texas. He is also survived by grandchildren, Jared and Jacob Huffman, who live in Cleburne, Texas; Cody Samuelson from Columbia, Missouri; and Collin Doversberger from Flower Mound, Texas; as well as great-grandchildren Ryder and Ryker Huffman from Mart, Texas; and Levi, Mason and Kali Samuelson from Columbia, Missouri.

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## Joann Arredondo Badillo 1961 - 2022

Joann Arredondo Badillo, 60, passed away Friday, June 3, 2022 in Springtown.

Visitation was Thursday 6-8 p.m. Service was held Friday 12 p.m. at Alexander's Midway Chapel. Lunch followed at Azle Deer Cove.

Joann was born Aug. 20, 1961 in Austin to Pat and Ophelia Salazar Arredondo.

Joann was preceded in death by her father and son, Julian Badillo.

She is survived by her husband of 42 years, Jose M. Badillo; sons, Joe M. IV, Jonathan M., Josh and Jason Badillo; grandchildren, Jonas, Jayden, Ava, Devon, Gavin, Lillian and Julian; mother, Ophelia Arredondo; brothers, Patrick and Martin Arredondo; sister, Janie Turlington and many nieces,



nephews and extended family.

Joann was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She loved life and her family. Joann will be greatly missed by all who love her.

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# Life's Circle from High School Graduation to Retirement

These past few weeks have been full of graduation activities. Students all over the county have walked across the stage, picked up their diplomas and marched straight into their future. What a time of excitement and uncertainty!



## FROM MY FRONT PORCH

By Sam Houston

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

Graduation signals an end to the security blanket of classmates and home as one steps forward to begin the pursuit of their dreams. What will college be like? The first apartment? What company will hire me for my first job? How different will the workplace be from school? How will finances be managed, relationships evolve, having children, and a thousand other life choices which are made in the time period between 18 and 35? There is so much uncertainty and that uncertainty is a big part of the excitement of being young.

My friend Mark just turned 65. He has been working at his profession for over 40 years and is contemplating retirement. When he turned 60, and the finish line of retirement came into view, he allowed himself to start considering what his life might look like when he stopped work. Naturally, finances came into consideration as did health concerns, but my friend had spent so much time working his life away, he never gave a lot of thought of what he might want the last years of his life to look like.

Mark and I sat down, and we talked about the future discuss-

ing things like Social Security, Medicare supplement insurance, the cost of living, personal health and all the other "hot topics" that retirement-aged people focus on. He made a statement which I considered to be very insightful. Mark said, "You know, I feel like I am graduating high school all over again. I have all sorts of ideas and plans in my head, but I don't know what is going to happen. Retirement is going to be such an exciting change."

I congratulate Mark for having such an attitude. I think he would admit to being a little scared of the unknown, but he also realizes the possibilities his retirement might bring him. The opportunity to sleep in late if he chooses, or to stay up and watch a West Coast ball game and not fear getting up the next morning to get to work on time. On a moment's notice he can go to Fort Worth to see a friend, drive to San Antonio and attend an event, or he can sit home and do nothing. He doesn't know exactly what is going to happen or when, but the freedom of making choices without the restraints of work seems very appealing to my friend.

We did discuss the need to stay social, to interact with others and maintain personal relationships. We agreed quitting work, going home and staying there, isolated from the world, would be a death sentence carried out much quicker than we would like.

Something about the idea of retirement and having a whole other chance to start a new life makes me feel uplifted and refreshed. I think the saddest thing in life would be to wake up and not have excitement or plans for the days ahead. I love the job I have but I look forward to someday seeing what that next part of life will be like. For me, the someday is going to somewhere down the line but I realize it will be here before I know it. One thing is certain - change is constant.

For Mark, I hope retirement brings amusement, friendship, good health and satisfaction. He has worked hard and deserves it. I know I am pulling for him.

Thought for the day: Retirement is the only time in your life when time no longer equals money.

*Until next time.*

# Azle ISD to hold job fair for various positions

BY DON MUNSCH  
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People looking for employment in the Azle ISD may attend a job fair next week to apply for a number of positions, including teaching.

The fair is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 23 at the Azle ISD administration building. Interviews will be held for bus drivers, teachers and paraprofessionals and in the child nutrition, custodial and maintenance departments. People must apply online - <https://www.azleisd.net/employment> - to be eligible for an interview when they arrive.

"We will have our HR tables for teacher spots and everything that we want to fill," said Traci Evans, HR specialist for AISD. "And then we should be able to have principals on site to do on-the-spot interviews for our teachers' aides that they're still needing to fill, as well."

The district has around 80 positions overall that it is trying to fill.

Evans said AISD is trying to be more enticing by, for example, offering more money toward benefits. Plus, work schedules can be appealing, depending on the position, as flexible hours are possible. Teacher pay is competitive with other districts, and both the district and community can be selling points.

"A good perk we just started is the free pre-K for our employees," said Jennifer Row, AISD HR specialist. "So that's another aspect that draws in employees. For our fulltime employees, they get the free pre-K option. We also have a teacher referrals program for employees that refer teachers or professionals to

positions. That is a great motivator for some of our employees that are currently employed."

In the 2021-22 school year, district officials went to several job fairs and were able to talk to several teachers who were looking for a change, Evans said. Officials went to job fairs at TCU, University of North Texas and Tarleton State. Plus, officials were able to talk with new graduates. The district also works with people who are interested in teaching but have a degree in non-education field. The district can help those people pick an alternative certification field.

"We can help them get to be a teacher," Evans said.

The district does communicate with people who have a Handshake account online.

Jessica Hanson, coordinator of recruitment, retention and compensation for AISD, said the district's mission is "making a difference to every child, every chance, every day."

"Whether teacher applicants are new to the profession or veteran teachers, we are seeking highly motivated educators who are passionate about helping all students learn and grow — we are looking for difference-makers," she said, "We know the demands of educators are higher than ever. Our goal is to support all of our staff and to give them the tools and resources to help them in the classroom. We are developing a district-wide mentor program to help those new to the profession feel successful and supported from day one in Azle ISD."

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# Summer Food Program continues in Azle ISD

BY DON MUNSCH  
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Azle ISD began its Summer Food Program last week and will continue the activity for the next several weeks.

These are free meals to everyone 18 years and younger. Adult Pricing - 19 and older - is \$2.50 for breakfast and \$3.75 for lunch.

Schools participating are Azle and Walnut Creek elementary campuses and Azle High School, and the program will be conducted at Squiggly Park in Pelican Bay, as well, according to information from Azle ISD.

Azle ISD Child Nutrition District Liaison Debra Venable said the district is no longer under a waiver with Texas Department of Agriculture for Grab and Go meals, which means the district can no longer pass out combined breakfast and lunch bags and then the child leaves.

"The child will need to be present and consume the meal at the location," she said in an email. "The child must be 18 years or younger as well."

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Azle High School: Through June 30, Monday through Friday; and July 1-29, Monday through Thursday. Breakfast from 7:30-8:55 a.m. and lunch from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Squiggly Park: Through July 29. Monday through Thursday. Lunch only from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Venable said she has had a lot of positive feedback about the program.

"I have had several calls and emails from the community inquiring if we will be doing this again this year and dates, times and locations," she said in an emailed response to questions. "We have very thankful parents/guardians often share how delighted/appreciative they are this program is available for our community."

The program plays a critical role here.

"This program plays a great role in feeding our children within the commu-

nity," she said. "Azle ISD gets an opportunity to not only ensure we are doing everything we can to help feed our students but also any child 18 years or younger can come and eat for free."

This is a federally funded program, and participants must be 18 years or younger to receive the free meal. Adults are encouraged to participate as well by paying a small price for a good quality, healthy meal, Venable said.

"All we ask is that the children stay at the site to consume the meal," she said.

The district conducted the program to serve the community when the pandemic started, Venable said.

"We had sites set up at many of our campuses and were granted a waiver to offer breakfast and lunch grab-and-go food bags as well as being able to hand out meals for the weekend," she said. "It was an amazing experience to have such great participation."

In the summer program, the district offers a lot of the same products that are offered in the school year.

"For example: In the campuses we will offer pizza, chicken sandwiches, hamburgers," Venable said. "The



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menu is mostly built on what we have available and can readily get from our grocery vendor. It has been a struggle with all the food shortages," Venable said the Azle ISD

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a career and how she could pursue it.

Still young in her career, she received Azle ISD's Secondary Teacher of the Year award.

"It has been amazing," she said about the honor. "I still have moments where I kind of pinch myself because I don't feel that it's real. I know that I've carried this passion that I have in my heart with me and my husband reminds me that this passion is why I was chosen for this award, but I still feel utterly grateful. I know that for the continuation of my career, I'm going to be working hard so that I can continue to make those that believe in me proud. I never thought in any point in my life that I would be here. I feel extremely grateful and very blessed."

Womack's principal, Joni Bettis, said Womack is a "very talented" teacher who, though she is only in her second year, "teaches reading as though she is a much more experienced teacher."

"Mrs. Womack made a switch in content this year from math to reading," Bettis said in an email. "She has proven all year long that reading was a good move for her, (as) she is a natural at the content area. I believe her strong belief in building relationships with her students is key to her success. In addition, Katherine is an extremely hard worker, she has a positive attitude and a willingness to try new things

without complaint. She is compassionate and fair with her students and is always willing to help and support her colleagues."

Womack, a native of Granbury who attended Granbury High School, attended Weatherford College where she completed her basic classes and then transferred to Tarleton State University, where she earned her degree in interdisciplinary studies.

She starts her third year at Hoover this fall. She started off teaching math at the school but then switched to English language arts and social studies, which was "a huge confidence booster for me, because it's my passion. I was able to kind of move into my area of my preferred discipline, so it's been nice."

Womack said that what she loves about teaching ELA is that once a teacher imparts that love of reading, "you're able to get kids to fall in love with learning in general, because it opens the doors in so many other disciplines." She described how students experience those lightbulb moments that can be magical.

"I think those really start at the base with our reading comprehension," she said.

With social studies, she teaches that subject in an interconnected way, she said.

"I teach my English language arts and social studies through book clubs," she said. "So we'll start studying, say, Europe and we'll read 'Behind the Bedroom

Wall.' And we'll talk about Word War II, we'll talk about the transition into contemporary societies and how that came about, what that has to mean for us right now, what that implies for our civic duties, and it just gets all kinds of cool conversations started. So I really just want to hear what kids have to say and what they think, and I think those two disciplines allow me to really get to know them academically but as well as personally, too."

Womack explained how she decided to teach, pointing out she has always been civically inclined. Her husband is a teacher, too, and they both felt a strong pull to be educators, as they both loved learning and school. Her husband teaches science in the sixth grade in the Everman ISD.

"I knew I wanted to do something where I got to help," she said. "I knew I wanted to civically make a difference, and teaching was that avenue where I was able to use my intelligence, my knowledge and those kind of things to empower future generations, and that just enlightenment of our fellow man was something we both felt passionate about. Teaching was one of avenues that I felt I could pursue and really make a difference in."

She describes her teaching style as being more of a facilitator than delegator.

"I have tried to create these experiences where kids are

engaged with the content and with each other," she said. "So I want to create areas where they are able to academically grow, but based on their own process rather than in the product."

She said conversations, learning, teamwork and socialization are important to her in her teaching.

Students this past year "made a very large impact on my heart," Womack said. She leads with her heart, she said, and she teaches with the conviction of the heart. She said the students were unique in their characteristics, interests and passions. Teachers are still working on getting students acclimated to the classroom setting after coping with the pandemic and being away from the school, she said.

Womack said she "bawled" on the last day of school because of the relationships she built with students.

"They were just willing to really put the work and the dedication in and they grew so much, and it was a very proud moment for me," she said.

She said she would not have been nominated for the award had it not been for the people who loved, believed in and supported her. Womack said she especially appreciates her principal's support and the help of her teammate at school, Elizabeth Bent, and she loves the support of her husband Dustin and son Caleb.

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- Lindsay Smith (Azle Junior High, Attendance Clerk)
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- Forte Junior High – James Terrell Hawkins
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- Cross Timbers Elementary – Charlean Roberts
- Eagle Heights Elementary – Britney Bowers
- Liberty Elementary – Angela Cuppett
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- Pre-K Center – Christen Moody

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**086 Mobile Home/RV Lots**

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 1912 CORAL RD.  
 2-1-1 \$1,245 MO. \$1,000 DEP.  
 Gene Thompson & Associates  
 817-246-4646 gtatx.com

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**ACROSS**

- middle name of "Lady Bird" Johnson
- many Texans have played on the PGA
- chain- fence
- TXism: "a shy dog don't get biscuits"
- TXism: "old as"
- late TX actress and model, Fawcett
- "against" prefix
- TX Leon Jaworski became Watergate prosecutor after this Cox was fired
- TXism: "that's a fine how"
- where Moses got the commandments
- TXism: "of arrows in his quiver" (capable)
- tear in a sweater
- sell door to door
- TXism: "useless as perfume"
- TXism: "a whipped pup"
- Austin band: "Asleep the Wheel"
- TX Cooley is known for his work in surgery
- Granbury historic hotel: "House"
- nickname of president born in Denison
- TXism: "attracted like a magnet"
- male fowl (2 wds.)
- "black gold"

**DOWN**

- suffix for "lemon" or "lime"
- young man
- Groveton is the seat of this county
- TX Tanya Tucker sang "San" (1975)
- TXism: "if he's slinging drunk"
- TXism: "a would have more fun" (bored)
- summer necessity in Texas (abbr.)
- actor Rock in Texas epic "Giant" (init.)
- TXism: "cream (good quality)"
- head nod at an auction (2 wds.)
- TX Woodward was the walking boss in "Cool Luke"
- TXism: "bark"
- Eve's mate in Eden
- TX Shaquille won 3 titles as this (city abbr. + team)
- calorie counter
- the family
- TX Jim Reeves hit: "He'll Have to"
- Lennon's widow

31 Palo Canyon  
 34 Metroplex Mexican eatery: "Fenix"  
 35 TXism: "some grave" (fell)  
 37 TXism: "lapped" (believed)  
 40 "grapes"  
 43 "The Leaning Tower of"  
 44 TXism: "numerous as" (dead worm)  
 50 a "Corps" member at Texas A&M  
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## Baseball stars of tomorrow shine at summer camp

BY JEFF PRINCE  
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The batting cage can be an intimidating place.

One batter. Caged. Squared off against a mechanical pitcher. Or in this case, a big coach tossing baseballs by hand. Mano a mano.

Gavin Sanders waited in line outside the cage. The 7-year-old Azle resident is new to baseball and attending his first summer camp but felt no nerves before stepping into the cage. He said he felt "good."

Sure enough, his strong swing and knack for hitting a ball was evident.

"There you go!" coach Stephen Smith hollered after Sanders connected with three of six pitches.

The boy left the cage with a smile on his face.

Several dozen youngsters participated in the baseball camp June 6-8 at Azle High School, one of many sports camps being held this summer with help from booster clubs and supporters.

Gavin Sanders' father, Lance Sanders, characterized the enrollment process as easy and beneficial for the community.

"It goes through the booster club, so all these players out here are benefiting Azle sports," he said. "It's good for the schools and for the kids."

He stood at a distance from the batting cage watching his son interact with coaches and other kids.

"He's having fun, having a blast," the proud papa said. "It's a good way to get the kids out, get them active, get them off the couch. It's in the morning, too, so it's not

too hot."

### GRANDMA APPROVED

Standing in line with Gavin Sanders was Knox Houston, an 8-year-old student at Liberty Elementary School. Houston was one of the tallest boys in line and one of the better athletes. He plays catcher in a youth league.

"He loves baseball," said his grandmother, Lisa Garriepy, who was visiting for the summer from Colorado.

She enjoyed driving him to camp each day and watching him participate in drills.

"It's wonderful because he has such a good time," Garriepy said. "It's just really fun."

In particular, she appreciated Smith.

"This is a great coach,"

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Knox Houston rounds first base using techniques he learned at summer camp.

Photo by Jeff Prince



Paisley Porter practices newly learned dribbling skills on the second day of summer camp.

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## Youngsters learn skills, meet friends at Azle soccer camp

BY JEFF PRINCE  
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Paisley Porter is a blur of movement and energy, running around the soccer pitch with an infectious laugh and passion for the game.

She will begin third grade after summer break ends on Aug. 16. This leaves several more weeks for vacation fun. When she isn't jumping on the trampoline or playing outside at her Azle home with twin brother Parker, she is taking advantage of the various summer camps being held at Azle High School.

"You have a lot of fun and make new friends," she said.

Paisley Porter had played soccer before but was acquiring new skills at the camp, which was held in early June.

"I'm learning how to dribble and pass and shoot into the goal," she said while taking a water break inside one of the school's large indoor facilities.

The girl had dribbled before but "wasn't very good at it," she said.

The camp coaches explained the dribbling process in a manner the kids understood, said Porter's mother, Amy Porter.

"They were teaching them where on the foot is best for controlling the ball," mom

said.

Soccer is one of many sports that Paisley Porter enjoys. The camps give her something to do to fill the summer days.

"It's just a way to keep her active and to see her friends from school and her friends from her other sports," Amy Porter said.

The mom watched as her daughter scampered around the artificial turf with confidence and joy.

"She loves it," Amy Porter said. "Her favorite is softball, but she loves all sports. So, anytime she can just get out there and move,

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she said. She liked how Smith ended each camp session with a motivational speech, telling the kids to thank whoever drove them that day, be nice to others and do a chore to help their parents when they returned home. She noted how several former Hornets who now play college baseball had returned to help Smith oversee the camp.

"Yesterday, they had five Azle High School graduates out here giving all the kids advice and telling them what to do to stay in school, get good grades — just a pep talk for what they can do to get into college baseball," she said.

**BAT BOYS**

After the boys finished their session at the batting cage, they were told to carry their bats to a nearby field for the next drill.

A dozen boys ages 7-9 walking with bats can be a dangerous thing. Some began swinging them. Smith jumped in with firm command.

"All right, everybody," he said. "How do you hold your bat? With two hands in front of you so nobody gets hurt. No swinging them."

"Yes, sir," the boys said. They walked with deliberate steps, holding their bats with both hands — for a few moments. As they reached the field, however, a couple of boys began running to reach the gate first. One tossed his bat in the air. A couple of other kids followed suit, and bats began flying.

"Hey!" Smith yelled. "Hey, guys! Pick up your bat. Right now. Hurry up. We do not throw bats. Ever. You understand? It's how somebody gets hurt."

He made each player pick up his bat and lean it against the fence.

"Take your helmet off," he said. "Put it on the ground — nicely. Mom and dad spent a lot of money for you to have something nice."

Afterward, Smith lined up the kids at home plate

and taught them how to approach first base after a hit.

**FUTURE HORNETS**

Smith, who is AHS's baseball coach, enjoys working with the youngsters and likes establishing rapport with players of tomorrow.

"Summer camp is just a way for us to see our future Hornets and get to know them," he said.

The early morning session was geared toward elementary-age youth and focused on "basic baseball," Smith said.

"Let them enjoy the game a little bit and know that it's a game of fun," he said.

The late morning session involved middle school students.

"With our older guys, sixth through ninth grade, it's a way for us to see our future Hornets and get to know our incoming freshmen and see what they can do before they get here to play with us," he said.

Smith invites former players to come make an impression on the kids at camp.

"The thing they preached to the little ones yesterday was, you have got to go to school, got to go to class, got to make grades, got to do the right thing," the coach said. "We want them to understand that being in school, doing the right things, treating people the right way — that's going to help them in society."

**LIFE LESSONS**

After the second day of baseball camp ended, Smith gathered the youngsters at home plate for a pep talk.

"Your homework assignment again today is to do something at home to help your parents," he said. "Clean your room or clean someone else's room. Do the dishes. Maybe take the dogs for a walk or something."

He provided a preview of the third and final day of camp: The boys would be divided into two teams and play a game.

"Make sure you bring a lot of water," he said. "Make

sure you drink a lot of water tonight."

Knox Houston grabbed his bat and helmet and began walking toward his grandmother.

"We did a lot of fun things," he said. "I learned hand motions and all that."

The baserunning drill taught him how to curve around first base and hit the inside corner with his foot, he said.

Regarding the coach's post-session pep talk, Houston was asked if he had done something to help his par-

ents after camp the day before.

"Yes," he said. What specifically had he done?

Houston grinned slightly and said, "We actually just swam in our pool."

Why hadn't he cleaned a

room or taken out trash as the coach had instructed?

"We don't really have a lot of trash and all that," he said.

Besides, he said, the swimming pool "felt really good because yesterday was a hot day, and our pool was really cold."



Coach Stephen Smith shows youngsters, including Gavin Sanders, center, the proper way to carry a bat while walking in a group.



Knox Houston puts on his helmet to prepare for batting practice.

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she's for it.”  
Girls soccer coach Madeline Wood said the camp allows high school instructors the opportunity to work with local youth and instill in them a love of the game. Participants included second to ninth graders.

“If they didn't play middle school soccer this past year, we haven't necessarily seen them yet,” Wood said. “It gives us a preview of the older kids and really gives us the opportunity to let these little ones fall in love with playing the game and create a fun environment for them.”

The Porters moved to Azle two years ago, and Amy Porter is pleased with the education her kids are receiving.

“One of the things we love so much about this school district and this community is how much the high school tries to get the kids involved from really early on,” she said.

Boys and girls wrestling, boys basketball and girls soccer camps were held in early June. Other sports will have camps during the summer. Performance camp for strength and agility is ongoing currently through July 27. Boys soccer camp will be June 27-30.

Football and girls basketball camp is set for July 25-27. Mini cheer camp will be Aug. 20.

Staying in touch with school friends over summer is one of the perks of summer camp, said Paisley Porter, far right.  
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## A Sunken City

In the 1600s, Port Royal, Jamaica, was one of the busiest seaports in the Caribbean. It was home to merchants, missionaries, smugglers and pirates.

In 1692, an earthquake hit the city. Much of it sank 65 feet (20 meters) below sea level. For hundreds of years, sand and mud covered the city. Many treasure seekers tried to find the sunken city and failed.

Then in 1965, a diver named Robert Marx used modern equipment to dig under the layers of mud and found the lost city. He was not looking for treasure, but find it he did! Thousands of coins were found—perhaps lost pirate treasure.

## Sunken Ships

Long ago, Spanish ships full of treasure sailed the seas. Sometimes these ships sank, leaving tons of treasure on the sea floor. Search the sea floor for seven coins with letters on them. Unscramble the letters to find out what these ships were called!

**A Spanish treasure ship was called a**

**Standards Link:** Spelling: Spell independently combining phonemes to form words; vocabulary development.  
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## ABC Treasure Hunt

Take a trip under the deep blue sea and look for treasures from A to Z. Can you find each letter of the alphabet hidden in the picture?

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**Uncover the Unlikely**  
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## Treasure Hunter Clues

Divers looking for sunken treasure do not look for the hulls of sunken ships. Wooden hulls rot after hundreds of years under water.

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