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Teacher spends decades treasuring his 'hobby'



BY DON MUNSCH
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Robert Herring's story of his teaching career resembles that of Glenn Holland in "Mr. Holland's Opus."

In that 1995 movie, Holland, portrayed by Richard Dreyfuss, played a musician who reluctantly takes a job as a high school music teacher, a position he would hold for three decades.

Herring worked for car dealerships before becoming an auto tech teacher at Azle High School, and he said he made good money at the dealerships, so he wasn't ready for a switch. He agreed to stay one year and then another after that.

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Azle High School auto tech teacher Robert Herring stands with grandson and AHS student Austin Rickert, who holds an award noting his state championship in Corpus Christi. Rickert will attend a national Skills USA contest in June in Atlanta.

Photo by Don Munsch

Man accused of shooting wife arrested after three-hour search

BY CARLA NOAH STUTSMAN

A Parker County man is in custody after Sheriff's Office investigators said he allegedly shot his wife multiple times at the couple's home on April 14 in Boling Ranch Estates, south of Azle.

But for about three hours, neighbors in the upscale community were on edge as numerous law enforcement agencies searched the area for the man, who fled on foot when officers arrived at the scene.

Deputies rendered medical assistance to the woman, who was transported to a hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. She was treated and later released from the hospital, according to a press release from the Sheriff's Office.

The alleged shooter, John Kenneth Sharski, 59, remained in the Parker County Jail Monday in lieu of \$750,000 bond. He is charged with aggravated assault of a family member with a deadly weapon.



John Kenneth Sharski

The Parker County Sheriff's Office said deputies responded to the home in the 600 block of Boling Ranch Road just after 6 p.m. when dispatchers spoke with the woman who said her husband was shooting at her. While talking with the woman, telecommunicators could hear a man yelling in the background and sounds of items being thrown and glass shattering.

Sheriff's deputies found the 60-year-old woman in a neighbor's front yard with

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Parker County educates voters on mail-in ballots

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY
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With the May election dates approaching, — May 7 for General Election, May 24 for Primary Runoff — Parker County Elections is working to educate voters on mail-in ballots to ensure that every vote gets counted.

In December 2021, the Texas Legislature signed

Senate Bill 1 into law. SB 1 was passed to tighten state election laws and limit local control of elections and their ability to expand voting options. This new law went into effect in time for the March 1 primary election.

Crickett Miller, Parker County elections administrator, said that they saw a higher number of mail-in

ballots rejected due to the new requirements set in SB 1.

A voter's driver's license number or last four digits of his or her Social Security number must be included on an applications to vote by mail and on the envelope that the voter's completed ballot is mailed in.

"In the primary election, we had 249 ballot-by-mail

ballots that were rejected by the early voting ballot board due to the driver's license number or last four of the SSN missing on the carrier envelope or not matching the number on file with our office," Miller said.

"There are usually rejections in the ballots by mail, but not that many — more

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Azle native takes charge of the Briar-Reno Fire Department

BY MADELYN EDWARDS
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Moses Druxman took pride in sharing the story of how his family helped start the ambulance service in Azle.

"My grandparents actually moved to Azle in the early 1970s, and that was before Azle had an ambulance or full-time fire department," said Druxman, who is an Azle native and Azle High School alumnus. "My dad was involved in an accident. He wrecked his

motorcycle and busted his head open. They didn't have an ambulance out here, so my grandfather, along with some of the other big Azle folks from back in the day, got the money together and started an ambulance service."

Druxman, who is the fire chief and fire marshal at the Briar-Reno Fire Department, said his family's history in public service encouraged him to be a firefighter. He said his late

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Moses Druxman, fire chief and fire marshal at the Briar-Reno Fire Department. Courtesy Moses Druxman



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AHS senior on mission to make sure future generations ‘never forget’

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY
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Azle High School senior Brooke Schocke spent years working to fulfill her goal of meeting a WWII veteran and finding a way to honor veterans in a meaningful way.

When she was 13 years old, Schocke finally met Donald Stratton, a survivor from the attack on the USS Arizona. This year, as a high school senior, she achieved her second goal when she unveiled a piece of the battleship to the Azle community.

Now, because of the work Schocke did to get it here, the piece will remain on permanent display at Azle High School for students and visitors to see and, she hopes, to remember.

“Watching everything come together that night was a dream come true for me,” Schocke said. “But getting to talk to the three WWII survivors was the highlight of my night.”

Many veterans attended the March 30 ceremony at AHS, including three WWII veterans: Don Graves, who served in Iwo Jima; Harmon Moody, who lost his brother on the Arizona; and Derick South, a crewman on the USS Pennsylvania (sister ship of the Arizona) who lost his friend at Pearl Harbor.

Schocke’s favorite subject at school is history (no surprise there) and she plans to

major in history when she attends the University of Oklahoma in Norman. Her goal is to become a history professor in the future.

Although Schocke achieved her goal of bringing a piece of history to Azle, she’s not stopping there. She has also launched her own nonprofit called A Hero’s Dream, with the mission of ensuring that future generations never forget those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

“We will be putting more displays like the one at the high school into other secondary schools, colleges, and libraries,” Schocke said.

The work she has done to bring attention to veterans who served during WWII has drawn praise from local veterans, including Ray Ivey, a Vietnam veteran.

“The presentation has touched me deeply,” Ivey said. “The Arizona Battleship Memorial is the most remarkable tribute and honor to military veterans I’ve seen in Azle. It was amazingly professional and powerful, and I speak as one having seen many in 30-plus years of service.”

“Brooke Schocke distinguished herself in her efforts over two years achieving outstanding results far beyond anyone’s expectations and bringing significant honor to military veterans.”

Schocke plans to continue her efforts to ensure that hers and future generations always remember the sacrifice

that is made by U.S. veterans past and present.

“Life is too short not to follow your dreams,” she

said, “but it’s important that we don’t forget those who fought for our freedom to chase our dreams.”

To view the USS Arizona display, located in the lobby at AHS, contact the office at 817-444-5555 for details.

For more information about Schocke’s nonprofit and to make a donation, visit www.AHerosDream.com.



Brooke Schocke pictured with USS Arizona survivor Donald Stratton in 2018. Schocke has made it her life’s mission to ensure that hers and future generations always remember the sacrifices made by veterans. Photo courtesy

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Two charged after game room bust

BY CARLA NOAH STUTSMAN

Two men were arrested after Azle police officers executed a search warrant April 13 at an Azle business.

Apurba Sitoula, 22, of Irving, and David Gurung, 30, also of Irving, are each charged with keeping a gambling place; gambling promotion; intentionally/knowingly operating a game room; and possession of a gambling device, equipment or paraphernalia. Each of the charges is a class A misdemeanor.

Both men listed their occupation as “game room owner,” according to Azle Police Lt. Kevin Rogers. Signage on the storefront indicates the business is a smoke or vape shop.

Rogers said Azle police received a tip from an individual on Feb. 25 that The Smoke Garage was paying cash prizes to players of its gaming machines, sometimes referred to as “eight-

liners.” According to Texas State Law Library online, Texas law forbids gambling devices, such as eight-liners, from awarding cash prizes. However, there is a part of the law commonly referred to as the “fuzzy animal” exception that allows operators to award non-cash prizes that are worth less than \$5.

Just two days after the tip came in, police responded to a business alarm around 5 a.m. at the business located at 411 Northwest Parkway, but could not gain entry into the business, nor were they able to reach the owners. Officers returned to the business to follow up later the same day and were told that a burglary had occurred, Rogers said. While there, officers saw multiple gaming machines and several people actively playing those machines. When asked, Gurung told officers the establishment gives store credit as a prize to winners.



Eight-line gambling devices like this one are forbidden from awarding cash prizes.

Public domain

Based on the citizen tip as well as information gathered during the department’s investigation, Azle police obtained a search warrant that was executed on April 13. Evidence of illegal gam-

bling along with cash was discovered and seized at the location, and Gurung and Sitoula were arrested. They were held in the Azle jail until they were transported to the Tarrant County jail on

April 15.

Sitoula was released from the Tarrant County jail after posting \$3,000 bond (\$750 per charge). Gurung was also released after posting \$4,000 bond (\$1,000 per charge).

Both are pending trial.

Tarrant County’s Game Room Enforcement Unit assisted Azle police in executing the search warrant, Rogers said.

Tarrant Area Food Bank West in Parker County celebrates their grand opening

STAFF REPORTS

The Tarrant Area Food Bank opened its new facility, TAFB West in Parker County, with a grand opening celebration on April

14. The ribbon-cutting and community event welcomed community leaders and key dignitaries who represent the community at large and show support for the non-

profit celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2022.

Tarrant Area Food Bank West is the first branch location, a \$6 million facility in Weatherford that allows

the food bank to help more people with expanded programs and improved logistical capabilities in the rapidly growing area of Parker and six surrounding counties.

The new facility will pilot new programs that can be rolled out across both locations, which will enhance the services the nonprofit can offer across its service area.

“Over the last number of years, during the pandemic, Tarrant Area Food Bank identified gaps in services for individuals in need of human and social services in the more rural counties of our 13-county service area,” said Julie Butner, president and CEO of the Tarrant Area Food Bank.

“Our donors and corporate partners stepped up and with their support we acquired the facility, built it out, and brought some innovation to food bank programs we look to launch in the coming years.”

Beyond a commercial kitchen, food preparation area, and large cooler/freezer space, the new 28,000 square-foot structure at 112 Winner’s Circle in Weatherford will include an in-store model food pantry called the Mission Market, sponsored by H-E-B grocery stores. The new food bank will have an outdoor community garden, SNAP and other community resource benefit enrollment areas, as well as

a volunteer center/meeting space, all designed to educate and provide resources to the Parker County community at large.

Each week the Tarrant Area Food Bank serves more than one million meals to the community across its 13-county service area, with its fleet of trucks delivering goods to over 450 partner agencies.

The food bank saw a need to reach more people in rural areas and determined a distribution center in Parker County will allow TAFB to distribute food faster and more efficiently and cost-effectively for targeted rural counties in their service area.

The strategic placement of the satellite location in Weatherford allows TAFB West to service 50% of TAFB’s geographical service area and 15-20% of persons in need out of this new facility.

While eliminating hunger is its priority, TAFB West is also looking to assist its clients with access to local resources to stabilize their lives, including nutrition, health and wellness classes, demonstrations on healthy cooking, diabetes prevention, and gardening.



Local leaders and members of the Weatherford and East Parker County chambers of Commerce attended the grand opening of the new Tarrant Area Food Bank West, which will help serve more communities outside of Tarrant County.

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Clearfork Group Realty opens Azle location



The Azle Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting for Clearfork Group Realty on April 15 for the grand opening of its Azle location at 413 W. Main St., Azle, TX 76020. Clearfork Group Realty is a Texas real estate firm that provides a wide-range of real estate services.

Photo courtesy

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obvious gunshot wounds. She told them her husband was intoxicated and shot her several times. Additional deputies initially located Sharski inside the garage of the couple's home, holding a rifle, but he fled on foot into a nearby heavily wooded area. A command post was established and a perimeter set while other agencies were request-

ed to assist in the search for Sharski. His cell phone was pinged to a nearby location, and about 9 p.m., investigators with the Parker County Special Crimes Unit took him into custody without incident near the intersection of Boling Ranch Road and Brush Creek Drive, according to the sheriff's office. Parker County Sheriff Russ Authier credited

Weatherford Police, Weatherford/Parker County Special Operations Group, Parker County Special Crimes Unit, Fort Worth Police, Tarrant County Sheriff's Office, Texas Department of Public Safety and all Parker County first responders with assistance in the operation.

LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF HEARING ON MOTION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENT CHILD RELATIONSHIP
 CASE NO. V1300SV20228001 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YAVAPAI
 IN THE MATTER OF ASHLEE MARILEE LYNN PEREZ d.o.b. 02/20/2006 A Child under the age of 18 years
 TO: BRANDI R. DURAN, aka BRANDY DURAN-PEREZ, nee' BRANDI R. COLLIER AND CARLOS R. PEREZ, PARENTS OF THE ABOVE NAMED CHILD.
 1. LORINDA COLLIER and JOHN MARTINEZ, BY AND THROUGH UNDERSIGNED COUNSEL, HAVE FILED A MOTION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP PURSUANT TO TITLE 8 OF THE ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, RULES 4.1, 4.2 AND 5 OF THE ARIZONA RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE AND RULE 64 OF THE RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE FOR THE JUVENILE COURT.
 2. THE COURT HAS SET A PUBLICATION HEARING ON May 18, 2022 AT 3:30 P.M. AT Yavapai County Superior Court, 2840 N. Commonwealth Dr., Camp Verde, Arizona 86322 before the Hon. Anna Young for the purpose of determining whether any parent named herein is contesting the allegations in the Motion.
 3. You and your child are entitled to have an attorney present at the hearing. You may hire your own attorney or, if you cannot afford an attorney, and want to be represented by an attorney, one may be appointed by the Court.
 4. You have a right to appear as a party in this proceeding. You are advised that your failure to personally appear in court at the initial hearing, pretrial conference, status conference or dependency adjudication, without good cause, may result in a finding that you have waived your legal rights and have admitted the allegations in the Motion. In addition, if you fail to appear, without good cause, the hearing may go forward in your absence and may result in an adjudication of dependency, termination of your parental rights or the establishment of a permanent guardianship based upon the record and the evidence presented to the Court.
 5. If you are receiving this Notice by publication, you may obtain a copy of the Motion for Termination of Parent-Child Relationship and Notice of Hearing by submitting a written request to:
 Pennie J. Wamboldt, Esq.; Prescott Law Group, PLLC; 116 N. Summit Avenue, Prescott, Arizona 86301. Ms. Wamboldt may be reached by telephone at (928) 445-1909.
 6. Requests for reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities must be made to the Court by parties at least three working days in advance of a scheduled court proceeding and can be made by calling (928) 758-0706.
 7. You have the right to make a request or motion prior to any hearing that the hearing be closed to the public.
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 Pennie J. Wamboldt, Esq. Prescott Law Group, PLLC 116 N. Summit Avenue Prescott, Arizona 86301

NOTICE OF CLAIM AND PUBLIC SALE
 Property to be sold to satisfy landlord's lien. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from the sale. Unit items to be sold to the highest bidder. Sale to be held ONLINE at <https://www.storage-treasures.com/>. Location of Units for Public Sale: Longhorn State Storage Azle at 11700 Jacksboro Hwy Fort Worth, TX 76135. Auction to be held on Friday May 6th, 2022 beginning at 8:00 a.m. for the following tenants: Julie Hall, Alicia R Rowe, Shirley Polston, Margaret LeMaster, Jarrett Crawford, Paul Bryson, and Dennis Lee at Longhorn State Storage Azle.

INVITATION TO BID NOTICE
 Notice is hereby given that the City of Azle, Texas (OWNER) will receive sealed Bids at Azle City Hall until 11:00 a.m. local time on Thursday, April 28, 2022 for our Bulk Process Chemical Copper Sulfate for the Azle Water Treatment Plant. Bids will be opened and read aloud publicly following the close of the Bid Period. Bidders may receive a copy of Invitation to Bid from the City's website at <http://www.cityofazle.org>. For additional information, please contact: Michelle Stevens/Purchasing Agent at 817-444-7003 or by email at mstevens@cityofazle.org

Planning & Zoning for the City of Sanctuary will hold a public meeting May 3, 2022 at 6 pm at City Hall located at 1920 Berkeley Dr, Azle Texas 76020 to discuss a Zoning Change for 2000 NW Parkway which would allow for the frontage to remain heavy commercial and the acreage behind it to be re zoned for residential.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
 to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale to be held at Azle Southeast Storage, 1004 Southeast Parkway; Azle, TX at 10:30am 4-29-2022
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The Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Azle will conduct a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 5, 2022 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 505 West Main Street to consider recommendations on updates and amendments to the City of Azle 2005 Comprehensive Master Plan adopted by City Council on September 20, 2005.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEST OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the Primary Runoff Election held on May 24, 2022 will be tested on April 27, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at Parker County Courthouse Annex, 1112 Santa Fe Drive, to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.

Jenise 'Crickett' Miller
 Parker County Elections Administrator

AVISO PUBLICO DE PROBAR EL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR AUTOMATICAMENTE

Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automáticamente que se usará en la Elección de primario desempate del celebradas el 24 de mayo de 2022 se probará el 27 de abril de 2022 a las 9:00 am en el anexo de la corte del condado del Parker, 1112 Santa Fe Dr, para determinar si el equipo contará con exactitud los votos para todos los puestos oficiales y sobre todos los proyectos de ley.

Jenise 'Crickett' Miller
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and then ... well, he has been here for more than three decades, having taught at Azle ISD since 1985.

His reasons for staying were similar to those of Holland in "Opus."

"I just fell in love with the kids," Herring said. "Not everybody can go to work and do their hobby."

Herring also said he has experience in working as a youth minister assistant, and he loves working with young people.

One of the students who has come along during these years is grandson and Azle High School student Austin Rickert, who took gold in the recent Skills USA auto tech state competition in Corpus Christi. He now advances to the national competition in Atlanta, June 19-25.

"I'm so proud of him I can't stand it," Herring said, explaining Austin is his oldest grandson and first freshman to ever go to contest from his club. "He made a real showing."

Herring said the night before contest, he had Austin perform a practice run-through, and afterward, Herring left with a good feeling about the presentation.

Austin and fellow student Tristan Dorado carried themselves professionally, Herring said, and he received compliments from several people at the competition. Austin conducted a fuel system repair for his presentation. Tristan helped with



Azle High School student Austin Rickert, left, will compete in a national Skills USA event in June in Atlanta. He and fellow student Tristan Dorado, right, represented AHS at a recent competition in Corpus Christi. Standing with the students are Susan and Robert Herring, the latter of whom is the students' teacher at AHS. Photo courtesy Tammie Herring

the set-up. He will not be at the national competition. "He has to talk about safety, he has to cover his tools and equipment and then he has to perform the task, the repair, and then he has to tell them what he told them," Herring said, explaining that students "tell them, we show them and then we tell them what we told them."

Austin faced 26 competitors from all over Texas.

"I was a little shocked - I didn't think I was going to

get it," Austin said.

Herring said there were many competitors, and the competition was intense. Austin said he was "pretty exciting" when his name was called for the gold winner.

The best competitor from every state will be at nationals, Herring said, or no more than 50 students. At the national competition, students have to prep their presentation at a "higher level," Herring said.

AHS's students have been

to nationals several times for Skills USA events and won nationals twice and placed once. Students learn everything from "bumper to bumper" about cars in auto tech, Herring said. While in Atlanta, Austin will be able to take classes each day, and students learn leadership skills.

Looking back at his career, Herring said he attended Tarrant County College and worked at the dealerships. One of his instruc-

tors got him a job at Ryan Oldsmobile, which required people to specialize in a specific area.

"They used me as a guinea pig, and so they put me with every technician at all the different stations, and I learned everything that those technicians did and then they handed me a door key to a two-bay shop area and said you clean the ticket," he said, explaining that meant he would do everything, although there was one excep-

tion: alignments.

Brakes, transmission rebuilds, HVAC - he learned everything at the dealership he was getting taught in college.

He left Ryan and went to Bailey Pontiac, which, like Ryan, no longer exists. He worked for many auto brands over the years to try to get as much experience as he could.

And for decades, that experience has only helped him in his longtime hobby.

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Obituaries

Glenn Michael Garoutte 1947 - 2022

Glenn Michael Garoutte, 74, of Springtown, Texas, passed away on April 9, 2022.

A Funeral Mass and entombment will be held after Easter at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Keller, Texas.

Michael was born on July 7, 1947 to Glenn and Martha Garoutte on Rt2 in Verona, Missouri. After graduating from Verona High School with the Class of 1965, he enlisted in the United States Navy to serve his beloved country. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War and attained the rank of Petty Officer 2nd Class. Afterwards, he moved to St. Louis, Missouri and worked for Burlington Northern Railroad. In 1976, he married Gloria Moore in Branson, Missouri and went on to have one daughter, Lisa.

He was a loving father, grandfather, uncle, and brother. He loved spending time with his family and friends. He enjoyed helping his brother, Charles, serve the homeless community of Ft. Worth, watching



his grandchildren's sports games, piano recitals and theatrical events.

Michael was predeceased by his parents, Glenn and Martha; his wife, Gloria; and his sisters, Connie and Lynda.

He is survived by his daughter, Lisa Squibbs, son-in-law, Brian Squibbs, grandchildren, Alex, Luke, Sean, and Maria Squibbs of Keller, Texas; brother, Charles of Azle, Texas, brother, Gary of Mount Vernon, Missouri; and sister, Helen Burrell of Mount Vernon, Missouri, and nieces, nephews, and cousins.

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Martin Douglas Gibson 1959 - 2022

Marty was born on July 19, 1959, the second of four children born to Douglas and Emma Jane "Janie" Gibson in Fort Worth, Texas. He was welcomed into heaven on April 14, 2022 after he succumbed to injuries he sustained in a tragic accident while working on the family property near Clayton, Oklahoma.

A celebration of Marty's life will be Thursday April 21 at Azleland Chapel at 2 p.m.

Marty graduated from Western Hills High School and proclaimed that was all the schooling he needed. He married Sherri Reed on March 17, 1990 and they recently celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary on their Okalahoma property, Marty and Sherri devoted much of their time in ministry to children at the various churches they attended over the years bringing many to a relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Marty was an avid fisherman and hunter and enjoyed working outdoors at both their properties in Azle, Texas and Oklahoma.

Marty was predeceased by his father Doug and is survived by his mother Janie; his wife Sherri; sister Sue Gibson of Illinois; brother Forrest "Laura" and their children Millie and Jeffrey of Montana, and brother Mike "Susan" of California.



A daughter Jennifer "Dustin" Russell; son Reed "Areli" Gibson and his bonus children, Rachel Suggs and Seth Dunagan. He was "Papa" to his grandchildren Braydon Russell, Kaisyn and Kinley Camp and Audrey and Ally Gibson. He also is also survived by three aunts and an uncle and numerous cousins.

Marty was affectionately known as "Uncle Hulah" to all of Sherri's sister Darla "John" Bell's children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren of whom he was a role model and mentor to throughout their lives.

A special thank you to and Deputy Goode and their neighbor Chock for the support and help you were to Marty's grand-nephew Alex Pastre, who was with him when the accident happened, also special thanks to the heroic efforts given by Antlers Fire and Delbert Gay and all the EMS staff.

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BALLOT, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.

like 15 or under and usually due to the fact that the voter had not signed the carrier envelope."

Carrier envelopes still need to be signed by the voter but also need to include the identification numbers.

The new law allows for mail-in voters to be notified if there is an issue with their ballot and gives them until the sixth day after Election Day to correct those issues.

They can be fixed in person at the elections office, online at "Track My Ballot" at www.VoteTexas.gov to verify the numbers or in person before the polls close.

VOTE BY MAIL CRITERIA

- 65 years of age or older
- Disability
- Expected to give birth within three weeks before or after Election Day
- Expected absence from county
- Confined in jail or involuntary civil commitment

If a voter meets the criteria to vote by mail, they need to fill out and return their completed application by mail or in person at the elections office. Applications that are faxed or emailed will not be accepted unless the original application is received at the office within four business days of submitting by fax or email.

NEW REQUIREMENTS

Ballot by mail applications must also include the voter's Texas driver's license number, person-

al identification number or election identification number issued by the Department of Public Safety. Note: This is not a voter registration VUID#. People can also use the last four digits of a SSN.

"We are urging voters to list both numbers on their application for a ballot by mail and on their carrier envelope," said Miller.

To verify what information is on file with Parker County, voters can call 817-598-6185. Voters using a mail-in ballot are encouraged to write their email address and phone number in the space provided so that they can be contacted if there is an error with their application or carrier envelope.

VOTING BY MAIL

To complete a vote by mail-in ballot, voters will make their selections on the ballot provided, place it in the secrecy envelope, place the secrecy envelope in the carrier envelope, lift the flap on the carrier envelope and fill in the blanks for "Required Information" (DL number, SSN).

"Voters are missing this important step," Miller said. "The voter needs to enter their Texas driver's license, Texas personal ID number or election certificate number (NOT voter registration ID#), or the last four of their Social Security number."

Once the numbers are written on the flap, people can seal the envelope and sign in the designated area. Both signature and ID number are required for the ballot to be accepted.

Deana Isla (Lowery) Holt 1940 - 2022

Deana Isla Holt, 81, of Azle, Texas, passed away April 17, 2022.

Service is at 2 p.m., Wednesday, April 20, 2022, in Biggers Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow at Paradise Cemetery, Pecan Street, Paradise, Texas. Visitation was from 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, April 19, 2022, Biggers Funeral Home.

Deana Isla Holt was born Oct. 20, 1940, in Bearfield Place to Ola Holman and Harper Lowery. Deana married Charles Holt in 1957 and was married for 51 years when he passed away in 2008. She was a clerk at Bealls Department Store. She loved her family, and the Texas Rangers.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Ola and Harper Lowery; husband of 50 years, Charles Holt; and brother, Preston Lowery.

She is survived by her



children: son, Doug Holt; daughters, Roneice Parish and husband Randy, and Tammye Mears and husband Scott; grandchildren, Jonathan Holt, Brad Holt, Serra Holt, Christopher Jones and numerous other grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The family wishes to thank Solaris Hospice and her nurse, Kim.

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FIRE CHIEF, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.

father, who died about three years ago, loved Druxman's choice to be a firefighter. Druxman remembers being introduced to his dad's police officer and firefighter friends when he was young.

In February, the Briar-Reno Fire Department board of directors chose Druxman to be the department's new fire chief. Druxman had previously served as the department's battalion chief.

Druxman's firefighting career began with a connection with Azle Fire Department Chief Will Scott. Druxman said he was interning at Azle ISD and met Scott through the Community Emergency Response Team Program.

"We just built a relationship, and he said, 'Hey, come to the fire station sometime,' and I did," Druxman said. "I came up there, got to meet all the guys, started riding out with them, and I saw the brotherhood and the camaraderie, which was amazing, and I just fell in love."

Scott remembered when Druxman was an Explorer with the Azle Police Department before coming to volunteer at the fire department. He described Druxman as being focused on his career goals.

"He appeared to have a mission of where he wanted to go in life, and he was looking at avenues to help meet those goals," Scott said. "I thought that was pretty admirable in today's world, or even back then."

Druxman joined the Azle Fire Department as a junior firefighter in 2009, and then began work at the Briar department in 2013 be-

fore the department merged to serve Reno, Pelican Bay and Sanctuary, in addition to Briar.

At first, Druxman wanted to be a firefighter full-time, but then he decided to go to college and to law school. That plan dissolved when his father got sick with cancer. When he had to leave law school, Druxman decided firefighting had to be part of his life.

"I finally just got to the point that I was like, I love firefighting so much, I can't not do it," he said.

BEING THE CHIEF

After Druxman decided to take a break from the Azle Fire Department in 2012, the Briar fire department chief called him and asked for him to help with training. Druxman has been with that department ever since.

His role as chief means that Druxman must focus on the big picture rather than the day-to-day operations. He has to attend city council meetings for Sanctuary, Pelican Bay and Reno, and planning and zoning meetings for Reno and Pelican Bay, as well as a slew of other local and regional meetings that discuss long-term emergency management.

Druxman said he often asks for advice and feedback from Scott, Azle Fire Department Assistant Chief Lee Godbold and Azle Fire Marshal Kenny Wilson, all of whom he called "extremely supportive."

Scott described Druxman as someone who's not afraid to ask for help and educate himself.

"Moses is, for the most part, a

pretty humble individual that takes constructive criticism well and is willing to ask for that feedback, whether it's negative or positive, to help him adapt," Scott said.

Wilson said he was pleased to hear that Druxman was named chief at the Briar-Reno Fire Department and called him a "great fit" for the position.

"He's very, very even tempered," Wilson said when asked what qualities make Druxman fit for the role of chief. "He doesn't get excited, and he doesn't lash out or anything like that. He thinks through various problems, and he works through issues in a very professional and very mild-mannered approach."

Currently, Druxman's position is one that is unpaid, so he has to devote time to being a fire chief, where he works many hours per week, while also maintaining his real estate business. While he said it would be helpful to get paid, he prioritized paid staffing for firefighters.

"A lot of departments will start off with a paid chief because they say administration has to be there first. Well, my perspective was I need firemen, I need people on the ground to take care of Mrs. Smith before I need somebody in the office answering emails," Druxman said.

Scott said the role of fire chief tends to be demanding for both paid and volunteer chiefs.

"Whether you're a volunteer chief or paid chief, there's a lot of demands that go along with that, that most people don't realize, and

no matter what, it's truly a full-time job if you're going to do it right," he said.

In the past three years, the Briar-Reno Fire Department shifted to offering paid positions instead of being an all-volunteer department. Because of the call volume, Druxman hopes to have more full-time and part-time paid staff. The department is responding to about 1,500 calls per year and sometimes multiple calls per day.

In addition to paid staff, the department has about 12 volunteers who serve. Druxman said he didn't want to end the volunteer program, but he wants to move away from solely relying on volunteers.

"With cost of living going up so much, people can't devote as much time as they used to be able to, especially with full-time jobs and kids," Druxman said. "My goal here is to allow volunteers, (with the) same certification levels, to be here when they want to be here, but not put that stress on them of, 'Hey, I got to have you here because we're short staffed.'"

Part of meeting that goal is going to the cities served by the department and rallying for funding increases to meet the service demands, Druxman said. He said he has had to be patient in understanding that community needs don't always match up to available funds.

"Over the years, I've watched the community grow and the needs increase faster than what's allowed," he said. "I've had to be patient with myself because I get frustrated sometimes, going 'Well,

the need is here; you've got to understand this is what's happening.' But the money is also not there. These small cities (have) limited funds."

GOALS FOR BRIAR-RENO FD

Druxman said his biggest priority as chief is to increase the level of service that residents receive. That mission includes increasing the number of firefighters certified as emergency medical technicians, emergency care attendants or paramedics.

Druxman said he'd like the department to be the community's resource for paramedicine and mental health as well as increase fire prevention programs. He has motivated firefighters to educate residents about burning and welding to help prevent accidental fires.

Druxman's long-term goals are having four to five people on staff daily, ambulance service and a fully staffed fire marshal's office.

Also, Druxman said a goal for this year is to establish a special response unit to take action on grass fires, swift water and tornadoes, among other emergencies.

Though the job may have plenty of demands, Druxman said he's excited to lead the department into the future.

"I love it; it's obviously home to me," he said. "I'm excited to be a part of such a huge transition because we, in the four communities we serve, we're growing, and that's not going to stop. Whether that's one-acre homes or apartments, whatever in our community, we're going to adapt and serve it."

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Main Street Wine Crawl is scheduled for May 5. Participating businesses along Main Street in Azle will be serving snacks and wine-based drinks to attendees (21 and up only) as they visit shops and vendor booths set up for the event. A map of participating businesses will be available. Have your map stamped as you visit the businesses and submit your completely stamped map to be entered into a drawing for one of many \$25 gift certificates.

Spring Plant Sales

Plant, daylily sale coming to church

A plant and daylily sale, sponsored by the Gardeners' Club of Parker County, will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., April 30, at the Community Garden at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 117 Ranch House Road in Willow Park. The Community Garden is supported in part by a Plant America Community Garden Grant and by a Parker County Master Gardeners Grant. Varieties of potted and bare-root plants will be available. Cash, check or credit card accepted.

Plant sale coming to Weatherford

The Cross Timbers Chapter of the Native Plant Society will hold its annual Native Plant Sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 30 at Peacock's Feed & Supply, 122 W. Water St. in Weatherford. Chapter members will be on hand to answer questions and offer educational materials to help people choose native plants for this region. There is also a list of recommended native plants for the North Central Texas region in a printable file on the chapter website, npsot.org/wp/crosstimbers/. The chapter holds monthly meetings in Weatherford and membership is open to all. The mission of the Native Plant Society of Texas is to promote research, conservation and utilization of native plants and plant habitats of Texas through education, outreach and example. For details go to www.npsot.org.

She's full of surprises.

Two weeks ago, I was standing in the foyer of the First Baptist Church of Waxahachie, Texas, waiting for my sweetie. It was almost time for our monthly concert with the Singing Men of North Central Texas.



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.

While I was standing there, my phone rang and I actually answered it because the person calling is on the short list (the VERY short list) of people for whom I will answer my phone almost every time.

It was my mom.
 Mom: Where are you?
 Me: Waxahachie.
 Mom: Where in Waxahachie?
 Me: First Baptist Church.

Mom: Well, we're at a First Baptist Church but there are no cars in the parking lot and it's almost time for the concert to start. We were going to just show up and surprise you, but I think we're at the wrong church.

I'm not sure what First Baptist Church they had driven to, but it doesn't matter. I gave them directions and then waited for Mom and her chauffeur (my niece,

Fanci) to arrive. It was a great surprise and a really special treat to have Mom there because she doesn't get to many of our concerts. Even at 60, I'm still her little boy who wants to make her proud.

Mom's 87th birthday is this week. Coincidentally, her twin sister is also celebrating her 87th birthday. In another couple of weeks, she'll have her 61st

Mother's Day.

If I'm honest (and I try most of the time), there have been times that I couldn't imagine her making it to these milestones.

When she was diagnosed with breast cancer, she prayed that the Lord would let her live long enough that her baby granddaughter would have some memory of her.

That baby granddaughter (my little girl) will be 34 the first week in May.

Mom is full of surprises. One day last fall, Mom and I were talking on the phone and I told her about a ministry cruise Mrs. Sweetie and I are going on to Norway. She

told me about her uncle from Norway who died when she was a child.

A few days later I got a text from my sister saying that Mom was interested in going with us to Norway.

My mom? On a ship? In the ocean?

My mom who never learned to swim and would never get in the pool with us when we were kids?

My mom who — to the best of my knowledge — has never been on a flight that lasted more than a couple of hours?

She is full of surprises.

So we all chipped in and gave her this amazing trip as a gift from her kids and

grandkids.

I should also mention that her baby granddaughter will be on the trip, along with her husband (whose great-grandmother immigrated from Norway) and her two daughters who are old enough that they will have a treasured memory of going to Norway with their great-grandmother.

That's what I'm most excited about.

Maybe it's God who is full of surprises.

Be amazing today, my friend.

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World of Worms

The world just wouldn't be the same without worms.

What can we learn from a worm?

While we are quiet and shy, we are good to have around. We don't have eyes, ears or legs, yet we provide an important service.

Worms are master recyclers!

Professor Worm's Amazing Worm Facts

Add up the numbers to discover each answer.

As earthworms burrow or dig into the ground, they swallow soil. They eat rotting plants and leaves. As this debris passes through the worm's body, it is ground up by tiny stones in the worm's gizzard and leaves the body as waste.

This waste is called worm **castings**. Castings are dark and fertile and enrich the soil. Each day an earthworm produces its weight in castings. That's a lot of recycling!

Yum! Love that Garbage!

Garbage is for worms! You might think it is gross, but certain kinds of worms think garbage is yummy. Instead of tossing leftover salad, melon peels and apple cores into the trash or disposal, build a worm bin and start raising worms to eat your garbage.

How long was the longest earthworm ever found?
 $9 + 6 + 7 =$ feet

How strong are earthworms? They can push things up to $3 + 3 + 4 =$ times their own weight. That would be like you being able to push four refrigerators at one time!

How many different kinds of earthworms are there?
 $300 + 700 + 800 =$

Double Double Word Search

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

Recycle Poster

Look through the newspaper for names and addresses of agencies involved in recycling. Make a poster encouraging students to recycle and list where different items can be recycled. Post this in your school.

Standards Link: Research: Students use the newspaper to locate information.

Write On!

Cutest Animal on Earth

What do you think is the cutest animal on earth? Why? How would you try to convince others?

Now You See It

Scientists must be observant, watching things very carefully. Try this game to improve your powers of observation.

- With a partner, pick a newspaper picture. Study it for one minute.
- Cover the picture and write down everything you remember about it. Who can remember the most details?

Standards Link: Science/Investigation: Follow instructions for an investigation.

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ON FISHING

Fighting the wind



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

Spring winds can put a damper on the fishing, especially when you have lake wind advisories. Lately, it seems that we are having a windy April. Lake wind advisories are typically issued with forecast of winds over 20 mph. If you do get on the water and the winds are strong, you may have to alter your game plan by looking for areas that are partially blocked from the wind so that you can safely fish.

Smaller craft are obviously more impacted by the wind, but even larger craft can get swamped if the conditions are right.

Lake Granbury has lots of bends and there are places that you can fish where the wind is partially blocked. Other bodies of water with large open spaces are more dangerous as the waves can get really large.

If I am running down the lake in high winds, I try to stay closer to the side of the lake that partially blocks the wind (common sense). When you do get to an area you have to cross with high winds, try to go perpendicular to the wind which essentially is cutting through the waves. Running parallel

with large waves is dangerous as a rogue wave hitting the boat sideways can end your day on the water.

If you have to partially cut through the waves at an angle, position your folks on the opposite side of the boat so that the spray doesn't soak everyone.

Best advice when the winds are really high is to stay off the water. If you get caught in the wind, go slow and safe. Many have flipped their boats going too fast.

Bass tournaments are rarely cancelled due to winds. Tournament anglers fish in all kinds of conditions and being safe should come first. Please be careful out there.

Fishing in the backs of creeks and sloughs is good right now for black bass and crappie and, on windy days, these are great places to safely fish.

Working your baits in really high wind can be challenging with the boat bobbing up and down. You may have to counteract the boat movements to effectively work your presentation.

And of course, use life-jackets and have that throw device at arm's reach all ways.



Smaller craft are obviously more impacted by the wind, but even larger craft can get swamped if the conditions are right. Photo courtesy

FISHING REPORT

Lake Granbury water temperatures have been swinging with the passage of several cold fronts. Water temperatures on the main lake are varying from the low 60s to near 70. Black bass fishing is good to excellent on soft plastic-type baits and spinnerbaits in the backs of creeks and near main lake points. Crappies are excellent to 2 pounds on small minnows and small tube jigs fished under a cork in the backs of creeks on many areas of the lake. Sand bass reports have been few. Striped bass are slow to fair on slabs and live shad fished in town and near Indian Harbor. Catfish action continues to be good on cut shad. Yellow catfish to 30 pounds are possible.

OTHER AREAS

Lake Whitney striped bass limits are common on live bait mid-lake near McCown Valley. Possum Kingdom Lake striped bass are good to near 16 pounds near Costello Island and the state park. Possum Kingdom crappie and largemouth bass are excellent as well.

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Most wounds are self-inflicted; is the enemy really us?



MY FRONT PORCH

By Sam Houston

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

Once I learned to read, I found the “funny papers” to be a favorite pastime. When the newspaper arrived on our doorstep, my father would immediately grab the front page and I would grab the comics. I would sit down on the floor, spread the paper out and start working my way through the pictures and the stories. I loved “Blondie,” “Beetle Bailey,” “Nancy,” and many others. As I got older, I became a fan of the comic strip “Pogo.” It was a favorite of mine and many others, running in syndication from 1949 to 1975.

Pogo was a possum who lived in the Okefenokee swamp. He was affable, personable, soft-hearted and philosophical. He preferred spending his time fishing but often became entangled in his neighbor’s antics, which led to a lot of comical situations. While the comic was entertaining for a child, many adults read Pogo because of the satirical nature of many of his comments and how they related to current events of the day.

Pogo’s author, Walt Kelly, created the poster for World Day in 1970, which had an image of Pogo in his swap surroundings, but with trash spread everywhere. The caption read, “We have met the enemy and he is us,” obviously indicating our acts of littering and destroying our environment were hurting the very place we lived. After the poster’s release, the phrase was used extensively to illustrate human acts that create problems for others.

Maybe it is time for Mr. Kelly to make another poster because us humans sure

seem to do a lot of things to shoot ourselves in the foot! Maybe a little reminder of how problems are often self-inflicted would serve a good purpose. Why is it instead of collectively working to solve issues, we argue, criticize and stick with silly political agendas that only cater to donors and special interests? These agendas seem to have little to do with solving problems and much more to do with power and control.

I applaud how the world has come together to condemn the actions of Russia in Ukraine. Decent people all over the world recognize Putin’s actions for what they are: naked and unmitigated aggression flavored with cruelty, inhumanity, and a dash of genocide. When I look at the videos from Ukraine and see the destruction and loss of property and lives, I can only shake my head at how sad and unnecessary it all is. Why do we humans seem to be intent on hurting other humans? Is there something in our very essence that compels us to take out our anger or frustrations on innocent people?

Let’s hope rational thinking takes control of egos and emotions, and the hostilities end in Ukraine before there is even more loss of life and property. The world has enough issues and problems to resolve without unnecessarily creating more. In the case of Russia, the enemy is clearly themselves and their own government.

Thought for the day: Self-inflicted misery smirks under its crown of thorns. Until next time...

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

An election is hereby ordered to be held on May 7, 2022, in Parker County, Texas for the purpose of “adopt or reject the proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 87th Legislature, Third Called Session of the State of Texas.”

The following entities will be having Elections contracted by Parker County Elections, Jenise “Crickett” Miller Elections Administrator

GENERAL ELECTIONS: City of Aledo, Town of Annetta, City of Azle, Azle Independent School District, City of Hudson Oaks, Millsap Independent School District, Peaster Independent School District, City of Reno, Springtown Independent School District

SPECIAL ELECTIONS: Town of Annetta, City of Azle, Town of Dennis, Emergency Services District No. 8, City of Fort Worth, Granbury Independent School District, Peaster Independent School District, Poolville Independent School District, City of Reno, Walnut Creek Special Utilities District

EARLY VOTING SITES AND HOURS

Early Voting sites and hours for voting by personal appearance for the GENERAL ELECTION to be held on May 7, 2022 as conducted by Parker County, Texas are as follows:

Main Voting Site

Parker County Courthouse Annex
1112 Santa Fe Dr Weatherford, 76086
Annex Kitchen

Branch Voting Sites

Springtown Senior Center

Community Room
1070 N Main St
Springtown, Texas 76082

Hudson Oaks City Hall

Council Chambers
210 Hudson Oaks Dr.
Hudson Oaks, TX

Millsap Community Center

Community Room
102 Fannin Rd.
Millsap, 76066

Peaster ISD Old Rock Gym

Back Room
8512 FM 920
Peaster, Texas 76088

Azle City Hall

Community Room
505 W Main St
Azle, Texas 76020

Poolville ISD Technology Building

Main Room
16025 FM RD 920
Poolville 76487

Aledo ISD Admin Building

Louden Room
1008 Bailey Ranch Rd
Aledo, Texas 76008

PCT 3 County Barn

Break Room
1111 FM RD 1189
Brock, 76087

Regular Early Voting Hours and Days

Monday April 25, 2022	8:00AM-5:00PM	Saturday April 30, 2022	CLOSED
Tuesday April 26, 2022	8:00AM-5:00PM	Sunday May 1, 2022	CLOSED
Wednesday April 27, 2022	8:00AM-5:00PM	Monday May 2, 2022	7:00AM-7:00PM
Thursday April 28, 2022	8:00AM-5:00PM	Tuesday May 3, 2022	7:00AM-7:00PM
Friday April 29, 2022	8:00AM-5:00PM		

Applications for Ballot by Mail may be obtained by calling (817) 598-6185
Applications for ballots by mail must be received by the Early Voting Clerk
NO later than the close of business day on Tuesday April 26, 2022
Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Early Voting Clerk

PO BOX 639, Weatherford TX 76086

Email: j.hasenjaeger@parkercountytexas.com Fax: (817) 598-6183

Website: www.parkercountytexas.com

AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL

Por la presente se ordena que se celebre una eleccion el 2 de noviembre de 2021 en el condado de Parker, Texas, con el proposito de “adopter o rechazar las Enmiendas Constitucionales peopuestas tal como las present la Legislatura 87th Sesion Tercera llamada del Estado de Texas.”

Las siguientes entidades tendran Elecciones contratadas por Elecciones del Condado de Parker Jenise “Crickett” Miller Administradora de Elecciones

ELLECCIONES GENERALES: City of Aledo, Town of Annetta, City of Azle, Azle Independent School District, City of Hudson Oaks, Millsap Independent School District, Peaster Independent School District, City of Reno, Springtown Independent School District

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SITIOS Y HORARIOS DE VATAACION ANTICIPADA

Los lugares para la votación anticipada y el horario para la votación en persona para la ELECCION GENERAL que se llevara a cabo el 7 de Mayo de 2022, según lo llevara a cabo el condado de Parker, Texas, son los siguientes:

Sitio principal de votacion

Parker County Courthouse Annex
1112 Santa Fe Dr, Weatherford, 76086
Annex Kitchen

Sitios de votacion de sucursales

Springtown Senior Center

Community Room
1070 N Main St
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Hudson Oaks City Hall

Council Chambers
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LEGAL NOTICE

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine And Malt Beverage Retailer’s Off-Premise Permit (BQ) by Cuban Market LLC dba Cuban Market, located at 6404 Rufe Snow Drive, North Richland Hills, Texas, 76148. Officers of said entity are Yoelbis Beliz (Owner) and Yoanka Munoz (Owner).

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London Bridge is falling down



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,

I live in a condo on the 16th floor. My parents love where we live – they can see and hear the ocean and swim in our community pool. Unfortunately, I saw on the news that an apartment building in Florida that looks like ours collapsed. So many people, children, dogs, cats, birds, maybe even gerbils, got hurt and even worse than that. My parents don't seem concerned, but how do they know our building won't collapse?

*Confused,
Howie*

Dear Howie,

Glad you wrote in about this, Howie. The collapse of that building has been a concern for many dogs, cats and, as you note, gerbils that live in high rises with swimming pools. The collapse was all

over the news. People were horrified by the number of human and animal lives affected. It's a shame that it took an accident of this proportion before the owners of similar buildings got on the stick and brought in inspectors to check that their facilities were structurally sound.

When they did inspect buildings like yours, they found most were safe and sound. Few needed repairing. So, if you are wondering why your parents aren't concerned, it's likely that when they inspected your building, it passed all safety regulations with flying colors. Your condo description sounds like you live in some fancy digs. If I were you, I would enjoy the view and the delicious smell of those ocean breezes.

*Best,
Frankie*

Horas y dias regulares de votacion anticipada

Lunes 25 de Abril de 2022	8:00AM-5:00PM	Sabado 30 de Abril de 2022	CLOSED
Martes 26 de Abril de 2022	8:00AM-5:00PM	Domingo 1 de Mayo de 2022	CLOSED
Miercoles 27 de Abril de 2022	8:00AM-5:00PM	Lunes 2 de Mayo de 2022	7:00AM-7:00PM
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Website: www.parkercountytexas.com

7:00 am - 7:00 pm
ELECTION DAY SITES

Election Day sites for voting by personal appearance for the GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION to be held on May 7, 2022 as conducted by Parker County, Texas are as follows:

Silver Creek United Methodist Church	2200 Church Rd, Azle 76020	Fellowship Hall 100/105
Azle City Hall	505 W Main St, Azle 76020	Community Room 110/111
Reno City Hall	195 W Reno Rd, Azle 76020	Community Center 115
Springtown Senior Center	1070 N Main St, Springtown 76082	Community Room 120
Harburger Hill Community Center	701 Narrow St., Weatherford 76086	Large Room 200/250
Poolville Methodist Church	230 North Church, Poolville 76487	Fellowship Hall 210
Peaster ISD Rock Gym	8512 FM RD 920, Peaster 76088	Back Room of Gym 215
Adell Whitt Fire Department	4312 N FM RD 52, Whitt 76490	Training Room 220
Bethesda United Methodist Church	6657 FM RD 113 N, Weatherford 76088	Johnson Room 225
Hudson Oaks City Hall	210 Hudson Oaks Dr, Hudson Oaks 76087	Council Chambers 260/265
Santa Fe Drive Baptist Church	1502 Santa Fe Dr, Weatherford 76086	Family Life Center 310/315
Weatherford College	225 College Park Dr, Weatherford 76086	Work Force WC
Millsap Community Center	102 Fannin St, Millsap 76066	Community Room 320
Harmony Baptist Church	242 Harmony Rd, Weatherford 76087	Gym 325
Parker County PCT Barn # 3	1111 FM RD 1189, Brock 76087	Break Room 335
Greenwood Fire Department	1418 Greenwood Cut-Off Rd, Weatherford 76087	Training Room 350
Morningstar Amenity Center	128 Heather Wind Ln, Aledo 76008	Main Room 400
First Baptist Willow Park	601 Ranch House Rd, Willow Park 76087	Welcome Center 410/415
City of Aledo Community Center	104 Robinson Ct, Aledo 76008	Main Room 430
Aledo ISD Admin Building	1008 Bailey Ranch Rd, Aledo 76008	Louden Room 435
Town of Annetta	450 Thunder Head Ln, Aledo 76008	Main Building
Central Community Fire Station # 1	4100 Old Agnes Rd, Weatherford 76088	Main Room
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Abbott halts border truck inspections

Gov. Greg Abbott halted the state's aggressive truck inspection at all Texas border crossings after days of bipartisan criticism over the extended delays of goods entering the United States.

According to the San Antonio Express-News and other media outlets, for more than a week Abbott had troopers from the Texas Department of Public Safety stop all commercial trucks passing through Texas ports for safety inspections, leading to waits of up to eight hours. Normally it takes less than 30 minutes for trucks to cross the border.

Abbott announced on Friday the inspections would end after he signed deals with the governors of the four Mexican states that border Texas to provide better security in an attempt to slow illegal immigration into Texas. He was criticized by the Texas Trucking Association and fellow Republicans, including Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller.

"I understand the concern that businesses have about trying to move products across the bridge, but I also know the anger Texans face and have that's caused by Joe Biden not securing the border," Abbott said Friday.

Democrat Beto O'Rourke, who faces the governor in November, slammed Abbott, calling the inspections a "publicity stunt."

"This was completely unnecessary and did absolutely nothing to improve the security and safety of El Paso, of Laredo, of Pharr, or anyone of our border communities of the state of Texas or of the United States of America," O'Rourke said.

Meanwhile, at least five busloads of migrants were sent to Washington, D.C. at Abbott's behest. Those mi-



CAPITOL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and Cedar Park. gborders@texaspress.com.

grants had already been processed and released by the Department of Homeland Security and volunteered to make the trip to the nation's capital.

DROUGHT CONDITIONS COVER MOST OF STATE

A drier and cooler March for much of the state has expanded drought conditions, which now cover 88% of the state, according to Dr. Mark Wentzel, a hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board. The drought is most severe in the Panhandle, High Plains and South Texas. Few counties have escaped the dry conditions.

The drought is expected to expand and intensify over the next few months, according to the latest seasonal drought outlook from the National Weather Service. Thanks to a Pacific Ocean weather cycle called La Niña, drought is predicted for almost the entire state by the end of June, according to Wentzel.

AGENCY WARNS AGAINST FRAUDULENT ONLINE BANK

Consumers are urged to be aware of a fraudulent website claiming to offer online banking services. The website claims to belong to Palm Springs Bank or PalmSpring Bank, according to the Texas Department of Banking. The fake bank's website does not indicate a physical address but does list a post office

box in Fort Worth as a mailing address.

"The website is not associated with any known bank. No bank doing business under the name Palm Springs Bank or PalmSpring Bank has been authorized to provide banking services in Texas, nor is any bank by either name supervised by the Department, the FDIC, or the Federal Reserve," the news release said.

Anyone with information about the purported bank or its website should contact the Department's Consumer Assistance Activities at consumer.complaints@dob.texas.gov or call 877-276-5554.

FIRST WEST NILE CASE OF YEAR REPORTED

A Dallas County resident has been diagnosed with West Nile virus — the first reported case of the year, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

West Nile virus is transmitted through bites from infected mosquitoes. About 20% of people who are exposed develop symptoms such as headache, fever, muscle and joint aches. In rare cases, less than 1%, more serious symptoms can occur, including death.

DSHS officials suggest wearing long-sleeved shirts and pants, applying insect repellent and removing standing water and "not give mosquitoes a biting chance."

SEE HIGHLIGHTS, PAGE 14A.

News From Azle City Hall

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

May 7, 2022 General & Special Election

Councilmembers Places 1, 2, and 5
and
Street Maintenance Sales Tax Renewal Proposition

Early Voting by Personal Appearance April 25 - May 3, 2022
Visit the city website for a full listing of all Early Voting locations in Tarrant & Parker County

Tarrant County			Parker County		
April 25-29	Mon - Fri	8 am - 5 pm	April 25-29	Mon-Fri	8 am - 5 pm
April 30	Saturday	7 am - 7 pm	April 30	Saturday	CLOSED
May 1	Sunday	10 am - 4 pm	May 1	Sunday	CLOSED
May 2-3	Mon-Tue	7 am - 7 pm	May 2-3	Mon-Tues	7 am-7 pm

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Hornet Academy
1010 Boyd Rd, Azle

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PARKER COUNTY
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7 am - 7 pm
Azle City Hall
505 W Main St, Azle

Special Election - Street Maintenance Sales Tax
In 2003, Azle voters first approved a 1/4 of one percent sales tax for street maintenance as a new funding source for ongoing street improvements. Azle voters have since voted to reauthorize the sales tax every four (4) years - 2006, 2010, 2014 and in 2018. On Election Day, May 7, 2022, Azle voters will once again have the opportunity to vote for or against the reauthorization of the Street Maintenance Sales Tax. The sales tax may only be used to fund the maintenance and repair of existing streets; not to build new streets.

Since 2003, the street maintenance sales tax has generated over \$8.17 million. Approximately 33 miles of Azle streets have been reclaimed or overlaid using Street Maintenance Sales Tax revenue, and another 1.2 miles of streets are scheduled for repair in the 2021-22 budget year.

A brochure detailing the Street Maintenance Sales Tax is available on the city website, will be mailed out with April utility bills or you can pick one up at City Hall.

Visit our website www.cityofazle.org to view Ballot, complete voting schedule and polling sites. For more information contact the City Secretary's office at (817) 444-7101 or yforgey@cityofazle.org

Clean It Up – Green It Up
Azle City-Wide clean up and recycling event
Saturday, May 7 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
City Garage 470 Denver Trail

The City of Azle, in partnership with Community Waste Disposal (CWD), will conduct a **FREE** city-wide clean-up. Residents can drop off brush, furniture, bulky items, appliances, metal for recycling and small amounts of construction materials from do-it-yourself projects.

CWD will be on site to collect Household Hazardous Waste (paints, chemicals, cleaners, used motor oil and batteries), E*waste (computers, printers, electronic devices, old television sets), used tires and a document shredder will be on site.

We ask that you pre-sort as much as possible; this will help keep traffic moving and allow staff to work as efficiently as possible. This is a **free** event for Azle residents and proof of Azle residency will be required by presenting your utility bill and driver's license.

Items Not Accepted: Ammunition, asbestos, boats, building materials, butane cylinders, explosives, medical waste, PCBs, propane cylinders, radioactive material, and smoke detectors.

Questions? Contact Storm Water Manager Jimmy Duvall at 817-444-4511.

Grab the family and blankets and head to Central Park on April 23 to enjoy a **free family movie**.

Special Events will be showing Disney's "Encanto" at the Central Park Amphitheater, 263 W. Main St, approximately 10 minutes after dusk.

Any questions, please contact the Parks Department at (817) 444-7127.

Employment Opportunities

The City of Azle is seeking qualified applicants for the following full time positions:

Police Dispatcher	Police Officer	Firefighter Paramedic
Firefighter EMT	Water Plant Operator	Utility Billing Manager

If you or someone you know would be interested in working for the City of Azle where employees are not "just a number", please visit us on the web at <https://www.cityofazle.org/jobs.aspx> to review the position description and the on-line application instructions.

A comprehensive benefits package is offered, with the City picking up 100% of Employee medical, dental, and term life/disability coverage costs.

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Upcoming Programs for Adults:
All events take place in the Library Community Room, unless otherwise noted. For full details, see our monthly newsletter or visit the library website.

- **Cooking Well for One or Two:** 5/3 at 6:30 PM. Make the most out of cooking for a household of one or two. Learn new cooking strategies, recipes, and more!
- **Chair Exercises:** 5/9 at 11AM. Join us for a 30 minute chair exercise session followed by a short lesson on the benefits of physical activity, including healthy recipes and snacks! Participants are encouraged to bring their own mat or towel.

Scan for more information on what's happening in the City of Azle or visit us at www.cityofazle.org.



Azle School Menu April 25-29, 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

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 Grande Cheesy Chicken Nachos, Grande Beefy Nachos, Seasoned Mexican Black Beans, Tues Grilled Cheeseburger, BBQ Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Peppered Broccoli Florets, Weds Ultimate Grilled Cheese w/Tomato Soup, Tater Tot Casserole w/ Biscuit, Thurs Cheeseburger Tots w/ Biscuit, Cheesy Meatball Sub, Steamed Corn, Fri Creamy Macaroni & Cheese w/ Beef Fingers, Grilled Cheeseburger, Crinkle Cut Fries

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 Grilled Cheeseburger, Juicy Hamburger, Chicken Fried Steak Sandwich, Frito Chili Pie, Beefy Macaroni Marinara w/ Roll, Spaghetti Marinara w/ Homemade Meatballs & Breadstick, Crispy Straight Cut Fries, Peppered Broccoli Florets, Tues Grilled Cheeseburger, Juicy Hamburger, Chicken Fried Steak Sandwich, Cheeseburger Tots w/ Biscuit, Meatball Alfredo Sub, Cheesy Meatball Sub, Steamed Crinkle Carrots, Crispy Tater Tots, Weds Grilled Cheeseburger, Juicy Hamburger, Chicken Fried Steak Sandwich, Chili con Carne w/ Kidney Beans & Biscuit, Aimee's Chicken Spaghetti Casserole, Cheesy Chili Mac, Spiced Green Beans, Green Chili Fried Beans, Thurs Grilled Cheeseburger, Juicy Hamburger, Chicken Fried Steak Sandwich, BBQ Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Oven Baked Beef Lasagna w/ Breadstick, Oven-Roasted Potato Wedges, Fri Grilled Cheeseburger, Juicy Hamburger, Chicken Fried Steak Sandwich, Homemade Meatloaf w/ WG Roll, Creamy Macaroni & Cheese w/ Beef Fingers, Beef Finger Potato Bowl w/Roll, 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/Cheeseburger Breaded Chicken Patty Sandwich • Spicy Chicken Patty Sandwich • Golden Chicken Corn Dog
Mon Cheesy Chicken Flour Tacos, Ground Beef Soft Flour Tacos, Homemade Meatloaf w/ Rice and WG Roll, Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich w/ String Cheese, Sweet & Sour Chicken w/Brown Rice, Crispy Kung Pao Chicken w/Brown Rice, Beef Finger Potato Bowl w/Roll, Classic Refried Beans, Tues Grande Beefy Nachos, Grande Homemade Cheesy Nachos, Veggie Pizza, Classic Pepperoni Pizza, Ultimate Grilled Cheese w/Tomato Soup, Baked Potato Soup w/Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Chicken Fried Rice w/Egg Roll, Sweet & Sour Chicken w/Rice & Egg Roll, Country Fried Steak Potato Bowl w/Roll, Oven-Roasted Potato Wedges, Weds Homemade Beef Burrito, Homemade Bean & Cheese Burrito, Chili Cheese Fries w/ Pretzel Rods, Ballpark, Chili Dog, w/Pouch Chili & Heartzels, (3M,3G), Sweet & Sour Chicken w/Lomein Noodles, Chili Garlic Chicken w/Lomein Noodles, Savory Salisbury Steak w/ Biscuit, Seasoned Mashed Potatoes, Savory Beef Gravy, Thurs Scratch-Made Beef Enchiladas, Verde Chicken Enchiladas, Delicious Cheese Pizza, Classic Pepperoni Pizza, Cheesy Meatball Sub, Meatball Alfredo Sub, Teriyaki Meatballs & Broccoli w/ Brown Rice & Egg Roll, Chicken Teriyaki w/Rice & Egg Roll, Beef Finger Potato Bowl w/Roll, Crinkle Cut Fries, Fri Grande Beefy Nachos, BBQ Diced Chicken Wrap, Veggie Pizza, Classic Pepperoni Pizza, Breakfast for Lunch - Eggs, Pancakes & Sausage, Chicken Teriyaki w/Noodles, Chicken Teriyaki w/ Rice & Vegetables, Country Fried Steak Potato Bowl w/Roll, Classic Refried Beans, Spiced Green Beans, Crinkle Cut Fries

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BOOK REVIEW

Earth Day books for kids

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

Mom is always after you to clean your room.

She always wants you to make your home a better place, starting right there. Sometimes, you wonder why and it's probably because a clean room makes everything better. In a way, you're safer when you live in clean surroundings, too, and that goes for the biggest home of all: the Earth. It's true, so why not read about our planet and learn what you can do to keep it clean and healthy?

How would you like to be someone that the Earth can count on in a pinch? In "Earth Friend Forever" by Molly Bloom, Marc Sanchez and Sanden Totten, illustrated by Mike Orodan (Little, Brown, \$17.99), the creators of the science podcast, "Brains On!" will show you how to be the buddy the planet needs most.

Like every good friendship, there's some give-and-take when you're pals with the Earth. You pick up litter, the planet gives you the ingredients for pizza. Nice trade, huh? Yep, but now there's an emergency and it's serious business. With this cute book, kids ages 4 to

7 will learn to be good stewards of the Earth, and they'll be spurred to take action in ways that are do-able for even the youngest kid.

Also from the creators of "Brains On!," there's "Road Trip Earth" by Molly Bloom, Marc Sanchez and Sanden Totten (Little, Brown \$18.99).

Part adventure, part science, this book takes young readers around the planet and *inside it*, in bite-sized segments that teach them about the environment, but that also touch upon geology and geography, as well as climatology and light chemistry. But you shouldn't for a minute think that this book is stuffy or unapproachable.

Imagine, for instance, a match-up between two large, famous bodies of water. Who would win? Learn, for example, what lives beneath your feet. Visit a cave, drop in on the desert, check out some "bizarre" creatures that live in weird places, know about snow and rocks, and then take a trip to outer space and see what's up there. For science-minded kids, ages 9 to 14, or for young environmentalists who crave a bit of literary adventure, this book could be irresistible.

Young environmental



c.2022, various publishers \$17.99-\$18.99, various page counts

Photo by Terri Schlichenmeyer

warriors can be serious about their work, though, and if your child is one who's laser-focused on the environment, you'll want "Be the Change: Rob Greenfield's Call to Kids - Making a Difference in a Messed-Up World" by

Rob Greenfield and Antonia Banyard (Greystone Kids, \$18.95). Filled with jaw-dropping pictures, real statistics, solid, adult-caliber information and ideas for being green, this book is perfect for kids

10 and up, especially if they're keen on making their lives and your home as zero-waste as possible. Find it on shelves April 19. If your child wants more information, or if these books don't quite fit what

you're looking for, be sure to ask your favorite librarian or bookseller for help. They can instantly put their fingers on books that will help your kid help make this world a better place.

Congratulations

to the 2022 Tarrant County Junior Livestock Show Exhibitors

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- Madeline Lemley
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- Madison York
- Brelyn Beverly
- Cheyenne Vickers
- Elle Coleman
- Patience Parsons

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- In Memory of Jaylee Murr Williams

Attention Men and Women over 65 years old... Do You Want To Learn How To Stay Out Of Nursing Homes FOREVER? Without Risking Your Health, Safety, Or Independence?

By Balance Expert Dr. Robert Moss

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

If you answer yes to any of these questions, please read further...

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

If you have ever seen the Life Alert commercials then you have a picture in your mind of an elderly lady laying on the floor desperately trying to get up only to discover she is not able to.

Whether she is just weak, has broken a hip or caused some other serious injury this is a major concern for our elderly patients.



Working with seniors over many years it has become apparent that the greatest common fear is the fear of falling and not being able to get back up. This is not unreasonable as 1/3 of all adults over 65 will fall this year and each fall is potentially life changing.

Falling should not be your lifestyle

Falls often lead to hospitalizations, serious injury or the need for assisted living of some sort. In the most severe cases a fall can lead to death.

If the fall, injury, and hospitalization isn't bad enough, frequent falls lead to loss of independence, limits in your daily activities, and increase your reliance on friends and family members to complete basic everyday tasks.

With the right information and the right guidance many falls can be prevented, keeping you out of the hospital and Nursing Homes. Here is what one of my patients had to say:

When I came to Moss, I had trouble walking due to no balance. I was not able to get in and out of a car, I was not able to do my activities. After my therapy I am able to walk and continue with my shopping and light house work. I can do this all un-assisted thanks to my therapy.



- Evelyn Tinney

If you are embarrassed or reluctant to use a cane or walker because it makes you "look old" or if you feel like a burden to those around you because you need to hold on to someone when you walk or ask them to run your errands... MOSS Rehabilitation Center has prepared a FREE Report for you "The Top 8 Secrets To Improve Your Balance And Prevent Falls".

To get the guide Simply call this special number 817-220-MOSS (6677) to request the FREE Report OR if you want the report right now, please visit www.springtownphysicaltherapy.com/balance-report and you can download it instantly.

Free support group for victims of intimate partner abuse

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY
azlereporter@azlenews.net

Future Hope and Healing Center in Azle will be hosting a weekly support group for anyone who has been a victim of intimate partner abuse of any kind — physical, mental or emotional. The group will meet every Tuesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Crossing Fellowship Church on Main Street in Azle. The first meeting is April 26.

“The curriculum we will use is Journey Beyond Abuse,” said Sally Daniels, executive director of FHHC.

“Participants can expect to learn about the cycle of abuse, red flags, and about the many ways being a victim has kept them from becoming survivors,” Daniels said. “The curriculum is designed to cover many aspects of having lived with abuse and how to move beyond. Topics will include shame versus guilt, the impact words have on our thinking, changing how victims think

about their experiences.” Daniels said there will also be open groups if a specific topic comes up during the group meetings that the participants need to discuss. “I love that the support group gives victims of abuse the opportunity to know they are not the only ones that have experienced abuse,” said Daniels.

“Many victims believe there must have been something wrong with them since they stayed, but hearing other’s stories allows victims to realize they are not alone, and the abuse impacted their thinking,” she said. “Participants do not even have to speak to benefit because they hear the participation of others and process their own life through the group participation.”

For more information about the support group and other FHHC program support, call 817-929-1866 or visit futurehopeandhealingcenter.org/.

HIGHLIGHTS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12A.

There were 112 cases of West Nile disease in Texas last year that resulted in 14 deaths.

TEACHER SALARIES UNCHANGED IN PAST DECADE

The average salary of Texas’ public-school teachers has not improved in the past decade, according to a new study called “The Lost Decade.”

The Houston Chronicle reported on the new study by the nonprofit policy institute Every Texan and the Texas American Federation of Teachers. The study analyzed salary figures reported to the state from 2010 to 2020. It indicated that when adjusted for inflation there has not been a salary increase overall, and average pay for new teachers has slightly decreased.

“With double-digit increases in home and rental prices and general decreases or stagnation in teacher

paychecks, the precarity becomes clear quickly, especially for those teaching in large urban districts,” the authors wrote. “If you cannot afford a roof over your head, how can you be faulted for looking for an exit from your demanding job?”

CONTINUED SWING IN COVID-19 CASES IN TEXAS

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas dropped considerably in the past week, with 11,361 reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University, along with 98 deaths. The number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations dropped once again, with 785 reported in the state.

The number of Texans who are fully vaccinated as of Sunday stands at 17.5 million, or 60% of the state’s population, with 6.635 million getting a booster dose.

Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a Wetland

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the **City of Reno** has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Wetland Management Protection. The activity is funded under the HUD CDBG Program under **7220390**.

Project Location:

All work will occur in the City of Reno, Parker County, Texas in the following locations:

Water Improvements:

- Well Site #1 - Southwest side of Scenic Wood Dr. (32.97361, -97.57005)
- Well Site #2 - Southwest corner of Parsonage St. and W. Reno Rd. (32.94392, -97.58062)
- Well Site #4 - Southwest corner of E. Browder Cr. and W. Reno Rd. (32.93899, -97.56695)
- Well Site #5 - Southeast corner of Bill B St. and Rhonda B Rd. (32.92238, -97.55314)
- Well Site #6 - Northside of Rhonda B Rd. (32.92151, -97.54686)
- Well Site #7 - Eastside of Ladybird Ln. (32.96907, -97.57355)
- Miller Rd Water Line - On Miller Rd. from Ladybird Ln to N. Cardinal Rd.

Description of the Proposed Project:

Water Improvements:

Install: a 6-inch water line along Miller Rd; Disinfection systems at all 7 well sites to switch from chlorine to chloramines; an additional booster pump at Well Site #1; and Reconfigure the booster pumps at Well Site #5. The ground disturbance depths for the well sites (boosters and disinfection) would be less than 2ft, and the waterline will be about 4ft deep.

Well Site #1:

- Install disinfection building to switch from chlorine to chloramines
- Add booster pump to site

Well Site #2

- Install disinfection building to switch from chlorine to chloramines

Well Site #3

- Install disinfection building to switch from chlorine to chloramines

Well Site #4

- Install disinfection building to switch from chlorine to chloramines

Well Site #5

- Install disinfection building to switch from chlorine to chloramines
- Reconfigure booster pump from series to parallel

Well Site #6

- Install disinfection building to switch from chlorine to chloramines

Well Site #7

- Install disinfection building to switch from chlorine to chloramines

Miller Rd Water Line

- Increase the 4-inch water line along Miller Rd to a 6-inch water line

Wetland:

According to the USFWS wetland map the Miller Road water line portion of the project crosses two (2) Riverine Wetlands:

Miller Road

- 32.96028, -97.56976
- 32.96029, -97.55959

Are of Disturbance: 0.05 acres

Natural Values of Wetland: The natural resources of the wetland include water, biological, and societal resources. The proposed project will have minimal impacts to the wetland as the project involves minimal ground disturbance within the wetland.

The **City of Reno** has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values. Below are the alternatives considered and reasons for non-selection:

1. **Bore the water line under the wetlands.** - If the wetlands could be bored, disturbance to the wetlands could be avoided. (viable if funds allow).
2. **Other infrastructure considered.** - While there is other infrastructure in the City that needs to be addressed, the City concluded that the chosen infrastructure in this project was the highest priority. (not viable)
3. **No Action or Alternative Actions that Serve the Same Purpose.** - If this project is not completed, some portions of the water system will continue to be inadequate, which could pose a health threat to the community. (not viable).

Mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values:

1. Preserving Natural Values and Minimizing Impacts: After construction is completed, disturbed area will need to be immediately re-vegetated with native grasses. Only native plants are to be used in the wetland and on the site.
2. Deposition and excavation of materials will need to be performed in such a manner that erosion and sedimentation will be controlled.
3. Precautions will need to be taken in handling of fuels or other hazardous materials to prevent discharge or spillage resulting in lower groundwater quality.
4. Erosion control measures such as hay bales or silt screen barriers will need to be implemented and maintained during construction as required.
5. The project engineer will need to incorporate best management practices into the specifications and plans.

The **City of Reno** will ensure applicable state and local wetland protection procedures are followed. The **City of Reno** has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the wetland and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11990, are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in wetlands and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the **City of Reno** at the following address on or before **April 29, 2022** a minimum 7 calendar day comment period will begin the day after the publication and end on the 8th day after the publication: **City of Reno, 195 W. Reno Road, Reno, TX 76020 and 817-221-2500**, Attention: **Scott Passmore, City Administrator**. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm from the previously mentioned address or at <https://tinyurl.com/2p8r7kv2>, Comments may also be submitted via email at todd@texasenvironmentals.com.

Date: April 20, 2022

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Azle City Council Proclamations



The Azle City Council recently conducted proclamations for different individuals. They are, from top left and going clockwise and posing with Mayor Alan Brundrett, Jon Reed and son Gatlin, with Jon honored for his 20-year anniversary for his work as a firefighter II/engineer; Lisa Galletta, assistant director at Azle Memorial Library, and Katie Castel, children's services librarian at the library, in honor of National Library Week; telecommunicators Heidi White, Kaley Estes, Tessa Erwin and Candace Cook, in honor of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week; and Esther Saldivar, representing Alliance for Children, in honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

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Azle Servolution Blitz

Servolution volunteers came together to help repair homes April 8 for the community in Good Neighbors Blitz. Above: Workers take down a tree that needs to be removed. Right: A volunteer, Michael Losey, paints trim on one of the houses.

Photos by Don Munsch



CLASS OF 2022

Class of 2022

Kayla & Daniel

Hookem' Horns



Congratulations!
Continue to work hard and follow your faith at the University of Texas. We love you both!
Love, your Parents

You can tell your special graduates how proud you are of them...in the special section "Class of 2022" to be published in the **Azle News** **May 18, 2022.**

Best friends forever!
Congratulations Eli on all your accomplishments
Love ya, Baylor



AD DEADLINE

Mon, April 25, 2022

2x4 (3.458"x4") \$45.00

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- Fill out the form and mail it to the Azle News. One photo included, extra charges apply for more photos.
- Drop off the photo and form at the Azle News office
- Email to johnna@azlenews.net

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EXAMPLE: Congratulations Kayla and Daniel! Continue to work hard and follow your faith at the University of Texas. We love you both! Love your parents.

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Azle athletes find fun, success, PRs, near-misses at district



Ashlyn Norton overcame injury, and set a PR of 15 feet 6 inches in the long jump.

Photo by Jeff Prince

BY JEFF PRINCE
jeff@azlenews.net

Numerous athletes will be sporting Azle green at the upcoming UIL area track meet after they performed well at district on April 13-14 at Aledo.

The top four finishers from Districts 5-5A and 6-5A earned the right to compete at the area meet on April 21 at Northwest High School.

Almost 20 of Azle's athletes made the cut.

For the boys, Jack Jestis won first place at district in the 400m with a personal-best time of 52.1 seconds.

Barak Geary placed second in the 3200m and fourth in the 1600m and will compete at area in both events.

Jestis, Josh Montalago, Austin Gatewood and Jordan Ritcherson won second place in the 4x400m relay.

Montalago, Gavin Green, Kaden Taylor and Kaleb Vasquez earned third place in the 4x200m relay.

The 4x100m relay team of Green, Taylor, Montalago and Tyler Akers finished one-tenth of a second behind second-place Granbury to nab third place.

Jackson LaHue won third place in shot put.

For the girls, Jessie Heath won first place in the 400m, and Rebecca Marx earned third place.

Marx, Heath, Leah North and Amanda Rodriguez nabbed second place in the 4x400 relay with a time of 4:02.7 – just a half-second behind first-place winner Aledo.

Heath, Ashlyn Norton, Maddy Westbrook and Savana Panther ran the 4x100m relay in 50.46 to win second place.

Rodriguez, Westbrook, Fair and Norton claimed second place in the 4x200 relay.

Panther set a personal record – or PR, as it's called – of 12.99 in the 100m sprint. She finished in third place.

Westbrook set a PR of 26.57 and took third place in the 200m.

Marx set a PR in the 400m and claimed third place.

PERSONAL RECORDS

Most every athlete would love to qualify for area, but just a small percentage of them make the cut. A consolation prize for many athletes is to set a PR. That way, even if they don't advance to area, they know they did their best.

Destiny Brune was practicing her high jumps on a cushioned mat near the end zone at Bearcat Stadium in Aledo before her event began. The Azle freshman high jumper is a member of the junior varsity team. Her goal for the day was to set a PR. If that jump propelled her to the area meet, all the better.

Brune began high jumping in eighth grade but never won a ribbon. She never even cleared the opening height during that first season. This year, she has participated in two meets. She nabbed third place during her debut. Two weeks ago, at a Keller meet, she won first place and set a

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Azle loses Aledo games amid otherwise amazing season

BY JEFF PRINCE
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The Hornets baseball team lost a 2-1 nailbiter at Aledo on April 12 but had a chance to bounce back two days later.

Azle and Aledo are the best teams in District 5-5A baseball, and bragging rights were at stake.

On April 14, the Hornets and Bearcats faced off at Jim Bob Nation Field in front of a hometown crowd that included more than a few memorable fans. It was Teacher Night, and each Azle player chose a current or past instructor to escort onto the field before the game.

The public announcer read players' fond recollections about their favorite teachers.

"Mr. Miller brought fun energy to class every day and made my day better," Cooper Magee had written about Azle High School English teacher Cole Miller.

The event added weight to an already important game.

Head coach Stephen Smith started Brenden Kamnick, a hard-throwing senior who has been effec-

tive on the mound all season.

Kamnick pitched a scoreless first inning but ran into trouble soon after. Aledo led off the second inning with a home run. More hits followed, including another homer.

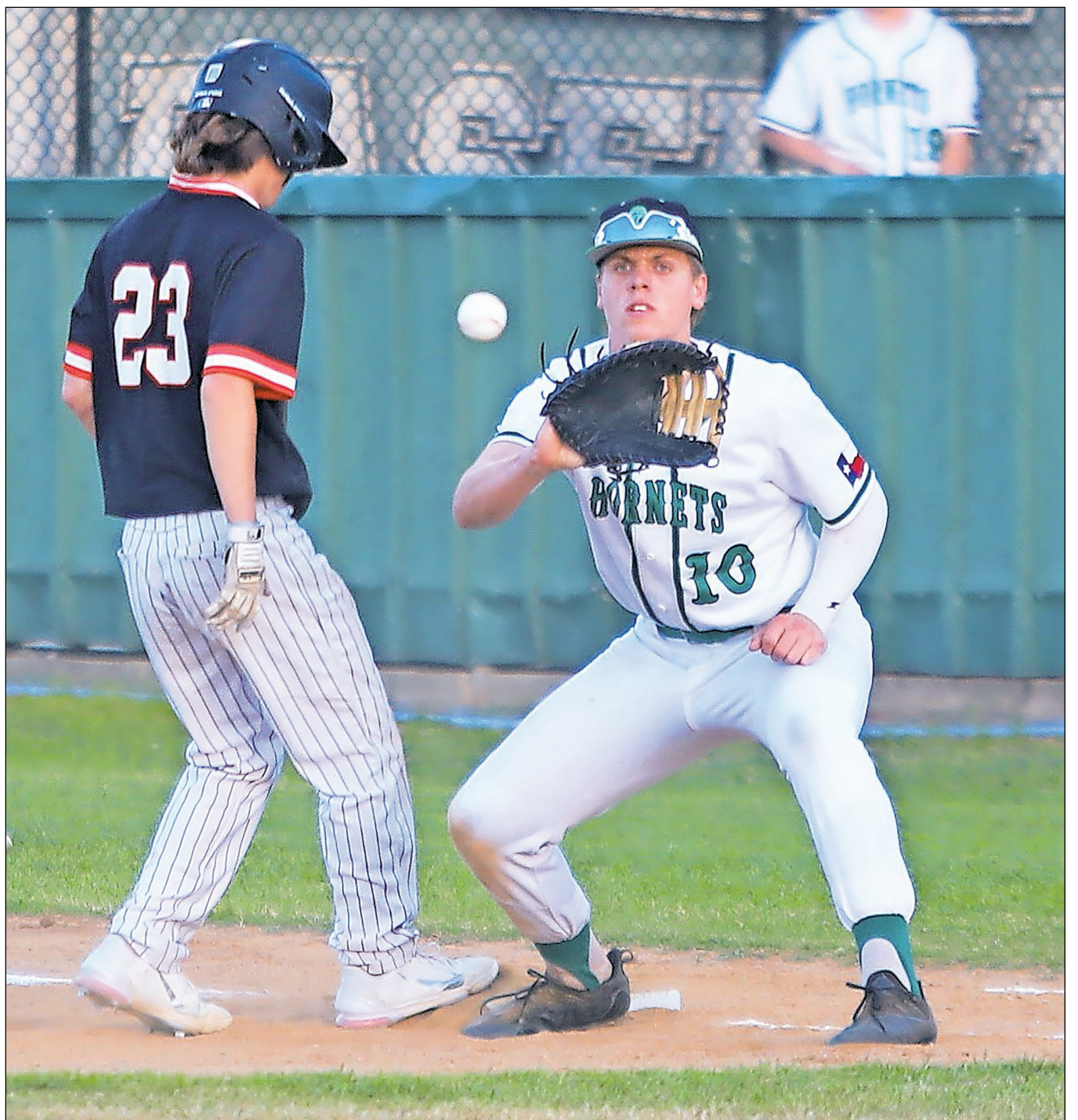
Azle fell behind 5-0 and relinquished three additional runs in the third inning. Afterward, relief pitcher Cooper Sexton was effective, allowing just one hit in 1 2/3 innings.

Azle attempted a comeback in the fourth inning, but it fizzled. The Hornets loaded up the bases and threatened to score but couldn't push runners across the plate.

Pitcher Jayden Rollins closed the game and was tagged for more runs, and Aledo prevailed 13-0 in five innings by the 10-run rule.

Jackson Davis was 2-for-2 at the plate, and Tyler Akers, Grant Tune, Cole Webb and Westin Wyatt logged a hit apiece. The losses put Azle's district record at 4-2, a game behind first-place Aledo at 5-1.

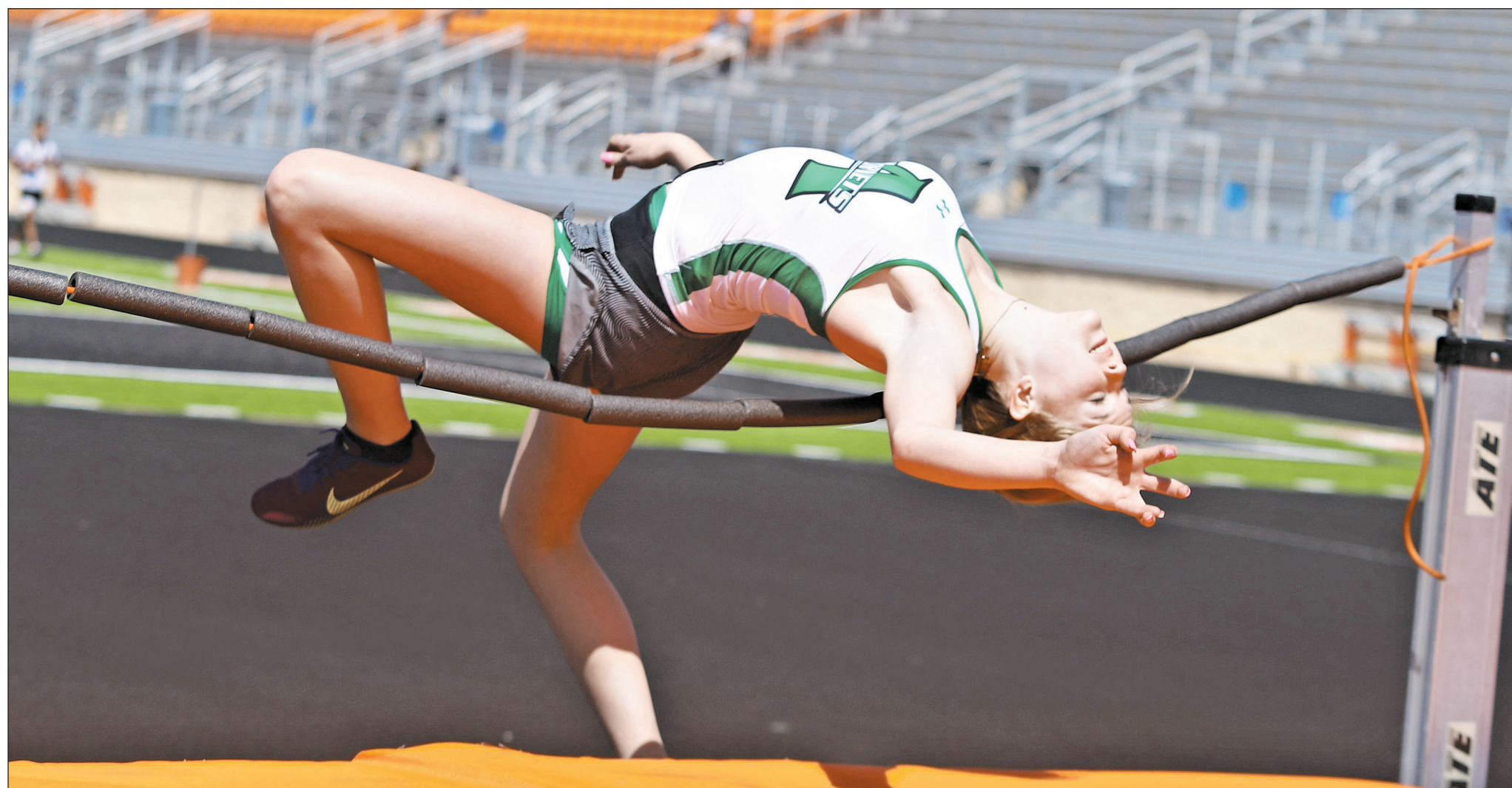
Azle (14-3) plays at 7 p.m. Friday at Brewer (2-11-1).



BRANDON SHEETS catches a pickoff attempt by pitcher Brenden Kamnick during Azle's game against Aledo on April 14.

Photo by Jeff Prince

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DESTINY BRUNE, freshman, a JV high jumper, set a PR of 4 feet 9 inches, won second place and qualified for the area meet. She is pictured practicing before the event began.

PR of 4 feet 8 inches. “High jump is just fun,” she said. “I like to jump. The track meets are always super fun because you get to see your friends succeed in the things they do.”

At district, she wanted to jump 4 feet 10 inches.

She came close, clearing 4 feet 9 inches. The jump was enough to set a PR, win second place, secure a trip to the area meet and put a smile on her coaches’ faces.

Brune has “been doing well for us this year,” said track coach Derek Dorris, who, along with coach Jason Vines, has worked to improve the long jumpers. “With them being so young, the sky is the limit.”

A REALLY LONG JUMP

Not far away, Azle junior Ashlyn Norton prepared for the long jump. She stretched her legs while standing on the long runway that led to the rectangular pit filled with sand.

Norton began long jumping in middle school but had to sit out her freshman and sophomore years after a suffering a knee injury and undergoing surgery, therapy and recovery.

This year, she has been learning how to jump again with confidence. She set a PR of 15 feet 1.5 inches earlier in the season and hoped

to beat that distance at the district meet.

“I’ve kind of struggled a little bit, getting into the groove of things, but think I found it again,” she said.

Norton wanted to do her best but wasn’t concerned about winning ribbons, she said.

“I’m really just here to have fun today and not worry too much about results,” she said. “I’m just looking at the season as a whole for improvement.”

Her mother, Raeni Norton, described how Ashlyn had undergone knee surgery in 2020 and had been rehabilitating ever since.

“She has worked really hard,” the proud mother

said. “This is great for her to be able to come back and compete and to continue to grow and get better.”

In addition to long jumping, Ashlyn Norton would compete in three running events that day.

When the long jump competition ended, Norton had accomplished her goal, jumping 15 feet 6 inches to set a PR. Her eighth-place finish didn’t qualify her for area, but she earned a ticket in the 4x100m relay and 4x200m relay.

“She’s a tough kid,” Raeni Norton said. “She is very determined. She is just blessed to be back out here and getting to run and compete and do what she loves.”



Destiny Brune



ADAM MAY, sophomore, set a PR of 34 feet in the JV shot put event.



SAVANA PANTER came up short in the long jump but qualified for the area meet in two running events.

North Texas High School Rodeo Association back in saddle Friday, Saturday



RIVER CASSELL and the Azle rodeo team were inactive over the weekend as the North Texas High School Rodeo Association scheduled no events because of Easter. Azle's daredevils are back in the saddle on Friday and Saturday at the association's arena in Saginaw. Photo by Jo H Photography

ACS prevails over Warriors, 11-9



KELTON SCHOTT, above, pitched four strong innings to help Azle Christian baseball prevail 11-9 over the Parker Warriors on April 16. Andy Wisniewski, Logan Malewiski and Noah Rollins pitched an inning apiece to close the game for the Crusaders. Head coach Ryan Rollins said the Azle Christian boys "swung the bats pretty well" to make up for "some suspect defense." Courtesy photo.

Lady Hornets prepare for playoffs



TORRIE JOHNSON and the Azle softball team are ready for postseason competition, although details about the Hornets' first-round opponent were not determined by press time. Watch for upcoming stories and photos as the Lady Hornets begin their battle for playoff glory. Photo by Jeff Prince

Game Faces

Soccer season is over for the Azle Hornets, but the memories remain



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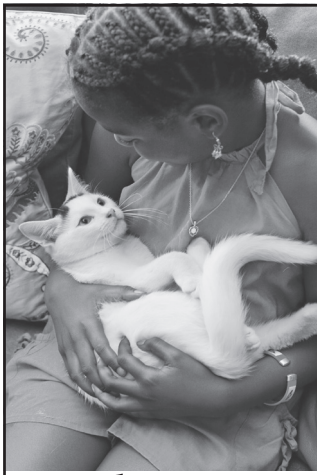


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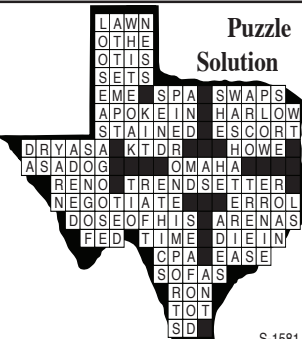
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