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P&Z approves zoning change request for new development

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The Azle Planning and Zoning Commission on

April 21 approved a request for a zoning change for a housing development on the west side of town.

But the approval came

after a decent amount of opposition from the public, as several residents spoke against the development during a public hearing.

The request was for a change from single-family one to planned development district at the property, located on the north side of Kerry

Lane, 600 feet east of Jackson Trail. Developers want to build a 62-lot residential subdivision called Noble Woods. The commissioners'

approval now goes to the Azle City Council, which is expected to examine the re-

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Azle Weather Center shares passion for meteorology locally

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY
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Ralph Smole, founder of Azle Weather Center, comes by his love of meteorology honestly.

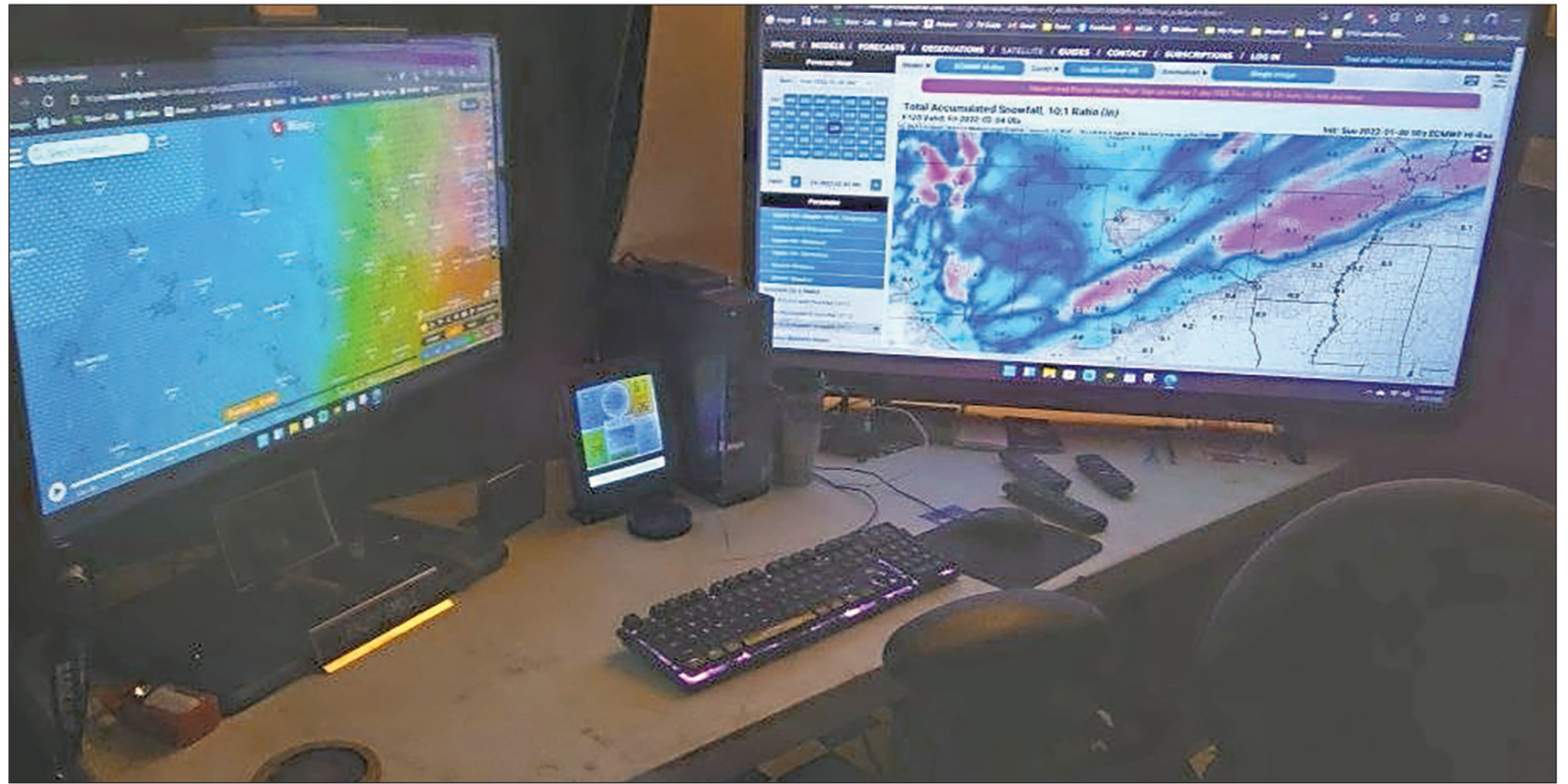
"My dad was Air Force, and he was a weather observer in Alaska," he said. "And so, from the time I was old enough to read, he would show me weather charts and how to read charts and all that."

"Whenever we had severe weather, he would put my mom and my siblings in the basement, and we would stay up outside watching," Smole said. "He taught me how to look at the clouds, how to interpret them. So, that's what really started it."

Smole has lived in Azle for 22 years, and he started Azle Weather Center on Facebook about six years ago.

He is a certified SKYWARN spotter through the National Weather Service.

According to the NWS website www.Weather.gov, SKYWARN is "a volun-



Ralph Smole runs the Azle Weather Center from his home office, keeping residents aware when severe weather approaches.

Photo courtesy

teer program with between 350,000 and 400,000 trained severe weather spotters.

These volunteers help keep their local communities safe by providing timely

and accurate reports of severe weather to the National Weather Service."

Smole also continues to learn more with free training and resources on meteorol-

ogy through MetEd.

"(MetEd) is a geoscience website, and you can go on there and take courses, which range from anywhere from 30 minutes to eight

hours," said Smole.

"I've been doing a lot of studying on my own to learn more, like radar interpretation, model interpretation and stuff like that."

Smole also spent some time storm chasing about 20 years ago when his kids were young, but the charm

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Rev. Tim Stevens leaving Azle



The Rev. Tim Stevens, along with his wife Michelle, will leave Azle, as Tim will be lead pastor at Turning Point Assembly of God in Waco.

Photo by Don Munsch

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Knife-wielding man dies after police encounter

BY CARLA NOAH STUTSMAN

A man who made threats while displaying a knife died following an early-morning incident near a local church.

The deceased man has been identified by the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office as George J. Gordon III, 28, of Azle. The ME's office listed the cause of death as blunt force injuries of the chest and abdomen.

According to a news release from the Azle Police Department, officers responded to the 700 block of Boyd Road about 7:30 a.m. Sunday in reference to a male with a knife who was making threats. The location is near Victory Christian Center and Eagle Mountain Veterinarian Clinic.

Officers arrived and attempted to de-escalate the situation, but the suspect advanced on the officers while holding a knife in his hand and refused to comply with their commands, the police statement said. Officers deployed less lethal options to stop the suspect's advances toward them. Police did not specify what those options were.

Police provided first aid until Azle Fire/EMS arrived and transported the suspect to the hospital, where he later died. Officers did not discharge their service weapons during the incident, according to the statement.

The Azle Police Department has requested that the Texas Rangers investigate the incident.

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Allsup's recognizes new store opening with celebration, concert

BY DON MUNSCH
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Allsup's convenience stores will celebrate the opening of a new store in Azle May 8-14, with a free concert on May 14.

Country music act Coffey Anderson will play at 6:30 p.m. on the parking lot near the new store at 1590 Northwest Parkway. Patrons may bring lawn chairs.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 13 and 14, Pepsi and Frito-Lay will give away free products, and visitors may eat free hot dogs. Tony the Tiger, Kellogg's cereal mascot, will be at the store from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., May 13. People may register for prizes now by texting Azle to 82295, and winners need not be present on May 14 to be eligible to win, said Gary Lyons, district manager of Allsup's for the Dallas-Fort Worth area. People also may go to the store from May 11-14 and snap a picture of the QR code that will take them to a website to register for prizes.

The company will donate \$1,250 to the Azle ISD, Lyons said, and that money goes into a general student activity account. Another check will be given to the Azle Police and Fire departments. The fire department will give truck tours from 4-6 p.m. May 14.

During the week of celebration, Allsup's encourages customers to sign up for its rewards program.

The new store, which



Gary Lyons, district manager of Allsup's for the Dallas-Fort Worth area, stands in the new store in Azle.

Photo by Don Munsch

opened on March 10, features 5,600 square feet, Lyons said. The last store had a little less than 2,000 square feet, and it was an "aging" building that needed a "lot of work," Lyons said.

"Obviously, there was not much upside in that small lot," he said.

The new building took

about 4 1/2 months to construct, and the store is exceeding expectations, Lyons said. There are 28 gas pumps at the new store; the previous store has six fueling positions.

With the new digs comes a wider selection of grocery items and other household goods. There also are more

cooler doors, and the store also offers an array of ready-to-go hot food, such as toaster sandwiches and hamburgers. The last store, just north of the current store, just had a fried food program.

"All of these new stores have the grills, which are a lot of fun to work with," Lyons said.

This Allsup's location has 23 employees and could hire a few more people, Lyons said. The last store had 11 employees. Allsup's is open 24-7. The new store accepts all of the trucker cards for high-flow diesel.

In Texas, there exist 218 Allsup's and Yesway stores. There are 402 stores across

eight states: Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota. Yesway purchased Allsup's in 2019 and is now a combined company based in Fort Worth, Lyons said.

For more information about Anderson, visit coffeyanderson.com.

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The 2021 legislative session is hailed as the most conservative session in Texas history. Dr. Glenn Rogers co-authored and voted for numerous conservative priorities, including:

- ✔ Co-authoring a bill to ban gender modification or gender transitioning. **Dr. Rogers is strongly opposed to gender modification.** (HB 1399, 2021)
- ✔ Banning the teaching of Critical Race Theory in Texas classrooms. (HB 3979, 2021)
- ✔ **Increasing border security funding by \$2.8 billion** and is committed to finishing President Trump's border wall. (SB 1, HB 9, 2021)



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quest at Tuesday's meeting, on May 3.

Many residents opposed the development because of traffic, density and its suitability to the area, among other reasons. The planned development would be on 22 acres and would have two points of access, one on Kerry Lane and one on Phillips Drive.

"Within this 22 acres, the developer is setting aside 5½ acres of land for tree preservation that will consist of a variety of open-space areas that have a large amount of existing trees as well as a 15-foot preservation easement at the rear of the residential lots that has a lot of existing trees," said David Hawkins, city director of planning and development. That preservation easement will act as a natural buffer and is adjacent to the existing properties that surround the proposed development, Hawkins said.

Proposed open space areas are to be owned and maintained by the subdivision's Homeowners Association. The P&Z Commission - with the developer providing his OK during the meeting - approved these additions to the zoning change request: A minimum house shall be 2,000 square feet for 80% of the lots and 1,800 square feet for 20% of the lots; the tree preservation easement shall be increased from 15 feet to 20 feet along the rear of the residential lots; and a new fence with stone columns that does not impede sight visibility shall be required along Phillips Drive.

The developer, Roger Gray McInnis of Gray Interests in Dallas, spoke to the commission about his company's plans. Hawkins said the developer proposed a minimum lot size of 7,200 square feet, with the average lot size being 9,000. The developer intends to plant 226 trees in the development.

As far as drainage, McIn-

nis said when his company develops a property, officials want to ensure drainage issues are looked after. He said his company is "well aware" of the drainage issue to the north and has met with the property owner to the west where there has been a drainage concern.

McInnis said he thinks his plan will preserve more trees and increase and maintain property values over time.

Many of the speakers during the forum lived near the proposed development, in the Kerry Lane-Phillips Drive area. The first speaker, Cynthia Barrios, outlined a number of issues she had with the development, including traffic.

"We are here to build our roots, to grow our family, and no disrespect, but this Dallas company, this is another project for them, but we're living here, we're serving our community," she said. "We want to see Azle grow but grow responsibly."

Cliff Fitch said one of his concerns was the wildlife in the area.

"I know that every development hears that same argument, but I got 18 deer that I feed twice a day, and I'm sure I'm not the only one," he said, drawing a couple of amens. He said once this development starts, he wondered where the animals will move to and that some - such as snakes and skunks - would end up in his lawn. He also wondered about the barrier between the development and other properties, and he had concerns about drainage and traffic.

Whitney Beardsley said she moved to Azle about a year ago and has fallen in love with her neighbors, open space and the town and its people. But this Noble Woods development doesn't reflect the neighborhood she moved to, she said, and the neighborhood would not, among other shortcomings,



Cliff Fitch addressed the P&Z commission to talk about his concerns for the wildlife in the area.

Photo by Jessica McKinney

enhance property values. She lives on Phillips Drive and does not want houses built in front of her front

door. After the hearing, the commission discussed the development with McInnis and

then approved the request in a 5-0 vote with Commissioner Kenny Caswell absent from the meeting and

Commissioner Laurel Mosier leaving the meeting early and not voting on this item.

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Azle ISD bond projects underway

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Construction at several Azle ISD elementary campuses — including the new campus No. 6 — are all on track to be completed by their estimated timeframes.

Projects at Eagle Heights, Hoover, and Liberty Elementary campuses, plus a new elementary campus, were approved by voters in May 2021, when the school district asked voters to pass a bond proposition that would allow work to begin as soon as possible. Each project is

expected to help add more capacity and educational equity for those campuses.

Eagle Heights Elementary, which first opened in 1960, will have single-stall restrooms added for the kindergarten classes. A large, centralized library will be added, and the administration offices will be relocated near the front entrance.

Eagle Heights currently has capacity for 476 students. The new renovations will bring that up to 526 students.

Hoover Elementary has been serving grades 5-6

since 1993. A new science lab, renovated band and music spaces and special education classrooms will be added, adding capacity and enhancing the learning environment for those students.

The guaranteed maximum price for the projects on these campuses is \$7,779,789.

Projects at Hoover and Eagle Heights have begun, although there is a significant amount of work that can't be started at Eagle Heights until students and staff are off campus for summer break.

It is expected that the work at Eagle Heights and Hoover

will be completed in time for school to start this fall.

Liberty Elementary's projects and construction of elementary campus No. 6 are about to begin, with a groundbreaking ceremony for the new campus tentatively set for May 16. The time is to be determined.

Liberty Elementary will have a centralized library, a larger cafeteria and kitchen, and administrative offices will be moved to the front door. The changes will increase capacity at the campus from 476 to 626.

The new campus and Lib-

erty projects are planned for completion in fall 2023.

During the April 18 meeting of the Azle ISD Board of Trustees, the GMP was approved for the projects at Liberty Elementary and for the construction of the new elementary campus. The GMP was set at \$36,122,434. This is more than \$3 million less than the estimated cost for the two projects.

Matt Adams, assistant superintendent of finance and operations at the district, said that they have had several meetings to look at value engineering items to

help cut costs on the bond projects.

"This includes looking at items such as flooring, doors, exterior and interior finishes, and even adjusting some spaces," Adams said.

Project costs, including materials like steel and concrete, have seen a steady increase — around 40% — since the bond packages were first put together for the May 2021 election.

"The board and administration are committed to building the projects that were in the approved bonds," Adams said.

Music in the Park kicks off May 6



Photo: Country singer George Navarro is returning to Music in the Park this summer on June 10.

File Photo

The Azle Special Events Committee is gearing up for another great summer of music at Central Park starting on May 6 and continuing until June 24.

The family-friendly concerts will be every Friday from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Central Park amphitheater.

Food vendors will be set up near the concert. Check the Azle Special Events Facebook page to keep updated.

Lawn chairs and blankets

are welcome, but canopies are strongly discouraged.

The concert lineup includes:

- May 6: Poo Live Crew, Azle's favorite cover band.

- May 13: Carried Away.

They cover past and present Carrie Underwood hits.

- May 20: Texas Flood.

They play tribute to Stevie Ray Vaughn and the blues.

- May 27: Windy City.

Covering Chicago's greatest hits.

- June 3: Memphis Soul.

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- June 10: George Navarro, country music singer and winner of Texas Regional Radio "New Male Vocalist of the Year."

- June 17: Epic Unplugged, who plays epic rock from Queen, Pink Floyd, Killers, Led Zeppelin and more.

- June 24: Petty Theft.

Recreating the sounds of Tom Petty and The Heartbreakers.

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of it wore off "after having windshields blown out from hail."

But he says that one of the benefits from that time with his kids and chasing storms has taught them not to freak out over severe weather.

"They respect it, but they learn what to look for ahead of time instead of freaking out at the last minute," Smole said.

Smole's son, Ralph

Smole III, now an adult with a family of his own, also helps out with the AWC, posting photos and videos whenever severe weather is in the area, while his father is working his job at Walmart in Azle.

Smole puts together weather forecasts for the Azle area, including allergy outlooks. When severe weather is approaching, and he's home, he will

livestream weather radars

so the community has the most current weather affecting Azle and the surrounding areas.

AWC's Facebook page continues to grow, and Smole is surprised but delighted by its growth within the community.

"I'm amazed at how fast it's grown," he said. "Because it took a couple or three years to hit 1,000 people ... and now we're over 7,300 fans and 7,800 followers."

LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICES

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City of Azle, Texas Alan Brundrett, Mayor May 4, 2022

The Zoning Board of Adjustment for the City of Azle will conduct a public hearing on Monday, May 23, 2022, to consider a variance request to Section 21 (3) Setback Requirements of the City of Azle Ordinance No. 388 for the property located at 637 Northwest Parkway, and also known as Lot 1R, Block 1, Hoover Addition, an addition to the City of Azle, Parker County, Texas. The purpose of the variance is to allow for the construction of a new building addition to encroach the minimum thirty-foot (30') rear yard setback. The meeting will begin at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers located at 505 W. Main, Azle, Texas.

NOTICE OF APPROVAL - Notice is hereby given that at the March 28, 2022 City Council Meeting of the City of Reno, Texas, the following ordinance, which may be viewed online at <http://www.renotx.gov>, was passed and approved:

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-04 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RENO, TEXAS AMENDING ARTICLE 12.03, "SOLID WASTE" BY ADDING SECTIONS INCLUDING THE "DEFINITIONS, RATES AND FEES-SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RENO; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND CUMULATIVE CLAUSES; PROVIDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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/s/Sam White, Mayor
Attest: /s/Rebekka Roberts, Interim City Secretary, Reno, Texas

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Self-storage auction on May 14th, 10am at Sandy Beach Self Storage, 11109 Liberty School Rd, Azle, for units #76 Jana Crosby, #29 Melissa Mulholland, #94 Leslie Holder, #13 Dennis Doan, #14 Tienna Kennan.
All household misc.

Azle School Menu May 9-13, 2022

BREAKFAST: GRADES PK-4th \$1.55 GRADES 5-12th \$1.50 Employees \$1.85 Guests \$1.85	LUNCH: GRADES PK-12th \$2.65 Employees \$3.20 Guests \$3.55 Gold Card Guests \$3.15	A La Carte Items • Milk/Juice 75¢ • Bottled water \$1.00 • Ice Cream \$1.00
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PreK - 4th

BREAKFAST: Everyday - Assorted Fruits and Cereal, Juice, White or Chocolate Milk, Graham Crackers, Toast,
 Mon Cocoa Puffs Cereal w/ Graham Crackers **Tues** Warm Breakfast on a Stick **Weds** Golden Mini French Toast
Thurs Egg & Turkey Sausage Biscuit Sandwich **Fri** Golden Banana Bread Slice

LUNCH: Everyday - Variety of milk. Your choice of 1 entree & 1 fruit or juice
 Mon Cheesburger Tots w/ Biscuit, Cheesy Turkey Melt, Peppered Broccoli Florets **Tues** Beefy Macaroni Marinara w/ Roll, BBQ Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Seasoned Peas & Carrots **Weds** Grande Beefy Nachos, Homemade Beef Burrito, Fresh Salsa, Seasoned Refried Beans **Thurs** Meatloaf Mashed Potato Bowl w/Biscuit, Beef Finger Potato Bowl w/Biscuit, Steamed Crinkle Carrots **Fri** Cheesburger, Pepperoni Pizza, Crispy Tater Tots

GRADES 5TH - 8TH

BREAKFAST: Everyday - Assorted Fruits and Cereal, Juice, White or Chocolate Milk, Graham Crackers,
 Mon Blueberry Muffin **Tues** Cheesy Egg & Potato Breakfast Tacos **Weds** Fluffy Jumbo Waffles w/ Turkey Sausage
Thurs Egg & Cheese Biscuit Sandwich **Fri** Iced Cinnamon Roll w/ Sausage Patty

LUNCH: Everyday - Variety of milk. Your choice of 1 entree & 1 fruit or juice, rolls, crackers. Variety of burgers.
 Mon Cheesburger, Hamburger, Cheesburger Tots w/ Biscuit, Beefy Macaroni Marinara, Aimee's Chicken Spaghetti Casserole, Crispy Straight Cut Fries, Peppered Broccoli Florets **Tues** Cheesburger, Hamburger, Tater Tot Casserole w/ Biscuit, Spaghetti Marinara w/ Meatballs & Roll, Cheesy Meatball Sub, Steamed Crinkle Carrots, Crispy Tater Tots **Weds** Cheesburger, Hamburger, Chicken Pot Pie w/ Biscuit, Creamy Chicken Alfredo, Spiced Green Beans, Crinkle Cut Fries **Thurs** Cheesburger, Hamburger, Oven Baked Beef Lasagna w/ Breadstick, Cheesy Meatball Sub, Homemade Meatloaf & Seasoned Brown Rice Bowl, Oven-Roasted Potato Wedges **Fri** Grilled Cheesburger, Juicy Hamburger, Fresh Carrots & Celery, Delicious Cheese Pizza, Classic Pepperoni Pizza, Creamy Macaroni & Cheese w/ Beef Fingers, Crispy Straight Cut Fries, Seasoned Mexican Black Beans

HIGH SCHOOL

BREAKFAST: Everyday: Fruit • Cereal • Juice • Milk/Chocolate Milk • Graham Crackers
 Egg Scramble w/ Turkey Sausage & Biscuit • Scrambled Eggs w/ Biscuit • Turkey Sausage Patty w/ Biscuit • Hash Brown
 Mon Egg, Turkey Sausage & Cheese Tornado **Tues** Egg, Turkey Sausage & Cheese Tornado **Weds** Blueberry Muffin w/ String Cheese
Thurs Cinnamon & Sugar Donut Holes **Fri** Egg, Turkey Sausage & Cheese Tornado

LUNCH: Everyday: Milk • Pizza • Salad. Your choice of 1 entree & 1 fruit or juice BALLPARK CLASSICS: Ham/Cheesburger Breaded Chicken Patty Sandwich • Spicy Chicken Patty Sandwich • Golden Chicken Corn Dog
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Azle FCCLA members qualify for nationals

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY
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Azle High School sophomores Skye Dickens and Kristina Birkeland will participate at a national competition with their STAR Sustainability Challenge - Level 2 project for Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA).

The National FCCLA Leadership Conference will be June 28 to July 4 in San Diego. Students from all 50 states and Puerto Rico will be competing.

According to the FCCLA website, the Sustainability Challenge “recognizes participants who address environmental issues that adversely impact human health and well-being and who actively empower others to get involved.”

The project challenged the students to introduce sustainable practices to the community. Dickens and Birkeland chose green cleaning — specifically microfiber mops and chemical concentrates — for their project.

To get the word out about their project, they presented information to two of their classes at school, the AP Biology class and AP Environmental Science class, as well as the school board and other small groups.

“When going to region, we weren’t nearly as prepared as we should have been, but we pushed through and kept our heads up and ended placing first and qualified for state,” Skye said.

“After we got feedback from our evaluators, we got going and worked our project to the core, editing every detail we could do the best we possibly could,” she said. “After putting our heart and soul into it, we placed first at state as well.”

Both students are looking forward to bringing their sustainability project to the National Leadership Conference this summer.

Skye said that sustainability is something she is very passionate about.

“I’m really excited to see the impact that we have made with this project,” she said. “It’s exciting to know that I’m not just sitting and thinking about doing something, but rather actually taking action.”

“Sustainability and the environment are at the heart of my ambitions, and it’s super encouraging to compete for something I love,” said Kristina.

“I believe the nationals will give us the opportunity to continue educating both our peers and adults on the benefits of green cleaning.”

Birkeland and Dickens each won a four-year \$1,000 scholarship to Texas Tech after winning at the state competition in April.

“We would like to give a special thank you to all of those who have generously helped us with our project, including Mr. Corbett, Dr. Jungman, Mr. Johnston, Mrs. Deskins, Mr. Sheriff, Mrs. Hampton, Mrs. Cockrell, Mrs. Tyler, Mr. Overton, Mrs. Henson, Mrs. Marly Knapp, Mr. LaPrade, Mrs. Constant, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Ward, the Azle ISD Schoolboard, and the students at Azle High School,” said Natasha Deramee, FCCLA advisor.

“We would also like to thank our CTE Director, Dr. Suzanne Murr for all of her help with who to contact regarding presentations, and also her advice for corrections and improvements to make to our project,” Deramee said.

“We value her input very much as she has been an evaluator for FCCLA and other CTSOs at the region and state levels for many years.

“It has taken a village to help Kristina and Skye with their Sustainability Challenge project and we are very grateful for everyone’s support.”



AHS sophomores Skye Dickens (left) and Kristina Birkeland focused their Sustainability Challenge project on green cleaning methods. They have won at state and will move on to nationals this summer.

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Obituaries

Don Truman Springfield 1929 - 2022

Don Truman Springfield, age 92 of Springtown, Texas passed away peacefully to be with his Savior Jesus Christ in his home on Sunday, May 1, 2022.

A celebration of Don's life will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, May 5, 2022 at his church, First Baptist Church of Springtown. Visitation will be at 10 a.m., prior to the service. Interment will follow the service at Jaybird Cemetery. Dr. Hal Kinkeade will officiate the service.

In lieu of memorial donations, please give to the First Baptist Church of Springtown in Don's memory. He loved his church and they were like family.

Don was born on December 19, 1929 in Reno, Texas to Thelma Etta Williams and Jesse James Springfield. He weighed only 2 pounds at birth.

Don lived in the Springtown area all of his life and graduated from Springtown High School in 1951. In High School, Don was a leader in the school. He was active in Future Farmers of America, elected Mr. Springtown High School, Future Homemakers of America Beau, a member of the choir and manager of the basketball team.

Don served in the Air Force from 1951 to 1953 and received an honorable discharge in 1959. He was proud that he served his country and had good memories of his time.

In 1955, he married the love of his life, Mary Ruth Prather. They had two children, James Keith and Nancy Jane. Don was an ordained deacon in the Baptist Church from 1969 until his death. He loved his church, and he loved his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He has always been a leader in his community, his church and to his many friends and family.

He served on the Springtown School board and Parker County hospital board for many years. He was passionate about good education and healthcare. He wanted to bring healthcare to the Springtown area and was instrumental in facilitating the first doctor's clinic built in Springtown.

He loved being outside gardening, farming, and



raising livestock. His family loved to hear stories about the people and times he grew up, and places he had been throughout his life. He had many funny quotes that will always be remembered. He loved adventure and enjoyed life every day. He especially enjoyed sitting on his porch looking out over his green fields and livestock. We know he is having a heavenly adventure beyond what we can ever imagine. This gives us much peace and hope in our future.

Don was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Mary Ruth Prather; his parents; four sisters and four brothers.

He is survived by his son, Keith Springfield and wife, Gina; daughter, Nancy Bayouth and husband, Mark; five grandchildren, Alyssa, Dillon, John Mark, Luke, and Matthew; one great-grandson, Lawson; his sister, Marzella Stephens; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

We want to thank our many families and friends who have prayed and supported us during this time. We are so grateful for our caregivers, Jaylee Barbee and Cindy Latta, his pastor Dr. Hal Kinkeade, the wonderful doctors, nurses and Heart to Heart Hospice who have given dad excellent care with such compassion and kindness.

Don's grandsons and nephews will honor him as pallbearers.

We will all miss him so much, but we know this is just the beginning of his eternal life. The biggest adventure of his life is just starting in heaven with his Savior Jesus Christ! What a glorious day!

Services are under the direction of Biggers Funeral Home, Lake Worth, Texas.

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June "Charlotte" Tidwell 1933 - 2021

June "Charlotte" Tidwell, 88, of Azle, Texas passed away peacefully surrounded by her family December 18, 2021. She was born June 5, 1933, in Sacramento, California. She married the love of her life, Sid Tidwell on December 15, 1949, and was married for 60 years.

Celebration Of Life will be held at 12:30 p.m. May 7 at Azle Central Park followed by a graveside service at 3:30 p.m. at Ash Creek Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to "Team PHenomenal Hope" into the general fund in memory of great-grand baby Lincoln Richard Tidwell. Please use the memo field to indicate donation memory.

Proceeded in death by her husband Henry Sidney Tidwell, son Terry Tidwell, daughter-in-law Debra Tidwell, granddaughter Amy Tidwell Berkner, and great-grand son Lincoln Tidwell.

Survivors include her brother Bobby Isgren of



Memphis; sons Troy and Robert Tidwell; daughter-in-law Debbie Tidwell Lewis; six grandchildren, Amber and husband Barry Upshaw, Angela Puckett, Jennifer and husband Jason Smith, Justin and wife Amanda Tidwell, Robert Tidwell Jr. and Joey Tidwell. Twelve great-grandchildren, Sydney Tidwell, Carlee Puckett, Cheyenne Dennis, Jordan, Jamie & Jaden Upshaw, Dragan & Brody Berkner, Raylen, Mckenley, Ayden & Ashyr Smith.

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Dianna "Sue" Richardson 1945 - 2022

Dianna "Sue" Richardson, 76, passed away May 1, 2022 at Medical City Hospital in Fort Worth.

Funeral service is at 11 a.m., Friday, May 6, 2022 at First Baptist Church in Springtown.

Visitation: 10 to 11 a.m., Friday, May 6, 2022 at First Baptist Church in Springtown. Interment: 1 p.m., Friday, May 6, 2022 at Wizard Wells Cemetery in Jacksboro.

She was born on October 11, 1945 in Fort Worth to J.N. and Edith Byrom Morrow.

Her family moved to La Junta in 1952 where she was raised. She graduated from Azle High School in 1964, and attended both Weatherford and Tarleton College. She married Richard "Red" Richardson in 1968 at the La Junta Baptist church, and later moved to Springtown where they raised their family. She worked as a bookkeeper for several different companies, most recently the Hickman Company in Fort Worth. Sue was an active member of First Baptist Church of Springtown for over 21 years. She loved being around family, especially her granddaughter, Lauren.



She also enjoyed crocheting, and loved the city of Springtown and would support their volleyball, basketball, and other sports teams. Lately, she was on the Board of the Senior Citizen Center in Springtown and loved to play "42". Over the years, Sue has touched many lives and she will be missed by all who knew her.

She is preceded in death by her parents, as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Sue is survived by her husband of 53 years, Richard "Red" Richardson of Springtown; son, Scott Richardson of Springtown; granddaughter, Lauren Richardson of Fort Worth, and a host of other family members and friends.

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Obituaries

Ethan Jordan Jernigan 1997 - 2022

Ethan Jordan Jernigan passed away April 22, 2022, at his home with his family by his side.

A service to celebrate Ethan's life was held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at Mulkey-Mason Funeral Home in Lewisville. Interment will follow at Rolling Oaks Memorial Center in Coppell. For a complete obituary please visit www.mulkeymason.com

Ethan was born June 10, 1997, in Corpus Christi, Texas. He attended school in Azle ISD and remained a long-time resident of the community.

Ethan is survived by his parents, his brother, and three grandparents: Joshua



Jernigan, Rebecca Jungman Jernigan, Joshua "Jay" Jernigan, Billie Jameson Ansley, and Gene and Betty Bevil. He was blessed with a large extended family including many uncles, aunts, cousins, and honorary family members.

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Donald Lehr, Sr. 1958 - 2022

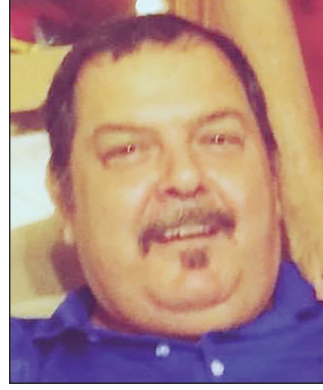
Donald "Donnie" Lehr was reunited with his loving wife on April 27, 2022

Visitation will be held on May 5, 2022 at 9 a.m. Funeral service will begin at 10 a.m. at Azleland Chapel. Internment at Azleland Cemetery.

Donnie was a pressman for the Ft. Worth Star-Telegram for over 30 years. Donnie loved to fish and complain. He named himself a "professional pessimist".

He is preceded in death by his wife of over 40 years, Sherry Lehr, grandson Clayton Booth, parents Paul and Freda Lehr, sisters Linda Mosley and Paula Briggs, brother David "Bubba" Lehr and twin brother Ronnie Lehr.

He is survived by his daughter Kimberly Heath and husband Kenneth Heath of Azle; son Marshall Lehr



and wife Stacy Bolen Lehr of North Richland Hills; son Donald Lehr II and wife Jacque of Iowa Park; 9 grandchildren, Tyler, Ryan, Jordan, Noah, Ema, and Laken Lehr, Justin and Alex Heath and Amber Booth and one great grandchild Faith Consula, his best friend Jerry Davis, and many nieces and nephews.

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Paul Dean Murphree 1942 - 2022

Paul Dean Murphree, age 79, passed away Monday, May 2, 2022 at the family ranch.

Service is at 10 a.m. Friday, May 6, 2022 at Ash Creek Baptist Church, Azle, Texas.

Interment: Hoggard-Reynolds Cemetery, Azle, Texas.

Visitation is from 6-8 p.m., Thursday, May 5, 2022 at Biggers Funeral Chapel.

Paul Dean Murphree was born September 6, 1942 in Fort Worth to the late Hoyt and Della Mae (Howard) Murphree.

He graduated high school and then joined the National Guard. He was married to Judith Lynn Stanke and they were married for 33 years. Paul was a metal fitter for General Dynamics.

Paul was a rancher and loved his cows and working on his land while driving his tractor. He and his loving wife Judy loved traveling together. Paul was a Christian man. He loved his church and was the Director of his Sunday School Class. Any-



one that had the privilege of knowing Paul, loved him and never forgot him.

Paul is survived by his wife, Judy Murphree; his daughters, Tara Koch and her husband, Ricky, and Jill Gatlin and her husband Rob; his stepsons, Bobby Rasberry and his wife, Micki and Rodney Rasberry; his grandchildren, Tyler Clouch and his wife, Heather, Cody Clouch and his wife, Paige, Jaxon Koch, Hannah Gatlin and Havyn Gatlin; great-grandson, James Paul Clouch and his brother, David Murphree and his wife, Faye.

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Frederick Weaver Jr. 1934 - 2022

Fred Weaver, Jr. went to his heavenly home on April 22, 2022. He was born October 14, 1934. A lifelong resident of Azle, he graduated from Azle High School in 1953.

Fred married his high school sweetheart Jacqueline Emanuel on September 3, 1954. In 1987 Fred founded Community Bible Fellowship.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Bessie Weaver, and by his son, Fred Weaver III.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 67 years, Jacqueline, son Clinton and



wife LaDonnya, son Bryan and wife Crystal; six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

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This Saturday, May 7, is Election Day. This election focuses on local races, including city council and school board trustee positions. The ballot also includes two constitutional amendments related to property taxes. The second May election is the Texas Primary Run-Off Election on Tuesday, May 24. Early voting for this election is only a few days, May 16-20. There are several key run-off elections on the primary ballot, including a newly redistricted House of Representatives District 60 position. We continue to see challeng-



AZLE ISD

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

Mr. Smith just completed his 27th school year in Azle ISD, with 13 years in campus administration and six years as a district administrator. In June 22, 2020 he was named Superintendent of Schools by the Azle ISD Board of Trustees. He is thankful for the passion and dedication exhibited by Azle ISD faculty and staff and is extremely proud of the work Azle ISD has accomplished and the impact they will continue to make in the lives of our students.

ing times in public education from decisions made by elected officials. I encourage you and your family to take part in both elections. It is important to take the time to research the candidates and make voting a priority for the future of the fast growth of Azle ISD.

This week, we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week. I could not be any prouder to be a part of such a dedicated group. All of our employees continue to rise above the task by caring, educating and serving the various needs of our diverse student population, regardless of the

challenges. I assure you it is a priority to focus on recruiting and retaining high-quality teachers in order to continue our mission: Making a Difference to Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day.

I am extremely proud of what we have been able to accomplish so far this school year. I look forward to a strong finish. Our last day of school is Wednesday, May 25. Graduation will be on Thursday, May 26 at the Fort Worth Convention Center. As a community, thank you for all you do.

We are Azle.

Deadline to register for Chamber golf tournament is May 11

The Azle Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting its 17th annual Golf Tournament on May 13 at Cross Timbers Golf Course in Azle.

Teams from area businesses and organizations are invited to join, either as a team of four or individually. The golf tournament is a day of fun and network-

ing while supporting fellow businesses in Azle and the Chamber.

There will be lunch, games and door prizes, and of course a round of golf. The tournament will be held rain or shine and will only be canceled for lightning.

The last day to register is May 11. Cost to enter for Chamber members

is \$400 for a team of four or \$100 for an individual. Non-member registration is \$500 for a team of four or \$125 for an individual.

Lunch and registration begin at 11:30 a.m. and tee off is at 1 p.m.

For more information, contact the Chamber at 817-444-1112, or email info@azlechamber.com.

Running with scissors

What's the best warning you ever got?

I'll let you interpret "best." You could go with most memorable, most helpful or most ridiculous.

Most warnings begin with some form of "don't."

Don't swim after a big meal. Don't eat food before the expiration date. Don't drink and drive. Don't run with scissors.

Some warnings are based on fables, others on preferences, and still others on legitimate dangers.

I think the best warning I ever got is "Don't do stupid stuff."

That one seems to cover most of the bases – if only there were a consistent definition of "stupid."

I saw a great meme recently that explained the difference between a severe weather watch and a severe weather warning. The meme used tacos.

A taco watch was a picture of a head of lettuce, a tomato, an onion, a block of cheese and a pound of ground beef.

A taco warning was a picture of ... wait for it ... a taco.

It's all about how close the "danger" is.

I have obviously digressed a long way from the headline about running with scissors. I promise I'm winding my



BE AMAZING

By Gerry Lewis

Azle resident Dr. Gerry Lewis guides explorers to discover their AMAZING. He is an author, musician, and speaker, and a coach-sultant for individuals, churches, and organizations. More at www.discoveryouramazing.com.

way back.

This morning, I read a portion of Psalm 119. At 176 verses, this psalm is the longest of the 150 psalms in our Bible; it is actually the longest chapter in our Bible as it now appears (chapter divisions were not in the original documents).

This verse caught my attention today: "I run in the path of your commands, for you have broadened my understanding." (Psalm 119:32).

I do not in any way consider myself a "runner" unless the definition of "runner" is "one who sometimes – on rare occasions – runs. I have, however, done a bit of running over the course of my life.

One thing I know about running is that if I'm running an unfamiliar path, I'm more likely to move tentatively and hesitantly. I'm looking for potential hazards and dangers. I approach corners cautiously because I don't know what it looks like around the bend.

If I've learned the path, I can run with confidence and

freedom. That doesn't mean that I'm not paying attention to the surroundings. It just means that having learned the course allows me to pick up the pace, keep moving forward and push myself a bit more toward the goal.

I've been following Jesus for 53 years. I've been seriously seeking to learn, grow and guide others on the path for over 40 years. My understanding of how to "run" has been broadened and I'm still seeking to learn more because my race is not completed.

That's the running part. Now, back to the scissors. "Don't run with scissors" is not an inviolable law. There are ways to run with scissors safely, but none of us is born with that innate understanding. We have to learn – to have our understanding broadened.

The moment we think we have learned everything there is to learn is the moment we put ourselves – and others – at risk.

Keep learning, keep running and be amazing today, my friend.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



EXAMPLE A

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR QUALITY STANDARD PERMIT REGISTRATION RENEWAL

AIR QUALITY REGISTRATION NO. 105467

APPLICATION Wise Ready Mix Inc., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Registration No. 105467, for an Air Quality Standard Permit for Concrete Batch Plants, which would authorize continued operation of a Concrete Batch Plant located at 1349 Northwest Parkway, Azle, Parker County, Texas 76020. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=32.901672&lng=-97.566352&zoom=13&type=r>. The existing facility is authorized to emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including (but not limited to) aggregate, cement, road dust, and particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on April 12, 2022. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Dallas/Fort Worth regional office, and the Azle Memorial Library, 333 West Main Street, Azle, Parker County, Texas beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Dallas/Fort Worth regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. Information in the application indicates that this permit renewal would not result in an increase in allowable emissions and would not result in the emission of an air contaminant not previously emitted. **The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

PUBLIC COMMENT You may submit public comments, or a request for a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after the final newspaper notice is published.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to consider in the permit process.

After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. **If no hearing request is received within this 15 day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided.** According to the Texas Clean Air Act § 382.056(o) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the applicant's compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compliance history requirements and if the hearing request is based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues submitted during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility; and (7) a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period. If the request is made by a group or association, one or more members who have standing to request a hearing must be identified by name and physical address. The interests which the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address below.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material air quality concerns submitted during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to consider in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1800687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Wise Ready Mix Inc., P.O. Box 488, Bridgeport, Texas 76426-0488 or by calling Mr. Todd Vlasak, Amistad Group, LLC at (713) 818-9700.

Notice Issuance Date: April 15, 2022

Azle Fire Department honors retiring firefighter

BY DON MUNSCH
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Fire prevention service is a brotherhood, as anyone who works in or around the profession can attest.

At Azle Fire Department Engineer Jon Reed's retirement ceremony on April 27 at Azle Fire Station No. 52, Reed shared stories, some teeming with humor, about his coworkers as a way to shine a light of how much they meant to him while working at AFD. He retired after 20 years of service.

"There's people that I started my career with that aren't here anymore," Reed said at the beginning of his remarks.

He appreciated the people

who attended the ceremony, singling many out by name.

"This community has been good to me," he said. "I've enjoyed working here and giving back to it. It's given back a lot to me."

He said the memories he made with colleagues were "pretty cool, but I realized it's the memories that made me, it's the memories that made us."

Reed encouraged people to talk to his coworkers about the memories they made, including the fun memories they shared on the job. Reed also talked about how important his parents were in his life.

After his speech, Reed gave a firehouse tour to a group of children.



Retiring Azle Fire Department Engineer Jon Reed, left, takes a helmet from AFD Lt. John Behm at a retirement ceremony on April 27.

Photo by Don Munsch



Retiring Azle Fire Department Engineer Jon Reed, left, takes a helmet from AFD Lt. John Behm at a retirement ceremony on April 27.

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Reed's family, city employees and other people in the community, including from Walnut Creek Elementary School, attended the ceremony, where Reed was presented with a number of items of appreciation, such as an American flag flown over AFD and a fire helmet.

At AFD, Reed began in February 2002 as a firefighter/paramedic. He earned certifications of a master structural firefighter, master arson investigator, master peace officer, intermediate wildland firefighter, fire instructor I, driver pump operator, driver operator aerial, hazardous materials technician and SWAT operator.

AFD Chief Will Scott said Reed was a valuable employee for the AFD and

that he cared about the community. He said when the fire department was transitioning from a combination volunteer department to a full paid, career department, Reed was instrumental in helping teach volunteers.

"It takes a very unique person to be able to not only do what they say they are going to do but also be able to teach what they want to teach, and Jon has always had that knack – as you heard with the school district and everything else – to be that ambassador for ... this city and this department," Scott said.

Reed will now go to work with Lockheed Martin's fire department in White Settlement, Scott said.

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Pastor leaves Azle, appreciates relationships he developed here

BY DON MUNSCH
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The Rev. Tim Stevens leaves Azle this week as the lead pastor of Azle First Assembly of God.

But his ministerial effect on the community doesn't end there, as he also departs town as the chaplain of the Azle Fire and Police departments. He also belonged to the Azle Area Ministerial Alliance and served on the board at certain points, including two years as president.

Stevens, who also was instrumental in the annual Fourth of July celebration at Central Park in Azle and had been the chairman of the planning committee for that event for the last four years, heads to Waco now to be lead pastor of Turning Point Assembly of God.

He and wife Michelle were lead pastors of the church here and received a call from the Waco church.

"To be honest with you, we were surprised to receive the call," Tim said. "We were not looking at the time, so we started praying, and as we started praying – as God does – he started changing our hearts toward this call to go to this church. Over several weeks, as we prayed and sought God, he very clearly revealed to us, not in an audible voice, but deep in my spirit that this is where he

was calling us."

He said in every major move he and his wife made, moving from one church to another, they have confirmed those moves through prayer. Michelle has worked for the city of Azle for 13 1/2 years and has held three jobs at City Hall, with her current post being the purchasing agent/risk manager. She recently was honored as city employee of the year.

Tim Stevens said he appreciates the relationships he made here at the church and community as he said he answers God's call to move to another church. His daughter Sierra Bell, worship pastor at Azle First, will move to the new church with husband, John Bell, youth pastor at the church.

"We're just thankful for what God has helped us do here," Tim said, looking back at his time here. "You always wished you could have done more. You always wish you could have reached more, but that's who we are – it's like we've never done enough. It feels like we should have done more – done more of this, more of that, should have reached more people. I tell you in the almost 18 years, you can imagine the relationships we have built."

He said Michelle has "indefinitely left a mark on people's lives" in Azle.

Tim Stevens said he en-

joyed being police and fire chaplain, a title he held for four years, and he was able to hang out with personnel and also attend calls for both departments.

"They allowed me to see a little more of their world," he said about those calls. He said being chaplain was a "distinct honor." He values those relationships he made with first responders, as he said being chaplain is the "ministry of presence," one in which a person is just being present with others. The new chaplain has not been named. A search for a new pastor for the First Azle has begun.

Tim Stevens was born in Marion, Indiana, and his parents were missionaries at one point in East Africa. Tim Stevens was in Africa for seven years, coming back to the states in 1984. He graduated from a Christian American boarding school outside Nairobi, Kenya. His parents were missionaries in Malawi.

Tim Stevens married Michelle in 1987, and he has been in fulltime ministry for 26 years. He and Michelle came to Azle 18 years ago. Their other daughter, Kelsey Price, and her husband, James, are full-time campus missionaries with Chi Alpha, a ministry affiliated with the Assemblies of God, at the University of New Orleans.



The Rev. Tim Stevens relaxes in his church, Azle First Assembly of God. Stevens will leave Azle for a church in Waco. This Sunday, May 8 is his last day to preach in Azle.

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SPORTS

Azle to face Birdville in baseball playoff opener

BY JEFF PRINCE
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Azle High School's baseball team finished the regular season in late April by beating Granbury in consecutive games and being named tri-district champions.

Azle, Aledo and Wichita Falls Rider finished in a tie for first place. Azle lost the first game of the seeding tournament to Aledo, so the Hornets will enter the playoffs seeded third.

The two victories over Granbury should give Azle a boost heading into the postseason.

On April 26, the two teams played in Granbury, and Azle came out on top 6-3 behind strong pitching by Declan Dahl and Cooper Sexton.

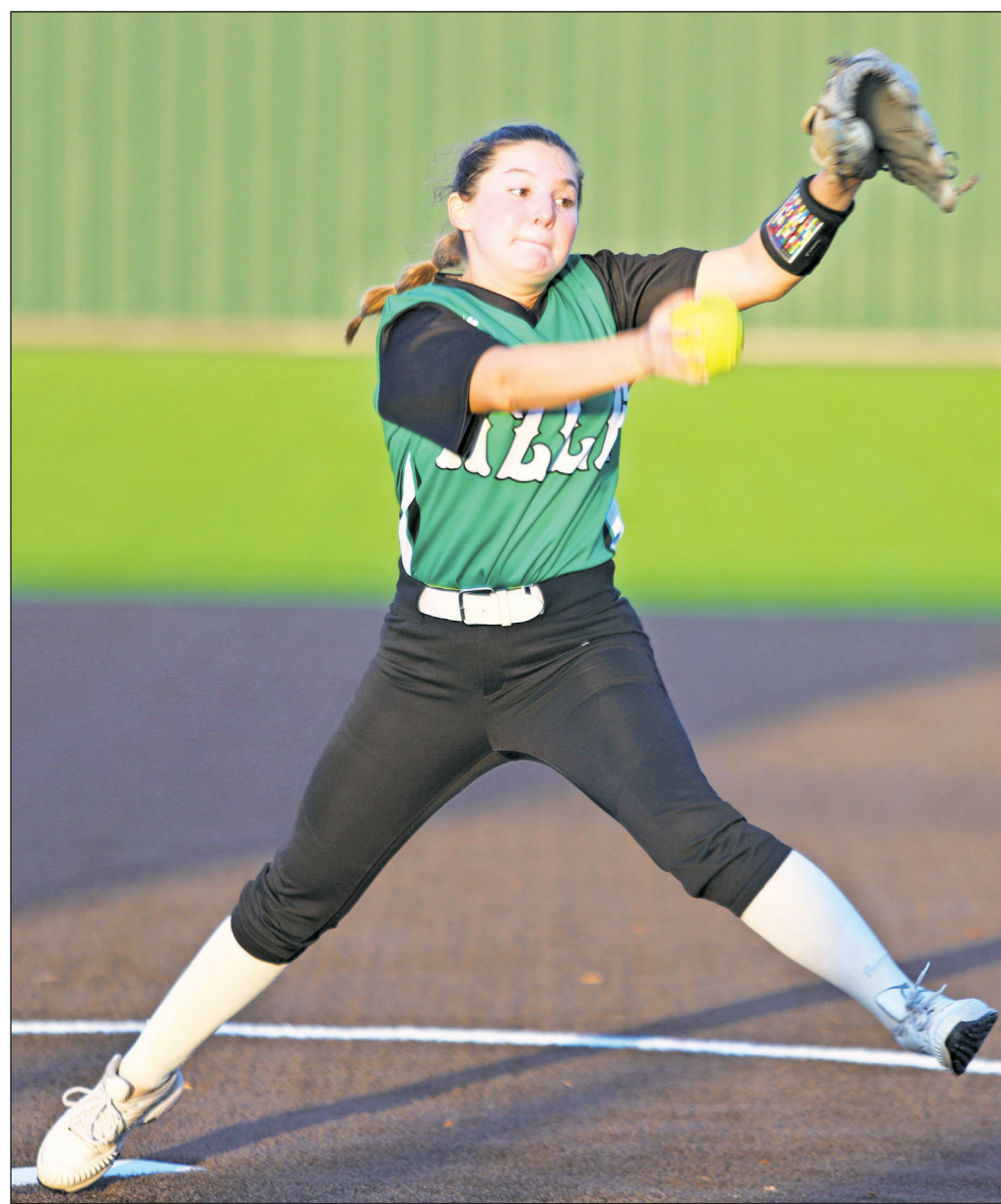
Grant Tune, Brandon Sheets, Billy Spratt, Westin Wyatt and Jackson Davis had hits during Azle's five-run first inning. Spratt went



Brenden Kamnick, center, pitched a "masterful" game against Granbury, according to his coach.

Photo by Jeff Prince

SEE **BASEBALL**, PAGE 4B.



Morgan Terrell pitched in both games against Northwest.

Photo by Jeff Prince

Azle softball ends playoff run with smiles, tears, hope for future

BY JEFF PRINCE
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Azle High School's softball team saw its playoff hopes dashed in the bi-district round with a 13-3 loss to Northwest on April 28.

The night before, Azle had lost 9-2 to the same team in the best-of-three elimination series.

Still, AHS head coach Macy Pruitt wasn't in the mood for tears. She was thrilled to see her team play with determination. Northwest had a 12-2 record in District 6-5A and is highly ranked.

The Lady Hornets started only two seniors on a roster filled with sophomores.

"In both of our games, we got down, and these kids never gave up," Pruitt said. "They always tried to fight back."

In the first game, North-

west took an early lead, but solid pitching by Morgan Terrell and strong defense by Azle defenders kept the score low for five innings.

Northwest was leading 2-0 in the sixth inning, when Texan batters began to decipher Terrell's delivery. The Texans erupted for four runs in the sixth and three more in the seventh on the way to the 9-2 win.

In the next game, Azle starting pitcher Casey Morrison gave up three runs in the first inning, and Pruitt sent Terrell back to the pitcher's mound for the second night in a row. Terrell gave up a run in the second inning but held Northwest scoreless in the third.

The fourth inning wasn't so kind.

Northwest scored three runs without recording an out. Pruitt sent in pitcher Corynne Barone to try her luck

in the circle. Northwest's big bats, however, kept sizzling.

Azle found a small victory in the fifth inning. Down 12-0, the Hornets were in danger of losing by the 10-run rule if they didn't score at least three runs. The Hornets relied on timely hitting and aggressive base running by Kaylee Parrish, Allison Smith, Raegan Williams and others to punch in three runs and force the game to continue.

Adrianna Weideman pitched for Azle in the bottom of the fifth inning and mowed down Northwest to take the game to the sixth.

Azle couldn't punch in any runs, however, but Northwest did. The Texans won 13-3 to earn the bi-district championship and kill Azle's playoff run in the first round of the playoffs for the

SEE **SOFTBALL**, PAGE 3B.

Azle Christian Crusaders finish baseball season



THE AZLE CHRISTIAN CRUSADERS ended their baseball season out of the playoffs, but the head coach deemed the season a success. Azle Christian competed in the bigger TAPPS league against bigger schools for the first time and finished 11-13. "We were in a very tough district," said head coach Ryan Rollins. "We have a very young team and return all but one starter next year. We improved all year long, and I expect big things going forward. I am excited about the future of Crusader baseball."

Courtesy photo

Azle rodeo team will have big presence at finals



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BY JEFF PRINCE
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Ten members of the Azle Rodeo Team have qualified to participate in the North Texas High School Rodeo Association 2022 Finals.

The 15 best athletes in each event qualified for the finals. More than 80 teams participate in the association's rodeos.

"These 10 athletes have worked hard all year long and have stayed in the top 15 rankings," said Azle team sponsor Kristy Scribner.

The finals are set for May 13-15 at the NTHSRA arena in Saginaw.

Competing for Azle in the finals rodeo will be:

Airian Moore, bareback. Sean Bunero, calf roping. Mattie Sheriff, walk-up goats. Kasen Scarlato, team roping heading, team roping heeling, and chute dogging. Jesus Leyva, team roping heading and team roping heeling. River Cassel, chute dogging. Laurel Allred, barrels and poles. Lindsey-Kay Reichert, barrels and poles. Rylee Sisson, barrels and poles. Hevenli Scribner, barrels and poles. Caitlyn Colley, walk-up goats.

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second year in a row.

Smiles outnumbered tears after the game. The coach was proud of her team, and the girls were proud of themselves.

“We scored two runs in the last inning last night,” Pruitt said. “Then today, they’re up by 12, and we came back and scored three and hung in the game. That just shows a lot of fight out of these young kids. A lot of them have never been to a playoff game. So, for them to come out here and not show any kind of fear and really fight, that shows a lot of hope for our future.”

SOPHOMORE SMILES

Terrell, who barely tops 5 feet in height, stood in the pitcher’s circle for two nights in a row, hurling softballs at much older and bigger girls.

“I was really excited,” she said. “It was a huge opportunity. When you think about varsity teams, they’re all juniors or seniors. They’re all way older. I’m only 15. I was very happy to have the opportunity to go out and pitch. I was like, ‘Let’s do this.’”

Terrell concentrated on Adrianna Weideman is one of the many youthful faces of the future.



Kaylee Parrish was called safe at first on this play, beginning a rally that helped Azle score three runs in that inning.

Photos by Jeff Prince

the strike zone rather than the batters.

“I really don’t try to focus on the girls,” Terrell said. “I do not like getting in my head. As a pitcher, getting in your head is one of the worst things you can do. It’s just as much of a mental game as it is physical. I stay calm and know I have a defense to back me up.”

She looks forward to two more years spent wearing Hornet green and slinging the bean toward home plate.

“This season, we’ve come a long way,” she said. “Getting into the playoffs is a huge accomplishment, especially since we’re all sophomores. For a lot of the girls, this is their first time playing on varsity.”

SENIOR TEARS

Pruitt credited her team’s seniors – Tara Gonzalez, Alyssa Holland and Kalle Vasquez – for becoming mentors and role models for the younger players all season, especially during the playoffs.

“Our seniors stepped up,” Pruitt said. “They really led our kids this weekend. They did a great job. They went out with a bang. I just see a bright future ahead of us.”

Holland will continue playing softball in college at the University of Arkansas Rich Mountain Community College, but cried after the playoff loss, knowing her high school career had finished.

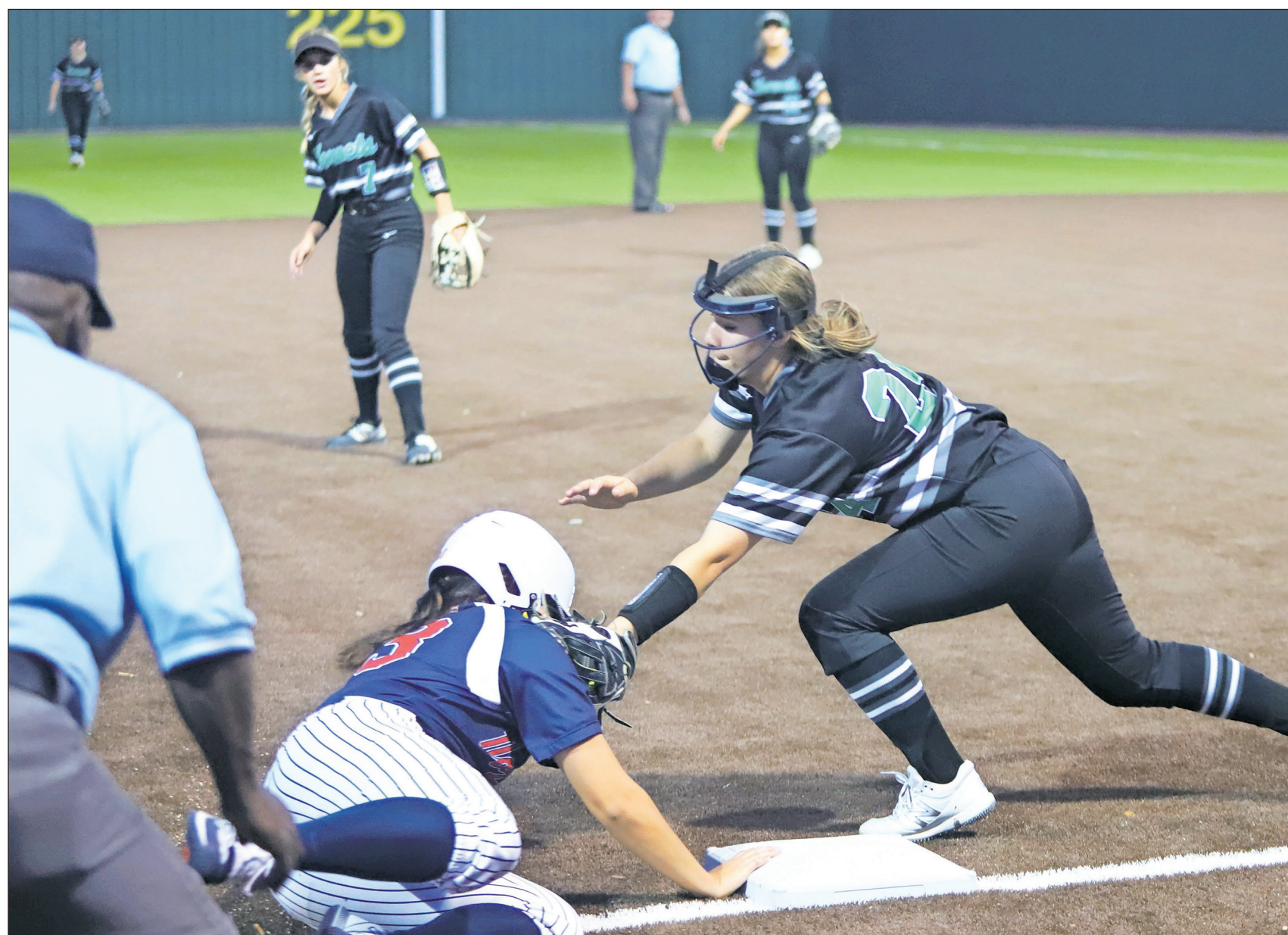
“I’m very excited but upset at the same time,” she said. “I love each and every one of my teammates so much. I am definitely going to miss them, but I’m ready to take that next chapter in my life.”

Holland played three seasons on varsity and sees a sturdy foundation in place for the softball program going forward.

“I feel like they are ready to take that next step toward the next playoff season,” she said.

Her tears continued flowing while she talked.

“I’m crying because I love my teammates,” she said. “I’m going to miss them. They have been there since day one. They always have my back, even when I’m struggling. They are always there to pick me up, and I’m always there to pick them up.”



Allison Smith attempts to tag a Northwest player at third base.

Azle knocks wind out of competition at world championship

BY JEFF PRINCE
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Azle band's indoor winds and percussion sections made beautiful music at the Winter Guard International World Championships in late April at Dayton, Ohio.

Azle's indoor winds program competed against 40 other schools from around the United States in the highest class and scored a 94.375 in the finals, earning second place overall.

The percussion program made it to the finals for the first time in school history and placed 13th.

Band director Aaron Martin said he appreciates the medals and recognition but

noted that the best reward is seeing Azle band members travel to another state for several days and represent their city with character and pride.

"We try to teach our students that trusting in the process of self-improvement and the culture of mutual respect in our band program are both far more important than any placement or medal ever will be," he said. "However, we absolutely are excited that we received the award that we did."

The indoor winds program competes in the Scholastic World Class Division of the WGI and North Texas Color Guard circuits. Indoor winds include advanced

brass and woodwind players who qualify to participate by auditions. The members rehearse three nights a week from December through April and compete across Texas and the country.

"Developing excellence in any activity takes a long time," Martin said. "In the band activity, due to the largely subjective nature of what we do, the results aren't always something that we agree with. As stated before, at Azle, we believe it is far more important to develop positive culture and a standard of excellence amongst our students."

The program performed well at the competition because "we have incredible



Azle indoor winds won a silver medal.

Courtesy photos



Azle percussionists made the finals at the world championship.

students, parents, staff and administration that collectively put thousands of hours into making this season unforgettable," he said. "We believe that there is no substitute for hard work."

Martin credited fellow band director Greg Davis for the success of the indoor winds.

"Mr. Davis has been an incredible asset to our band program during his tenure in Azle," Martin said. "He has a great knowledge of pedagogy and understanding of the marching arts. He works tirelessly and is extremely selfless in his approach to education. He has led our students through his example and has been a great encourager for our students."

The percussion program

is a regular "best in class" winner at marching contests and a previous recipient of the outstanding state soloist award. Michael Strange directs the program and teaches sight-reading skills, music theory and individual musicianship.

Azle Indoor Drumline made the finals at the WGI championship for the first time after 10 years of competing. The accomplishment represents the start of a new dynasty within the school's percussion program, Strange said.

"It is very difficult to make finals, as this is the first time that all the groups across the United States are finally competing against one another," he said.

He credited the drumline's

stellar performance to "the sheer amount of hours these students put in perfecting their craft," he said. "Without their dedication and determination to be the best, none of this would have happened. The support from our community, administration, faculty and Azle ISD band staff have made this possible."

Strange has impacted the program in many ways with his background in the marching arts along with classical percussion training. The drumline's accomplishment, however, reflects the students' dedication more than anything, he said.

"This is their group, their identity and their legacy," he said.

BASEBALL, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1B.

3-for-4 in the game. Tune smashed a huge double in the top of the seventh inning, and Spratt drove him in with a two-strike hit to clinch a 6-3 win.

On April 28, the teams

met in Azle, and the Hornets dominated again.

Coach Stephen Smith described the performance by Brenden Kamnick as "masterful" after the pitcher went the distance, giving

up four hits and one run.

The Hornets won, 4-1.

Azle begins its playoff run with a best-of-three series this week against Birdville.

"Birdville is a team with

great pitching and some really good hitters," Smith said.

He characterized Birdville as a disciplined and prepared squad.

"They do a great job

scouting opponents and will have their guys moving on the field to try and take away our tendencies," he said.

Azle (16-3) plays Birdville (20-7-1) at 7 p.m.

Friday at Saginaw High School. Game two – and game three, if necessary – will be played beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday at Saginaw.

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This book gives directions for making and playing simple musical instruments. Readers will see that letting out their inner musician is fun and easy!

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Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

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What is a Yankee Doodle Dandy?

You know the song. But do you understand its meaning? Fill in the missing words using the Word List to discover the origins of this classic American song.

British _____ used the song **Yankee Doodle Dandy** to make fun of the American colonists during the Revolutionary War. In response, the American _____ adopted it as their _____ song. When the war began, Americans were proud to be called Yankees, and **Yankee Doodle** became the colonists' most stirring anthem of defiance and liberty.

But why macaroni?

When the song **Yankee Doodle** first became _____, the word **macaroni** in the line "stuck a feather in his cap and called it macaroni" didn't refer to the _____. Instead, a **macaroni** was a traveled young man who liked overdressing in very _____ clothing. So by just sticking a _____ in his cap and calling himself a "macaroni," Yankee Doodle was proudly claiming to be the country _____ (an awkward and unsophisticated person) that the English mocked.

Word List

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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use context clues to determine the meaning of words.

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Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word **SCOUND** in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

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Strike Up the Band!

You are surrounded by idiophones! And anyone can play them!

What is an idiophone? **Idio** means **self** and **phone** means **sound**. Idiophones are instruments of solid materials that vibrate when hit, shaken, plucked, scraped, rubbed, stamped or crashed together. But who's to say what's an instrument?

Stomping your foot on the floor turns the floor into an idiophone. Tapping a pencil on your desk uses the desk as an idiophone. Think of other things that could be idiophones.

Standards Link: Performing Arts/Music: Students perform a varied repertoire of music on instruments.

Make a Gutbucket!

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:

- COFFEE**: A sound box (you can use an empty coffee can, bucket or cardboard box)
- String or wire**
- Pencil or dowel**: A stick about twice the height of your sound box

File a notch on one end of your stick. The notch will help hold the stick in place on the rim of the can.

On the other end of the stick, have an adult drill a small hole. Feed the string through and tie to secure.

Turn the coffee can upside down. Have an adult punch a small hole in the bottom of the can. Feed the string through and tie a pencil or dowel on the end of it. Set the notch end of the stick on the rim of the can. Hold the gutbucket as shown here pulling the string taut. Then, start plucking!

Find the difference between the two pictures.

Singing Glasses

During the 1700s, playing music on glasses was a popular pastime. The glasses were partially filled with water and the person playing the glasses would slightly wet a finger and rub it around the top of the glass.

The more water you put in the glass, the deeper the note it will play.

Fill some glasses with different amounts of water, and see what kinds of sounds you can create. Try tapping the rim of each glass with a pencil or spoon for another kind of sound.

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Under each glass, circle the fraction that best describes how much of the glass is filled with water.

Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Identify and use fractions.

Mini Maracas

Partially fill empty plastic yogurt containers with different things: sand, seeds, marbles, uncooked beans, rice or pasta. Cap and shake. Notice the different sounds each makes.

Match the marbles.

Extra! Extra!

Your Country

Look through the newspaper for ten or more words that describe your country and how you feel about it. Put these words into alphabetical order.

Standards Link: Spelling: Arrange words in alphabetical order.

Double Double Word Search

by Christopher Payer

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

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SOUND
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MARACAS
SOLID
VIBRATE
BUZZ
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Onomatopoeia

This refers to a word that sounds just like what it means. For example, the word **buzz** sounds like the noise it describes. Look through the newspaper for five or more examples of onomatopoeia.

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Identify and use onomatopoeia.

Write On!

Ocean Sounds

Find five to ten words to describe the sounds of ocean waves. Write a paragraph describing the sounds using these adjectives.



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8 Gulf shrimp catcher
9 TXism: "high ____
____ back" (costly)
16 got off the horse
18 TXism: "doesn't
know enough to
____ of
the rain" (dumb)
21 TX Willie song: "____
Place for Me" (1957)
22 "____ our fences"
23 health resort
24 TX Tanya's "____
I Do With Me"
30 Glen Campbell hit
about a Texas city
34 before noon (abbr.)
35 McGavin of "The
Natural" with TX
Joe Don Baker
36 this TX Chiles was
in "Moonraker" film
37 Nick of TX-based
"North Dallas Forty"
39 TXism: "nervous as
a long-____
____ room full of
rocking chairs"
43 TX Martindale of
"Ghosts of Missis-
sippi" about death
of this civil rights
activist, Medgar
44 TX-filmed "____
Big Adventure"
45 TXism: "old ____ dirt"
46 song by TX Ivory Joe
Hunter: "Since ____
You Baby" (1956)
47 in Denton County on
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49 Texan killed by Wild Bill
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52 city of the Giants (abbr.)
53 Rangers & Astros leag.
54 TX-filmed "Benji, Zax &
the ____ Prince" (1983)
55 these hang over a crib
13 TX Willie "Farm
____" (1985)
14 Davy Crockett's
home state (abbr.)
15 distress signal
17 TX Johnny Horton
sang "North ____"
(1960)
19 TXism: "safe as a
squirrel ____"
20 most domesticated
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24 Devane of 1977
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25 ten-gallon ____
26 Z-Ro is ____ artist
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1 in Parmer County
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56 TXism: "horse
____" (western)
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32 "7" in old Rome
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