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JOBS IN AZLE

District employee always happy to lend a hand



EDITOR'S NOTE: Seventh in a series of stories on the jobs people work at in Azle.

BY DON MUNSCH
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Classes ended for students in Azle and other area schools two weeks ago.

Teachers and many staffers also have a summer to look forward to in which they receive some days off.

But the work continues for certain school district employees, including Ernest Johnston, maintenance/custodial director for Azle ISD.

"That's when we do all of our big projects," he

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Ernest Johnston helps Katrina Flores, head custodian at Walnut Creek Elementary School, set up chairs for a program at the school one day this spring semester. Photo by Don Munsch

Summerfest raises over \$4,000 for Alzheimer's, scholarships



Azle ISD Superintendent Todd Smith was the first to enter the dunk tank. Ticket sales from the dunk tank were part of the fundraising for Summerfest. Photo by Jessica McKinney

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY
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More than 300 attendees helped to make the first Summerfest event at Legacy Oaks of Azle a success on June 4. The event raised over \$4,000 to go toward Alzheimer's research and scholarships for Azle High School students.

Scott Kimble at Legacy Oaks and Kip Kruger and Laci Gray from Azle Manor

organized and planned the fun family event that featured games and bounce houses for kids, vendor booths and food trucks and a silent auction.

"The biggest thing for me regarding the idea for this event was allowing local health care businesses to give back to our community and continue to support Azle as much as we can," said Kimble.

"Health care doesn't nec-

essarily scream fun, and while it is a calling and great people do work in the health care field, we wanted to show that health care can be fun while also connecting with and giving back to our wonderful community of Azle."

The event had three main sponsors — Legacy Oaks, Azle Manor and Be Well Primary Care. They plan to have more local health care businesses get involved with

future events.

A dunk tank was one of the biggest draws at the event, with Azle ISD Superintendent Todd Smith and Azle Area Chamber of Commerce executive director Jennifer Herrington taking the hot seat to help raise money.

"This all started with my idea of raising money for scholarships to give to kids

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Principal Randy Cobb retires

Plans to stay involved in education

BY DON MUNSCH
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Randy Cobb grew up on a dairy farm, but he never envisioned staying there.

"I decided when I was in high school, I don't think I want to do this dairy farm (work) the rest of my life," he said. "I don't think I want to milk cows for the rest of my life, if you know what I mean."

He decided to attend college and made education his vocation, and it's paid enormous rewards for him.

Cobb retired as Azle High School principal at the end of the 2021-2022 school year, and now looks forward to spending time on his current farm after a 40-year career in education, with 31 of those years as a high school principal. He wants to partake in some relaxing activities, including playing golf and spending time with his two grandchildren.

"I want some family time," he emphasized.

As he reflected on his re-



Former AHS principal Randy Cobb. Courtesy photo

tiement, he said he wants to pursue something else with the last third of his life. He said it was a blessing to work at the AHS.

"I love education and I love Azle High School," he said. "It's an honor for this to be my last principalship. I wish I would have gotten here earlier — that's my only regret, that I didn't get to come to Azle High School sooner. I think the timing is right for me and my family. It was a difficult decision

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Azle PD to drivers: 'Please drive safely!'

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY
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Wells Burnett Road in Azle was closed briefly on three different days in May because of serious accidents, one resulting in the hit-and-run death of 40-year-old Amber Marie Linehan-Lemke on May 19.

"We do not have anything new yet that we can release on the hit-and-run accident," said Lt. Kevin Rogers of the Azle Police Department.

A second accident occurred on May 26, blocking the roadway near Beverly Road and Normandy Avenue. A third took place just five days later on May 31 in the 500 block of Wells Burnett.

The spate of major accidents on the winding stretch of road prompted APD to deploy digital speed limit signs in both directions on Wells Burnett "to remind everyone the speed limit is 30

MPH," police said in a Facebook post on May 27.

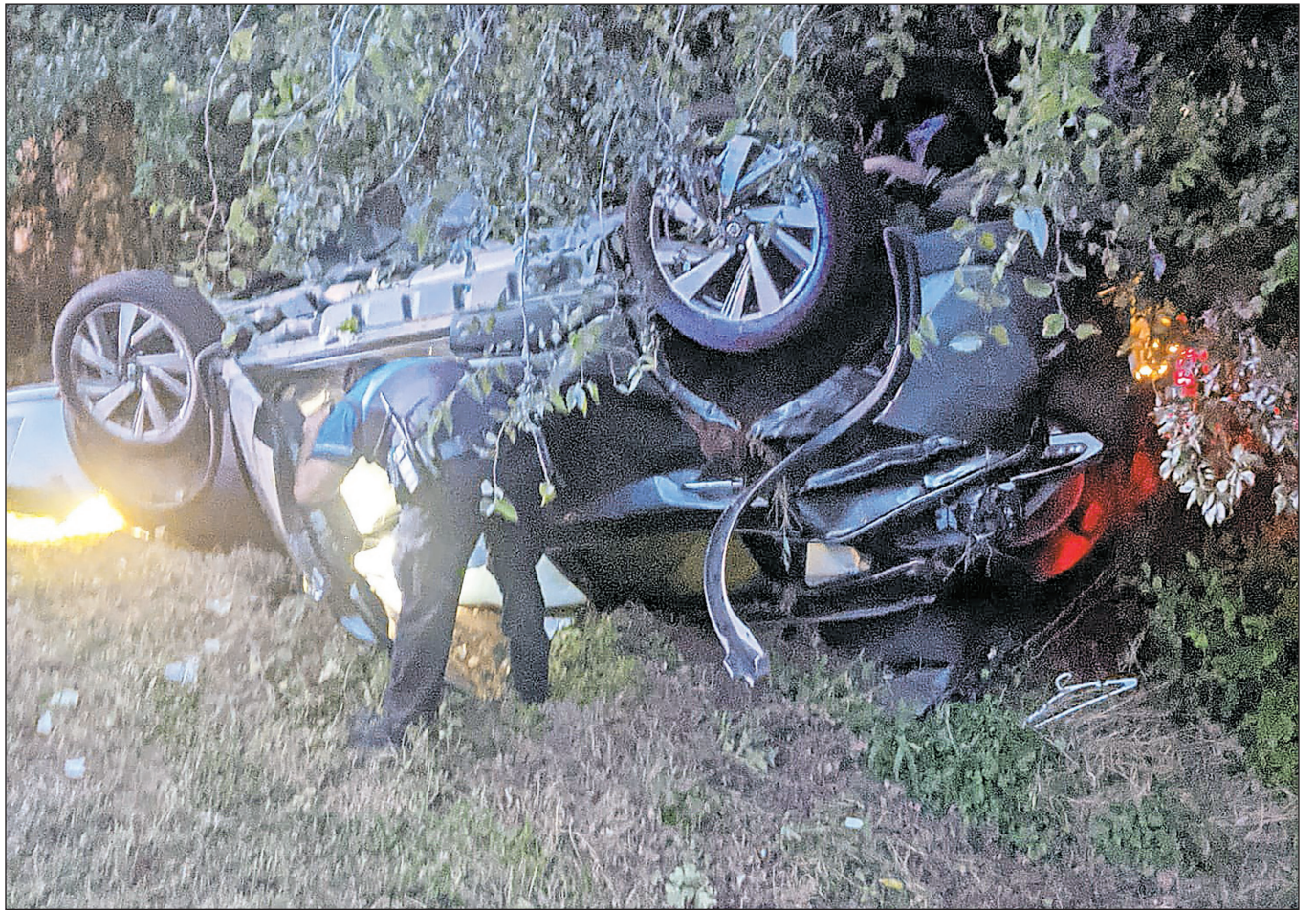
The department also stated in the post that police will be increasing traffic enforcement measures to improve the safety of the roadway and wrote "Please Drive Safely!"

Rogers said in an email to the News that in the past year there have been eight major accidents and five minor accidents on Wells Burnett Road.

Azle resident Bubba Anders' backyard is on the other side of a guardrail along Wells Burnett that has seen multiple accidents over the years, including one last July that sent the vehicle over the guardrail before flipping over and landing within yards of his back fence.

"[Wells Burnett] is dangerous in a car, and it's ultra-dangerous on a motorcycle," Anders said.

Anders also said that these accidents are an "ongoing



An accident last July sent the vehicle over the guardrail and almost into the backyard of several residences along this stretch of Wells Burnett Road. This is just one of eight major accidents that happened along the roadway the past year. Courtesy Photo



The city of Azle has spent more than \$25,000 to repair guardrails damaged in accidents since last November. Courtesy photo

ordeal" and that this won't be the last.

"There's going to be more and more (accidents)."

The accidents along Wells Burnett have a financial impact to the city of Azle. Jimmy Duvall, storm water manager and streets superintendent for the city, said in an email that the city spent more than \$25,000 to repair guardrails damaged in acci-

dents since last November.

As for what can be done to help reduce or eliminate the number of accidents on Wells Burnett, city officials think reducing the speed is not an appropriate option.

The city set out a speed trailer on a section of Wells Burnett to remind drivers that the posted speed limit is just 30 miles per hour, but the trailer has clocked many

drivers "exceeding 50 and 60 mph and one exceeding 70 mph," City Manager Tom Muir said in an email.

"Currently, the speed limit on that stretch is 30 mph, so lowering to 20 or 25 mph will most likely do very little," said Muir.

"If they are going to be traveling at 50-60 mph and more on a 30-mph road, they will most likely do it on one

that is 20-25 mph."

Azle PD has increased enforcement on that section of road, Muir said, and will continue to monitor the situation.

Anyone with information about the hit-and-run accident that occurred the morning of May 19 on Wells Burnett is asked to call Azle PD at 817-444-3221.

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In general, the music of our late teens and early twenties is OUR music. That doesn't mean we can't ap-



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.

preciate, enjoy, or connect with music of other eras. It just means that there is a "coming of age" connection between our physical, psychological, and emotional development.

There are certain words — "refrains" — which, when repeated, give us a sense of rightness, balance, and equilibrium because they return us to a time when we began to discover our identity.

What are some of yours?

These are my ponderings on life this morning, most likely inspired by reading Psalm 136.

This psalm is unique among the collection of 150 psalms we find in our Bibles. There are 26 verses in the psalm and in each of them a common refrain is repeated: "His love endures forever."

It's almost as if a statement is made by one person

and the congregation answers each statement with this truth: "His love endures forever."

That statement — and the way it is delivered through this psalm — has the effect on me that I described earlier. It gives me a sense of rightness, balance, and equilibrium because it reminds me of a truth that is constant and eternal in the midst of uncertain times and unstable feelings.

In my 60 years of life, I have experienced the truth of that refrain more times than I can enumerate.

In my 60 years of life, I have experienced situations that have shaken and

discouraged me more times than I can enumerate. I've had big questions for which I've not received answers. I've had deep pain. I've been betrayed and wounded by those I trusted.

But the solid rock on which I've been able to crumple even when I could not stand is this: His love endures forever. And He proved it by sending His Son.

My friend, I'm holding out this hope to you today. His love endures forever.

No matter what may come your way. His love endures forever.

Confusion and disappointment may cloud your mind. His love endures forever.

You may search for things you never find. His love endures forever.

You've been abused, abandoned, betrayed. His love endures forever.

In your heart, hold onto this refrain. His love endures forever.

That's not much of a poem, but I hope you can receive it in the way it is intended.

Life is amazing, but not because I say so. It's amazing because — even in the most unamazing of times — our amazing God's amazing love is unending.

Sing it over and over again.

Be amazing today, my friend.

Opposing opinions: Perception is personal; problems are universal

Now that we have gotten through the political primaries, perhaps we will get back to some degree of reasonableness and civility. Emotions were running so high before the election. I found myself not wanting to look at social media posts or even begin a conversation with people. Whatever happened to talking about an issue and agreeing to disagree?

It seems to be a tradition that politics in Texas are unorthodox. During this last election cycle, I saw social media posts and television ads that were so lacking in truth and substance as to make me shake my head. I saw several TV ads that went on and on about why not to vote for someone, but failed to provide me a single reason why to vote for the candidate who paid for the ad.

I guess we voters were to



FROM MY FRONT PORCH

By Sam Houston

Sam Houston is the publisher of the Hood County News. He is also an actor, author, playwright, performer and entertainment producer/promoter.

be left with the impression the opposition was so bad, so corrupt, so whatever, the remaining choice had to be the right choice. Does that frustrate you like it does me? Seems like a lot of fingers pointing, many times based on dubious facts or half-truths, and few thoughts about solving the problems we face. Please allow me to be clear.

My observations were not limited to one party, one candidate or one election. When do we start holding people accountable for making outlandish comments? There was a time when a politician made a false statement or tried to mislead the voters, they were punished at the

ballot box because voters felt like the candidate could not be trusted. Now candidates seem to be rewarded for such behavior.

When I hear and see candidates spout off gibberish like "I am for lower taxes" without spelling out how a reduction will be accomplished and the effect it will have on the budget and the needs of the community, it rings rather hollow. Who doesn't want lower taxes? The question is how do we pay for the things we truly need? I imagine a lot of folks believe there needs to be improvements made to Highway 377 to lessen the traffic issues. How do you lower taxes and pay for massive

improvements such as road improvement?

When local candidates seem to focus on national issues, it makes me believe they have no understanding or vision on fulfilling the obligations of the office they are seeking. National issues are important, but why can't local candidates focus on the issues for which they have responsibility and control instead of some national political agenda? I assume it is because they have little to no plan on how to fulfill the job for which they seek my vote. They want power and control. They seem not to want to find solutions. It is much easier to find blame than to resolve problems.

Politicians of both parties stretch the truth, twist facts to support their positions, and "spin" information to damage their opponents and strengthen their case. Such is the very nature of poli-

tics. But somewhere along the line we stopped having differences of opinion, and those who think different than we do became the enemy.

The rhetoric has never been stronger or more heated. There is no room for discussion, or heaven forbid there be reasonable compromise in search of a middle ground that works to make the situation better. Seems like for voters it is "my way" or you are the evil enemy. The heck with compromise.

I remember my dad telling me that having the courage of your convictions is a wonderful thing. On the other hand, being stubborn is a bad thing. He then asked me if I knew the difference between the two. When I shook my head "no," he said, "It is all a matter of perception. If you agree with a man and he takes a strong stance, he has the courage of

conviction. If you disagree with the position someone takes, then they are a stubborn son of a gun. It is all based on your own perception. The problem is that each person's perception is limited. To understand and truly appreciate a problem, you have had to experience the consequences."

It took me a few years and some life experiences to understand what Dad was talking about. It is why we need to listen more, try and understand, and seek knowledge before we have contempt. It is the difference between having an opinion and making a judgment based on facts.

There will be another election this fall. Perhaps we will all do better. We need to.

Thought for the day: When you only know one side of a story, you are only half smart.

Until next time.

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Three AHS students named cyber scholars

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY
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Azle High School students Amanda Thorpe, Jacob Estrada and Addison Taylor were named National Cyber Scholars by CyberStart America.

The three students took part in a cybersecurity competition last school year and were among 32 AHS students who were qualified to apply for the national scholarships.

They were each awarded scholarships worth over \$3,000, to use toward the SANS Foundations course and one attempt at the GIAC

Foundational Cybersecurity Technologies (GFACT) certification.

The SANS Foundations course, according to www.sans.org, is “the best single course available to learn the core knowledge and develop practical skills in computers, technology, and security fundamentals that are needed to kickstart a career in cybersecurity.”

Amanda, Jacob and Addison earned the some of the highest scores out of more than 45,000 participants. The top 1,000 highest-scoring participants were named National Cyber Scholars.

“I am so very proud of these three students,” said Sherri Prather, computer science teacher at AHS.

“They worked so hard and so diligently to earn this distinction. Amanda scored more than 50,000 points. That was incredible. All three students showed a great deal of growth from last year’s competition, and I just could not be more proud of them.”

Jacob and Addison graduated from AHS this year and Prather says that she knows they both have bright futures. Amanda is entering her senior year.

Elle Gray concert Saturday

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Elle Gray will be performing a concert in celebration of the release of her CD at 3 p.m. June 11 at Victory Christian Auditorium in Azle.

The musical album features

22 original songs described as an autobiography that shares “my testimony and faith journey from earliest memories to the pretty music of my life, both bitter and sweet and good.”

Gray is joined by The

Webster Brothers and Joy Lavallee at the Victory Christian Center at 737 Boyd Road. to perform a collection of gospel music.

For information about the performance, call 817-629-8214.

Ribbon cutting for City of Reno



Azle Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting for City of Reno on May 10 at Reno City Hall. City of Reno has been incorporated for 55 years. Over the last year, many changes have been made with many more to come.

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who are going into the health care field,” said Kruger.

“Scott wanted to make this a health care-wide event where we can show support and give back to the kids in Azle.”

A large portion of the money raised at the event will go toward a scholarship fund for AHS seniors who

are pursuing a degree or career in health care.

“We want to encourage kids to get into the health care field and no matter if they are going to college or immediately into the workforce,” Kruger said.

“Our mission is to help the next generation see the wonderful calling of serving oth-

ers and making a difference in the families’ lives of those who need it most. Health care is a true labor of love and calling from above and we want to encourage, uplift and promote the importance of caregiving and serving others.”

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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.

Azle City Hall, 505 West Main Street Bldg.1

Attention Men and Women Who Want To Remain Independent...

MUST-READ Advice For Seniors Who Want to Stay Out of the Nursing Home

By Balance Expert Dr. Robert Moss

Do you feel guilty that your spouse is forced to be with you all the time because of your dizziness/loss of balance? Do you feel that your dizziness/loss of balance is always there no matter what you do? Do you feel that you are handicapped by your dizziness/loss of balance? Does your spouse stay with you in the shower so that you do not fall?

If you answer yes to any of these questions, **this may just be the piece of advice you’ve been looking for!**

CDC Reports: Falls Are The Leading Cause of Injuries In Seniors

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- Evelyn Tinney



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because of my relationships not only with the community but with the students and the faculty there.”

A ‘WISE’ GUY

Cobb grew up in Wise County and graduated from Alvord High School. He attended University of North Texas and received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from the Denton school. He also completed the superintendent certification and started doctoral work and completed about 21 hours of the doctoral program and “just never took the time to finish it.”

Cobb said he sees himself working in some capacity of education, whether it be with the alternative certification program or something else.

“I’m just considering my options,” he said. “As far as retiring from the principalship, yes, I am retiring from that.”

Azle High School was his fifth high school, and he spent six years here as principal. He spent 12 years at Richland High School as a principal – which was a good part of his career - and his children grew up there. The new AHS principal, Nate Driver, was a student at Richland High, and Cobb and Driver have stayed in contact over the years.

“I think it’s great to get an opportunity to watch him step in and take over the leadership role and put his

(stamp on) the school and leadership and bring what he wants to bring to the school,” Cobb said, noting that Driver is a “tremendous person and educator and I’m wishing him the best, and certainly I have a lot of confidence in what he’ll be doing.”

At 27 years old, Cobb became principal at Everman High School. At one point in his career, he worked in Chico, where he was a principal and superintendent.

“It’s almost half of my life, actually,” he said, describing being a principal. “For the time I’ve been on this planet – half of my life, almost – it has been a high school principal. It gives you an opportunity to work with students and teachers as well as the community and parents. So, it’s really a broad spectrum. The principalship I would say, as a high school principal, it’s really all about relationships and about leadership, and I would sum it up with those words. I wouldn’t trade it for anything. It’s been great to me.”

Cobb described some highlights from his career.

WHAT HE ENJOYED MOST ABOUT BEING PRINCIPAL:

“It’s about the opportunity for something different every single day. And then also it’s about working with the students and getting to make a difference every day, or at least trying to make a difference. I’m pretty sure I didn’t

make a difference every day, but that was my focus, to try to help every day. That was my whole idea.”

MEMORY THAT STANDS OUT AT AHS:

“I would say the best memories I have would be directly working with the students, being involved with them and activities,” he said.

Back in 2020, the school had continued to improve state assessment scores and had B-plus rating and was on the verge of an A rating. But then the pandemic hit. He said AHS teachers “had done a tremendous job of preparation and our students had really focused. We had had a good buildup to that time, and then the pandemic hit and things changed.” Schools have not received a rating since before COVID forced closures in the spring of 2020, but ratings should resume this year after all testing has concluded, said Amanda Moore, director of communications for AISD.

Then there was a football game a few years ago when Azle played at Northwest and the Eaton Eagles were threatening to score late in the game.

“It was fourth down, they called time out and there was very little time in the game left,” Cobb said, noting the PA system played the song “Don’t Stop Believin’” by Journey during the time out. At Azle High

School, that’s one of the songs played in the passing periods. “I think that kind of charged up the team out there. I think they heard it and (thought) there’s gotta be something to this.... Anyway, we held them, we won that football game and our student section and crowd went nuts. It’s probably the happiest as far as a school event I’ve ever been (at). It was tremendous. Those are some good times you’ll never, ever forget, seeing how the kids responded and tying that song back together and then their efforts of coming together, and you know how at Azle High School how the students come together there.”

WHAT HE ENJOYED MOST ABOUT WORKING WITH STUDENTS THROUGH THE YEARS:

“I like kids. I like people. I like young adults, I like working with them, I like challenging them. I like supporting them, helping them. And if you don’t like kids, this is probably not for you.” He said he always been close to his students as a principal, and in his six years at AHS, he has become close to the student body. “I’ve enjoyed every bit of it.”

Cobb is married and has two children, three stepchildren and two grandchildren, ages 7 and 12. He and his wife live outside Justin.

ANNIVERSARY



**Mike & Jay Angeloff
50th Wedding Anniversary**

A come-and-go reception for the 50th anniversary of Mike and Jay Angeloff will be at 2 p.m. June 25 at Victory Christian Center’s Education building, 520 Commerce St. in Azle, across from Sonic. The event is hosted by the couple’s children, Michael and Glenda Angeloff Jr. and Mark and Teresa Sparks, and grandsons Matthew and Jacob Sparks.

Mike and Jay met at the age of 15 and 14, in the bushes, trying to hide from the campus police, while playing hooky from a high school pep rally. After dating for a couple of months,

they were separated for three years due to circumstances beyond their control. They reunited in 1971 and became engaged three months later. Mike joined the Air Force and left for training in February 1972. He returned to Phoenix on June 17, 1972, and the couple got married June 22, 1972.

Mike and Jay packed what little they owned in a 4x6-foot U-Haul and left Phoenix for their honeymoon, heading for Carswell Air Force Base in Texas, where they have continued their honeymoon ever since.

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Obituaries

Richard Leroy Bailey 1933 - 2022

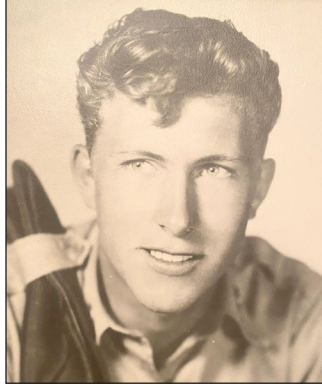
Richard Leroy Bailey, age 89, passed away May 30, 2022 in Decatur, Texas

Graveside Service is at 1 p.m., Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.

Visitation was held 6 to 8 p.m., Friday, June 3, 2022 at Biggers Funeral Home.

Richard was born Jan. 13, 1933 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Clarence "Jack" and Martha Minerva Priscilla (Towe) Bailey. He joined the Air Force and served time in Korea. Richard was married to Modine Lavern Jones and together they had four boys, Richard, Rod, Randy and Ryan.

Richard loved playing golf and was a marshal at the golf course in Azle, Texas. He was in the newspaper business for forty plus years and was a devoted husband, dad and grandfather. He will be dearly missed by his family



and all those who knew him. Richard was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Mattie Bailey; his wife, Modine Bailey and his son, Randy Bailey.

He is survived by his three sons, Richard Bailey, Rod Bailey and Ryan Bailey and his wife, Shannon; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and sisters, Alta James and Shirley Speir.

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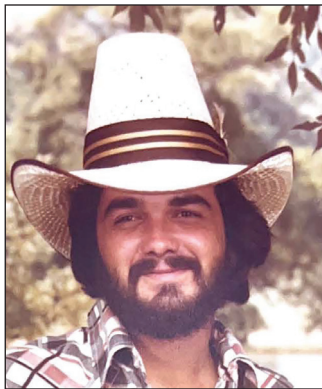
John Dunn 1952 - 2022

John Dunn, age 70, passed away on May 31, 2022, in Azle, Texas.

Celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

John worked for Tarrant County until 2014 when he retired, after 26 years of service. He was a kind and loving man who enjoyed photographing wildlife, woodworking and morning coffee with his wife.

He is survived by his loving wife LaHonda Dunn, two children, John Dunn and Lisa Caperton, six grandchildren, and two great



grandchildren. He will forever be in our hearts.

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School district committed to safety

Summer break has officially started.

Congratulations to the Azle High School class of 2022. The graduating class of 378 seniors earned \$3.6 million in scholarship money. While the 2021-2022 academic year has ended, we still have a lot going on in Azle ISD, as required HB 4545 summer tutorials, credit recovery opportunities, free summer meals, band activities, strength and conditioning opportunities, and various school-sponsored camps are going strong. Please visit our website for additional information.

A special thank you to our Azle ISD retirees. This year's group of 19 dedicated individuals wrapped up the school year with a total of 506 years in education and 414 years of service to Azle ISD. They truly touched the lives of many.

Our hearts continue to mourn the tragedy that occurred in the Uvalde ISD community. There is no way to prevent random acts of violence, nor should any community or school



AZLE ISD

By Todd Smith, M.Ed.,
Superintendent of Schools - Azle ISD

Mr. Smith just completed his 28th school year in Azle ISD, with 13 years in campus administration and six years as a district administrator. In June 22, 2020 he was named Superintendent of Schools by the Azle ISD Board of Trustees. He is thankful for the passion and dedication exhibited by Azle ISD faculty and staff and is extremely proud of the work Azle ISD has accomplished and the impact they will continue to make in the lives of our students.

district have to encounter such an event. I would like to emphasize our ongoing commitment to making our schools as safe as possible for our children and the adults who serve them. We have a strong working relationship with the City of Azle, Azle Police Department, Azle Fire Department, Azle ISD Police Department and surrounding local law enforcement agencies. In collaboration with our local partners, we continuously train, review and reinforce safety procedures on all Azle ISD campuses.

Darren Brockway, AISD Chief of Police, oversees Azle ISD safety and security measures. A complete summary of safety and security protocols is available on our

district website. Highlights include seven licensed police officers serving our 12 Azle ISD campuses; two AISD police officers and five Azle Police school resource officers. We comply with all recommended TEA and Texas School Safety Center mandates, including routine emergency response drills, required safety audits, updated emergency operation plans (EOPS), threat assessment teams at each campus, and Safety Committee meetings. Standard Response Protocol is our emergency response procedure for all schools and facilities, and we use the Raptor Management system for visitor and emergency management.

The 2016 voter-approved bond election allowed ALL

Azle ISD buildings to be secured with vestibules and controlled access. All exterior doors remain locked during the school day and visitors are buzzed-in. Surveillance cameras are at all campuses, inside and outside. All employees receive training in bullying, suicide prevention and mental health awareness, and our staff includes two mental health/intervention counselors devoted to helping the various needs of students and parents at all grade levels.

School safety is a shared responsibility amongst students, staff, parents and our community. We encourage "See Something, Say Something" anytime anyone has a concern. We have an anonymous tip line available on our website and through the Azle ISD app. I assure you, our Azle ISD community, the Board of Trustees and myself remain committed to being a strong and safe school community.

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said about summer.

During the year, his staff ensures that schools are ready for classes, even if it means working late into the night to fix a problem.

He said when something breaks down, his department employees have to get it running again, and he lauds his staff for working long hours to ensure the job gets done.

“We might be here until 3 o’clock in the morning, but they’re always willing to do it,” he said.

LOOKING AFTER CAMPUSES

Johnston said maintenance employees take care of such areas as flooring and painting during summer.

“The high school is like the biggest challenge,” he said. “Because the high school, it’s like it never shuts down. There’s always something going on out there. So that poses the biggest challenge just trying to figure out and work around all these things with the time we’re allotted during in the summer, which goes by really quick because that’s when we do all of our major projects, during the summertime.”

Custodial staff conduct detail cleaning in the summer, such as stripping and waxing floors and cleaning windows, lights and vents. They also try to hit some of those areas during the holidays.

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COMING BACK TO TEXAS

Born in Austin, Johnston grew up for the most part in Stephenville but moved to Huntsville, Arkansas, in the northwest part of the state, and finished high school there. After graduation, he worked in the sawmill and logging industry for six

years and then moved to the Weatherford area. He worked a number of jobs, such as in the roofing and construction, and then started performing mostly sub-contractor work and also performed some contracting work. He had that employment until he started at the district 16 years ago.

When he started in the district, he worked as a general maintenance employee. Those employees busy themselves with everything from drywall repair to painting to tending to floors.

“In a general, broad sense, a little bit of everything,” he said.

Johnston performed general maintenance work and then he helped with electrical duties. He subsequently got certified in HVAC and worked in that area for seven to eight years. And then he received the foreman’s position, around 2014.

Then he took on a supervisory role, last summer, over maintenance. By last fall, he accepted the role of director of custodial and maintenance department.

The maintenance department has 20 employees overall, and the custodial department has 46 custodians and 12 lead custodians and two assistant supervisors. The maintenance department has an HVAC supervisor and a foreman.

WEARING DIFFERENT HATS

An average day can vary for Johnston.

“Here in the maintenance department, we all have to wear a bunch of different hats,” he said.

An average day can be anywhere from steady to chaotic, he said. Hectic days can include broken pipes and water lines or lost electrical power. One day this spring, maintenance personnel had to deal with a skunk at a junior high school that had to be trapped and re-

quired animal control to be called. Around the same day, power went out at the Cross Timbers Elementary School. Maintenance workers can be called on to perform many duties, such as moving furniture.

Johnston, who’s essentially on call for 24-7, helps at schools when he’s needed.

“That’s the good thing about our team here,” he said. “If something big comes up – say Showcase, for instance – that’s something we will all (help with). We kind of have to drop what we’re doing except emergencies. We’ll deal with emergencies that come up, and we’ll all go up there and it’s all a collective effort to get ready for the Showcase. I’ll go up there and help as well. If we’ve got something major at the schools, I’m there with them. We’ve got a good group of guys that always willing to jump in and do something else that’s outside of their realm if need be.”

When the maintenance department hires somebody for general maintenance, the department tries to find someone who has experience with construction or something similar, although it is not required, but that is the first preference.

“We’ve been very fortunate,” Johnston said. “We’ve made some really good hires over the last few years, and we’ve got some really good skilled general maintenance guys that were out in the field for a long time and brought a lot of knowledge here in the maintenance department.”

The department has a work order system for each campus, Johnston said. People who work in the department know they that if something comes up that they didn’t plan for, they must be flexible and take care of that issue when it arises.

Department employees will try to tackle items dur-



Ernest Johnston, director of the maintenance and custodial department, relaxes at his office at the Azle ISD complex. Photo by Don Munsch

ing breaks in classes, such as Christmas and spring break, when students aren’t around. Johnston typically doesn’t work weekends, but he can if an issue needs to be dealt with.

In the custodial department, one does not need experience, as he or she can be trained. “But typically we try to get people who have done some custodial background,” he said. “It’s very helpful.”

Two shifts of custodial employees work at the schools except the high school: one group arrives in the morning while the other group comes around early afternoon and works until mid- to late evening, so they can get the bulk of cleaning complete when the students are off campus.

“Then at the high school, the bulk of our custodians are in the evening from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.,” Johnston said. “Because that’s such a busy, packed place, it’s hard

to get much cleaning done, so the bulk of things like that are done in the evening.” He said some tasks can be tended to during the day, such as replenishing paper towels and toilet paper.

KEEPING BUILDINGS CLEAN

Each classroom on each campus gets E-Misted every day, Johnston said. E-Misting is a disinfection treatment. Restrooms are cleaned daily on campuses, which are cleaned daily. “That’s our goal,” he said.

Johnston said he has helped with custodial duties when he’s needed, performing whatever duties are needed to get the job done. “I don’t mind at all,” he said.

His favorite aspects of his job are problem-solving, meeting people and trying to build relationships.

“There’s always something around the district somewhere that you got to find a solution to,” he said.

“Just the challenge of (the job). Very challenging. Keeps it interesting.”

As far as his qualifications, he is certified through Texas Association of School Business Officials (specialty in Maintenance & Operations). Every three years, one has to acquire so many hours of continuing education.

Johnston works with campus officials, such as principals, who will contact him when there’s an issue on campus. “And we’ve got good people over at admin that take care of us,” he said. “And it’s been a challenge, as you well know with the last couple of years with COVID. It’s been very challenging, and with all the growth in Azle ISD and the schools at capacity, it’s really a challenge, but luckily, we have good leadership at admin. We have a great board that gives us the tools for what we need to help us do our jobs and be successful.”

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 Cause No. 2022-PR01739-1
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To be something bigger than himself: APD detective talks about job

BY DON MUNSCH
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Chris Javarone rose from patrol officer to detective in his career in law enforcement.

Police departments feature a number of departments, including a detective division. Moving up the ladder or into another department, especially the detective division, isn't something one normally sees in television crime dramas, as there's scant attention given to detectives paying their dues earlier in their careers. But television's Lt. Columbo had to start somewhere, right?

Javarone works as a detective for the Azle Police Department. He explained the process to become a detective, that if an officer has an interest in being a detective, a chief and a lieutenant will look over his or her applica-

tion and then interviews will be conducted to determine who is the best fit for the job. Experience and good interviewing and analytical skills help a candidate's chances.

Javarone was a patrol cop for five years, and there are times when he misses those days, he said. National Police Week was May 15-21, and the week honored everyone who works in law enforcement, no matter the department or title. Javarone said it's humbling and an honor to get recognition and appreciation for the job officers perform.

He has worked for APD since August 2018. He has been a police officer since April 2016. He worked in Godley before coming to Azle.

Javarone, 32, grew up in Haltom City and attended Haltom High School. In 2011, he joined the Marines.

He got out in 2017, and became a police officer while in the Marines Reserves.

He said he always wanted to be a police officer.

"I always wanted to be a part of something bigger than myself, help others and stand up for the ones for that can't or are unable to stand up for themselves," he said.

Javarone works in the criminal investigations division, and because APD is such a small agency, detectives investigate property crimes and offenses against people, such as family violence.

"It all kind of gets split between all of us," he said. He has no particular specialty at APD, as a detective might have in a larger police department.

APD has four detectives, with two at the officer level like Javarone and then a corporal and a sergeant. Caseload can vary from 30-90 cases. Summertime can produce a higher caseload than in the winter, when it's colder.



Azle Police Department Detective Chris Javarone stands next to a vehicle at the police station. Javarone has been at APD since 2018.

Photo by Don Munsch

A COMPLICATED, DETAILED CASE

The most difficult cases are sexual assaults because of the amount of evidence that has to be gathered and interviews to be conducted, he said.

With witnesses and victims in any of his cases, he tries to keep the atmosphere as relaxed and comfortable as possible, and if that

means going to people's houses, where they might be more comfortable, then he will do that.

Javarone worked on a recent hit-and-run case here in Azle. He described the case as one that features many moving parts, that it requires a detective to talk to witnesses and to look around the area to see whether there are any cameras that point to the street. Plus, in that case, one has to build a time frame and talk to neighbors. The accident investigation unit reports to the accident area and photographs the scene.

"You're looking at the ground for any type of evidence left behind and collecting it after taking pictures and documenting

everything," he said. The medical examiner also appears at the scene and does his or her investigation.

A CALLING TO BE A COP

Javarone said there's a lot about his job that he loves.

"The people I work with are great," he said. "They are more of a family than they are a friend or coworker. The community itself, being such a supportive community that they have for law enforcement, makes you want to do a better job and support the community."

And, he added, he just loves being a cop, which he said is a calling.

"Every day is a different day - that's probably what I love most about it," he said.

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SPORTS

Spring provides lasting memories of Azle sports

BY JEFF PRINCE
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Summer has sprung at Azle High School, and football and volleyball seasons are poised to begin once the school year resumes.

As for the first half of 2022 – January to June – wow.

What a ride.

Hornet sports programs offered six months of fun and excitement, from the first splash in the swimming pool to the last crack of the baseball bat.

SWIMMING

Azle's swim team had barely digested their black-eyed peas from New Year's Day when they began training with extra diligence in preparation for the District 5-5A meet on Jan. 20.

The practice paid off. Azle sent 11 swimmers to the regional meet: Phoebe Mosley, Brooke Nowakowski, Peighton Berry, Gianna Schroeder, Laci Clark, Emory Hann, Hailey Fox, Steven Manley, Carter Pack, Trevor Deel and Kalen McCullough.

In early February, an ice storm that closed schools and businesses also forced the regional swim meet to be postponed until Feb. 7. The delay didn't hinder the Hornets. The girls 200m freestyle relay team set a school record, and every Azle swimmer set personal bests.

The swim team "represented Azle proudly," head coach Amy Estes said.

In May, Estes began representing Azle, too. Voters elected her to the Place 2 Azle City Council seat.



Above: Gavin Dean helped the basketball team fight their way to the playoffs.

Bottom left: Riley Free has graduated and made room for new blood on the girls golf team.

Top left: Lindsey-Kaye Reichert helped Azle's rodeo team finish in second place.

Photos by Jeff Prince

WRESTLING

The February ice storm that delayed the regional swim meet also interrupted the district wrestling meet in Lubbock. The meet resumed quickly, however, and by the end of that weekend, Azle's boys and girls teams had won district titles.

Azle hadn't nabbed both titles in the same year since 2015.

The Hornets carried that momentum into the regional tournament, where they won a team championship and three individual titles. Alicen Dillard was named Most Outstanding Wrestler, and

Megan House was named Girls Coach of the Year.

Eleven wrestlers qualified to compete at state on Feb. 18-19 in Cypress. None fared better than Pella LeFever, who won the 165-pound class and the state title. Earning that trophy required winning four matches in two

days against the state's best wrestlers.

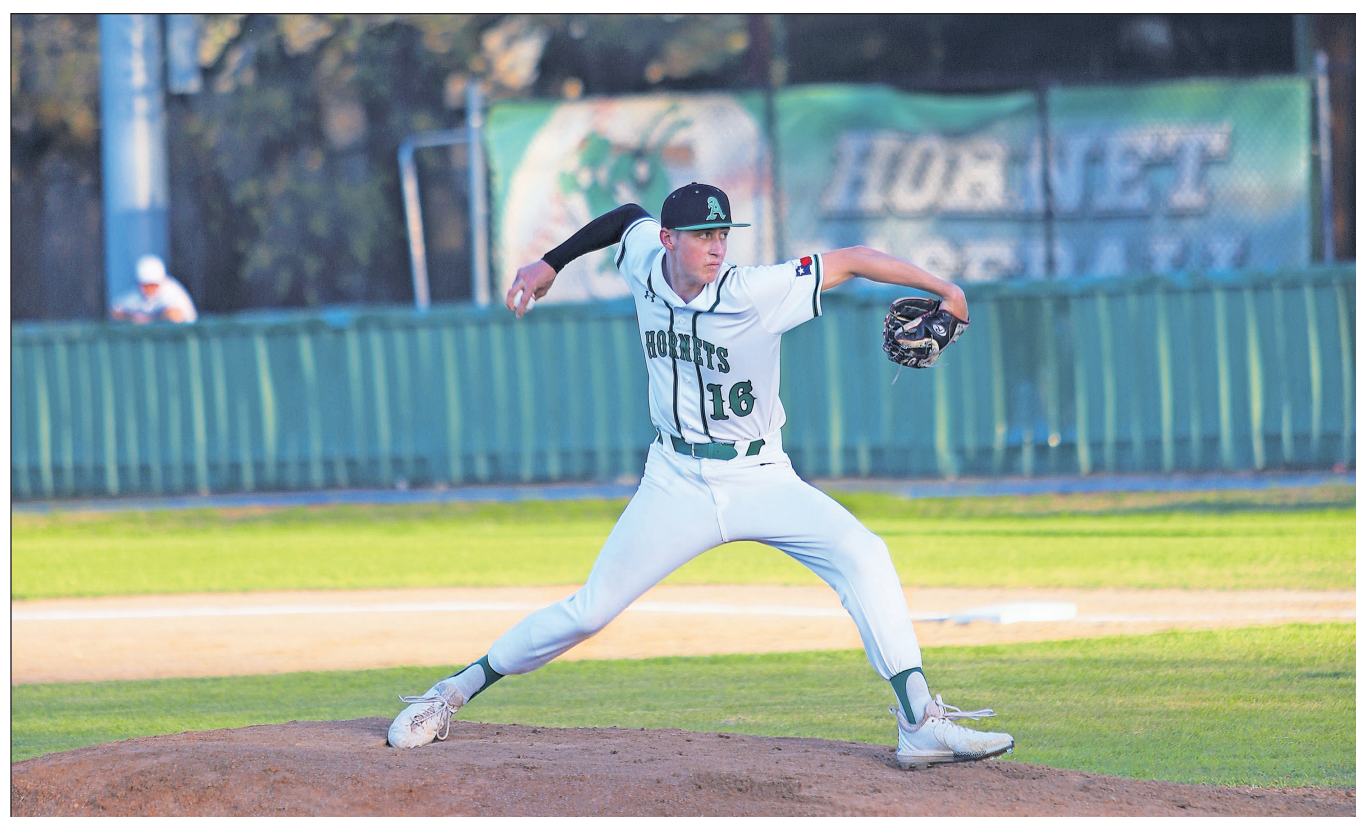
The Lady Hornets were state runners up as a team, and Annabelle Davis, Alicen Dillard and Mariah Dillard were state runners up in their weight classes.

In May, another piece of good news hit the wrestling

team like a reverse chinlock: Jackson Berg became the first Hornet wrestler to be recognized by the National Wrestling Coaches Association and United States Marine Corps as a Leadership and Character All American.

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Azle baseball players earn academic, athletic recognition



Declan Dahl was named the District 5-5A pitcher of the year.

Photo by Jeff Prince

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The awards are rolling in for the Azle Hornet baseball team that tied for first place in District 5-5A.

The players weren't just hitting baseballs during the season. They were hitting the books and earning good enough grades to stand out.

ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

The Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association nominated six players for Academic All-State awards:

Kyler Braswell
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Brandon Sheets
Rylan Stults
Triton Towner
Westin Wyatt

ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT AWARDS WENT TO:

Kyler Braswell
Luke Briseno
Korbyn Coleman
Jackson Davis
Cayden Fowler

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Former Granbury coach to guide Azle quarterbacks this season

BY RUSSELL HUFFMAN
Hood County News Sports Editor

The Azle football team has hired former offensive coordinator Matt Holly from Granbury to coach Hornet quarterbacks in 2023.

It's a double loss for Granbury athletics with Holly's wife, Andi, also leaving her position as a track and field coach. She will add powerlifting to her duties with the Hornets.

It's a move sparked by the longtime friendship between



Matt Holly
Courtesy photo

Holly and Azle offensive coordinator Chad Jones. The pair's friendship goes back

to Holly's days as a graduate assistant at Tarleton State University, where he got to coach Jones for a year.

"We've just been friends for a long time. I've known many of their coaches over there for a long time. Their athletic director (Becky Spurlock) was assistant athletic director when I was in Keller nine years," Holly said.

Azle football head coach Devon Dorris has known Holly for "many years going back to college," he said.

"He has done a tremendous job everywhere he has been, and we are excited to add a great man of character that can coach."

Friendship is undoubtedly one of the benefits, much like being the quarterback coach for Jones' son Jay, who is Holly's godson.

"Yes, Jay is my godson, and I'm really looking forward to coaching him during his senior season," Holly said.

Holly is undoubtedly leaving a better situation than

when he first found it in Granbury in 2016.

Last year, the Pirates broke several offensive records, including the most points scored in a 10-game season (47.3 points per game), most TD passes in a season (Austin Jinkerson, 25), and the single-season reception record (Zane "Crash" Davis, 59). Jinkerson (41) and Davis (113) also set career records in Holly's offense.

The move puts Holly and Jones back together again after they coached together

at Arlington Heights, where they began developing the pro-style spread offenses used by Granbury and Azle's football programs.

"We've just been looking for an opportunity to work together again, and this just kind of presented itself this year," Holly said.

Holly has had some time to reflect on his work in Granbury, but he's quick to point out he has worked with some great coaches and ath-

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Summer camp instills love of wrestling

BY JEFF PRINCE
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Tyler Harrison, who coaches boys wrestling at Azle High School, watched as one of his teenaged wrestlers gave instructions to a couple of younger kids.

Josh Botion, a junior on the varsity team, was showing two 6-year-old boys how to put each other in arm holds.

"It's fun," Botion said. "I'm teaching them just really basic things."

The two youngsters appeared to be enjoying themselves, although neither could be characterized as chatty.

When asked how long he had been wrestling, Finn Wasser said, "I forgot."

His wrestling partner, Joseph Garza, was less verbose. When asked what he was learning at the camp, Garza pressed his face

against a matted wall and said nothing.

Garza's dad, Rudy Garza, spoke for him.

"He loves to wrestle at home," he said. "His mom told him that there was a wrestling camp, and he's all for it. He was like, 'Yeah! Let's go!'"

Rudy Garza was happy to see his son participating.

"It's good to get him out and moving around and exercising," the proud dad said. "It helps him interact with other kids, too. This is a lot better than him being at home watching TV."

PLANTING SEEDS

The wrestling summer camp was held at Azle High for four days last week. Harrison was pleased with the large turnout at the morning sessions, which were designed for kids in kindergarten through third grade. After the little kids finished, a

group of older kids – fourth through ninth graders – arrived for their sessions.

"We open it up to really any age," Harrison said. "We've got some 3-year-olds all the way up through third graders in this session. A lot of these kids are brand new to wrestling and just trying it out in the summertime, which is great."

Coaches emphasize fun over hardcore training and technique.

"We just like to expose them to the sport, keep it real light and try and have fun and make some memories that they will look back on and maybe want to continue in the future," Harrison said. "Hopefully, as they come up in middle school, they start participating in our middle school program."

NEW COACH HITS TOWN

The number of kids gravitating to the wrestling pro-



From left, Joseph Garza and Finn Wasser grapple during last week's wrestling summer camp at Azle High School. Hornet wrestler Josh Botion, center, gives them basic instructions. Photo by Jeff Prince

gram has increased in recent years, and Azle ISD responded by hiring a new coach.

Seth Bell, a 2017 alumnus, was hired to help coach wrestling and football and teach social studies.

"He is an awesome guy, so we are really excited to add him to our staff both as a coach and a teacher," Harrison said.

Bell is no stranger to wrestling.

"He is up on the wall over there," said Harrison, pointing to plaques hanging on the wall in the wrestling room that commemorate former wrestlers who qualified to compete at the state finals.

Bell's name is engraved twice. He qualified to compete at state in 2016 and 2017.

"We are very grateful that we're getting people who know wrestling and are passionate about wrestling," Harrison said. "We are excited about the future."

Last year, three wrestling coaches handled the approximately 30 girls and 50 boys who wrestled at high school and 70 more at the middle schools. Having a fourth



Seth Bell, pictured with wife Rachel, will help coach wrestling and football and teach social studies. Courtesy photo

coach will allow more specialized training.

"We can break up our practice into different groups and work with kids that are at different levels," Harrison said.

Bell grew up in Aledo but moved to Azle in high school. He wrestled on the varsity team for three years and was a district champ and regional champ. In his senior year, Azle's team won

the state invitational dual tournament.

Afterward, he wrestled for four years at Emmanuel College in Franklin Springs, Georgia, and graduated in 2021. He coached and taught school in Georgia for a short time before moving back to Azle with his wife, Rachel.

"It was a good job opportunity for me," he said. "It's something to look forward to."



Tyler Harrison talks to a group of kids from kindergarten through third grade at the end of a summer camp session.

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BASKETBALL

Prior to this season, boys basketball had struggled for a decade. The team's most recent district title was in 2010 – a dozen years earlier.

This year, the Hornets won nine out of their first 10 nonconference games and were feeling emboldened by the time district competition began on Jan. 14 at home against Aledo.

Azle whipped the Bearcats 51-35, and would end the regular season with 22 wins, the most victories in a single season in a decade. Azle lost to Birdville in the bi-district playoff game on Feb. 22 but made it clear that the Hornets are back among the contenders.

Girls basketball entered the season with high hopes of finishing near the top of District 5-5A and performing well in the playoffs. Injuries to key players, including team leader Karlee Locke, slowed their momentum.

The team started strong and won an impressive 21 games overall but tapered off near the end of the season, finished in fifth place and missed the playoffs. The girls finished 21-12 overall and 4-6 in district. The Lady Hornets hadn't won more than 20 games since 2014.

The team is young, so most of the varsity starters will return next year, and Locke should be healed and ready to go, so expect the Lady Hornets to be fighting for a playoff spot next season.

SOCCER

Azle's soccer boys were inexperienced when the season began in January but thought they were talented enough to win numerous games. New coach Austin Fugate set the bar high and wanted the team to be competing for a district championship by March.

What Fugate saw instead was a team that played hard every game but kept losing by small margins or ending in ties.

Finally, on Feb. 15, the Hornets came back from an 2-0 deficit to beat Brewer 3-2 and win their first district victory.

It would be their only victory of the season. Still, the team was competitive, even against the district's toughest teams. Fugate anticipates more wins in 2023.

The Lady Hornets struggled on the soccer field, as well. The team was young – two of the three captains were sophomores, and the other was a junior.

The girls' inexperience showed in the win-loss column. The Lady



D'Lathian Young will lead a competitive bunch of powerlifters into a new season in 2023.

Photos by Jeff Prince

Hornets played a dozen games without scoring a goal in January and early February. It would be Feb. 18 before they earned a piece of a district victory, battling Granbury to a 1-1 tie.

The Lady Hornets, playing under new coach Madeline Wood, did not qualify for the playoffs. Like the boys, however, they play with passion and are poised for better things in 2023.

TENNIS

Also playing under a new coach this year was the tennis team. Hayden Huff, in her first year as Azle's tennis coach, took over a young and inexperienced team with a strong work ethic. The Hornets lost their first tournament to Brewer by a slim margin – 10-9. Other hard-luck losses would follow during the season, but the Hornets never gave up.

The team included 10 boys and eight girls, most of them sophomores and juniors. Samantha Thurston was named Newcomer of the Year in District 5-5A. Peytie Chambers, a sophomore, earned second-team all-district recognition, and Brent Burgess, a junior, was awarded honorable mention.

Huff is excited to see what her team can accomplish next season with a year of experience on the courts. Huff brings her own experience – she played tennis at Oral Roberts University on a full tennis scholarship.

GOLF

Azle competes against a tough stable of golf teams in District 5-5A, led by Aledo and Granbury. The Hornets knew they were in for a fight this season. They had an ace in the hole, though. This year's district tournament would be played at Cross Timbers Golf Course.

Azle's players not only practice regularly at their hometown course, but many of them have been playing there since they were young. Jason Merrill won second place at district and qualified for regionals, and the Azle Green team finished in third place, which was an improvement of two places from the previous year.

More good days could lie ahead. Six of the 10 golfers from Azle who participated in the district tournament will return next season, including Merrill.

The girls golf team, led by junior Mary Shaw, made big swings, as well. Sharpshooter Shaw is the granddaughter of former Senior PGA Tour player Robert Landers. She shot an impressive 83 at the district tournament and earned a trip to the regional tourney in April. Shaw and another strong player, Kenzie Hobbs, will return next year along with a dozen other underclassmen, putting the girls golf team in a good position to improve.

POWERLIFTING

The girls showed their gumption, with seven athletes qualifying to compete at the state meet in March.

Two of those lifters – Skyler Arellano and Emily Lewis – placed at the biggest meet of the year.

Five of those seven state qualifiers are expected to return in 2023.

The boys pushed their way to impressive hardware, as well, including Kevin Nguyen, who was named district champ in the 165-pound class.

RODEO

No seasons are longer or more difficult than rodeo, and Azle's team persevered and prospered. Almost 90 teams across this part

of the state compete in the North Texas High School Rodeo Association, and the Hornets out-cowboyed all but one, taking second place overall.

In May, 11 team members qualified to compete at the finals, the most from Azle in many years.

Senior Airian Moore was this season's top bareback rider by far – no other competitor came close to matching his points. He won a saddle and belt buckle, and will be missed for his athleticism. However, nine of those 11 finalists will return next season, putting Azle in a good position to overtake Decatur as the top team.

One of the returners, Hevenli Scribner, won a saddle after being named year-end Rookie Cowgirl. Just a freshman, she will be stirring up arena dust for three more years.

SOFTBALL

The Lady Hornets hadn't won a district championship since 2016, and few expected them to win it this year. The varsity team was loaded with youth, with just three seniors on a roster loaded with sophomores and freshmen.

By early May, the girls had made their way to the playoffs. They fell in the first round but showed Hornet Nation that they will be team to be reckoned with next year.

BASEBALL

The boys' roster and starting lineup was packed with seniors, and they savored having one last chance to win the District 5-5A championship. They took a share of it after finishing in a tie with Aledo.

Others in the district took notice. Billy Spratt earned district MVP, and Declan Dahl was the pitcher of the year. Three other players – Tyler Akers, Brenden Kamnick and Grant Tune – were first team all-district.

TRACK AND FIELD

Succeeding at a bi-district track meet and qualifying for the area championship are difficult tasks. Many athletes from many different schools in two different districts are all vying for the same thing, but only the Top 4 in each event get to compete at the area meet in April.

This year, 20 of Azle's track athletes qualified, and two tracksters earned individual titles at district. Jack Jestis won first place in the boys 400m, and Jessie Heath won first place in the girls 400m.

Heath dominated her event at the area meet, as well, winning first place.

In April, girls track coach Keith Boenisch summed up the track season – and all the sports seasons – after the area meet ended: "For those that didn't qualify, we know they will continue to work hard and come back next year and try again. It's what athletes do. For seniors who won't get that chance, we appreciate their dedication and work ethic to a sport that is very tough to do and hope they leave with great lifelong memories of teammates and coaches they have spent the last four years with."



Vielka Gonzalez is a weapon of the future for the Azle Lady Hornets.



Brenden Kamnick and the Hornet baseball boys played hard-nosed, face-first ball this spring.

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letes. "I've been blessed with some great quarterbacks. I had Kyler Young as a senior my first year here when I came in, and he just fell right into it," Holly said. Granbury showed it wasn't afraid to tinker with its lineup in Holly's offense.

"We had a receiver, Kevin Moore, become the quarterback the next year. Things progressed as we grew the offense around players like running back Zach Watson and now having Jadon Rogers," Holly said. "I mean, those two guys make you better. You don't have to do much coaching.

Those guys just hand them a ball, and they kind of do the rest. Then you have Kyler Gibson, and then moving on to Austin Jinkerson for three years. I've had both of those kids for three years. They are great young men, and they're great players. They trusted me, and we had a great relationship, and it made it

easy to call plays." Holly is taking plenty of great memories of his time in Granbury with him, but his favorite was being in tune with his players. "Just the ability to be able to be on the same page with my quarterbacks. Those guys just bought in, and it made a huge difference for

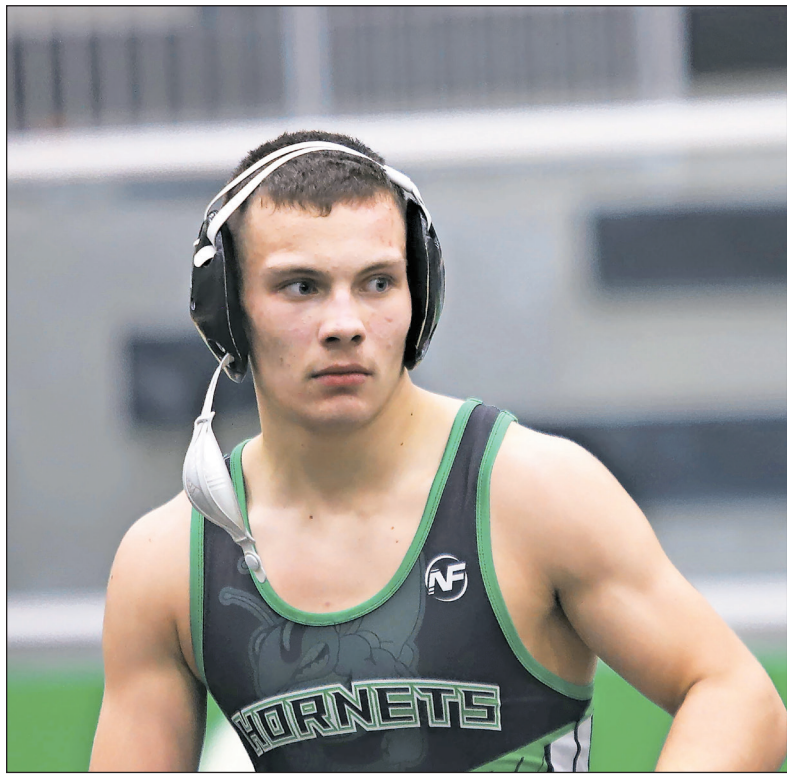
our program," Holly said. Holly is replacing former QB coach Phil Anderson, who was hired as the offensive coordinator at Sabine High School. Azle News Sports Editor Jeff Prince contributed to this story.

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- Gavin Green
- Easton House
- Luke Olmsted
- Ivan Perez
- Jayden Rollins
- Brandon Sheets
- Billy Spratt
- Rylan Stults
- Triton Towner
- Grant Tune
- Cole Webb
- Westin Wyatt

ATHLETIC RECOGNITION

- 5-5A District MVP – Billy Spratt
- 5-5A Pitcher of The Year – Declan Dahl
- First team All-district
- Pitcher – Brenden Kammick
- Shortstop – Grant Tune
- Outfield – Tyler Akers
- Second team All-district
- Pitcher – Cooper Sexton
- 2nd Base – Cooper Magee
- Outfield – Cole Webb
- Honorable Mention All-district
- 1st Base – Brandon Sheets
- 3rd Base – Westin Wyatt
- Outfield – Gavin Green
- DH – Jackson Davis
- Utility – Cayden Fowler

AZLE TEAM AWARDS

- MVP – Billy Spratt
- Big Stick – Tyler Akers
- Gold Glove – Westin Wyatt
- Pitcher of The Year – Declan Dahl

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Kid Scoop Together Plankton Quiz

Can you find the answer to each of these questions? They can all be found on this Kid Scoop page!

- Phytoplankton is a
 - plant
 - animal
 - computer part
- Zooplankton is an
 - plant
 - animal
 - island
- What does *planktos* mean in Greek?
 - swimmer
 - drifter
 - boat
- Where do plankton live?
 - oceans and lakes
 - ponds and rivers
 - all of the above
- How much of the world's oxygen is made by phytoplankton?
 - about 7%
 - 12.4%
 - more than half
- How many tons of plankton does a blue whale eat each day?
 - 16 tons
 - 100 tons
 - 232 tons
- How many plankton can be found in 1 tsp. of water?
 - Between 30-40
 - About 10,000
 - More than 1,000,000

Powerful Plankton

Though they are quite tiny, swarms of this plankton are so huge they can be seen from space! Circle every other letter to discover its name.

W K O R C I J L V L

K

How many of me can you find on this page?

How many plankton are in a teaspoon of water?

How many would you guess? Use the secret code to discover the surprising answer!

● = SIX ● = HUNDRED ● = THAN
 ● = MORE ● = MILLION ● = PLANKTON
 ● = LESS ● = THOUSAND ● = ONE

A teaspoon of water can contain

Are plankton plants or animals?

The answer is both! There are two main types of plankton: **phytoplankton** (fi-toe-plank-ton) and **zooplankton**. Follow the maze to discover which are plants and which are animals.

PHYTOPLANKTON ANIMAL PLANT ZOOPLANKTON

A Breath of Fresh Air

Phytoplankton make more than half of the oxygen in our world. Think of it this way, every time you take four breaths, two of those breaths came from oxygen made by phytoplankton through **photosynthesis**. So even if you live far from the ocean, you depend on it to survive!

PH = F

Extra! Extra! In English, when the letters **p** and **h** are next to each other, they make an **F** sound. Words like *phytoplankton*, *phone*, *photograph* and *pharmacy*. Look through the newspaper and find letters to spell each of these words. Glue the letters onto a piece of paper, spelling out each word. Then read each one aloud.

Standards Link: Match letters and sounds to spell words.

Ocean Food Chain

Plankton is made up of tiny, usually one-celled plants and small water animals such as larvae and eggs. Zooplankton and other small marine creatures eat phytoplankton and then become food for fish, crustaceans, and other larger species.

Complete this food chain diagram by drawing an ocean predator (shark, orca, barracuda) here:

phytoplankton → zooplankton → fish larvae → fish

Double Double Word Search

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

PLANKTON
ANIMALS
BREATHE
PLANTS
OXYGEN
CARBON
PLANET
OCEAN
DRIFT
WATER
FISH
SWIM
TINY
FOOD
SEA

T W N E H T A E R B
O D O O F M A I D Y
P L A N T S T Y R T
N P E H S K O Y I E
O M I W S F N N F N
B S L A M I N A T A
R D E L T A F E L L
A N W A T E R C K P
C T N E G Y X O O N

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

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Expand a Headline

Look through the newspaper for three headlines. Rewrite each one as a complete sentence. See how many more words you can add to make the longest sentence you can.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Write complete sentences.

Write On! Message in a Bottle

While walking on a beach, you spy a strange bottle with a note inside. What does the note say? What will you do next?

Photosynthesis

light energy → carbon dioxide → oxygen

water

Like plants on land, phytoplankton use sunlight, water and carbon dioxide to make food and oxygen. This process is called **photosynthesis**.



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ACROSS

- this "Beetle Bailey" artist Walker lived in Texas as a child
- Baird High class (2 wds.)
- this Moore was co-star of TX Swayze in "Ghost" (1990)
- "___ old Cowhand..."
- seat of Pecos County (2 wds.)
- irritate, annoy
- auto sellers (2 wds.)
- a boot width
- TXism: "plain as the nose on your ___"
- TXism: "restless as ___ church"
- TX George W. lost ___ George H.W., in 2018
- longtime U.S. rep. from the Valley: Kika ___ Garza
- ___gallon hat
- Super Bowl ___ (Cowboys' first win)
- TXism: "raised ___" (city boy)
- Coleman High class (2 wds.)
- "What's the ___?" (slang for what's happening)
- these cranes migrate to Texas in the winter
- horse coloring
- boot bottom
- beginning course in social behavior: "Intro ___"
- Rio Grande City is the seat of this county
- leaf collecting tool
- this Blue Jay manager Gaston grew up in Texas
- wrestler Von Erich: "The Texas Tornado"
- TX Kris Kristofferson gospel song: "Why ___"
- RV hotel?
- Sonic food tote (2 wds.)
- "Elvis the Pelvis"
- this Michael starred with TX Randy Quaid in "The Paper"
- TXism: "it'll ___ faith healer to fix it"
- "Tiger" Teague, veteran and Texas congressman
- actor Beatty in film "Big Bad John"
- Odessa Permian has one with Midland Lee
- military marksman
- horse's foot joint
- Santa's word
- agcy. now a part of Homeland Security
- Houston university
- TX Jim Reeves hit: "He'll Have ___"
- old man's gray hair used to drill Spindletop (2 wds.)
- cow away from the herd
- cal ___ hummingbird is the smallest bird in Texas
- dry, arid
- Rusk AM/FM
- TXism: "busy ___ at happy hour"
- TX Buddy's wife: Maria ___ Holly

DOWN

- this gives the best shotgun pattern for a medium range (2 wds.)
- TXism: "run that by me ___ time"
- make a comment
- TXism: "___ so" (not true)
- "___ up" (increase)
- org. that nurtures the arts in Dallas
- ___ City, Texas
- fixed term/interest savings tool (abbr.)
- shool
- benefactor
- Texas-based 1949 film: "Calamity Jane ___ Bass"
- H-E-B cold cuts and cheeses section
- TX Dobie Gray hit: "Drift ___" (1973)

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