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Principal: Graduates are entering a 'different world'

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Azle High School senior Lauren Giles finished her valedictorian speech in perhaps a unique way. She told some "dad jokes." Three all told. One will do: "Why aren't koalas considered bears?"

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AHS seniors jubilantly toss their hats into the air at the end of the ceremony.

Photo by Don Munsch

School board to examine safety in light of Uvalde tragedy

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Azle ISD leaders will explore what if any new safety measures could be put in place after the school shooting last week in Uvalde.

AISD Superintendent Todd Smith and AISD Chief of Police Darren Brockway discussed school safety late last week, a few days after

the horrific events in Uvalde, where 19 elementary school children and two teachers were killed, and many others were injured.

Azle PD increased patrols around campuses the day after the shooting in Uvalde, Smith said. Last day of classes was May 25. Smith said thoughts and prayers from the district are being extended to the Uvalde com-

munity.

The Azle school district does not arm its campuses.

"The board and I have been in some discussions about safety," Smith said. "We've got two board meetings scheduled for June, with one being a board workshop and one being our regular June board meeting, and safety will be discussed at each one."

Currently, certified peace officers are the only individuals who carry firearms on campus, Smith said. He noted there exist a couple of options for arming others on campuses, such as the Guardian and School Marshal programs, which are two programs that the district can legally implement.

"I think the Guardian program probably fits more of

what we'd be looking for versus a School Marshal program," Smith said.

When asked why campuses were not armed here, Smith said these kinds of programs were installed in more rural areas, where there was typically a 15-30 minute response time from police. Smith said leaders here always thought Azle PD could get to a scene quickly and

that other law enforcement agencies could provide immediate backup.

Brockway said the longest response for an officer to go from one school to another, in an emergency situation, is seven minutes, and that's from Silver Creek Elementary to Eagle Heights Elementary.

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IN REMEMBRANCE: Cadets from the Azle Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol, including Violetta Carpinone joined members of Azle VFW 2137 to place flags on the graves of hundreds of veterans at Azleland Cemetery on May 28. May 31 was Memorial Day.

Photo by Jessica McKinney

Hurley taking Tarleton to new heights

BY RICK MAUCH
Special to the Azle News

The meaning of the surname Hurley is uncertain, according to Wikipedia.

However, folks at Tarleton State University will tell you it means progress, something President James L. Hurley specializes in. For example, while other colleges were struggling during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Tarleton was experiencing 7.5% growth.

"We've been extremely blessed," the humble Hurley said. "I would attribute it to heritage, culture and tradition with this institution. We have deep respect for those, from everyone who works

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Tarleton First Lady Kindall Hurley and President James Hurley stand in the Texans' state of the art locker room that is the best in NCAA Division I FBS football, according to Hurley.

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Faith Bethurum hugs AHS counselor Heather Huffaker during the ceremony.



Lauren Giles gives the valedictorian address.

she said.

Because they don't have the correct "koalafications."

Ba-dum-tss. AHS senior class of 2022 held its graduation ceremony on May 26 at Fort Worth Convention Center. Giles said at the outset that her speech was "absolutely the hardest assignment I was ever given in high school."

"Not that writing a speech is difficult, but this one is just so open-ended, I was debating for weeks what I should say," she said.

She told her fellow seniors she didn't think much of motivation messages or giving a talk about moving into a different chapter of life, as she said those kinds of speeches didn't fit her personality. She said people would not remember what she accomplished in high school or what she told people on this night, and shortly after, she then launched into the dad jokes, advising people they should not take everything seriously in life.

AHS Principal Randy Cobb lauded the class's resiliency and resolve. The class had 378 graduates.

"You continued to conquer each obstacle along the way, and we thank you for that," he said. "Class of 2022 - you've made it through. Together, you've been through a pandemic that took away much of your high school experience that you once imagined."

He told students they are entering a world that is "unsettled."

"It is world that where long-established principles now rest on shaky ground," he said. "It's a different world." He said gaps between rich and poor have become much

larger, and extreme poverty is on the rise, "as is extreme wealth."

Russia's invasion of Ukraine threatens international norms and rules that provided peace and security in Europe since World War II, he said. In the U.S., people are being forced to defend fundamental principles such as what constitutes the truth.

"Especially in a time when anyone can post anything online and claim it as a fact," he said.

Even though the world seems unsettled, there exist opportunities for student leadership and decision-making, he said, noting these seniors grew up in a digital era and survived a pandemic. Seniors are familiar with a world that for many people feels "a little bit strange, a little weird and a little different."

Seniors can see challenges facing society, and they can find solutions to those challenges that generations before never imagined, he said. He wrapped up his statement by telling students that AHS staff and faculty and community will always be here for them.

"No matter how far your path may take you, remember, you're still close to home with AHS," he said, adding that he can't wait to see what the future holds for them and the future they will create and that he was proud of them. Cobb retired after this school year.

Senior Brooke Schocke, senior class vice president, gave fellow seniors some tips about achieving their dreams, which she learned from being in pageants, such as having a positive attitude and a plan to achieve their dreams and that hard work is one ingredient to

reaching those dreams.

Schocke discussed fellow classmate Jack Schwantz, who died at the beginning of the school year. She said it was up to students to honor him by not just remembering him but living their lives as he did.

"With a good attitude, hard work and most importantly, a kind heart," she said. "By going out into the world and living like Jack, we are honoring him and the dreams he never got the chance to realize."

She challenged her classmates to chase their dreams, and that they live every day to the fullest and "let's do it the Jack Way."

In his remarks, salutatorian Caden Christian said seniors went from "12 years of firsts to a final year of lasts within a blink of an eye, from taking our first day of school picture to counting down the days until our last day of high school." Looking back at high school, students will think about the memories that brought them the most joy, he said.

He said seniors can now say they are "officially grown up."

"Here we are, and although it feels surreal that after 13 years, we are finally getting to graduate high school, it's time to accept the change that is associated with growing up," he said. "But as we move on into this next section of our lives, don't be so ready to move on that you forget to enjoy the moment and cherish what you've accomplished."

Christian said students should be willing to get out of their comfort zone and make new memories, "but also remember the core and foundational memories that made you who you are today."

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Glenn Rogers wins runoff against Mike Olcott

BY DON MUNSCH
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Glenn Rogers will return to the state House in Austin after winning a District 60 Republican primary runoff against Mike Olcott.

In the runoff, held on May 24, Rogers received 9,261 votes, which was 52% of the ballots cast, while Olcott got 8,509 votes.

Rogers drew no challengers in the general election to be held this fall, so he takes the seat uncontested.

"I think it was an amazing victory," Rogers said. "We

had so much support from grassroots people from all over the district. (There was) a lot of money behind my opponent. He was funded by a political machine that put out a lot of misinformation about me and my views. It was a tough campaign but truth prevailed, and we're just happy to have the opportunity to serve another term."

Rogers said his campaign had people on the ground. They worked hard, and his campaign stayed on message "despite all the background noise." Olcott's campaign

did not respond to a News request for comment.

In his next term, Rogers said the big issues are the border and property taxes, and he said those topics have risen to the top among people in the district.

"I look forward to championing conservative policy solutions including using some of the surplus to buy down operation and maintenance costs for local ISDs," he said, referring to independent school districts.

He also wants to raise the state's contribution to financing public education and he

wants to see the Homestead Exemption increase.

Infrastructure is an important issue, too. Texas's population grows by more than 1,000 people a day, he said.

"Transportation and water are really important, particularly to Parker County," he said. "We just have to realize as the population increases and our supplies of potable water are limited, and roadways are needing repair and improvement that we're going to have to really invest in infrastructure, particularly in our rural and suburban areas where a lot of roadways

are outdated and need to be maintained."

Rogers was on the transportation committee last session and plans to be on that committee again. He said there's not a week that goes by that his team is not in direct communication with Texas Department of Transportation and local officials about some of the transportation/infrastructure needs of this district.

He said lawmakers have a goal to file a cost-of-living adjustment for retired educators.

"As a freshman legisla-

tor, one of my major accomplishments was getting the 13th check for retired educators," he said, adding that they need longer term protection with the rise in housing costs and taxes.

Rogers said he was excited to head back to Austin and plans to get out into the community, listen to constituents and be responsive to people's needs in Parker County and the rest of the district.

"I have a great staff, and they're excited. We're all excited about being able to serve," Rogers said.

Ribbon cutting for Azle Marketing



Azle Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for their new member, Azle Marketing, on May 23. Azle Marketing offers full-service marketing and business consulting services in Azle. Their services will help you share your brand's story in a way that connects with your target audience, generating sales and producing loyal and repeat customers.

AISD approves change to fiscal year

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY
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The Azle ISD Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve a change to the district's fiscal year from Sept. 1 to July 1 for the 2023-2024 school year.

Matt Adams, AISD assistant superintendent of finance and operations, told the board during the May 16 meeting that moving the fiscal year will be more beneficial for the district because it would mean that campuses, teachers and athletics and other programs will be able to have access to their budget before the start of the school year.

"It makes the budget available for like beginning-of-year supplies," said Adams in an interview with the News.

"You know, they're not having to wait until September 1 to put requisitions in. They can go ahead and start

ordering things now."

The school year for Azle students begins in August. With the current fiscal year set from Sept. 1 to Aug. 31, the district's teachers must wait until after school starts to order supplies.

Adams also told board members that approximately half of other school districts in our area operate with a July-June fiscal year, including most districts that are described as "fast growth," like Azle ISD.

"Also, one of the positives is it helps align our local budget with a lot of our federal budgets because a lot of our federal programs run on a July to June budget cycle," Adams said.

The change in the fiscal year will not start until the 2023-2024 school year because the district must notify the Texas Education Agency one year prior to making the change.

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Prescription drug abuse cases on the rise

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Parker County Sheriff's Office has recently responded to numerous reported drug overdoses. There is a market for oxycodone and Xanax predominately among teens and young adults that has led to one known fatality and several near-death calls locally, the SO stated in a news release.

Buyers looking for oxycodone and Xanax end up buying counterfeit drugs manufactured on the street that are "cut" or mixed with fentanyl and other controlled substances. Illegal drug manufacturers and trafficking organizations are adding fentanyl and other controlled substances to illicit drugs to compete with each other in distributing a more potent and addictive product, SO officials said.

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid purported to be 50-times stronger than heroin, the release stated. According to Federal Drug Enforcement Agency Administrator Anne Milgram, "Fentanyl is the single deadliest drug threat our nation has ever encountered," she said during a news release marking May 10 as National Fentanyl Awareness Day.

The Parker County Sheriff's Special Crimes Unit has responded to five overdose cases since November 2021, SO officials said. SCU investigators think additional overdoses may exist but are going unreported because of the fear of law enforcement intervention.

An Aledo 17-year-old died in November 2021 from mixed drug intoxication of cocaine and fentanyl.

An 18-year-old man overdosed in December from streets drugs containing fentanyl.

In April, an adult female and a 15-year-old overdosed on Xanax purchased off the streets containing Phenazepam. A 17-year-old Aledo male overdosed on narcotics containing fentanyl.

The latest reported overdose was May 7, of an Aledo 20-year-old from ingesting fentanyl. Sheriff's SCU members arrested two individuals, within hours of learning they were the sources of counterfeit pill

distribution in several of the overdose incidents. The suspect's identities are currently being withheld due to the active investigation in cooperation with the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency and Homeland Security Investigations.

Sheriff Russ Authier said additional arrests are pending the ongoing investigations.

"The message we want to send out is to make the public aware that fentanyl is here in our backyard and that we are going after these suspects," Authier stated in the

release. "These are tragic incidents which can be avoided. Education and awareness are keys in prevention. We urge those struggling with addiction to seek help immediately."

Another reason for the uptick in overdoses can be attributed to the street costs of illegal narcotics decreasing by nearly half over the past year. Sheriff's SCU investigators are actively investigating several cases and working with other agencies in efforts to take out the source and supply.

"We do not believe those

who have overdosed were looking to purchase fentanyl outright," Authier said. "We believe they were actually seeking to purchase oxycodone or Xanax. The distributors are selling counterfeits and the pills contain additional toxic substances or deadly combinations. Several local undercover operations have been conducted where controlled buys of pills represented to be Xanax and oxycodone were made; however, lab results showed the drugs contained fentanyl and/or other compounds."

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- www.foxnews.com/us/families-against-fentanyl-biden-admin-overdose-deaths-covid-19
- www.justice.gov/usao-sc/pr/dea-recognizes-first-ever-national-fentanyl-awareness-day
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"Especially running lights and siren," Brockway said.

With those campuses on the outlying parts of the district, law enforcement from Azle ISD and different agencies can be at a campus in mere minutes during an emergency.

The school district has five school resource officers – four officers and a sergeant, Chance Kidd. The high school has two SROs at the high school campus, and one officer works for AISD and teaches the criminal justice curriculum, Brockway said.

"So, at the high school on a normal given day, we should have three armed peace officers," Smith said,

noting one is teaching class and two are assigned there.

Smith said the district went to five SROs two years ago, and those numbers climbed steadily in previous years. The two junior high schools each have a full-time SRO.

"And they follow the feeder patterns of those schools," Smith said, explaining, for example, that Forte covers Hoover, Liberty and Cross Timbers elementary campuses. The SRO can't be at the three campuses at one time. Brockway also can regularly visit campuses.

With the combo of five SROs, through the city of Azle, and the two Azle ISD police department officers, with the chief being one of

those individuals, there are seven armed officers within Azle ISD, Smith said.

"Now that's among 12 campuses," Smith said.

Kidd and Brockway rotate through the elementary campuses.

As a result of the 2016 bond, school campuses have controlled access to visitors, and each campus has controlled vestibules, Smith said. Prior to COVID-19, the district required teachers to keep their doors locked.

"We got away from it a little bit – (but) we still encourage it," Smith said. "But we got away from it a little bit during COVID when the whole (directive) was ventilation, and so we wanted our

teachers to be able to open their doors during COVID. We are going to go back to requiring all classrooms to remain locked for next school year."

Campus leaders ensure that doors are not propped open, and Brockway and SROs are always checking doors when they are on campuses.

"When a door on any of our campuses is propped open for more than two minutes, an alert is sent to the campus principal alerting them that a door is either propped open or is otherwise unsecured," Brockway said later in an email.

The district will continue to emphasize monitoring the

mental health aspect of students, and all counselors are mindful of mental health, Smith said.

"All of our counselors, Chief Brockway (and) our campus admin have been through threat assessment training," Smith said. "We have threat assessment teams on our campuses."

Brockway said students "do a pretty good job about reporting any disturbing behavior, especially through the anonymous reporting system we have through the district. It's very easy to do." Smith said there's a focus among staff to get to know their students and to look for any red flags. It's about building relationships with

students.

Regarding campuses, a term being used now is hardening, Brockway said.

"All of our campuses are what we call hard campuses, according to industry standard as it stands today," he said.

Schools have a double-entry system that requires people to be buzzed in twice – once to get into the building itself and then another time to access various compartments of the building itself, such as classrooms.

As far as what happens with any additional security measures, Brockway said all options are on the table, and the choices made will best fit the needs of the district.

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here to each of our students.”

Hurley’s addition as the school’s 16th president in August 2019 has brought nothing but excitement and optimism. Tarleton is the fastest growing campus in the Texas A&M system.

Tarleton is also the third-largest university in Texas in terms of the number of counties represented on campus, surpassed only by the University of Texas and the main A&M campus in College Station. Approximately 230 of the state’s 254 counties have someone attending Tarleton.

“That’s some elite company to be in,” Hurley said. “It shows the diversity we have. We’re extremely proud of that.”

Hurley said the biggest changes he’s seen at Tarleton are growth in budget, student population, faculty and staff, and facility growth and enhancement.

Hurley is always looking for ways to make the school better. It’s a work habit he inherited from his parents, mom being a travel agent and dad an electrical lineman. He is the grandson of two coal miners.

“Hard work, that’s all I know. I don’t require a lot of sleep, I don’t drink caffeine, I get my energy from my students’ success,” he said. “I came from a heritage of grinding and working hard. That’s the Appalachian way.”

HAZZARD-IOUS PATH

Hurley was born and raised in Chavies, Kentucky, about 20 minutes from Hazzard, a name that many folks know from the classic TV show “The Dukes of Hazzard,” which was set in Georgia.

“Not many people know where Chavies is, but most know where Hazzard is if they’re familiar with old TV shows,” he said with a chuckle. “My home was 50 yards from the railroad tracks.”

Hurley said he knew in fifth grade that he wanted to become an educator. It made his grandmother very happy.

“At that age, you don’t think professor, but to me they’re all teachers and investing their intellect in young people,” he said. “I remember my fifth-grade teacher, Irene Strong, would always tell me ‘You’re gonna do more.’”

But it was his grandmother who had the greatest influence. A teacher’s aide herself, she saw a lot of potential in her grandson.

“My grandma was always encouraging me to do more. She was big on you’ve got to have a college degree to make it in what she called the world,” Hurley said.

Hurley follows a philosophy instilled in him by his family, which is God, country and everyone else besides yourself coming first. He and his wife Kindall are passing that same philosophy on to their children, sons Drew and Carter and daughters Blayklee and Brooklyn. Drew has been accepted to West Point.

A skilled basketball player (point guard), Hurley used that and his intelligence to earn a college scholarship. He has a bachelor’s degree from the University of Pikeville – located in eastern Kentucky – a master’s degree from Indiana University and a doctorate in education from Morehead State University, also in Kentucky.

“Growing up in Eastern

Kentucky, you didn’t have (an emphasis on) football. Basketball and education were two good skills I possessed,” he said.

LIVING TO EDUCATE

A lifetime educator, Hurley previously served as instructor, professor, dean, vice president and president of Tusculum University, with extensive experience at comprehensive higher education institutions. Under his leadership, Tusculum added its University Health Center; College of Health Sciences; College of Science, Technology and Math; and the Niswonger College of Optometry. The university is located in Tennessee.

The first big initiative Hurley set in place at Tarleton was the Distinguished High School Partners Program, with the first partner school being Granbury, followed by what is now more than 150 high schools in over 100 districts. The program guarantees admission to Tarleton for the top 25% of graduating seniors. Also, each of those seniors will receive a scholarship to Tarleton, he said.

That led to a Distinguished College Partners Program, which includes an agreement with Weatherford College. This program guarantees that any hours a student receives at a partner school will transfer with them to Tarleton as long as it’s in the academic pathway offered at Tarleton.

“You lose nine or 12 hours in a transfer, (then) that’s a semester,” Hurley said. “We have to make these transitions seamless.”

Arguably the biggest change under Hurley is Tarleton moving from NCAA



Tarleton State University First Lady Kindall Hurley and President James Hurley flanked by student ambassadors Kahlen Cheatham, left, and Stephanie Council, right, play vital roles.

Photos by Russell Huffman/Hood County News

Division II to Division I as a member of the Western Athletic Conference. Hurley called it a “gamechanger.”

“Not just for the school, but for the entire community we serve. The morale of the alumni is great. The value of their degree has been enhanced so much by the things we’re doing,” he said.

With the move came some challenges, however, Hurley said.

“The regulations and by-laws are drastically different between D-I and D-II. The academic preparation and standards are much higher. We’ve achieved in that area, but it was hard,” he said. “We had to bring everything up to D-I standards”

For example, Hurley said the school had to bring in an additional 6,500 temporary bleachers to increase the capacity of the football stadium to 17,000. Now, renovation is being done to increase seating to 24,000.

Also, the university is pre-

senting to the A&M Board of Regents in May for approval to build a new 7,500-seat basketball and event center. He said the school is hoping to bring in events such as conventions and concerts.

Also, the school had to enhance its academic support staff for athletics, including doubling the number of tutors for student-athletes and hiring the first assistant athletic director for academic success. The school also renovated an on-campus facility, converting it into a student-athlete academic center.

The biggest reward of going D-I, according to Hurley?

“That’s easy, the institutional profile and recognition behind Tarleton. Every time we’re on CNN, ESPN, Fox, it raises our enhancement and awareness,” he said.

Over the next five years, the Texans’ football schedule includes games against TCU, Texas Tech, Baylor

and their parent, the A&M Aggies.

Successes so far include the softball team defeating Syracuse, the baseball team taking Texas A&M to extra innings, and the men’s basketball squad faring well against numerous D-I schools, including wins over Air Force (67-45) and Stephen F. Austin (77-71) with a narrow 64-55 loss to perennial power Gonzaga. Against the Zags, it was a one-point deficit at the half and only a two-point deficit with just over five minutes to play.

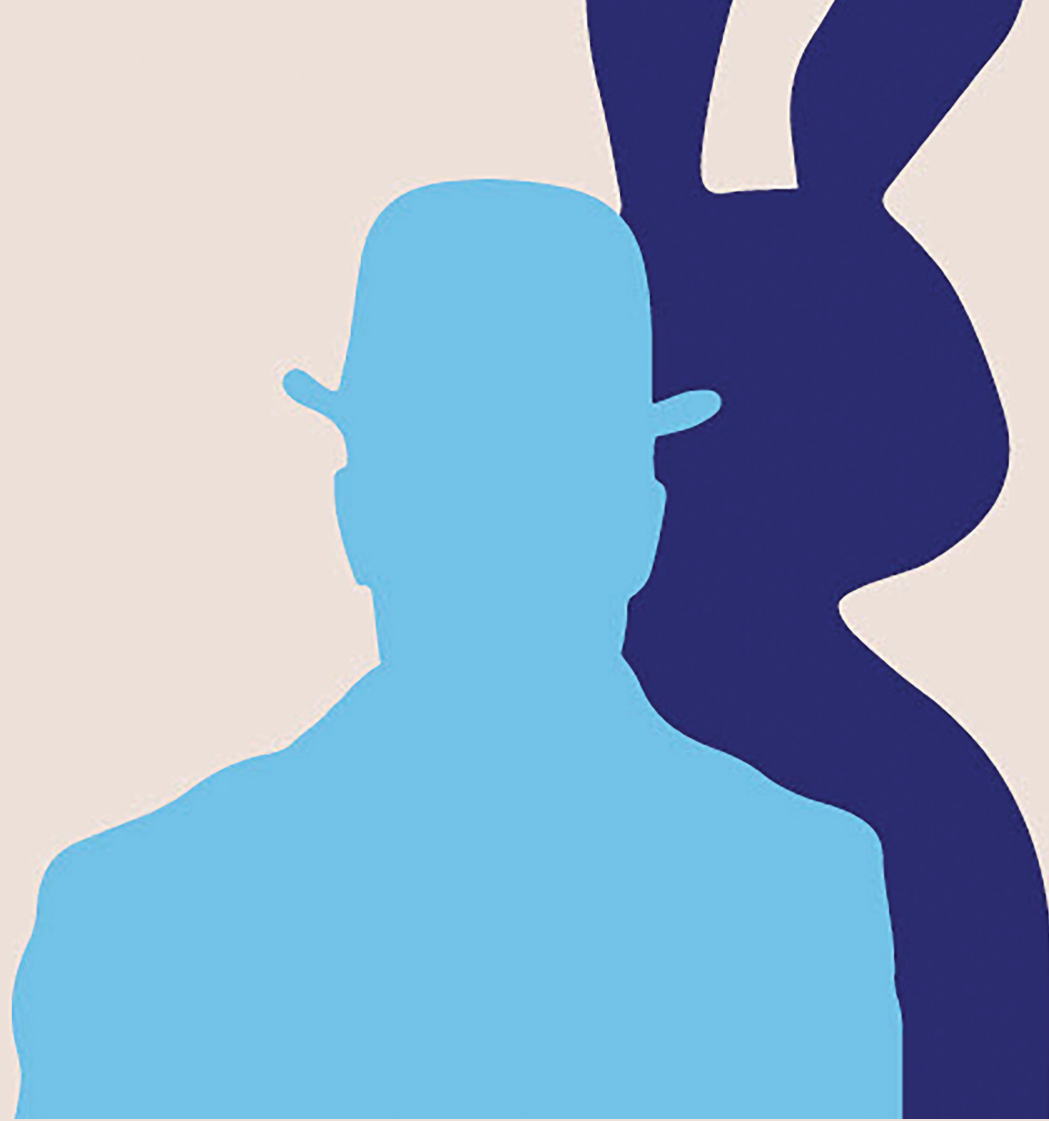
The Texans’ schedule also included national champion Kansas.

Now, looking ahead, Hurley is pushing Tarleton 2030, the school’s future-based strategic plan.

“By 2030, we want to be the top comprehensive regional university in the nation,” he said. “We want to make our students, school, state and nation the best ever.”

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Obituaries

Stung – a story of unplanned reflection

Amber Linehan-Lemke 1982 - 2022

Jessica Markgraf Walsh 1982 - 2022

Amber Marie Linehan-Lemke, 40, was a wandering spirit and she left this earth a free spirit May 19, 2022.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, June 4 at 11 a.m. at 10400 Jacksboro Hwy. Fort Worth, Texas 76135 with a Celebration of Life following at El Paseo 100 W. Main St., Azle, Texas 76020 at 1 p.m.

Amber was born to parents Curtis and Carol Linehan May 19, 1982.

She is survived by her husband Edward Lemke, her parents Curtis and Carol Linehan, daughters Brittany and Skye, three grandchildren, brother Joshua Linehan (Lara) nephew Joshua



Linehan, and many other relatives and friends.

Friends and family give a special thank you to the Azle and Springtown police departments.

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Jessica JoAnne Markgraf Walsh born Nov. 9, 1982, went to be with the Lord May 23, 2022.

Jessica "JJ" touched the lives of so many people.

She was a loving wife, daughter, sister, mom, aunt and friend.

She is survived by parents, Mike and Shari Markgraf; husband, Jim Walsh and children Cayden and Rylee Walsh; sisters, Brandy Chazarretta and husband Pete, and their children, Jessie Garcia and Jacob Chazarretta; Candice Bohannon husband Tim and their children Caleb Bohannon and Audrey Bohannon, Shawn Markgraf and wife Denise, their children Ashley Bai-



ley, Riley Markgraf and Austin Marley; uncle Danny Markgraf and his son, Jesse Markgraf.

She will be dearly missed by many friends and family. Rest in peace.

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HOPE MATTERS By David Shaffer



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

The Azle Area Chamber of Commerce recently held its 17th Annual Golf Tournament at Cross Timbers, and it was a tremendous success. Spending an afternoon with colleagues at such an event provides excellent bonding opportunities for the participants and the volunteers.

I was there to help, and a smile came over me as I saw the crowd of participants while I was walking to the clubhouse. Right before I reached the outdoor registration table, my forehead was hit by an unidentified flying object. I felt a sharp pain and reached up to my furrowed brow.

A honeybee was apparently stuck to my forehead, and I instinctively pulled it off and tossed it into the air. Unknowingly, the stinger was sticking out as I greeted some of my fellow Chamber Ambassadors. The Chamber's Administrative Assistant, Julie Preston, noticed the reddening spot as I shared the odd occurrence, and she bravely offered to fish out the stinger with her bare hands.

I have always been impressed with insects and even considered at one point studying entomology. Flying insects, especially, impress me. Well, perhaps I should clarify that: Most flying insects impress me. The honeybee that literally face-planted into me clearly was not the best flyer. I was walking a straight path, and my head is gigantic compared to the bee that assaulted me. So, what happened?

My guess is that the bee would not have planned such an attack. I am not sure whether bees make plans or whether they instinctively carry out what looks like an amazing master plan. I assume the latter. I do know that bees are cooperative, caring for the offspring of other bees. Colonies of bees include overlapping generations and even a division of labor (reproductive and non-reproductive groups). There is incredible purpose among a colony and detailed tasks for each contributing bee.

An important leader in the early Christian church, John Chrysostom, wrote more than 1,600 years ago, "The bee is more honored than other animals, not because she labors, but because she labors for others." The Bible compares pleasant words to a honeycomb, "sweet to the soul and healing to the bones" (Proverbs 16:24, NET).

The pain and swelling from my bee sting quickly subsided, but my chance encounter with the errant flyer provided time to ponder bees and then how our community also often works together for the betterment of Azle.

I am grateful to live in an area that has so many people sacrificially giving their time to serve others. Hope abounds when love has no bounds. May this behavior increase as we walk through life together! Abraham Lincoln regularly identified the importance of a connected and supportive community, once writing, "The better part of one's life consists of his friendships."

So then, why did a bee deviate from its purpose and fly straight into a bee-loving human? Could it have been a sudden burst of wind? Perhaps. Maybe the bee was simply distracted. No matter the reason, I am grateful for the unplanned reflection the encounter inspired.

Patti Lee Paschal-Knight 1963 - 2022

Patti Lee Paschal-Knight, 58, passed away Saturday May 28, 2022.

Visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday June 1, White's Funeral Home, Azle.

Funeral service is at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 2, White's Funeral Home. Interment: Hoggard Reynolds Cemetery, Azle.

Patti was born Aug. 29, 1963 in Fort Worth; daughter of James Burton and Lucy Louise (Teeters) Paschal. She grew up in Azle and graduated in 1981.

Patti spent years managing a dry clean super center, then later was a department manager at Walmart for the last 12 years. She had a passion for lending a helping hand to anyone facing hard times. Patti loved spending time with her grandchildren, family, and friends. Her favorite pastimes were having fun at the casino and crafting.

She is preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Jon



Douglas Paschal, and Kenneth Matthew Paschal; and sister, Deborah Ann Paschal.

Survivors include her loving husband, Donald Knight; son, Cody Paschal (Amber); daughter, Courtney Bates; grandchildren, Clutch, Woven, Meikell, and Kyla; brothers, Rodney Paschal (Shelia), Byron Paschal (Paula); sister, Jamie Perry (Richard); brother-in-law, Ronald Thomas (Michelle); many nieces and nephews; and a host of other extended family members and friends.

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Safety tips for summer pet care

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Parker County Sheriff Russ Authier is reminding residents proper summer care for pets.

“All outdoor animals require extra care and monitoring in high temperatures,” Authier said in a news release. “They require fresh water in a container that will not tip over. Place the water source in the shade and change it daily.”

Parker County has a leash law and owners should make certain pets are contained securely within the owner’s property with adequate shade, Authier said.

“Keeping any animal outdoors without clean water and proper shade during extreme temperatures will result in a grim outcome regarding the life of your pet,” Authier said.

Authier said shade and water are not enough when it comes to the care of pets.

“Make certain dog houses and pet shelters are well-ventilated,” he said. “Dome-type dog houses do not allow proper ventilation in high temperatures.”

The No. 1 cause of pet heat-related deaths and heat strokes are due to lack of water and inadequate shade. Another leading cause of heat-related deaths in animals is leaving them inside of a vehicle or in the bed of trucks. Even two minutes is too long.

You wouldn’t leave your child in a car or truck,” Authier said. “The consequence

for leaving an animal in your vehicle will result in not only the death of your animal, but in criminal prosecution as well. Leaving a dog in the bed of your pickup can be dangerous as well. There is a risk of accidents, hangings if they are tied or strapped down, but it can also lead to scorching the pads of their paws, and heat stroke as well. We are asking for the public to be diligent in the care of your pets because we will be vigilant in monitoring animal care throughout the county.”

TIPS FOR PROPER CARE FOR YOUR OUTDOOR PET:

- Adequate shade
- Clean, fresh water changed daily
- Properly contained within your property
- Proper tether, not chained or staked
- Check on your pet for signs of heat trauma

ANIMAL HEATSTROKE SYMPTOMS:

- Panting
- Dehydration
- Excessive drooling
- Increased body temperature
- Reddened gums
- Vomiting
- Rapid heart rate
- Seizure(s)
- Black stool
- Muscle tremors
- Ataxia – wobbled, uncoordinated gait or walk

What will those tattoos look like in 30 years?



FROM MY FRONT PORCH

By Sam Houston

Sam Houston is a newspaper executive, a columnist, author, actor and entertainment promoter.

I am all for individual expression. It is the American way. My dad and I had crew cuts and it was a little unsettling back in the 60s when boys started to grow their hair long. It was different and not something I was accustomed to. With time my acceptance grew. I never wanted a ponytail for myself, but if someone else wanted to do so, more power to them. I accepted the other guy’s right to express himself and realized character and appearance are not necessarily the same thing.

Over the course of my life, I have seen lots of fads come and go, like polyester leisure suits, platform shoes, velour track suits, and the forgettable parachute and cargo pants. Some of these trendy fashions are looked back on with disdain and disbelief — but trust me, in their heyday they were popular and quite the rage. I had no interest in participating in most of them, but I continued my mindset of “to each their own.” Sometimes I chuckled or laughed at the “latest” but I never threw folks under the bus for their choices.

I am here to confess I am having a hard time with tattoos. When I was not more than 4 or 5 years

old, I vividly remember my mother telling me to never join the Navy because they would make me get a tattoo. Mothers have a lot of power over their young sons, and she sure made an impression on me. I did not really conceive what a tattoo was except Popeye had one on each of his forearms. Once Mom made her statement, I never again thought tattoos were cool.

Almost no one had tattoos when I was growing up except for a few military guys who came back from Vietnam or bikers. One rarely saw a woman with a tattoo and if we had, she would have been held up to scorn and public ridicule. There was an attitude that getting a tattoo was just not something reasonable and intelligent people did, though there was an exception if you were in the military. I remember a teacher of mine once saying, “I prefer my artwork on the wall,” and I guess I felt the same way. Tattoos were far from mainstream and general acceptance

non-existent.

Today, everyone from 70-year-old grannies to teenagers go to tattoo parlors and get themselves adorned with artwork. When the craze initially started, many who got a tattoo did so on a location of their body that would be out of sight to the public at large. All of that has changed. Now I see young people with tattoos adorning their legs, arms, neck, and every other body part. Girls or guys, it doesn’t seem to matter because most young people are tatted up. There are an increasing number of older adults who are joining in.

I was in a local restaurant recently when a woman in her mid-50s, entered. She was wearing shorts and a summer top and clearly had a large tattoo on her thigh and a “sleeve” on one arm. It was colorful and it would be fair to say the artistry was excellent, but it was not anything I would want to have done. I kept saying to myself, what is her artwork going to look like

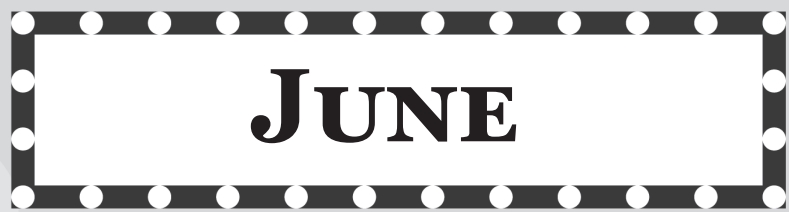
when she is 70? How do you explain tattoos to your grandchildren when the pendulum swings back around, and no one wears a tattoo? What about the young woman who gets tattooed and then has three or four children or puts on 50 pounds? Is the artwork still going to look “hot” or “exciting”? How about a guy like me who goes from a 32-inch waist to a 42 inch as they age? Is that tattoo going to still shine?

Please understand, if you want to go through the pain and expense of having a tattoo, I will stand aside and let you walk to the front of the line. I accept that you believe they look beautiful and create an image you want to project to the world. I have friends, coworkers and family members who have tattoos. I love them as they are. For me, I will stick with the image I have. It is not much, but it is mine. Maybe I will put some money in a company that does tattoo removal. I have a feeling there is going to be a big demand someday.

Thought for the day: A fella ran a café called Tattoos. The man didn’t have any tattoos, but then again, I never saw his wife.

Until next time.

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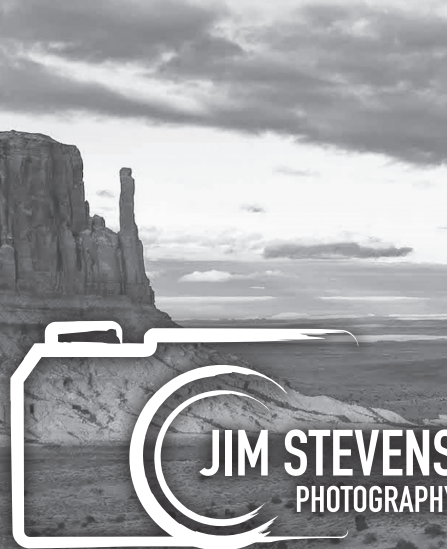
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Azle High School Class of 2022



The Azle High School class of 2022 graduated May 26 at the Fort Worth Convention Center.

Photos by Don Munsch



Caden Christian gives the salutation speech.



Elyse Atwell, left, and Josh Leonard enter the arena with their classmates as the ceremony begins.



Brooke Schocke delivers parting words for her classmates during the graduation ceremony.



Curtis Rodgers, Natalie Barnes and Anna Latta gather backstage less than an hour before the ceremony.

AHS seniors receive over \$3.6 million in scholarships

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY
azlereporter@azlenews.net

The Azle High School 2021-2022 Senior Assembly announced scholarships totaling \$3,616,379 going to seniors to help cover their education costs.

Many of the scholarships came from local organizations and businesses, schools, colleges and universities, and branches of the U.S. military.

AZLE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Azle Education Foundation awarded \$1,500 scholarships to 23 students:

Haylee Allphin; Conner Bennett; Emma Boyer; Natalie Cain; Caden Christian; Kora Clark; Lauren Collins; Katy Conwell; Micah Cook; Andrea Duran; Breton Estes; Elizabeth Feldman; Annabella Gamble; Christian Ixchu; Kaytlynn Lemley; Eva Marx; Nathan Nguyen; Leah North; David Paige; Bailey Pierce; Jonathan Robles; Daniela Rodriguez; Jessica Scribner.

MARK CARTER SCHOLARSHIP

Elizabeth Feldman received the \$3,000 Mark Carter Scholarship.

AHS FOOTBALL BOOSTER CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Five \$1,000 scholarships were awarded from the AHS Football Booster Club:

Conner Bennett; Barrett Gilbreath; Morgan Gregory; Chris Lee; Brinson Sharp.

EMA WARING SCHOLARSHIP

Caden Christian was awarded the \$1,000 Ema Waring Scholarship.

AHS STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council at AHS awarded two scholarships. Brooke Schocke was awarded a \$500 scholarship and Annalea Villalobos was awarded a \$250 scholarship.

JACK SCHWANTZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Jonathan Robles was awarded the \$5,000 Jack Schwantz Memorial Scholarship.

ZACHARY ROBINSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Brady Gilbert was awarded

the \$1,000 Zachary Robinson Memorial Scholarship.

AZLE MASONIC LODGE

The Azle Masonic Lodge awarded four \$1,300 scholarships: Madison Westbrook; Katy Conwell; Kenzie Morgan; Kayla Suddeath.

EAGLE MOUNTAIN SHRINE CLUB

The Eagle Mountain Shrine Club awarded two \$500 scholarships: Ashlynn Hobbs; Katy Conwell.

AZLE ROTARY CLUB

The Azle Rotary Club awarded \$500 scholarships to four students: Clay Barrett; Brenna Ingle; Kaydence Mata; Megan Valle.

ROTARY OU SCHOLARSHIP

Erika Clayton and Garrett Gouyton each received a \$1,000 Rotary OU Scholarship.

OU CLUB OF FORT WORTH

Leah North was awarded the \$5,000 scholarship from OU Club of Fort Worth.

AZLE AUTO TECH ALUMNI

Matthew Tolbert received the \$500 Azle Auto Tech Alumni Scholarship.

AZLE SPIRIT SCHOLARSHIP

Azle Spirit awarded three scholarships. Kay Conwell received a \$1,000 scholarship, and Lauren Collins and Stevie Pfeifer each received a \$750 scholarship.

BETA SIGMA PHI

Riley Free was awarded the \$1,000 scholarship from Beta Sigma Phi.

KEITH HOOVER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Haylee Allphin was awarded the \$5,000 Keith Hoover Memorial Scholarship.

OPTIMIST CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

The Optimist Club of Azle awarded 15 senior scholarships:

Madison Wimbish; Christopher Ixchu; Cheyenne Grubbs; Katy Conwell; Kora Clark; Chloe Coffin; Megan Smith; Lauren Collins; Andrea Duran; Haylee Allphin; Hannah Mowrey; Rosalia Nava; Steve Duran; Micah Cook; Sarah Russell.

The Optimist Essay Scholarship winners were Haylee

Allphin who received \$500, Caden Christian won \$300, and Katy Conwell won \$200.

The Young Texan scholarships of \$500 each went to Steve Duran and Andrea Duran.

TRI-COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE SCHOLARSHIP

Nathan Nguyen and Leah North each received a \$2,000 scholarship from Tri-County Electric Cooperative.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Isaac Riley was awarded the \$500 Holy Trinity Women's Guild scholarship.

Giuliana Covas Hernandez received the \$500 Holy Trinity Women of the Faith Prayer Group scholarship.

Three Holy Trinity Youth Scholarships were awarded. Diego Porras received the \$500 scholarship, and Isaac Riley and Daniela Rodriguez each received a \$250 scholarship.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Diego Porras was awarded the \$500 Knights of Columbus Scholarship.

AZLE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Azle Area Chamber of Commerce awarded four \$500 scholarships to Natalie Cain, Caden Christian, Lauren Collins and Leah North.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Eight \$250 National Honor Society scholarships were awarded to Caden Christian, Lauren Giles, Natalie Cain, Alina Meshi, Elizabeth Feldman, Breton Estes, Angel Brown and David Paige.

AHS YEARBOOK STAFF

The AHS Yearbook Staff awarded a \$500 scholarship to Dylan Knoll.

REBECCA EAGLE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Alyssa Alviar was awarded the \$1,000 Rebecca Eagle Memorial Scholarship.

CHELSEA HOLDER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Eva Marx was awarded the \$500 Chelsea Holder Memorial Scholarship.

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AHS EMERALD DAZZLERS

The AHS Emerald Dazzlers awarded three \$500 scholarships to Emma Boyer, Trynity Hoskins and Bailey Jackson.

AHS VOLLEYBALL BOOSTERS SCHOLARSHIP

The AHS Volleyball Boosters awarded four \$375 scholarships to Leah North, Camryn Hinkle, Taylor Clark and Garrisyn Christian.

AHS BOYS SOCCER BOOSTER CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

The AHS Boys Soccer Booster Club awarded three \$500 scholarships to Andrew Carlson, Christopher Ixchu and Josh Leonard.

COLTON DAVIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Colton Davis Memorial Scholarship Fund awarded three \$500 scholarships to Kora Clark, Barrett Gilbreath and Josh Leonard.

FFA

The FFA awarded two \$500 scholarships to Sydney Smith and Kaytlynn Lemley.

Azle Rodeo
The Azle Rodeo Team awarded a \$300 scholarship to Madison Wimbish, \$200 scholarships to Dylan Reagan and Mattie Sheriff, and \$100 scholarships to Airian Moore, Cassidy Ralph and Alex Aguilar.

AHS WRESTLING

Jackson Berg and Hunter Legan were each awarded a \$1,000 AHS Wrestling scholarship.

AZLE HIGH SOFTBALL

Alyssa Holland received a \$500 Azle High Softball scholarship.

AHS WOMEN'S SOCCER BOOSTER CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Charisma Casillas was awarded the \$500 AHS Women's Soccer Booster Club scholarship.

AZLE ACTIVITY FUND

Lauren Barbour and D'Aveon Love each received a \$500 Azle Activity Fund scholarship.

AZLE FLORIST

Kayla Suddeath was awarded the \$1,000 Azle Florist scholarship.

FFA ALUMNI

The FFA Alumni awarded a \$3,000 scholarship to Kaytlynn Lemley and Sydney Smith, a \$2,500 scholarship to Cassidy Ralph, a \$1,000 scholarship to Kora Clark and a \$500 scholarship to Natalie Cain.

JAYLEE MURR WILLIAMS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Cassidy Ralph was awarded the \$2,000 Jaylee Murr Williams Memorial Scholarship.

MURR FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

The Murr Family Scholarship awarded four \$1,000 scholarships to Mia Carrizales, Lauren Collins, Eva Marx and Annalea Villalobos.

AZLE TRI-COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

Annalea Villalobos received the \$2,000 Azle Tri-County Retired School Employees Association scholarship.

AZLE BAND

The Azle Band awarded four \$400 scholarships to Natalie Cain, Brenna Ingle, Daniela Rodriguez and Emma Walker.

AMA ROLAND EARL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Five seniors each received a \$1,000 scholarship from the AMA Roland Earl Memorial Scholarship Fund: Lauren Collins, Eva Marx, Ashlyn Newberry, Gaven Sanders and Madison Wimbish.

AHS BASEBALL BOOSTER SCHOLARSHIP

Kyler Braswell received

a \$1,000 scholarship and Brandon Sheets received a \$500 scholarship from the AHS Baseball Boosters.

FORTE JUNIOR HIGH

Steve Duran was awarded the \$250 Forte Junior High scholarship.

AZLE JUNIOR HIGH

Mia Carrizales was awarded the \$250 Azle Junior High scholarship. Trynity Hoskins and Bailey Jackson each won a \$500 AJH scholarship.

COMMUNITY NATIONAL BANK & TRUST OF TEXAS

Sydney Smith was awarded the \$500 Community National Bank & Trust of Texas scholarship.

JESSICA CHANCE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Kaytlynn Lemley, Sydney Smith and Matthew Tolbert each received a \$1,000 Jessica Chance Memorial scholarship.

AHS MATH AND SCIENCE TEAM

The AHS Math and Science Team awarded three \$500 scholarships to Derek Bernsen, Corey Hevel and Alyssa Quick.

PINNACLE BANK

Pinnacle Bank awarded four \$500 scholarships to Garrisyn Christian, Katy Conwell, Sophie Laudenheimer and Makenna Lain.

TX HEALTH HARRIS METHODIST HOSPITAL AZLE AUXILIARY

TX Health Harris Methodist Hospital Azle Auxiliary awarded Haylee Allphin, Leah North and Caden Christian each a \$2,000 scholarship.

IN MEMORY/HONOR OF DR. JACK AND MRS. CAROLYN MOBLEY SCHOLARSHIP

Breton Estes received the \$3,000 Dr. Jack and Mrs. Carolyn Mobley scholarship.

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HALEY CARTER STATE FARM

Haley Carter State Farm awarded 12 \$100 scholarships: Abbygale Bearden, Hayli Cherrymhomes, Taylor Clark, Camryn Hinkle, Sophie Laudenheimer, Eva Marx, Corbin McDowell, Lauryn Rasco, Michael Reed, Brookelyn Smith, Triton Townner and Kalle Vasquez.

SUBAVERAGE HUNTING & APPAREL

Faith Bethuram received a \$2,500 scholarship from SubAverage Hunting & Apparel.

J.O. RANCH SCHOLARSHIP

Sydney Smith was awarded the \$350 J.O. Ranch scholarship

HALL FREEMAN EDUCATIONAL AND LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Gaven Sanders was awarded the \$10,000 Hall Freeman Educational and Leadership scholarship.

EAGLE CREST VILLA

Corbin McDowell received the \$300 Eagle Crest Villa scholarship.

BASS FISHING

Brady Gilbert received a \$2,300 scholarship from the Azle Bass Team, a \$1,000 Regionals West Metroplex scholarship and \$2,500 West Division Lake Lewisville scholarship from the Texas High School Bass Association.

DELANEY MANCIL MEMORIAL BUCKLE SHOW SCHOLARSHIP

Lauryn Rasco received a \$500 scholarship.

GLORIA J. GONZALEZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Juan Reyes received a \$1,000 scholarship.

TEXAS NATIONAL GUARD

Three students each received a \$66,652 scholarship from the Texas National Guard: Sergio Garcia Forte, Jasmine Gaither and Jarod Vick.

UNITED STATES MARINES

Four students were each awarded \$180,000 scholarships from the U.S. Marines: Jhonathan Carmaane, Nathaneal Long, Vincent Meadows and Autumn Shepherd.

TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY

Micah Cook received a \$12,000 Presidential Guaranteed Scholarship.

Kora Clark received a \$12,000 President's Guaranteed Award Program scholarship.

Katy Conwell received an \$8,000 President's Guaranteed Award Program scholarship.

Taylor Clark received a \$4,000 President's Guaranteed Award Program scholarship.

Joshua Leonard received a \$1,000 Burger King Scholars Award and a \$2,000 Impossible Possibilities scholarship.

Haylee Allphin received a \$16,000 Provost's Honors scholarship.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Arie-Ana Demoss re-

ceived a \$100,000 Dean's Scholarship.

Breton Estes received a \$100,000 Dean's Scholarship and a \$1,000 Texas high School Women's Powerlifting Association scholarship.

Steve Duran received a \$100,000 Dean's Scholarship.

Holt Lee received a \$100,000 Dean's Scholarship, a \$99,560 Band Scholarship, \$16,000 Fine Arts Academic Scholarship, and a \$12,000 Marching Band Scholarship.

Jonathan Robles received a \$100,000 Dean's Scholarship.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS

Emilia Bazan was awarded a \$20,000 Eagle Excellence Scholarship.

Elizabeth Feldman received \$28,000 Dean's Excellence Scholarship.

Daniela Rodriguez received a \$20,000 Eagle Excellence Scholarship.

Sophia Tucker received a \$20,000 Eagle Excellence Scholarship.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS ARLINGTON

Natalie Cain was awarded a \$48,000 Presidential Honors Scholarship as well as a \$1,250 Tarrant Ag Scholarship.

Dakota Houdeshell was awarded a \$32,000 Maverick Scholarship.

Michael Reed was awarded an \$8,000 Maverick Academic Scholarship.

Liberty Thomas was awarded an \$8,000 Maverick Academic Scholarship.

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Mackenzie Benton received a \$28,000 Freshman

Presidential Merit Scholarship and a \$4,800 Dean's Offer Scholarship.

Lauren Collins received a \$28,000 Freshman Presidential Merit Scholarship.

Bailey Jackson received a \$16,000 Freshman Presidential Merit Scholarship.

Bailey Pierce received a \$28,000 Freshman Presidential Merit Scholarship.

TEXAS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Addison Taylor was awarded an \$84,000 Trustee's Scholarship.

Madison Butler was awarded a \$76,000 Founder's Scholarship and an \$8,000 Smarter U Scholarship.

TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Alina Meshi received a \$16,000 Texas State Distinguished Scholar award.

Jessica Scribner received a \$16,000 Distinguished Scholar award.

Andrea Duran received a \$48,000 Texas State Merit Scholarship.

JOHN BROWN UNIVERSITY

Kaitlyn Gamez received a \$50,000 Trustee's Academic award, a \$3,000 Community Changer Scholarship, a \$2,000 JBU Scholarship Fund award, a \$1,500 John E. Brown Founder's award, and a \$1,000 Family Christian Service award.

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN

KayLynn Lemley received a \$60,000 George Beadle Scholarship, a \$2,000 CASNR Scholarship, a \$1,500 Animal Sci-

ence Scholarship, a \$6,000 Big Tex Scholarship, and a \$1,000 Zonta Club of Parker County Scholarship.

TULSA WELDING

Gabriel Lee received a \$653 welding scholarship.

UNIVERSITY OF MARY-HARDIN BAYLOR

Eva Marx was awarded a \$28,000 Honor Scholarship and a \$1,000 Hurst POA Bill & Shirley Volkert Scholarship.

Aviona Overstreet was awarded a \$28,000 Honor Scholarship.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

Katelyn Ingram was awarded a \$40,000 C.R. Smith Endowed Scholarship and a \$20,000 Texas Excellence Scholarship.

TEXAS WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY

Ravyn Barnes was awarded a \$12,000 TWU Excellence Scholarship.

SAN ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY

Charysma Casillas received an \$8,000 Carr Scholarship.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN UNIVERSITY

Garrisyn Christian was awarded a \$6,000 Academic Excellence Scholarship.

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS RICH MOUNTAIN

Alyssa Holland received a \$4,000 Dale Rogers Family Tuition Endowment Scholarship and a \$1,800 Athletic

SEE SCHOLARSHIPS, PAGE 11A.

LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, **KENNY'S MINI WAREHOUSE**, which is located at 10201 JACKSBORO HWY, FORT WORTH, TX 76135, will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale will be at 10:00 am, End At 1:00 pm on June 04, 2022 at 10201 JACKSBORO HWY, FORT WORTH, TX, 76135. For more information call Art 817-238-8309 cell#817-988-5719. Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash. Seller reserves the right to not accept any bid and to withdraw property from sale. Property in each space will be sold by the space. Property being sold includes contents in spaces of following tenants:

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council of the City of Azle will conduct a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 505 West Main Street to consider a proposed zoning change request from the Single-Family One (SF-1) District to a Planned Development (PD) District by approving a concept plan for a proposed 56-lot residential subdivision on approximately 20.97 acres of land situated in the William Nix Survey, Abstract No. 1021, City of Azle, Parker County, Texas, being all of Tracts I, II, III, and IV, as described in General Warranty Deed dated April 6, 2021, to Bernice Colleen Odom, filed for record in County Clerk's Instrument No. 202115831, Official Public Records, Parker County, Texas (OPRPCT). The property is located on the north side of Kerry Lane approximately 600 feet east of Jackson Trail.

AZLE AREA CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

<p>Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital AZLE</p> <p>Volunteers Needed TexasHealth.org/ Volunteer/Our-Process</p> <p>RAINBOW INN GIFT SHOP Inside Hospital 108 Denver Trail Azle 817-444-8651</p> <p>ATTIC RERUNS NOW OPEN! FRI 9-4 SAT 9-1 714 SE Pkwy Azle 817-270-3690</p>	<p>Good N.E.W.S. Living at Home Block Nurse Program</p> <p>Volunteer Caregiver Training Classes Classes open to public at no charge</p> <p>Our Volunteers Make a Difference!</p> <p>Caregiver Volunteer Meeting 1st Monday of Each Month at 6pm 817-444-2300 412 Commerce St.</p>	<p>Rotary Club of Azle</p> <p>MEETS AT NOON THURSDAY</p> <p>412 Commerce St. (across from Azle Post Office)</p>
<p>The Finish Line</p> <p>Addiction wants to destroy you & everyone around you.</p> <p>With Jesus there is Victory over addiction.</p> <p>GET BACK IN THE RACE!</p> <p>Meetings held every Friday from 7:30PM-9:30PM at The Church at Azle 1801 S. Stewart • Azle • 817-401-8513 www.ourfinishline.com</p>	<p>Faced with a DRINKING Problem? Perhaps Alcoholics Anonymous can HELP.</p> <p>AA</p> <p>Daily meetings at Noon & 6:30 pm Sunday at 3 pm</p> <p>229 S. Stewart St. • Azle 817-332-3533</p>	<p>Azle Lion's Club</p> <p>Meets 2nd TUESDAY 6:30 PM</p> <p>412 Commerce, Azle e-clubhouse.org/sites/azle_tk/ Curren McLane - president 817-689-0074</p>
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<p>Optimist Club of Azle</p> <p>Meets every FRIDAY at 6:45 AM Moe's Country Kitchen 316 W. Main, Azle</p>	<p>Azle Lodge No. 601</p> <p>Floor School or Work 7:30 PM THURSDAY NIGHT</p> <p>Chris Akers - Worshipful Master Rocky Gralla - Secretary Clint Hall - Treasurer</p>	<p>Eagle Mountain Pregnancy Help Center</p> <p>10328 Jacksboro Hwy Fort Worth TX 76135 817-237-1819 www.emphc.org Mon 12-6 PM Thurs 12-6 PM SE HABLA ESPAÑOL</p>

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.

Azle City Hall, 505 West Main Street Bldg.1

SCHOLARSHIPS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10A.

Scholarship.

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Leah North received a \$60,000 Award of Excellence, a \$5,000 EECU Glenn Mandeville Memorial Scholarship, a \$2,500 Bobby Bragan Youth Foundation Scholarship, and a \$1,500 Ft. Worth Scottish Rite Foundation Scholarship.

Erika Clayton received a \$20,000 Sower Award.

Elyse Atwell received a \$40,000 Academic Achievement Award.

Brooke Schocke received a \$20,000 Sower Award and a \$5,000 EECU Glenn Mandeville Memorial Scholarship.

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

Erin McMullen was awarded a \$56,000 Baylor Distinction award.

AUSTIN COLLEGE

Cody McIntyre received a \$116,000 Academic Excellence Scholarship.

NORTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

Barrett Gilbreath received a \$15,400 football scholarship.

Kaden Taylor received a \$11,268 athletic scholarship.

NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE

Brenden Kamnick was awarded a \$16,400 athletic scholarship.

UNIVERSITY OF TULSA

Jesse Mauerhan received a \$21,000 academic scholarship and a \$2,500 commitment award.

WEATHERFORD COLLEGE

Chloe Coffin received a

\$2,000 Helen R. Tidwell Scholarship.

NEUMONT COLLEGE OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

Stephen Ashlock received a \$15,600 achievement scholarship.

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

Corey Hevel received a \$50,000 National Hispanic Recognition Scholarship and a \$1,000 Honors College Merit scholarship.

TEXAS A&M COMMERCE

Isaiah Davidson received a \$9,000 music scholarship.

BETHEL COLLEGE

Isaiah Fuller was awarded a \$16,000 football scholarship.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Lauren Giles received a \$10,000 Ella McFadden Charitable Trust award and a \$1,000 Opportunity Award Scholarship.

Andrew Roecker was awarded a \$24,000 National Recognition Scholarship and a \$16,000 Corps Scholarship.

KANSAS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Camryn Hinkle received a \$24,000 Presidential Scholarship, an \$8,000 POWER Volleyball award, a \$6,000 KWU Volleyball Disc Award, and a \$1,000 Eisenhower Scholarship.

KING UNIVERSITY

Shawn Hall was awarded a \$48,000 academic scholarship.

UNIVERSITY OF ST. FRANCIS

Gavin Hacker received a \$48,000 Franciscan Leadership Award and a \$24,000

football scholarship.

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

Jakson LaHue was awarded a \$234,760 athletic scholarship.

HASTINGS COLLEGE

Makayla Kearnes was awarded a \$48,000 academic scholarship and a \$5,000 dance scholarship.

NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY

Eliam Williams-Jones received a \$36,000 President's Tuition Scholarship.

OTTAWA UNIVERSITY

Isaac Riley was awarded an \$18,000 baseball scholarship.

Brandon Sheets was awarded a \$68,000 baseball scholarship.

HARDIN-SIMMONS UNIVERSITY

Gunnar Tomlinson received a \$56,000 Dean's Scholarship.

DALLAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

Madison Wimbish was awarded a \$32,000 Patriot Award, a \$24,000 Christian Service Scholarship, and a \$16,000 Christian Leadership Scholarship.

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

Westin Wyatt received an \$80,000 President's Scholarship.

HOWARD PAYNE UNIVERSITY

Blanca Vasquez was awarded a \$60,000 Dean's Scholarship.

ARLINGTON BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

Kalle Vasquez received a \$52,000 A+ Scholarship.

For those who gave it all

Memories.

You never know when an experience—a sound, a smell, an image—is going to remind you of something from long ago.

And sometimes the facts and events we “remember” are not things we actually experienced, but stories that we remember being told.

I have an old manual typewriter that I bought at a thrift store a few years back. I thought it would make a cool display with some of my books stacked around it. (Boy, am I glad I didn't actually have to use a typewriter to write those books!)

My grandkids think it is a really cool toy. They almost always ask me to take it off the shelf when they're at our house so they can type on it.

They have no real “typewriter” memories. I, on the other hand, actually used one very similar to that when I was a kid. When I graduated from high school, my parents bought me an electric typewriter to take to college. Every paper I returned in for four years of college and one semester of seminary was written on that typewriter.

Then, I bought my first computer with a “word processing” program and the world began to change.

My Granny Lewis could type over 120 words per minute on a manual typewriter. She worked as a



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secretary for an insurance agency until she was in her 70s. She retired when she started making typing mistakes on the electric typewriter because the sensitivity of the keyboard was so much different than the manual typewriter.

I don't have any real memories of Granny's typing (other than a few typed notes she sent me). My “memories” are of the stories I was told of her typing prowess.

Memorial Day. The United States has three holidays related to recognizing military service. Armed Forces Day recognizes those who currently wear the uniform of the various military branches. Veterans Day recognizes those who hung up the uniform and no longer actively serve. Memorial Day recognizes those who never took off the uniform because they died in service.

I personally have no real memory of someone who died in service of our country, but I “remember” all those through the history of our nation who gave their last drop of blood and their last breath to make possible many of the freedoms I far

too often take for granted. But there are a few principles I must never forget.

These who I “remember” today did not give it all so I can have things my way, have the America that I want, have my tribe as the dominant force, or require anyone else to conform to my worldview.

Their sacrifice actually gives people with whom I vehemently disagree the same inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Their sacrifice actually gives people the right to point out the ways that we have failed to implement the ideals of liberty and justice for all without having their love and respect for America questioned.

I want to be a better listener — especially to those whose voices have been marginalized, silenced and ignored.

I owe it because of those who died to make it possible. I owe it because I want future generations to remember that my generation handled our time well.

Be amazing today, my friend.

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Stars of the Sea

The ocean is full of amazing creatures, and one that is unique is the sea star or starfish. It is a sea creature, but it lives close to the shore. Sometimes they are washed up on the beach or stranded in a tide pool, giving people a chance to see this mysterious creature up close.

Seeing Stars

What is a sea star and what is it not? A starfish is not a fish at all. Many marine biologists want to change its name to a **sea star**, because most of them look like stars. Sea stars are **echinoderms** (eh-keen-oh-durmz)—animals that lack a back bone.

Sea Star's Rays

Sea stars have arms but no legs. Their arms are called **rays**. Some sea stars have five rays, some have six, ten or twenty.

Glow Time!

Sea stars have no eyes, no ears, no nose. They do have a _____ on their underside. To eat, a sea star _____ on top of, and slowly wraps its _____ around its food.

No Bones About It

Sea stars don't have skeletons. Their spiny, tough skin gives them their shape and protects them.

Neat Feet

Sea stars have feet but no toes. If you look on the bottom of a sea star's ray, you will see rows of soft tentacles called **tube feet**. The sea star slowly creeps along on these feet.

Sea Star Search

How many sea stars can you find on this page in 30 seconds? Now have a friend try. Who found the most?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

These sea stars swiped some of the words from paragraphs at left. Write in each word where it belongs.

crawls mouth
rays pushes
digests attach
shell

14 + 6 + 7
37 + 17 - 6
5 + 6 + 7
42 - 26
9 + 16 + 7
11 + 5 + 9
24 - 12
29 - 7

Star Match

Do the math to match each sea star to its name.

25 = chocolate chip star
22 = sun star
18 = candy cane star
48 = basket star
27 = cushion star
12 = fat star
32 = comb sea star
16 = sunflower sea star

Standards Link: Life Science: Students know examples of diverse life forms in different environments; physical structure or behavior may improve an organism's chance for survival.

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A Galaxy of Sea Stars

There are more than 3,600 different kinds of sea stars. They come in lots of different colors and shapes. Some sea stars are colored to match the surfaces on which they live. This camouflage helps them hide from predators.

How many sea stars are hidden here?

Standards Link: Life Science: Animals have structures that serve different functions.

Double Double Word Search

SEA STARS SKELETONS TENTACLES CREATURE PREDATORS CRAWLS RAYS SHORE TUBE CREEPS TIDE POOL ARM

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

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S A R M I P O O L S

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

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Little-Known Facts

Look through today's newspaper and find three to five facts that you think not too many people know. Create a question for each fact. See how many people know these facts.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Ask questions to demonstrate comprehension.

Write On!

Summer Jokes and Riddles

Send us your favorite summer jokes and riddles.

Kid Scoop Together: Proof It!

Are you an eagle-eyed reader? Read the story below and circle the nine errors you find. Then rewrite the story correctly.

Amazing Sea Stars

Sea stars do something nearly no other animal. Can do. If a sea star loses a ray, it will grow another ray. Not only that—the ray that broke off can become an entirely new sea star. In fact, if a sea star is broken into pieces, each piece can become a whole new sea star.

While sea stars love eating clams, they will also eat a dead fish or dead krab, if it is lucky enough to crawl over one.

What a Character!

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... eating lots of fruits and vegetables all summer long.



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Glenda and Wendal Hoover were valued by the community for the work they did for Azle ISD.

Hoover memorial bench: community invited to reception

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY
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The Azle community is invited to attend a bench dedication and celebration of life at 2 p.m. June 5 at the Hoover Elementary School library honoring Wendal and Glenda Hoover.

take place with punch and cookies afterward. Everyone will have a chance to write down and share their memories of the Hoovers.

A memorial bench is being dedicated to Hoover and will be placed at the Hoover Elementary School campus, which was named for Hoover, a former super-

intendent of Azle ISD.

Hoover and his wife were “people watchers,” according to daughter Lana Hoover, and they would often sit on benches and do just that. This bench will serve as a remembrance of the couple and their service to the community and school district.



Earlene Clouse (left) and Wendal and Glenda Hoover at the dedication of W.E. Hoover Elementary School in 1993. Clouse was Hoover's first secretary while he was AISD superintendent. Courtesy photos

BOOK REVIEW

Take flight with these high-flying birds but take heed, too

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

It's no fun saying, “King me!” by yourself.

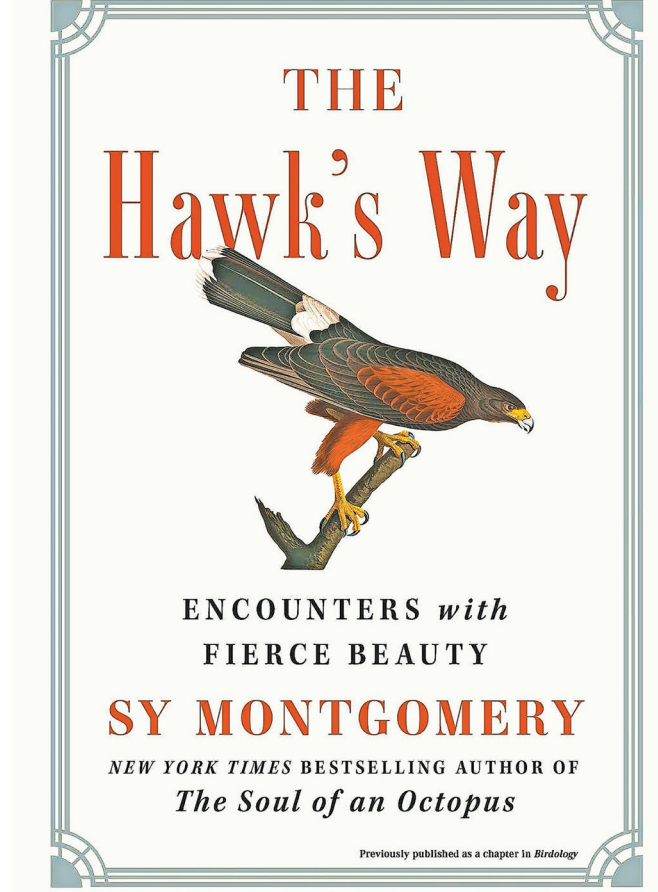
Yep, checkers needs two to play, as does chess, backgammon and Old Maid. Lots of things, in fact, are better when you're got another pair of hands and another point of view to join you. In the new book “The Hawk's Way: Encounters with Fierce Beauty” by Sy Montgomery, though, partnering with a wild creature is a whole ‘nother game.

The first time that Sy Montgomery met Mahood, he almost instantly swiveled his head toward her face and screamed. Although her husband was alarmed, the scream took her by surprise but she wasn't nonplussed. Montgomery has become used to all kinds of critters – pigs, chickens, cats and dogs, and “even an octopus” – but Mahood was a very large Harris's hawk, and they don't always take easily to strangers.

She knew what could have happened: a hawk will attack someone who angers it, makes a minor mistake, tries to touch it, or otherwise acts counter to what the hawk decides. A falconer might “train” a hawk, but the bird's in charge. When you hunt with a hawk, you are its partner, not its master, Montgomery says – and yes, she was eager to get started. Still, even with expert help and what seemed like a natural way with raptors, she had a lot to learn, including words she couldn't say to a hawk, body language and personal protection advice.

There is, as Montgomery discovered, a language of falconry that goes beyond mere eating and eliminating to mantling and slicing. Falcons don't sleep, they jonk. They don't clean themselves, they feak. And they are not pets, in any sense of the word; new falconers catch their birds in the wild, and they must work to learn to co-hunt together.

Despite that training, the



“The Hawk's Way: Encounters with Fierce Beauty” by Sy Montgomery c.2022, Atria Books, \$20.00, 79 pages

bird is still wild.

Though eager to learn falconry, Montgomery had one concern: keeping a hawk around would be dangerous to her chickens. Her hens each had a name; would a hawk decimate her backyard flock? Still, “Who would not hunger for such company?”

You, perhaps, because “The Hawk's Way” is soaringly beautiful but also uber-cautionary.

Indeed, readers who are eagle-eyed will notice what Montgomery makes abundantly clear: Though the hawk is a lovely, elegant bird, it's a creature not to be trifled with. As you'll read, repeatedly and in so many ways, an angry hawk will hurt you.

Does that deter you? Yea or nay, carry on: the secondary focus of this book are the awe-struck observations of the hawks Montgomery admires, and the beauty and majesty she sees in them.

Possible injury aside, na-



Sy Montgomery
Photo by Tianne Strombeckrrt

ture-loving readers will be thrilled by this, even if descriptions of the actual hunt might make them cringe. Just remember that Montgomery, an admitted animal lover, struggled with it, too.

Birders – especially those who enjoy watching raptors – and anyone who addictively scans the trees on long walks or drives absolutely needs to have “The Hawk's Way.” Feathered-friend lover that you are, you'll be enraptured by this book on the sport of kings.

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AzTex Arena almost ready for its close-up



A vintage photo shows a bull rider competing at AZTEX Arena.

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BY JEFF PRINCE
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The near-forgotten rodeo arena has stood for more than 50 years, but passersby might not have noticed it behind the green cloak.

Until recently, a jungle had overtaken AzTex Arena, located on Park Street near the wastewater plant.

"We had trees and vines grown up," said Jeremy Sheriff, warehouse foreman at Azle ISD. "You couldn't even hardly see the pens,

the announcer's stand or the arena itself."

The arena, built in the 1960s, had fallen victim to nature, gravity and neglect.

A few months ago, Sheriff and others began leading an effort to clean up the grounds, refurbish the arena and its amenities and establish a permanent home for the high school rodeo team and Future Farmers of America members.

The property includes an arena about the size of a football field, pens for

stock, areas for roping, a pavilion with picnic benches and a barn for FFA events. Volunteers have landscaped the grounds, painted the rusted metal, replaced rotted wood and made the old arena grounds presentable again.

"We still have a lot to do, but we're getting there," Sheriff said.

Next on the schedule is hooking up electric, water and sewer services and installing an out-building to serve as a meeting room.

More rotted wood will need replacing around the arena, although any old wood that remains solid will be kept or repurposed. The volunteers will upgrade the lighting fixtures and install new bleachers.

"A lot of this old wood we want to keep," he said. "We want to keep the look of the way it used to look."

Sheriff's daughter, Mattie, is a member of the rodeo team, and Jeremy Sher-



Jeremy Sheriff and volunteers have been cleaning up debris from the arena grounds.

Photo by Jeff Prince

SEE AZTEX, PAGE 2B.

Baseball summer camp begins Monday

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The boys of summer will be smaller than usual at Azle High School next week.

The Azle Baseball Booster Club begins its summer camp on Monday at the high school. Second to fifth graders in the upcoming 2022-2023 school year will attend camp from 8-10 a.m. on June 6-8.

Sixth to ninth graders go from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on June 6-8.

Azle High School coaches will instruct the kids on defense, hitting and throwing techniques after dividing them into age-appropriate groups and rotating them through outdoor and indoor drills.

Kids should bring a glove, bat, athletic shoes or cleats, shorts or baseball pants and a water bottle.

The cost is \$55 a camper and \$40 for each additional family member. A camp T-shirt is included in the cost.

Information can be found at <https://app.peachjar.com/flyers/2278400/districts/1232>

Make checks payable to the Azle Baseball Booster Club.

For questions, contact Stephen Smith at sjsmith@azleisd.net or Duston Shepherd at dshepherd@azleisd.net.

Payment and a completed waiver form are required on the first day of camp.

Azle Christian diamond dwellers earn district recognition

BY JEFF PRINCE
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Noah Rollins, a junior on the Azle Christian baseball team, earned second team All-District utility player and academic All-State for the Crusaders' inaugural season in the TAPPS league.

"Noah getting TAPPS academic All-State is a really cool accomplishment and shows a lot about our school's academics and teachers," said head coach Ryan Rollins.

Three other Crusaders received All-District distinction: A.J. Rollins, sophomore, honorable mention utility player; Andy Wisniewski, sophomore, honorable mention second baseman; and Kelton Schott, freshman, honorable mention pitcher.

"It was nice to get four (designations) in a district this tough," Rollins said. "The state champion and a state final-four team both came from our district."

This year, Azle Christian

moved up from the smaller TCAF league to compete in the TAPPS league. That meant playing against bigger schools, some with enrollments several times larger than Azle's.

Still, the Crusaders finished 11-13. Eight of the nine starting players will be returning, and the coach looks forward to the first crack of the bat in 2023.

"I believe we are set up to be a playoff team next year," Rollins said.

AZTEX, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1B.

iff has enjoyed watching her and her friends compete for the past few years despite not having a permanent place to practice.

The North Texas High School Rodeo Association hosts a weekly rodeo where high school kids compete on weekends. During the week, however, the cowboys and cowgirls must find their own place to practice.

"The team currently has nowhere to practice," said Kristy Scribner, the team sponsor. "We pay for arena rentals or haul to local jackpots. The fees for the arena rentals vary but can range anywhere from \$20 a horse to \$250 for several hours."

Often, the team sponsor and other parents cover the rental costs.

"People just do what they can to help pitch in to rent an arena," Sheriff said. "We don't have a set place that we can go together and practice together as a team."

AzTex will solve that problem.

"The school has allowed us to have this and get it cleaned up for a place for the rodeo team to practice and to call home," he said.

RODEO GROWTH

The need for a permanent practice home has become more apparent in recent years. This year's team has more than 30 members – the most in years.

This season's fund-raising rodeo raised more than \$8,500 for the team – more than double the previous year's take.

One reason for the growth in rodeo's popularity is the inclusion of events that don't require students to own a horse. Chute dogging for the boys and walk-up goat tying for the girls is done on foot.

A new and improved AzTex will "give the team the opportunity to practice together," Scribner said. "It will give us a place to host team meetings and functions. The team would love to start hosting events at the arena again."

Supporting kids who show interest in a positive hobby keeps them focused, Sheriff said.

"I want something that keeps the kids busy," he said. "These kids love rodeo. Even though Mattie is graduating this year, I still want to be involved and help these kids to do what they love to do. We want a place to call home and to be able to come out and practice and meet and grow the team."

About 20 years ago, Azle's team hosted NTHSRA rodeos at the AzTex.

"Over the years, it just stopped being allowed," Scribner said. "I think the last rodeo hosted there was 2004."

Scribner's memories of the arena run deep. She and her parents and grandparents grew up competing at this arena.

"AzTex Riding Club was one of the largest playday groups years ago, and they called AzTex Arena home," she said.

Memories remain vivid for Royce Daniels, as well. The founding member of the Aztex Saddle Club recalls the arena being built and hosting rodeos, horse shows, stock shows and FFA events.

"We had some big crowds down there during rodeos," he recalled.

Scribner and previous sponsors had toyed with refurbishing the arena for years, and this year "we were told to go for it," she said. "Tons of work has already been done to the

arena and the grounds, but there is still lots of work to be done. The school district is helping with some of the facility updates, and we are hoping to have electricity out there soon. We will need to completely redo the announcer stand and work on getting arena lights replaced, but the team is willing to put the work in."

What's needed are time and labor but not much money.

"Most of it is volunteer work," Sheriff said. "If we do need to buy anything, we'll try to get donations."

Sheriff had known about the old arena for years. He expressed gratitude to school administrators who approved the rehabilitation of the property.

"Once the rodeo team started growing, I just always envisioned somewhere that we could call home and that we could all come and practice," he said. "I started talking to the superintendent and assistant superintendent about getting this thing going, and they allowed me to get it cleaned up and to get it to this point."

ARENA DAYS

A big pile of cut tree limbs and vines was piled in a large mound not far from the arena, a testament to the landscaping that has been underway.

"We've cleaned vines out of fence rows, cut trees out of the arena and pens and just cleaned the grounds completely where you can get in here and have a functioning arena," Sheriff said. "We have piled it up and cleaned it up. The community has loved it so far just from us getting everything cleaned up."

Working hard in the outdoors is a familiar feeling for Sheriff, who grew up in a ranching family and learned early about sweat equity.

"I've always been around horses," he said. "Before my kids were grown, I would team rope and so forth. Out of my kids, Mattie, is the only one who has rodeoed. The rest of my kids wanted to be in the cheerleading competition world, so we did a lot of cheerleading as they were growing up, but when Mattie came up and was interested, I was happy to help her to get going in it."

He worked at Azle ISD, knew about the arena, knew the right connections, and decided to help improve the grounds. He is unsure when the project will be completed but sees the end in sight.

"Certain things you have to wait on when it comes to electricity and supplies because that's just the way it is nowadays," he said. "You have to wait on everything. We are getting it slowly but surely. I don't have an exact time on when we'll get it ready, but we are to a point now where we can at least practice out here in daylight hours. Eventually we will get to where we can have our meetings out here and practice on a regular basis."

The lot is large enough to provide plenty of parking, even for the big trucks and trailers that come to the events. The arena and grounds will provide the rodeo team with opportunity to make money through rodeos, roping events and barrel races.

"You could have a full rodeo if you want to," Sheriff said. "If the team keeps growing like it is, it's a good way to raise your own money for your team."



The AzTex arena grounds have become visible from Park Street after volunteers have spent months cleaning the property.

Photo by Jeff Prince



A calf roper plied his trade at AzTex Arena in one of the early rodeos.

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Kristy Scribner's aunt, Tammy Collins Millers, competed in barrel racing in the early days at AzTex.

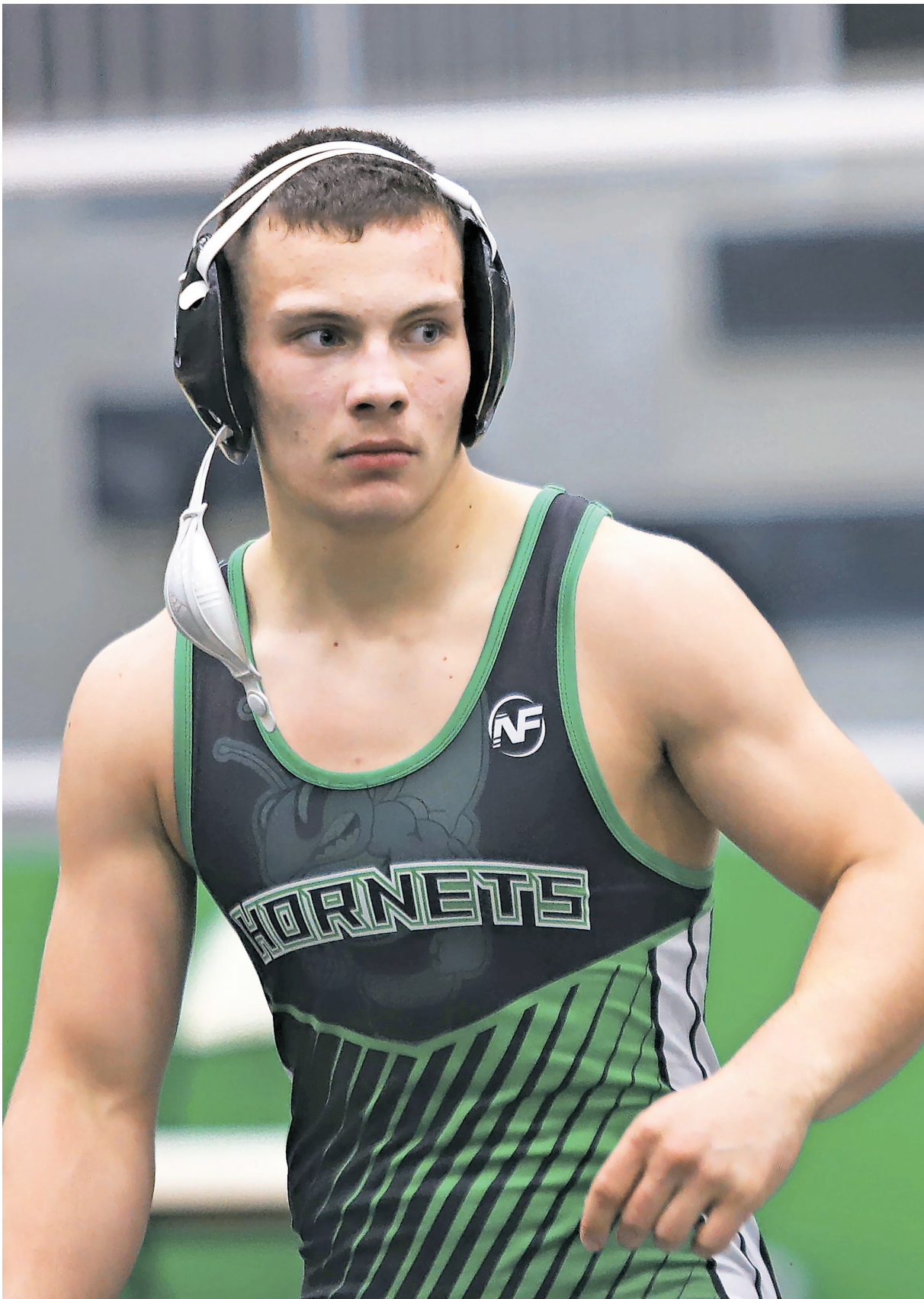
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 6 Dallas' "_____ Bang Theater" (1959-72)
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 8 TXism: "play possum"
 9 Dallas-born Bebe of 1941 "Hi Gang!"
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 20 Willie's "Blue Eyes Cryin' in the _____"
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 24 TX Tanya's "San Antonio _____"
 30 casino in Pocasset, Oklahoma
 34 TXism: "the fat _____ in the fire" (in trouble)
 35 TXism: "like _____ afire" (fast)
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 39 late Texas rock singer: "_____ Loaf" (big event)
 40 "The Heart of _____" is in exact center of our state
 44 declared after Battle of San Jacinto
 45 "I" topper
 47 TXism: "shin _____" (big event)
 48 Santa _____, TX
 49 TV's talking horse (2 wds.)


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1 TXism: "_____ greased lightning"
 2 TX Cyd Charisse real name: Tula _____ Finklea
 3 the best eleven Cowboys
 4 TXism: "cut me _____ slack"
 9 soft drink invented in Waco (init.)
 10 USS San Jacinto: _____ carrier
 11 TXism: "it's _____ bout" (about)

50 parties in Mexico
 53 Perot freed employees from this Iranian city
 56 TXism: "never in _____ my born days"
 57 TXism: "high tail _____" (flee)
 58 Brownwood university: Howard _____
 59 Texas schools try to ensure that _____ gets lost in the crowd

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 13 TX singer Tubb
 14 "hasta _____ vista"
 15 aborted atom smasher in Waxahachie (abbr.)
 17 TX Willie hit: "On The _____"
 22 TXism: "_____ of cake" (easy)
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 24 Gen. _____ Houston
 25 El Paso: "_____ Pass"
 26 TXism: "hot as _____ tar in July"
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41 TX Perot's old co.
 42 big historic TX ranch
 43 TXism: "a hard dog to _____ the porch" (good dog)
 46 "shop '_____ you drop"
 51 _____ Paso
 52 TX store: _____ 'n Go
 54 TXism: "I _____ my boots retreaded"
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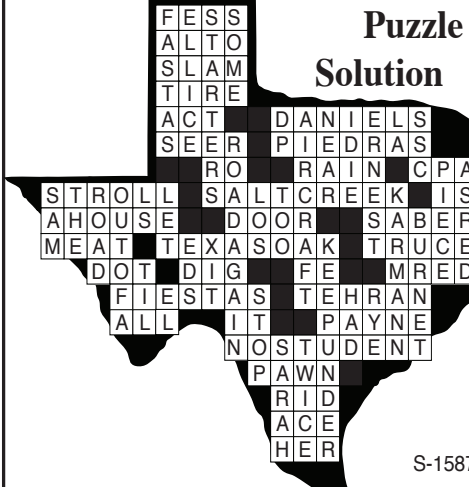
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