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Azle Police Department Chief Ben Hall began at the police department on May 2. He came to Azle from Round Rock. Photo by Don Munsch

## Hall steps in as new chief, acclimates himself to police department

BY DON MUNSCH  
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New Azle Police Chief Ben Hall credits his wife Kristi for being instrumental in his career, being supportive of him as he worked his way through the profession.

Now Hall begins the next stage of his career, as he took over as chief in early May. He formerly worked for the Round Rock Police Department, where he was a commander of the criminal investigation division. Hall replaces former Azle police chief Rick Pippins, who left last fall and announced his retirement effective January

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Round Rock Police Assistant Chief Willie Richards, left, and Round Rock Assistant Chief Justin Carmichael perform the pinning ceremony (collar stars) for new Azle Chief Ben Hall at the Azle City Council meeting on May 17. Hall's wife Kristi is on the right. Photo by Don Munsch

## Council signs off on storm shelter request

BY DON MUNSCH  
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The Azle City Council at its May 17 meeting approved a request from Azle ISD to amend the 2018 International Building Code, specifically regarding storm shelter requirements for existing school facilities.

Council approved the

measure by a 5-0 vote, with Amy Estes and Brian Conner recusing themselves because they work for the school district.

The school district applied for a building permit to add some additional classrooms and a cafeteria expansion to the Hoover Elementary School campus facilities.

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Azle High School had 32 students qualify for the CyberStart America national competition for a chance at \$5 million in scholarship money. Winners will be announced in June. Courtesy photo

## AHS computer sci students qualify for nationals

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY  
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Azle High School computer science students qualified for national scholarship competition through CyberStart America for the second year in a row.

This year, 83 AHS students competed and 32 qualified to move on to ap-

ply for the national scholarship. Those winners will be announced in June.

"My students did exceptionally well," said Sherri Prather, computer science teacher at the high school.

"I am so excited for them and proud of them. AHS alone qualified more stu-

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## Woman killed in apparent hit-and-run accident

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Azle police continue to look for a driver of a vehicle who reportedly struck and killed an Azle woman during a hit-and-run late last week in the 400 block of Wells Burnett Road.

Just after 8:35 a.m. May 19, Azle Fire/EMS personnel were dispatched to Wells Burnett Road regarding an injured female in the roadway, according to an Azle Police Department news release.

Upon arrival, paramedics found a deceased woman, who was an apparent victim of an auto-pedestrian collision. She was later identified as Amber Linehan-Lemke, 40. The vehicle that struck her fled the scene and police continue to search for the driver.



Amber Linehan-Lemke

Linehan-Lemke was described by her best friend Brandy Morrow as a free spirit who wanted to go her own way.

"I have never loved anyone like I loved her," Morrow said. "And I never had a longer relationship with anyone."

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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 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."

The release said 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 counterfeit 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, log onto: <https://www.foxnews.com/us/families-against-fentanyl-biden-admin-overdose-deaths-covid-19> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sc/pr/dea-recognizes-first-ever-national-fentanyl-awareness-day> <https://www.foxnews.com/us/dea-launches-national-fentanyl-awareness-day-highlight-overdoses-drug-overtaking-us>

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pus. A building permit has been issued by the city to allow site grading work and only the classroom additions. The cafeteria expansion was not permitted as part of this permit, the city said in its agenda. The 940-square-foot cafeteria expansion has triggered a building code requirement for a storm shelter to be provided in accordance with Section 423.4 of the 2018 International Building Code, because of the increase in occupant load for the new cafeteria addition.

"The storm shelter would only provide for an occupancy of a portion of the student/staff population that equates to the size of the cafeteria addition, not the entire student population located at this school campus," the city agenda info said.

AISD officials requested that the city of Azle amend the 2018 IBC requirements for storm shelters to only require them for new school facilities or additions of significant scale capable of holding the entirety of the attending student population and staff. With council

approving the amendment, a revised building permit for the Hoover Elementary School would be submitted to the city to include the cafeteria addition without the requirement of the storm shelter.

The city of Fort Worth has also amended its building codes in a similar fashion for other school districts to address storm shelter requirements to only apply to new school facilities or full gymnasium/cafeteria additions to existing school facilities, city officials said.

Mayor Alan Brundrett asked David Hawkins, director of planning and development for the city of Azle, for a definition of a storm shelter, such as whether it is underground or a reinforced room.

"There are various options; some of (them) can be underground," Hawkins said.

Azle ISD Superintendent Todd Smith spoke to the council about the variance and said the district is working with Hawkins for building permits on additions at the high school, which include expansion of the cafeteria and science

classrooms.

Also at the meeting, council heard that the applicant wanting a zoning change for Noble Woods residential subdivision – a 62-lot development – had withdrawn the request and closed his application. The applicant has submitted a new application for a PD Zoning Change for the same property, and it is currently under review by city staff. The tentative schedule for public hearings is June 2 for the Planning & Zoning Commission and June 21 for council.

Council approved canvassing the votes for the election, held on May 7. Derrick Nelson, Place 1, and Amy Estes, Place 2, were newly elected to council. Rouel Rothenberger was reelected to the council to Place 5. He faced no challengers. Place 4 councilmember Randa Goode was elected as the new mayor pro tem. David McClure, who lost in the Place 2 race, was the mayor pro tem. Corey Wynns held Place 1 and opted not to run again. Nelson defeated Bill Jones for the Place 1 race.

**HIT AND RUN, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.**

Morrow and Linehan-Lemke had been friends for 35 years.

"I cannot be more thankful for such a good friend," said Morrow. "I consider myself

lucky. Loyalty meant a lot to her ... and family, just sticking together."

Linehan-Lemke had two daughters.

The investigation con-

tinues, and anyone with information about the incident may call the Azle PD's Criminal Investigation Division at 817-444-3221.

**CYBER, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.**

dents for the national competition than 27 states," she said.

The CyberStart America website describes the competition as students exploring "over 200 unique security challenges" that they solve as cybersecurity agents investigating criminal activity.

They also focus on offensive and defensive cybersecurity disciplines and have access to a large field manual with video demonstrations, tips and background

information to help with the challenges.

More than \$5 million in scholarships will be awarded this summer to competitors.

Two of Prather's students scored more than 50,000 points, making them silver medal winners.

Cybersecurity is not part of the curriculum in the computer science program at AHS, meaning the students who competed these two years have learned as they went along.

Next year, Prather will

be offering two cybersecurity classes for students: Foundations of Cybersecurity and Cybersecurity Capstone.

"The foundations class will be learning the basics of cybersecurity," Prather said.

"The capstone class is a block class that is two periods long, and my hope is to be able to get industry partners that will allow these students to get real world cybersecurity experience," she said.

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2022. Sid Fuller served as the interim police chief. Hall had been with the Round Rock Police Department since 1999. Hall and his wife Kristi are still in the relocation process to Azle. They have four children: Ryan, 29; Sarah, 26; Heather, 25; and Austin, 18.

During an interview with the News, Hall said what he likes about the opportunity here is gaining a chance to set the culture and tone, and bringing his own style to the department to ensure officers are getting support and training while managing the stresses and hardships that come with the job.

Originally from Casper, Wyoming, Hall grew up in Fort Worth and attended Western Hills High School. After high school, he attended the University of Texas at Austin, where he earned his degree in radio/TV/film. (Actor Matthew McConaughey also was a radio/TV/film major at UT, incidentally.)

"Throughout life, I always had interest in law enforcement at some level, but as a senior I did an internship at the Austin Police Department in the video production unit," Hall said.

He worked for a semester at the department, and it piqued his interest in law enforcement, although it wasn't for several years that he joined the police field, in 1997. He has worked for two other departments before coming to Azle: Round Rock PD and Travis County Sheriff's Office. His first cop job was a jailer and corrections deputy at the SO. At Round Rock, he performed a number of jobs, such as patrol, school resource officer and SWAT, among others. He eventually joined the administrative ranks at Round Rock PD.

"When I first was promoted to commander in Round Rock, I came to Azle for a training course," he said, noting it was sponsored by the Texas Police Chiefs Association and the course was about managing the criminal investigations division. "So that was my first exposure to Azle after being a kid."

He explained his parents had a house on Eagle Mountain Lake when he was growing up and the family spent weekends here.

"So Azle has always kind of felt like home," he said. "Being close to Fort Worth is, I guess, like coming home a little bit."

Hall's parents live nearby, but not in the Azle area, and part of what brought Hall here was being close to his parents, who are in their 80s. He also wanted to do something new after being at Round Rock for 23 years.

"I see this as a tremendous opportunity," he said, noting this PD is a growing department and that he sees a "a lot of really good things about Azle that made it appealing to me. Great community - it's supportive of law enforcement. Good DAs. It's a good place to be in law enforcement up here."

He said thus far he has been "very impressed" with the Azle Police Department.

"I think they've got a very

good professional staff of people," he said. "They're motivated. We got a lot of long-term employees who are really invested in the community, and they want what I want, which is nice: I wanted good community relationships where we want to continue being a professional organization, taking care of our citizens and making sure we're up to date on standards and are following best practices."

Round Rock has 200 officers as opposed to the 32 officers here, he said. He appreciates the family atmosphere he has experienced here.

Hall said he would not, at this point, be eager to make changes without deliberation and getting some input from people who work here.

"There will be changes just because I have different experiences and different preferences," he said. "Law enforcement covers such a breadth of different things you have to be good at that

it takes a while to figure out what your priorities are and what your changes need to be, but there's always going to be some changes with the new chief."

Changes have to be made smartly and deliberately.

"Change for the sake of change isn't something that goes well with this environment," he said.

He describes his leadership style as participative.

"I don't lead from the office," he said. "I think you lead from the front for the most part. So my intention is to be out with the officers, providing them with the support and guidance they need, (along with) mentoring, coaching and training - all levels of the organization, so that we're developing long-term solid skills, safety and a professional law enforcement (foundation)."

The department has one officer opening now. Hall said he would tell people who are interested in police work that now is a "great

time to get into it," as lots of departments are trying to maintain and increase staffing levels. That's especially true here in Texas because of population growth and because of the amount of time it takes to find, train and put a productive officer on the streets - a minimum of six months to a year.

But, Hall said, it can be a hard time to be in law enforcement now given the anti-police narratives that exist about policing. A lot of the portraits of police officers are "highly inaccurate," he said, and it's a "challenge for us to overcome those negative narratives." Police have a vested interest in ensuring a good reputation and maintaining credibility in producing quality officers, Hall said. Departments have to meet the needs of good hiring and training practices and providing good supervision and establishing expectations.

Here in his first few weeks, he wants to meet

everyone in the department and spend time getting input from them and finding out if any immediate needs should be addressed and create a plan for certain areas. He also will have meetings with community groups.

Hall said he wants people to know officers here are deeply committed to the community and police are committed to providing professional policing.

"It's my intention to uphold that commitment," he said.

He hopes to develop opportunities for officers to interact with the community in a positive, relaxed level. When asked about people in the law enforcement field that he looked up to and had been an inspiration in his career, he said there had been several people, including his former chief, Allen Banks, the current police chief in Round Rock.

"There's lots of people to look up to in this business," he said.



New Azle Police Department Chief Ben Hall chats with Zac Hatton, right, of the Texas Regional Water District law enforcement division, and Azle City Manager Tom Muir at a meet-and-greet held for Hall at the Azle Memorial Library last week. Standing with Hall is his wife, Kristi. Photo by Don Munsch

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# Obituaries

## Reginald Joseph Przybyl 1948 - 2022

Retired American Airlines Captain and Vietnam Veteran Reginald Joseph Przybyl, 73, passed away May 4, 2022.



Mass of the Resurrection was held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Azle. Inurnment was at 2:15 p.m. at DFW National Cemetery in Dallas the same day.

In lieu of flowers, please hold your family and friends close.

He was born to Jessie and Edward Przybyl Aug. 5, 1948 in Hammond, Indiana. Reg served in the Air Force for 22 years, achieving the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He first piloted KC135s in the Air Force and was stationed in Thailand during the Vietnam War. He spent 37 years flying planes for American Airlines. He was one of the most senior pilots upon his retirement and was known as the "on time machine" for landing his flights as scheduled. He was selected to fly troops to Kuwait City during the Iraq War, and sports teams, like the Dallas Cowboys, to playoff games.

Reg was also the owner of Bedford's Best Car Wash. He took pride in posting clever signs on the billboard outside the car wash. The better the pun the better the sign!

While retired, Reg did not slow down. He was an active member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Azle. He ushered the Saturday, 5pm service and was known as the "can man" for collecting cans to raise money for charity. Reg volunteered with several organizations

including the Gary Sines Foundation Snowball Express which brings children of fallen soldiers to Disney World. When not traveling, Reg enjoyed working on his property, Przybyl Point on Eagle Mountain Lake. He loved the lake, the outdoors, his dogs and raising turkeys and peacocks.

He never missed an opportunity to cheer on his beloved Notre Dame Fighting Irish or the Chicago Cubs.

Reg is survived by daughters, Lauren Przybyl Miller, Regan Przybyl and Kara Przybyl McIver; brothers, Thomas Przybyl, Edward Przybyl and sister, Carol Bodie.

He was preceded in death by son, Matthew Przybyl; sister, Jeannine Przybyl; brother, Lawrence Przybyl; mother, Jessie Przybyl and father, Edward Przybyl.

Reg's final announcement to his passengers on his flights was always the same....

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## Shelley Skaggs 1957 - 2022

Shelley Skaggs of Springtown, died on May 15, 2022 at home. She was 64.

Shelley was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Samuel and Shirley Davidson. She lived in California, then Texas most of her life. She made friends easily and was never shy about speaking her mind.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Willie Skaggs and her parents, Samuel and Shirley Davidson.

She is survived by daughters, Kindra Davidson and Ashley Feemster and husband Andrew; son Justin Skaggs; granddaughter



Scarlet Feemster; brother Mike Davidson and wife D'Andra; sister Terri Davidson and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and nieces.

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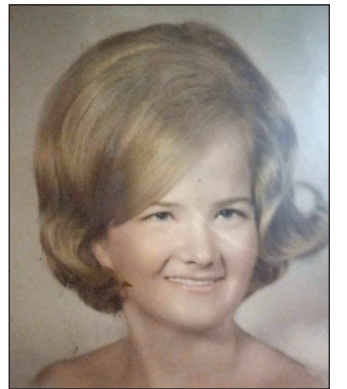
## Vada Reynolds Robertson 1943 - 2022

Vada Reynolds Robertson, age 78, was taken to be with our Lord on Friday, May 20, 2022. She departed from this world peacefully while sleeping in her bed at home.

Services will be held at Elwood Baptist Church on Saturday May 28 at 11 a.m. and lunch will be served at the church after the memorial at 14778 OSR Midway Texas 75852.

Vada was born to Milton Murphy Reynolds and Annie Kelton Reynolds on July 29, 1943, in their home. She graduated from Corsicana High School in 1963, and moved to Austin, Texas where she earned her cosmetology license. She became known as one of the best hairdressers in Austin at the time. Vada married Lee Edward Robertson in 1968 and moved to Azle, Texas, and had two children, Scott and Sandy.

Vada is predeceased by brothers and sisters Sunshine Greer, Beth King Spiller, Walton Reynolds, Marie Lohner, Jack Reynolds, Grace Wall, Rita Slaughter Davis, Rebecca Harrell, and



Buddy "James" Reynolds. Vada Robertson is survived by her husband Lee Robertson of 54 years of marriage, her daughter Sandy Robertson; her son Scott Robertson; grandson Warren SellersRobertson; sister, Betty Ann Neal; brothers, Reed Reynolds, George Reynolds, GG Reynolds and countless nieces and nephews.

Vada Robertson will always be remembered for being selfless; she would help anyone she could. She was devoted to her children, her husband, and to all her other family.

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## Christy Lynn Kelsey 1962 - 2022

Christy Lynn Wiley Kelsey, age 59, of Azle passed away May 13, 2022.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Christy was an avid fan of the Dallas Mavericks and Cowboys. She was born in Altus Oklahoma on June 2, 1962, but always claimed she was a "Texan at heart."

She was preceded in death by her father Jimmy C. Wiley, Sr.; her brother Grady; grandparents John. H. and Lena Wiley and nephew Cody.

She leaves behind her son Austin and his wife, Britany; grandchildren Harper



and Mason; her mother Byrdice Wiley and siblings, Jim Jr., Lee, John, Cindy and Tom; and special friend Argie Woods.

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## James David Brewster 1939 - 2022

James David Brewster, 83, passed away May 8, 2022, in Paradise.

No services to be held. He was born Jan. 21, 1939 to Ida Bernice (Emily) Brewster in Flat River Missouri.

James worked for Delta Brands as a Mechanical Designer for 18 years. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He will be dearly missed by all who know him.

He was preceded in death by his mother, three brothers and three sisters.

James is survived by his wife of 50 years, Arleen Brewster; children, Phline Russell, Ray Bradley and his wife Connie, Lannie Bradley and his wife Diane, Marc Bruster, Robert



Bruster and his wife Shanna; grandchildren, Christian, Jenni, Lance, Aaron, Andy, Jeffery, Ricky, Randall, Rusty, Jessie; several great grandchildren; along with numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

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# Obituaries

## Mary Sue Marcotte 1936 - 2022

Mary Sue Pitman Marcotte was born in Walters, Oklahoma on June 4, 1936 to Jesse Samuel McDonald and Clara Pauline McDonald.

Sue passed away peacefully at home on May 21, 2022 with family by her side.

Service is at 10 a.m., Thursday, May 26, 2022 Walnut Creek Baptist Church, Reno, Texas. Interment at Azleland Memorial Park, Azle, Texas.

Sue retired from Southwestern Bell after 28 years. She retired on Friday and started working at Tri-County Electric on Monday. She vested and retired from there as well. Sue and her husband Rich, loved to travel in their motorhome until health issues forced them to stop. Her number one priority in life was Jesus Christ. She joined Walnut Creek Baptist Church in Reno, Texas in 1975. She has been an active and devoted member of her church since that time even teaching her Sunday school class until her health wouldn't allow it.

Sue was an avid Dallas Cowboys and Mavericks fan and could be found yelling at the TV during games. She



played sports in her youth and often gave her boys and their friends pointers at the hoop. She loved the outdoors spending much of her time camping and tending her yard.

Sue was preceded in death by her husband of 36 years, Richard; her parents; and brothers, Ed and Joe.

She is survived by her four children, daughter, Jayme, sons, Robert (Susan), Randal (Kristie), and Patrick (Ann), stepdaughters, Dana and Cynthia (Mike), special daughter-in-law, Karen Connole. She is also survived by 18 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandson, brother Freddy and sister, Peggy.

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May 25, 2022 Edition

# We didn't just show up here

## 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-sultan for individuals, churches, and organizations. More at [www.discoveryouaramazing.com](http://www.discoveryouaramazing.com).

I may or may not be suffering from jet lag as I attempt to compose this post. (Actually, there is no doubt whatsoever after a 10-hour transatlantic flight yesterday).

I mentioned a few weeks ago that my family — including Mrs. Sweetie, my mom, our daughter, son-in-law, and two granddaughters — would be taking a cruise to Norway together (along with 79 other friends included in the North Texas Singers).

We got home last night from an amazing adventure that will be cherished lifetime memories.

Our group had the incredible privilege of presenting two hour-long concerts on board Royal Caribbean's Anthem of the Seas to an international audience of vacationers.

We also had the unique privilege of presenting a mini-concert at Stavanger, Norway, as part of the full-

day Norwegian Constitution Day celebration. It included parades, food, costumes, music, dancing and all the other things that accompanied their May 17 celebration that is the counterpart of what we Americans celebrate on July 4.

How amazing is that? If you follow me on social media, you'll get to see lots of photos over the next few days. (If you don't follow me on social media, consider this your invitation to connect).

I have lots of photos and stories to share, but here's my reflection for this week's post: None of us just showed up here at this time and place. We all have a history. We're all part of an ongoing story.

Our family has a couple of connections to Norway and those connections resulted in seven of us making the trip (instead of just Mrs. Sweetie and me).

My mom's favorite uncle was from Norway. He died when she was a child (about 80 years ago), but she remembered him and his stories. My son-in-law's great-grandmother immigrated from Norway to the United States in 1917 at the age of 10, so part of this trip was to allow him and his wife (my daughter) and his children (my granddaughters) to connect to part of his heritage.

My favorite photos from this trip will always be the ones of our family together especially with my mom and my granddaughters.

But the photo that inspired today's thoughts is one of those two little girls standing in front of Johanneskirken (Saint John's Church) in Bergen, Norway. At this church, in 1907, their great-great-grandmother was christened.

Though they may never visit Norway again, they would not be alive today in Canyon, Texas, apart from the life of an infant girl in that church 115 years ago.

I wonder what their descendants in the year 2137 will be doing. I wonder where they will be living. I wonder how the lives of my granddaughters and the choices they make will open doors of opportunity for their great-great-grandchildren.

We are all part of an ongoing story and the choices we make today will influence how the story is written.

How amazing is that? Be amazing today, my friend.

## Ribbon Cutting



Azle Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a Ribbon Cutting on May 17 for Ascubadiving. It is located in the Park Place Plaza shopping center at 142 Park Place in Azle. The business offers PADI Scuba Diving Training and retail scuba equipment and services. For more information, call Bill Nash at 817-406-4080.

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All payments and notices should be mailed to 10201 Jacksboro Hwy, Fort Worth, TX, 76135.

# Popcorn Players present 'Harvey'

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY  
azlereporter@azlenews.net

Most people went through a phase where they had an imaginary best friend.

But for Elwood P. Dowd, his imaginary friend, a "six-foot-one-and-a-half-inch tall white rabbit named Harvey," is still around even well into his adult years — to his sister Veta's horror.

"Harvey" is the Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy written by Mary Chase, and it is currently being performed by the Azle Arts Association Popcorn Players. The play began its run last week.

The play is directed by Lisha Nurmela and stars Carol Braden as Veta Louise Simmons; Emily Ball as Myrtle Mae Simmons; Jerry Hall as Elwood P. Dowd; Hannah Nurmela as Miss Johnson; Susan Ooten as Mrs. Ethel Chauvenet; Canton Brenneman as Ruth Kelly; Michael Lain as Duane Wilson; Joshua Holden as Lyman Sanderson.; Scott Nurmela as William R. Chumley; Susan Ooten as Betty Chumley; Ron Counts as Judge Omar Gaffney; and Robert Koury as E. J. Lofgren.

When the embarrassing family secret about Elwood's imaginary friend gets out, Veta and Myrtle Mae are determined to have him committed. But a miscommunication lands Veta in the hospital instead.



Carol Braden and Joshua Holden rehearse a scene from the production of "Harvey" with the Azle Arts Association's Popcorn Players. Courtesy photo

The comedic play takes several turns while asking the question "What is a perfectly normal human being, anyway?"

The final performances will be June 3-5, with the Friday and Saturday performances starting at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Adult tickets are \$15. Military, students and seniors

are \$12, and the Sunday matinee tickets are \$10.

Tickets can be purchased by phone by calling 817-238-7529, or online at [www.azlearts.org](http://www.azlearts.org).

Upcoming performances by the Popcorn Players will include "Male Order Brides" in July, "Rumors" in September and "Holmes for the Holidays" in November.

## BOOK REVIEW

# Real people caregiving in chaos

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

Just a little pinch. That's what they tell you when you get a shot in the arm. Just a "pinch," a half-second of pain and you can handle that, right? Still, nobody likes getting a shot. Nobody enjoys the sore arm afterward or anything else about it. Those things aren't fun but neither — as in the new book "The Helpers" by Kathy Gilsinan — is a pandemic.

Some people saw it coming: the sister of The Patient was a doctor herself, for instance, and she was aware. The Vaccine Developer, who spent most of her time studying a headline-making disease from years ago, was alarmed, too. They recognized that the virus running rampant in China was trouble in the making.

The CEO knew it, too: the headquarters of his company, "one of only a handful in the world" that made ventilators, was near where the first U.S. death from the virus occurred. If they could get the parts, his factories could manufacture more machines but not the "tens of thousands" of ventilators that the country needed. This dilemma led him to a car company.

Because he'd dealt with emergencies for most of his

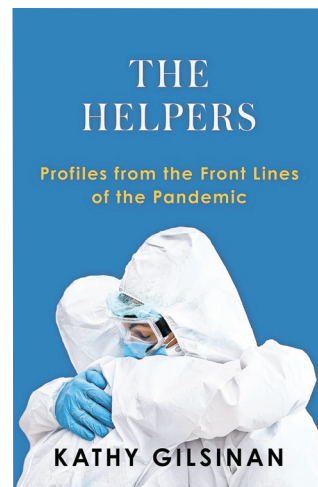
working life, The Paramedic recognized the urgency of it all, and he headed with a team from Colorado to New York to help. He still had 9/11 on his mind and regretted that he hadn't offered a hand then.

As the patient load went "from two to nearly 700 in two weeks in the middle of March" that year, The Nurse watched it and she was exhausted. She lived with her parents and grandmother in a Bronx apartment, and she had to avoid carrying the virus home.

As The Chef tried to figure out how to feed her poor community in the shadow of Breonna Taylor's murder, The CEO brought his former VP of manufacturing out of retirement, and The Vaccine Developer lost sleep over a preventative. Meanwhile, The Paramedic wasn't feeling well, The Nurse tested positive, and The Patient's mother lay in a coma...

For going on three years now, COVID-19 has saturated our lives and killed more than a million American parents, children and grandparents. Now's the time to read "The Helpers."

Here, author Kathy Gilsinan specifically names her subjects — depicted are real people and real lives, and nearly all of them are everyday folks who pounced on the problems endemic to a pandemic. The



few who weren't "helpers" nevertheless help by displaying the inner workings of caregiving in chaos, and it all reads like a thriller, with heart-stopping moments of terror mixed with a backstory, heroes who rush to save lives, a surprising bit of adventure, and a little light toward the end of the book. Yes, there's death here, and frustration, and Gilsinan doesn't skip the naysayers in an account that's familiar but fresh.

More than a million Americans. Are you keeping a wary eye on this fall? Then this is a book you'll want to read. For you, "The Helpers" is worth pinching into.

"The Helpers: Profiles from the Front Lines of the Pandemic" by Kathy Gilsinan c.2022, W.W. Norton, \$24.95, 288 pages.

# CONGRATULATIONS

# CLASS OF 2022

Your future is bright





# I had no phone, no cash, no gas but, as it turned out, no problem

Do you recall the days before cell phone service and electronic money? Everyone nowadays has a cell phone that gives them the ability to communicate with others. We have all gotten so accustomed to being able to instantly connect. We forget the time before cellphones and how troubling it could be. The same goes for debit and credit cards. In today's world, few young people carry cash in any form. They simply carry a "card" and transact their business. Such was not always the case.

It was my freshman year in college, and I had traveled home to see my folks during a vacation break. Before I left to go back to school, I wanted to make a quick trip to see my grandparents who lived in a rural part of the state some four hours away. My mom liked my idea and happily agreed to allow me the use of her car. Being a college kid, I was broke, but Mom gave me a check to cash. My folks still banked at their old hometown bank and once I got to where the grandparents lived and cashed it, I would have enough money to fill the car back up to drive home. As I got in the car, Mom assured me the vehicle had plenty of fuel and waved as I drove off.



## FROM MY FRONT PORCH

By Sam Houston

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

I got down the road about three hours and began noticing the gas tank was creeping lower and lower. Mom had assured me I had plenty of fuel to arrive with gas to spare, but the fuel gauge in her car did not seem to affirm her declaration. I became more and more nervous. I did not have a single penny in my pocket; not even a dime to make a telephone call. What was I going to do?

After 20 minutes of driving slower, coasting down hills, and praying for divine intervention, the car's engine sputtered and coughed and let me know it was starving for fuel. I pulled off to the side of the highway and immediately began to ponder how I was going to get out of the pickle I was in. I had stopped smack dab in the middle of rural America. There was not a town for 12 miles, and I was 40 miles from my grandparents' house. The only thing I could think to do was to walk to the farmhouse I had passed about half a mile back and see if they would

let me use their phone to make a collect call to my grandfather. Once I communicated my situation, I knew he would come and bring gas.

I made the stroll to the farmhouse, where an elderly gentleman slowly opened the door and asked what I needed. I explained my situation, how I had a check but no cash, and if I could use his phone to call for help, I knew my grandfather would come and rescue me. The old man wore overalls like the other farmers of the area. He looked at me, nodded his head and said, "I don't 'spect we need to bother your grandfather. I bet we can get you fixed up."

I had no idea what the old man had in mind, but he motioned me to follow him as we walked to his barn. He retrieved a five-gallon fuel can, filled it with gasoline from the tank he used to fill his farm equipment, and then told me to get in his pickup. We drove back to my mom's car where he proceeded to pour the

gasoline into the fuel tank. I cranked up the motor, and with the fresh fuel, it fired right up. I looked at the man, thanked him profusely, and told him I would be back on this same road the next day and I would be happy to stop and pay him for the five gallons of fuel and his trouble. I showed him the check I had in my billfold and told him I would have it cashed and would be able to reimburse him.

The old man smiled and then looked at me and said, "Son, it is just a little gas, and everybody needs help sometimes. I bet you would do the same for me if I was in a jam. Just remember the next time you see someone who needs some help."

I went on my way that day, but here I am nearly 50 years later, and I have never forgotten what the old man told me. I am sure he passed on many years ago, but he is still a bright shining light. The whole world needs to know about my old acquaintance and the lesson he taught me. It is a good lesson to learn. I have tried to practice the lesson as often as I can.

Oh, and by the way, never trust your mother on how long your fuel will last!

Thought for the day: Helping others is the secret sauce to a happy life!

# War is not healthy for dogs and other pets



## DEAR FRANKIE

By Geneva Woodruff

Frankie is a rescue dog and an emotional support animal for Geneva Woodruff. Woodruff is a retired educator.

Dear Frankie,

The other day everyone at the dog park talked about what was happening to the dogs in Ukraine. Marco said thousands of families were leaving the country because of the war. Many of these families had to leave their dogs behind because they weren't allowed on the trains, buses, or airplanes. Skipper said he heard that many dogs were being rescued, but not all. I can't stop thinking about the dogs that weren't saved. What must it be like, being on their own, wondering when their family was coming back? How would they find food and a safe place to sleep? I'm just heartsick. Why don't humans understand how brutal war is for innocent animals?

*Distraught, Allie*

Dear Allie,

In this day and age, you do wonder why the humans would even consider war as a possible solution to their problems. What happened to "use your words"? Can you imagine if beagles got upset with chihuahuas and took it upon themselves to attack and kill one another? How long do you think the breeders would put up with that? But who is there to tell the humans what to do? What gets me is that the dogs, cats, birds, rabbits, etc. must bear the brunt of the humans' decisions, without a say in the matter. Sometimes it's hard to understand the reasons for the humans' decisions. Whatever the reason, war is a tragedy for both man and beast.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I want to thank everyone that helped make the Robert Landers Golf Classic a successful fundraiser to benefit the Azle High School golf program. Volunteers, players and sponsors are necessary

to make the effort a success. Thank you.

A special thank-you to Domino's Pizza, Cross Timbers Golf Course and Roland Sparks for their many years of help.

*Robert Landers, Azle*

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The golf classic was held on May 14.

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# Boy Scout contributes roof for animal shelter for Eagle project

BY DON MUNSCHE  
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Austin Rickert's Eagle Scout project went to the dogs.

And they couldn't be more thankful for it. Some folks with the city of Azle embraced the gesture, too.

Rickert, a freshman at Azle High School, and fellow Boy Scouts made metal roofs for the dog runs at the Azle Animal Control. The roofing project covered eight kennels, and 8 X 32 was the size of the roof structure that was built. He and others completed the project nearly a month ago. Planning on the project began last fall. Rickert belongs to Troop 175.

"It was a good cause, it was something I believed in," Austin said, explaining how he selected the project. His love for dogs was a contributing factor in the project selection.

He said he looked for something that could help people, and the animal shelter is something that benefits the community, which is a Scout requirement. The project couldn't be something that benefited an individual private group, said Chad Rickert, Austin's father.

"It has to be a church or a park or like a nonprofit food bank type deal," he said, noting the animal shelter fit the bill. He said he stopped by the shelter one day and asked about whether they had any needs, and from there, he took Austin to the shelter.

"(The roof) was the Holy Grail-type deal of their wish list, but they didn't really think that that was something they thought would happen," Chad said, noting the Scouts could make it happen, and the project took

off from there.

Azle Police Lt. Bob Spohn was amazed that Austin and others could make the project come to fruition. The project had to receive approval from the Scoutmaster and the city council and then Spohn. More approval was needed from the Scout troop's district, and then sponsorships had to be acquired. Fundraisers, sponsorships or donations are required to finance the Eagle Scout projects, Chad said. This project cost around \$1,000.

Chad noted businesses contributed supplies and other components to the project, which was completed on April 30.

Being on the leader side of the project produced a certain discovery from the times Austin worked on other community projects, as he explained that advising the Scoutmaster on the project was a "very really weird feeling."

The shelter staff was pleased with the roof.

"They said they haven't had a shelter over those kennels in about a decade," Austin said.

A storm took the roof off, Chad said.

"And they just haven't had the budget to replace the roof," he said. "It made it very seasonal that they could use it. They had told us at one time that they weren't certified by the state for use because they weren't covered."

The Scoutmaster signs off that the project was completed to satisfaction, Chad said.

Austin said he still has other aspects to finish for the Eagle Scout designation. He has two Eagle required merit badges left to complete; 21 merit badges are required for Eagle. After he completes



Troop 175 was able to replace the roofing, rewelding some of the points, and also installed a misting system.

Courtesy photo

those badges and turns in his entire Eagle Scout packet requirements to the council, he will go before a scout leadership board, who will evaluate the project and question Austin about it. After the board gives approval, an awards ceremony is held and Austin would receive the Eagle designation.

Chad and his brother are Life Scouts who missed Eagle by a "small amount." Chad belonged to Troop 175 as a boy. Austin's grandfather and great-grandfather are Eagle Scouts.

"Hopefully, his grandfather will be the one to pin his Eagle on him," Chad said, noting that pinning ceremony would be sentimental to Austin's grandfather. Austin has been in Scouts since the first grade, belonging to the Cub Scouts when he started out.

Spohn lauded the Scouts who worked on the project, as he said the roof over the exterior runs had come down and was in "pretty sorry shape."

"Not only did they replace the roofing but they actually rewelded some of the points, kind of improved some of the structure," he said, adding a misting system was installed, too. He said how Austin and others were able

to acquire donations and put the project together was "incredible." They devised a schematic before they did the work, and the project was "extremely well planned out and organized," Spohn said.

He was impressed with the leadership role that Austin took on the project, that his work contributed to a greater good, and that he said it was unusual to "find a servant leader in a young man like that."

The boys were committed to the project.

"It's refreshing to know that there are young men of character like that," Spohn said about the Scouts. "They made a promise to us, (and) they kept it. It was really a blessing."

Jessie Williams, shelter supervisor at Azle Animal Control, said she appreciates the work Austin and the other Scouts put into the roof project. She said the work was done over three Saturdays.

"It was a huge blessing," she said. "We have been in need for like 10 years. We haven't been able to utilize that side of the building because we haven't had the proper coverage for those cages, so it was just a huge blessing."

Spohn said he thought the

new roof could end up saving some animals' lives. Williams said the roof will save lives, as the increase in the number of cages allows the shelter to hold animals longer in the intake buildings' isolation kennels. Whereas

before, she said, the shelter would have to put down dogs with treatable ailments to have space for the new dogs arriving. The shelter now has 15 cages instead of seven.



Austin Rickert stands in front kennel runs at the Azle Animal Control. He and some other Boy Scouts put up a roof at the shelter for dogs, as part of Rickert's Eagle Scout project.

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# Azle City Council swearing-in new members

Top left: Dr. Derrick Nelson is sworn in to Place 1 for Azle City Council at its May 17 meeting. With him are wife Tiffany and daughters Charley and Savannah.

Bottom right: Rouel Rothenberger is sworn in to his Place 5 seat. Standing with him is Ray Ivey. Mayor Alan Brundrett did all the swearing-in duties.

Bottom left: Amy Estes was sworn in to Place 2. Shown here are family members: father Harland Estes, sister Lisa Estes, brother Bradley Estes, his wife Emily Estes and Amy's niece Lilly Estes.

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ON FISHING

# Using drag to your advantage

So how do you effectively use your drag on your reels? Taking folks out on the water with a variety of fishing experience prompted this article. Hopefully some of this information will help.

When do you use drag? Most every reel available on the market today has a drag system. The drag system is a setting on a reel that will allow line to go out with a certain amount of force pulling on the line. This force is usually adjusted to prevent line breakage and/or equipment damage in most cases.

The drag systems on my reels are extremely important in catching fish. A smooth drag system to take the surges from fighting fish is what I am counting on. Most of my fishing is open water fishing so it is not necessary to "horse" the fish to the boat. A relatively loose drag is sufficient for open water fish. You don't want it so loose that you overplay the fish, but loose enough to not put excessive stress on the line size you are using. You can check the drag by pulling on the line to verify sufficient resistance.

There are cases where you do want to "horse" in the fish. Typically, this is when you are fishing where there are trees or other underwater snags where the fish will break you off if they run too far. In this case, you may want to upsize your line test or go to the braided version as well and tighten the drag some.

Drag systems on really large fish caught in the ocean are even more important as some of the fish can pull harder than you can. In fact, some captains know what the actual setting is on their drag in pounds-force. This force is typically set based on the individual using the reel as well as equipment capabilities.

Inexperienced anglers typically continually reel even though the fish is taking line. This is OK for most bait cast reels, but you can save some of your own energy by allowing the fish to run when it is running and reel when the fish gives you a chance. I typically get the comment that the reel is not working when the opposite is true. The reel is performing its job and the drag is set to allow the fish to run so as to not cause line breakage. If you are using a spinning reel and you reel while the fish is taking line, you are only twisting your line. With a spinning outfit, it is preferred that you do not reel when the fish is taking line, otherwise you will eventually have a twisted mess.

When a fish is on, it is best to maintain tension on the line at all times. Keeping tension on the line is the best chance you have to make sure that the hook stays in place. For big or little fish, this is good advice.

Many folks like to lower the rod tip (pumping action) so that they can gain some



**ON FISHING**

By Michael Acosta

As a licensed professional fishing guide, Michael Acosta shows you how to find them. He has been a licensed guide since 1998. michael.acosta@att.net

line back similar to what you see offshore anglers do to bring a big fish in. This is a good method, but if you are to reel down on a fish, make sure you keep the line tight. If you give the fish some slack in the line, the fish has an opportunity to get free by shaking the hook/lure loose.

I typically use 15- to 20-pound monofilament with 15-pound fluorocarbon leader material for most

of my live bait fishing for striped/hybrid bass fishing. I like to retie and replace leaders after each fishing trip to minimize losing fish. I will also retie and check lines during the day if needed. The drag systems on my reels are critical to allowing the equipment to function and to land fish without line breakage. You will learn over time where to set your drag to get optimum performance.

**FISHING REPORT**

The weather has been hot and water temperatures are approaching the 80-degree mark. A little temperature relief and a little rain would help. Anglers and pleasure boaters have been out in numbers on the weekend.

Sand bass and small striped bass continue to be good to excellent on slabs and live shad fished from Indian Harbor to Blue Water Shores. Limits of sand bass have been common. Crappie reports are also good near deeper structure and docks. Channel cats are good on cut shad and shrimp in the backs of creeks. Large blues and yellows are good on cut shad mainly fished at night. Black bass are good in numbers with an occasional big fish to seven pounds. Largemouth are good near main lake points on soft plastics and crankbaits.

Traveling to other reservoirs is still popular despite the rising fuel costs, though many are trying local waters to help conserve costs. Operating costs for vehicles and boats are skyrocketing, as you all know. Lake Whitney striped bass limits continue to be good on live threadfin shad fished mid-lake to the lower ends. Possum Kingdom Lake is boasting on big striped bass on live shad fished from near Hell's Gate to the dam. White bass are good from the Peanut Patch to Hog's Bend on PK.

# PCSO CID seeks information

**FROM STAFF REPORTS**

Parker County Sheriff's Office officials seek any information in connection to a man found deceased next to a railroad track near the Acme Brick Plant.

Parker County Sheriff Russ Authier said a witness stopped at a railroad crossing for a passing train just before 1 a.m. May 20 in the 2300-Block of Bennett Road and saw a man lying motionless in a ditch. The Sheriff's Dispatch Center was contacted and deputies arrived on scene, the SO stated in a news release.

Sheriff's Criminal investigators said the circumstances surrounding the victim's death are under investigation.

"There are apparent injuries on the victim consistent with homicidal violence, and we are investigating the incident as such," said Sheriff Authier, adding the Texas Rangers were contacted to assist in the investigation.

Sheriff Authier also said the victim's identity is not being made public until the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office has forensically identified the man, and the next-of-kin has been notified.

The cause and manner of death will be determined by the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office pending an autopsy.

No further details will be released at this time due to the ongoing investigation.

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Stingrays got their name from the sharp, venom-tipped spines on their tails that can come out when the tail hits an animal. They only sting when threatened or stepped on.

Stingrays burrow in the sand in shallow waters to hide from predators or wait for prey to swim by. Their colors often match the sand or mud where they hide. This is called **camouflage**.

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**What eats rays?**  
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**What do rays eat?**  
 Unscramble the letters to see some of the things rays eat.

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**Extra! Extra! Long and Short Vowel Ocean**  
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Standards Link: Distinguish long/short vowels.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

#### Smallest Rays

The smallest ray is the short-nose electric ray which is about 4 inches across and weighs less than a pound.

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Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Calculate sums and differences.

### Kid Scoop Together

#### Proof It!

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

#### Seaworthy Facts

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Most people know that Mount Everest is Earth's tallest mounntain at 29,029 feet. But Mauna Kea, an old volcano in Hawaii, is raelly taller. In total, Mauna Kea is 33,465 feet tall if measured from the seabed. Only 13,796 feet are above the surfis of the ocean.

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

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

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### All the Angles

The newspaper is a great place to find and identify angles. How many right angles (A) can you find in the newspaper? How many obtuse angles (B)? How many acute angles (C)?

Standards Link: Identify different types of angles.

### Write On!

## Why read?

Why is it important to know how to read? Describe to other students the reasons reading is important and entertaining.

# Azle Optimists award over \$24K in scholarships

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY  
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The Optimist Club of Azle announced the 15 recipients of the club's annual scholarship awards. Each winner was awarded \$1,500 to use for education expenses when they head to college in the upcoming school year.

The Optimists were able to award \$24,500 in scholarships to Azle High School seniors this year, with an additional \$1,000 awarded to the three winners of the essay contest and two names

drawn from the Young Texan and Texanne honorees who each were awarded \$500.

The \$1,500 scholarship recipients include:

- 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 winners of the essay contest were announced in April, with Haylee Allphin winning first place, Caden Christian taking second place and Katy Conwell nabbing third place.

Names were drawn at random from among all of the students named as Young Texan and Texanne throughout the 2021-22 school year, and those winning students were Andrea Duran and Steve Duran.



The Optimist Club of Azle announced the winners of its annual scholarship. Back from left: Steve Duran, Lauren Collins, Haylee Allphin, Kora Clark, Andrea Duran, Madison Wimbish, and Optimist President Leon Williams. Front from left Sarah Russell, Rosalia Nava and Katy Conwell.



Christopher Ixchu (left) was congratulated by club president Leon Williams after the announcement of the scholarship winners. Photos by Jessica McKinney



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## Azle youth softball team knows thrill of victories



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Any team in any sport can be beaten on any given day, but that day hasn't arrived yet for the Lady Hornets in the 12U division of the Azle Baseball and Softball Association.

After beating the Peaster Greyhounds 11-1 on Saturday, the Lady Hornets ended their regular season with a perfect 15-0 record. The team won both tournaments in which it participated.

Coaching the Lady Hornets for the first time this season is Stephen Harris, an employee at Bell Helicopter Textron who moved with his family from Saginaw to Azle recently. Last season, Harris coached the Saginaw Lady Twisters in the Pioneer Youth Baseball and Softball Association. His team went undefeated at 25-0 in the regular season, and he coached the All-Star team at the Texas World Series to a seventh place out of 14 teams.

Coaches from left: head coach Stephen Harri, assistant coach Michael Martinez and assistant coach Nicole Samilo. Back row from left: Reagan Bridges and Addyson Pannell. Middle row from left: Sarah Gomez, Charlotte Rutter, Whitley Samilo and Jimena Espinosa. Front Row from left: Skylee Farmer, Lily Velasquez, Aliyah Martinez, Bella Robles and Brooklynn Harris.

Courtesy photo

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Coach Haley Hopkins, center, will miss team leaders Katy Conwell and Gunnar Tomlinson. Photo by Jeff Prince

## Azle cheerleaders ready to rah-rah at college

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A couple of senior Azle cheerleaders are turning their skills into college scholarships.

On May 20, cheer team captain Katy Conwell and football player turned Hornet Muscle member Gunnar Tomlinson signed letters of intent to attend college and cheer on scholarships.

Conwell will attend Tarleton State University in Stephenville, and Tomlinson is headed to Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

### LONG CHEER CAREER

Conwell began cheering before first grade and con-

tinued for a dozen years, including the past four at Azle High. Three of those years were spent on varsity.

Attending Tarleton will be a dream turned reality – and a relief.

“I’ve worked hard for all four years for something like this,” Conwell said. “To finally say that I’ll be cheering Division 1 is really an accomplishment for me.”

Conwell practices cheerleading four times a week and attends private tumbling classes twice weekly. This year, she began hoisting pig iron on the powerlifting team.

“My dad wanted me to join so I’d get stronger for a D1 cheer program,” she

said. Her key to success is “never giving up, even when you want to,” she said.

She thought about giving up recently but not for long.

“I’ve always wanted to cheer in college, but after four years, you kind of get tired,” she said. “Then, after the season’s over, you kind of take a break. I took probably a month or so break. I realized I don’t want to be done. I don’t want to spend the next four years not being able to cheer. I didn’t like the break. I love being able to cheer. That’s all I’ve known for the last 12 years.”

Earlier this month, she at-

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# Tickets for upcoming football season go on sale soon



Tickets are about to go on sale as flag runners, cheerleaders, color guard and everyone else are gearing up for another big season of 5A football in Azle.

Photo by Jeff Prince

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

Tickets for the upcoming football season at Azle High School are about to be available for purchase online.

Renewal for current ticket holders is May 23 to June 3. Existing ticket holders will receive an email from Brushfire beginning May 23 with instructions on how

to renew tickets. If you do not receive the email by June 3, call the athletic office at 817-270-1725.

Once people renew tickets, they can exchange their current seats if they wish. But they must renew first. Current ticket holders can exchange seat locations on June 6-7.

New season ticket pur-

chases are open to the public beginning June 9 through July 29. A link to the online ticket site will be made available at the Azle High School athletic web site and posted on social media.

Last week, the football program gave fans a taste of what's to come, hosting an intra-squad scrimmage with

all of the program's players from ninth to 12th grades.

"Spring football is a time we get to focus on the fundamentals of the game and answer some questions about our players," said head coach Devon Dorris. "We also get to see all the improvement from the offseason program on display."

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Week 10	South Hills*	Home
Week 11	Burleson Centennial*	Away

\*District games

### SOFTBALL, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1B.

Prior to coaching softball, Harris coached summer baseball in youth leagues. He has enjoyed working with girls for the past two years.

"You are able to teach a lot of the young girls the fundamentals that they don't get from a lot of other organizations or coaches," he said. "They just basically throw them out on the field and let them play. I'm really a stickler for teaching fundamentals, teaching them the actual game where they can carry it on later in life. I teach a lot of life lessons also."

During the regular season, the Lady Hornets practiced with focus to maintain their perfect record.

"They do work extra hard," Harris said. "They go through a lot of diligent practices."

Now that the regular season has ended, the association will select an All-Star team, which will most likely be coached by Harris. (The coach of the team with the best record in the regular season is typically invited to lead the All Stars during the post season, Harris said.)

Once an All-Star team is selected from the ABSA

teams, those players battle other All-Star teams from other leagues.

"When we start playing All-Star, you're playing a lot better competition," he said. "It's almost impossible to be undefeated."

The All-Star team will play a couple invitational tournaments, a regional tournament and a sectional tournament. Teams that perform best in those tournaments receive an invitation to the World Series in July in Laredo.

Harris's granddaughter Brooklynn Harris is an ace on the mound for the Lady Hornets. In the team's most recent tournament, she struck out 33 batters in 13 innings of pitching.

"She is really good," Harris said.

Athletic talent runs in the family. Harris' niece is Makenzi Harris, who pitched at Azle High and was named District 5-4A Newcomer of the Year in 2012 and Pitcher of the Year in 2014 while leading the Lady Hornets to district titles and regional appearances in 2014 and 2015.





# Azle rodeo savors big season in 2022 while anticipating another in '23

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Azle's rodeo team is poised for big things.

The team finished in second place out of almost 90 teams that compete in the North Texas High School Rodeo Association. Last year, Azle's team finished in 23rd place.

Earlier this month, 11 of the team members qualified to compete at the rodeo finals in Saginaw. Azle hasn't sent that many kids to the finals in years.

Nine of those kids are underclassmen who will be returning next season, including sophomore Kasen Scarlato and freshman Jesus Leyva. They competed together in header and heeler team roping, in which two cowboys are on horseback, with one roping a steer's head, and the other roping its heels.

"You'll have one catching the head of the steer, and one catching the feet," Scarlato said. "When my partner is on the heel side, I make sure I turn the steer real nice for him so he can just come in there and lay a trap on the heel side."

Their roping team placed top five at finals.

"I feel like we're doing pretty good," Scarlato said. "I've learned a lot of new things that I didn't know and how to handle different cows differently and how to lay better trap on the heel side. I learned a bunch of different stuff that helped me get better and better this year. I'll just put it all to use next year during the season."

Leyva comes from a ranching family and began roping when he was 5. He won a four-wheeler at his first roping contest in Glen



From left, Jesus Leyva and Kasen Scarlato are expected to return and excel as team ropers next season. Photo by Jeff Prince



Mattie Sheriff is graduating high school and leaving the Azle team but will continue working with horses in Weatherford and participating in area rodeos. Photo by Jeff Prince

Rose that same year.

Now, with 10 years of roping experience, he has become a standout at high school rodeos. He competed at his first finals this month and said what he will remember most fondly is "my rookie year in roping with my buddy Kasen."

Leyva expects to kick up more dirt during the next three years at high school rodeos. Then he plans to continue roping at college and on the professional circuit.

Among the seniors leaving the team is Mattie Sheriff, who is

about to graduate and begin working as a technician with a horse veterinarian in Weatherford. She displayed mixed emotions after the season ended.

"Sad because it's my last high school year," she said. "Happy, too. We finished ninth overall for barrels. That's a pretty good year."

She plans to continue competing at rodeos locally and "just keep hitting jackpots and keep riding," she said. "Just hitting any barrel race I can find."

## AZLE Game Faces

Left: Heavelli Scribner

Right: Rylee Sisson

Photos by JoH Photography



## CHEER, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1B.

tended cheerleader tryouts at Tarleton and was accepted.

She likes the school and Stephenville, a town larger than Azle but similar in a sense.

"It's such a homey feel – it's definitely like Azle," she said. "It's not far from here. I know a lot of people that are going there. That's where my dad went to school. So, it's just it's very familiar. I'm very excited for the next four years."

She will miss her hometown of Azle.

"I've been here my whole life," she said. "I love this school. I love all my friends here. I've made the best memories here because I've been a part of so many different activities. I am definitely going to miss it here."

Her favorite part of high school was cheering at football games on Friday nights.

"Those are memories that will never go away," she said.

A low point was the pandemic. The coronavirus shut down schools and extracurricular activities in 2021.

"It was really sad," she said. "I didn't cheer for probably five months after everything hit. I have an older brother, Garrett, who was a senior the year that everything got shut down. He played baseball, and he didn't have any games. He was done for his whole career. That was really sad to see."

Living through such an extreme period in history taught her about resilience.

"It's definitely something that I never would have imagined would happen in my lifetime, but I think it's made me a stronger person because I have endured so much through this time," she said. "I lost my grandpa from COVID. We lost so many memories that could have been made. But it definitely made me a stronger person."

## ABILENE BOUND

Tomlinson is heading to a much larger city to cheer – Abilene, with

its 125,000 residents.

"It seems like a big town, but it's kind of a small town at the same time," he said. "There are three different colleges. Everybody seems to get together and have a lot of fun down there, so I'm pretty excited for it."

Tomlinson began cheering as a sophomore at Azle. He had played football since elementary school but lost his taste for the sport by high school.

"My girlfriend convinced me to join cheer," he said. "I always thought it was kind of weird. Then, I started doing it. It's a lot more fun than it seems. So, it just took off from there. I knew I had more of a future in cheer."

He learned that he wasn't the only one who thought a guy doing cheerleading was "weird." He received razzing from classmates at first, but "after a while they just stopped, and everything went back to normal."

The heckling hurt at first.

"There are some guys that will make fun of you for it, but eventually, if you just show them what you can do..." he started to say, but then switched gears. "Honestly, it doesn't matter what they think. People are just weird about guys that want to cheer. I just get over it."

During his first year on the team, he received positive reinforcement from 2020 graduate Rickey Firman, who was a starter on the Hornets football team while serving simultaneously on the cheer team.

"He was a really good football player," Tomlinson said. "He just told me, don't worry about it. I eventually got over it."

Tomlinson discovered a different atmosphere in cheer practice than he had experienced in football.

"In football, everybody's just constantly yelling at you," he said. "But whenever you do something in cheer and mess up, everybody's like, it's all right. You just go again. That really put a positive energy



Katy Conwell will continue her cheer career at Tarleton State University.

Photo by Jeff Prince



Gunnar Tomlinson, shown with parents Shane and Melissa Tomlinson, will study and cheer at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

Photo by Jeff Prince

inside of me."

His job on the cheer team is to lift and toss girls and do stunts.

"I'll hold them above my head with one hand, or I'll just do anything that will get the crowd all worked up at football games or stuff like that," he said.

Haley Hopkins, the cheer coach, described Tomlinson as an "incredible" team member.

"He has grown so much over the past few years," she said. "The skills that he was able to produce this year and just coming together with his team and being a leader as a senior, he did an amazing job."

Hopkins relied on Conwell as team captain and will miss her leadership and positive energy.

"She led her team well, and I'm really sad to see her go," Hopkins said. "But I know that she's going to do amazing at Tarleton."



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- Willie's "Blue Eyes Cryin' in the \_\_\_\_\_"
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- TX Tanya's "San Antonio \_\_\_\_\_"
- casino in Pocasset, Oklahoma
- TXism: "the fat \_\_\_\_\_ in the fire" (in trouble)
- TXism: "like \_\_\_\_\_ affire" (fast)
- TXism: "it's Katy bar the \_\_\_\_\_"
- cavalry sword
- late Texas rock singer: "\_\_\_\_\_ Loaf"
- "The Heart of \_\_\_\_\_" is in exact center of our state
- declared after Battle of San Jacinto
- "I" topper
- TXism: "shin \_\_\_\_\_" (big event)
- Santa \_\_\_\_\_ TX
- TV's talking horse (2 wds.)
- parties in Mexico
- Perot freed employees from this Iranian city
- TXism: "never in \_\_\_\_\_ my born days" (flee)
- Brownwood university: Howard \_\_\_\_\_
- Texas schools try to ensure that \_\_\_\_\_ gets lost in the crowd
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- "hasta \_\_\_\_\_ vista"
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- "shop '\_\_\_\_\_ you drop"
- \_\_\_\_\_ Paso
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