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Wanda Grayson in 2016, after receiving the Citizen of the Year award from the Azle Area Chamber of Commerce. File photo

Community mourns loss of Mission House founder

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Serving others was a way of life for Wanda Grayson.

Helping people was what earned her the title Citizen of the Year from the Azle Area Chamber of Commerce in 2016, and it's the legacy that she leaves behind after her death.

Grayson died March 3. She was 84.

"As long as I can remember, she has been a giver and a servant," said Tara Segura, Grayson's daughter.

Grayson moved to Azle 40 years ago, and soon after she opened Mission House, with the aim of helping her community with food and other needs.

Mission House began in 1997 and has helped thou-

sands of people in the time that it has been operating.

Grayson also made sure that Christmas was special for hundreds of kids in the community by partnering with businesses to set up Angel Trees so that each kid in need could have presents under the tree.

Catherine Wyatt, a Mission House volunteer who worked with Grayson for 13 years, said that even last year, being very frail, Grayson was still out in the community, picking up the Angel Tree gifts daily.

"Her faith was amazing," said Wyatt. "If we would be short on an item (for the food pantry) she would say, 'I'll pray on that,' and it'd show up."

Though she worked tirelessly for her community,

Grayson was not a fan of recognition. She preferred to have the accolades go to her many volunteers at Mission House.

When she was named Citizen of the Year in 2016, Grayson said, "I'm overcome, and I feel like someone else probably deserves it more. But I'm very honored and deeply appreciative of this award."

Grayson had been undergoing cancer treatments, but that still did not slow her down. Segura said her mother's motto would have to be to "love the Lord and serve in every way possible."

With her passing, Grayson has left a legacy of service that will inspire many others to keep her mission going in Azle.

Azle man's relatives welcome justice for their brother

BY DON MUNSCH
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Justice got served in West Virginia last week, said Teresa Bays of Briar.

Of course, that justice can't bring back her brother, Michael Blackburn, she said.

A former Azle man was sentenced to spend the rest of his life behind bars after a jury in West Virginia found him guilty in the slaying of Blackburn, a former Briar resident, last week.

"He was a wonderful man, wonderful person, had a lot of friends that cared for him deeply," Bays said about Blackburn. "He will be missed."

Nicholas Padron, 30, also received a sentence of life without mercy for the first-degree murder of Blackburn, 49, in May 2020. The trial was in Grafton, West Virginia, and the jury brought back the guilty verdict for Padron on March 16.

Without mercy means Padron is ineligible for parole. Padron didn't deny his involvement in the murder, in which he bludgeoned and then decapitated Blackburn. A defense attorney said Padron's actions were about "Pure, unadulterated rage," and that the mind stopped,



Michael Blackburn

Courtesy Photo

thoughts ceased and the body was "consumed by a power of its own," according to a story in The Exponent Telegram.

Bays and two other Blackburn relatives – his sister Anna Blackburn and his niece Rita Taber – gathered to talk about Blackburn last week. Bays wished Padron had gotten a death sentence, but West Virginia does not have capital punishment. Taylor County prosecuting attorney John Bord told the News that West Virginia

used to have the death penalty. The last person executed was in 1959, with the death penalty being abolished in 1965.

REMINISCING ABOUT MICHAEL

Michael was "very precious to his family," Bays said, and she will grieve him forever.

He suffered from epilepsy and moved to West Virginia to get care for his seizures.

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Four students from Azle ISD took part in a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery during their Washington, D.C., trip over spring break. Photo courtesy

Azle students chosen for 'awesome' opportunity on DC trip

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY
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Eighth grade students from Azle Junior High and Forte Junior High went to Washington, D.C., over

spring break to experience the opportunity to have their U.S. History classroom come alive.

And students were able to participate in a ceremony at the Tomb of the Un-

known Soldier.

Some Azle High School ninth graders were also along for the experience after last year's trip had

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Weatherford Art Association announces monthly art winners

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The Weatherford Art Association (WAA) announced the winners of its Artist of the Month contests for January and February.

Mitzi Ames' photograph, titled "Miss Riley," earned first place for January. The second-place winner was Vikki Linderman with her acrylic piece "Old Times." In third place was Carolyn Young with her acrylic and inks painting titled "Turtle Shield."

For the month of February, Jack Eidson took the top spot with "A Fall Pile Up," an oil on canvas piece. Second place went to Karen Walkup's mixed media painting "Iris." Jerry Shidal's acrylic painting, titled "Navasota Barn," was the third-place winner.

Eidson's artwork is on display at the Doss Heritage and Culture Center at 1400 Texas Drive in Weatherford. Walkup's artwork is currently at First Bank Texas at 220 Palo Pinto St., and Shidal's work is at Fort Worth Community Credit Union at 1911 S. Main St.

WAA is currently hosting its student art show and had 207 student entries for the competition, including Springtown Middle School student Chelsea Spencer. Student projects are submitted through their teachers. Winners of the student art competition will be announced on March 25 and posted on www.WeatherfordArt.com.

"WAA appreciates the hard work of our teachers in Parker County who continuously stress the importance of fine art in our

community," said Cindi Neverdousky, WAA president.

The WAA is getting ready for the upcoming Peach Festival Art Show and competition, which will open May 26 and close July 22. Details about submission to the show will be available on the Weatherford Art Association website.

WAA promotes art appreciation to the general public and among its members through educational activities, lectures, programs and class instruction, as well as public displays and sales of fine art.

Membership into the organization is open to artists and non-artists in the area. Annual membership is \$40 for individuals, \$60 for families, and \$10 for students through 12th grade.



Jack Eidson took the top spot with "A Fall Pile Up," an oil on canvas piece.

Courtesy photo

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to be canceled because of COVID-19.

Otto Verhulst, a former Spanish teacher at AJH, has been the trip leader since 2014, taking over the reins from Mike Lisle, a retired AJH U.S. History teacher.

"Mr. Lisle was very instrumental in making the trip become a tradition in the Azle community," said Verhulst.

"We have tried to continue with the foundation that he laid and make improvements along the way."

Verhulst taught at AJH from 2003-2020 — he and his wife, also a teacher, took the 2020-2021 school year off and took positions with Tison Middle School in Weatherford this year — and has been on every Washington, D.C., trip from his first year in the district.

Working with teachers Kyle Fonville from Forte JH and Amy Thomson from AJH, Verhulst says that it is a "team effort ... to organize the trip throughout the year and make sure everything goes smoothly" while they travel.

"We all have a passion for helping kids, and we all love to travel as well," Verhulst said.

"It's a perfect opportunity to feed both of those and encourage students to get out there and see the world. Life is about experiences."

Fonville said of the experience that he enjoys "giving this opportunity to the kids to experience something new and different."

"The Changing of the Guard is truly amazing to watch and be a part of," Fonville said. "To see the intensity of the event gives you a new perspective on why the military chose to defend our

country and the honor and respect military members have for those who served before them."

Fonville said he typically shares a video of this event to his class, but that seeing it in person is more enjoyable for the kids.

For some families who went to D.C., it was a trip down memory lane.

Chad Weger remembers his first school trip to the nation's capital.

"My original trip was the spring of 1987 and feels like a lifetime ago," Weger said.

"Lots of memories from that trip were ignited by seeing things and places again. We were really happy to give Sophie the opportunity to go, and she was happy to go, as long as Mom went with her. Amy was willing to go but wanted me to go along and I was more than willing."

Weger said that he was able to see things he didn't get the chance to see during his first trip.

"Gettysburg and the Naval Academy. Both were very interesting," he said. "The experience at the battlefield is haunting and inspiring."

When Weger asked his daughter Sophie what her favorite part of the trip was, she said, "I really liked the whole thing."

Students from both schools were able to have a unique experience while on their trip.

"We were able to get on the schedule for a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier," said Verhulst.

When they were chosen, four students — two boys and two girls — were picked to take part in the ceremony.

Dylan Maines, Brianna Ayala, Cullen Hoyt and Katie Trammell were the students who had the honor of laying the wreath this year.

"When I first heard that I was picked to do the ceremony, I was shocked," Dylan said. "It took me a while to really realize how awesome of an opportunity it was to do this."

"It meant a lot to me to be able to be a part of the ceremony. I have a lot of respect for the people that serve and have served our nation, so this was a way for me to show my appreciation. It was an honor to lay the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and I am very glad I was chosen to do it."

Thomson was with her students at Arlington National Cemetery for the wreath laying ceremony.

"Seeing our students involved in such a sacred ceremony makes me so proud," she said.

"They are young adults learning what self-sacrifice truly means seeing this ceremony firsthand. It is an honor to be part of this trip each year."

Although the trip to Washington, D.C., is not officially school-sponsored, Verhulst said that the community has always been a strong supporter of the trip.

"Our trip runs smoothly in large part because we have great kids here in Azle," said Verhulst.

Verhulst said any communities who do not have a D.C. trip organizer can reach out to him by email (otoverhulst@gmail.com) for details on how to get a trip together.

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Police apply for grant for critical need equipment

BY DON MUNSCH
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The Azle City Council earlier in the month approved the Azle Police Department applying for a grant that will provide equipment for critical situation response.

Council's agenda said the police department requested council's support in applying for a grant to provide 20 AEDs, five thermal viewers and three mass casualty backpack kits to enhance the department's capability to respond more efficiently and safely to major case scenes and critical incidents, such as mass casualty events, fatality accidents and search-

es for missing persons and suspect at large. The police department intends to put an AED in every police vehicle, said APD Detective Mike Winterrowd, who manages grant writing for the department and has a backup individual assisting him. APD will have at least one mass casualty kit on the street at all times.

The agenda explained the governor's office administers the federally funded Justice Assistance Grant, which includes the Technology and Remote Operations Grant Project. The JAG requires the city to order, receive and pay for the requested items and the JAG will fully reim-

burse the city. The JAG has a maximum funding cap of \$80,000, the agenda information stated.

"The federal government has a ton of different grants, and they filter money down to the state level, and the state governor's office administers the grants," Winterrowd said last week. "They have a variety of different ones. They have ones for domestic violence shelters. They have one for crime labs. We typically go after or have qualified for the law enforcement assistance grant. That's a wide variety of projects we can apply to them to fund."

The police department has a number of grants it pur-

sues, including state and federal, and does apply for local grants, but the APD doesn't receive many of those.

"Grants usually start in the spring," Winterrowd said, explaining the process. "Approvals are usually done over the summer and then you begin the grant package on the state or city budget year, September or October. And then you have about 90 days to fulfill the activities (prescribed, such as ordering and issuing equipment)."

He pointed out that grants coming from the federal level, such as JAG grants, are graded through a Council of Governments process, and the APD will adhere to that

process and APD's application is graded through a recommendation of funding. The state does not have to follow COG's recommendation, but Winterrowd said in his experience the state will follow COG's evaluation. Police departments are funded according to how much funding is available, what type of equipment is applied for, community interest and outreach and whether it applies to anything specific or current.

"The grants require a ton of research and data," Winterrowd said.

While money may be used to fund officers for certain programs, "most of our

grants have been strictly for obtaining equipment," Winterrowd said. The amount and types of funding that the APD receives are much more narrow than a larger city, border city or cities with an at-risk population.

APD will know about the grading and award for the grant probably sometime this summer, Winterrowd said. He added most grant sources want to be able to operate within or close to budget years, with spending beginning in October. Once the award is received, the police department will begin getting bids/quotes for their bid-buy process.

'Walk Across Texas' to promote healthy habits, physical activity

STAFF REPORTS

People who want to get some fresh air and enjoy the spring weather can do so with a walk that began this week: the 2022 Parker County Walk Across Texas.

The walk started Monday and continues through May 15, according to a news release from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Parker County. Walk Across Texas is an eight-week program seeking to help people of all ages support one another to establish the habit of regular physical activity.

Walk coordinators said the program is simple, free and safe, explaining what

is needed is a team of eight people to walk, with one person being designated as the "team captain." The team who walks the farthest across Texas will win, but everyone who participates will take home a healthy habit, walking for fitness, the release stated.

If people do not want to walk, then they can do any activity that can count toward their journey across Texas. The Walk Across Texas website allows members to enter their own miles daily. It also has each team member complete his or her own profile information. Each adult team can have up to eight members. Each

youth team can have an unlimited number of youths to participate. For schools, a class or group can be a team.

"This year we want schools, businesses, worksites, organizations, churches, fitness groups, churches, neighborhoods, families and friends to participate," the release stated. "Last year we had over 100 participate. This year we want to double that more and more."

People can sign up your team at <https://howdy-health.org/programs>. There is a video for both youths and adults. This year there are two options. People can sign up their team on

the Parker County League. The Adult League code is: WatL-220303-87744. For Parker County Youth League, the code is: WatLY-220304-92600.

People can also just sign up through the team portal and ensure they put the start date: March 21. The League option will allow participants to compare your mileage with other teams in Parker County. Teams must be registered online by March 28. For more information, call 817-598-6168 or come by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Parker County. You may also email at k-smith@tamu.edu.

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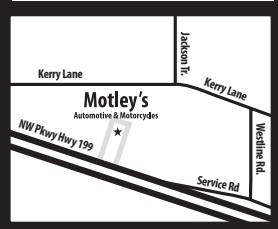
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Obituaries

Wanda (Grayson) McLendon 1937 - 2022

Wanda Lou (Grayson) McLendon passed away Thursday, March 3, 2022.

Memorial service is at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 26, 2022 at First Baptist Church Castle Hills.

Memorials: In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Mission House of Castle Hills Mission House 401 Beverly Rd., Azle, TX 76020.

Wanda was born June 1, 1937 in Rush Springs, Oklahoma to the late Robert and Ruby Loyd. She was a long-time member of the First Baptist Church Castle Hill.

Wanda is survived by her



loving family, dear friends and an entire community that will miss her.

"Well done, my good and faithful servant."

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Oweeda Sheets 1936 - 2022

Oweeda Sheets, 86, passed away on Sunday, March 20, 2022 at hospital in Fort Worth.

Service is at 2 p.m. Friday, March 25, 2022 at GracePointe Church, 4110 E Hwy. 199, Springtown 76082.

Visitation is from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 24, 2022 at White's Funeral Home, Azle. Interment: Ash Creek Cemetery, Azle.

Oweeda was born Jan. 15, 1936 to Raymond Francis Smith and Adell Arterbury Smith in Port Angeles, Washington.

During her early years, her family moved around eventually settling in the Dallas area. She raised her son in the Dallas area while working for the City of Mesquite in the building department.

Oweeda and her husband, L.D. have been active members of the GracePointe Church in Springtown since 2000. She loved sewing, cooking, travelling, quick trips to Winstar Casino, and organizing yearly family reunions around the Easter holiday.

Oweeda is preceded in death by her parents, Raymond and Adell Smith; husband, Charles Ray Hill and husband, Marcus Murphree; siblings Wallace Smith,



Donald Smith, and Billy Smith; and Analee Smith.

She is survived by her husband, L.D. Sheets of Azle; son, Kenneth Hill and wife, Roberta of Alamosa, Colorado; granddaughter, Sharlie Mejia and husband, Gilberto of Little Elm; great-grandchildren, Mandaline, Lainie, Julius, and Claire Mejia; step-son, Shane Sheets and wife, Beth; step-grandchildren, Valerie and husband, Rob Short, Tracy and husband, Brandon White; Gus Sheets, Shana McCullough and husband, Mike; step-great grandchildren Rylan, Lexi, Lillibeth, Brody, Mckinely, Maklynn, McKoy, her Colorado family, Lynn, Mike, Sophia, Bryan and many relatives and friends who brightened her life.

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Ashlee Holman Grimsley 1990 - 2022

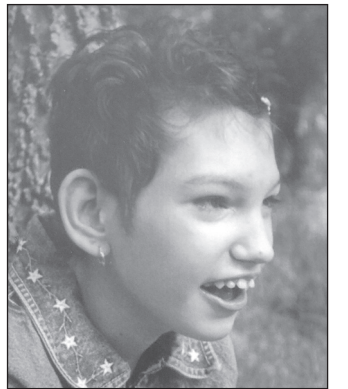
Ashlee Elizabeth Holman Grimsley passed away Saturday, March 19, 2022.

Visitation is from 6-8 pm Thursday, March 24, White's Funeral Home Azle.

Funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, March 25, White's Funeral Home Azle Interment: Azle-land Cemetery.

Ashlee was born March 15, 1990 in Fort Worth. She was the daughter of Shannon Marlene and Kenneth Grimsley. Ashlee had an infectious smile and a laugh that was contagious. She loved music, dancing, but most of all she loved her family; especially the holidays.

She is preceded in death by her grandfathers, James Garnet Gray, and Jim Holman; and grandmother, Jesse



Holman.

Survivors include her parents; sister, Kayla Grimsley; grandmothers, Joyce Gray, and Linda Thorn; and many other extended family members and friends.

She was a blessing to anyone who met her and will be missed by all who knew her.

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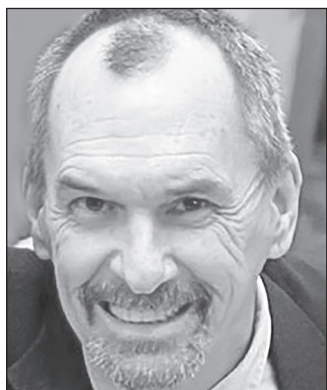
Russell 'Rusty' Coy Wood 1960 - 2022

Russell "Rusty" Coy Wood, 61, passed away March 17, 2022 in Fort Worth, Texas after a long battle with liver disease.

The family is respecting his wishes of no service

Rusty was preceded in death by his parents, Weldon and Tinnie Wood.

Surviving relatives are his sister Christy Renee Booher and husband Brian from Arlington, sister Lisa Kissell and husband Tim from Fort Worth; several nieces and nephews, great-nieces and



nephew, cousins, aunts and uncles.

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August Gene Spears 1970 - 2022

August Gene Spears, 51, went to be with the Lord on March 20, 2022, in Fort Worth, Texas. He was born on November 20, 1970, in Elk City, Oklahoma to Paul and Judy Spears.

August or as some knew him Gene attended Springtown High School. In his spare time August loved to cook outside, BBQ and spend time fishing. He was an active man who loved working with his hands. Within the last few years he started his business Genes Hot Side Service, a restaurant maintenance business that he was very proud of. August was a very warm man who enjoyed spending time with his friends who he held dear with and his family, but his love didn't stop there as he also played dad

to many. August Gene Spears preceded in death his parents, Paul Henry and Judy Marie Spears, and his brother, Paul Russell Spears.

Surviving is his stepchild, Brittney Davis, her spouse and children; his sisters, Paula Gonzalez and husband John Gonzalez, Julie Hutcheson and husband Gary Hutcheson; stepsisters, Lisa Deel Whitten and Kimberly Dawn Deel; four nephews and three nieces; two great nephews and one great niece; his childhood friends, Steve Dobbs and Mathew Buynum.

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

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Rodger Dale Norman 1956 - 2022

Rodger Dale Norman passed unexpectedly on March 4 2022.

A memorial service will be held at First Baptist Church of Lakeside 8801 Jacksboro Hwy. Fort Worth, TX 76135 at 1 p.m. on March 26, 2022.

Rodger served in the U.S.M.C. We will always keep him in our hearts, and he will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by his mother Sylvia Norman and his father Bob-by J Norman.

He left behind so many loved ones his soulmate Beverly Sperber; sister Cynthia Crain and husband Thomas; son Rodger Jr. Norman and wife Ginah; nephew Terry Stanford and wife Maya;



stepdaughters Diya Dyson, Pauline Dyson, Catrina Sperber and husband Billy, Chastity McKinney and husband Branden; stepson Joshua McKinney and wife Elisha; 17 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

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Obituaries

Linda Diane Voss 1947 - 2022

Linda Diane Voss, age 75, passed away on March 13, 2022 at her home.

Visitation was from 5 to 7 p.m., Monday, March 21, 2022 at Biggers Funeral Home.

Linda was born Feb. 9, 1947 in Fairplay, Colorado to Harold and June Tubbs.

She attended New Mexico State University and received her bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Colorado.

Linda was commissioned as an officer in the United States Airforce in 1970 and was honorably discharged with rank of Major Linda Voss, USAF. She met the love of her life in 1971, Carl E. Voss, Jr. while they were both Airforce officers stationed in San Antonio, Texas and later were married in 1973 in Fairplay, Colorado.

She later became the Beloved Azle Children's Librarian for over 20 years where she touched the lives of several generations of Azle's community, sharing her love for reading and enriching the wonders of childhood.

Linda was a beloved Nana to her five grandchildren who were the center of her



world, Joshua Wiedeman, Adrianna Wiedeman, Alaina Ledbetter, Jackson Ledbetter all of Azle, Texas and Hanna Voss of Norristown, Pennsylvania.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and June Tubbs of Fairplay, Colorado, and her granddaughters, Ava Grace and Avery Dovie Ledbetter of Azle, Texas.

She is survived by her husband, Major Carl E. Voss, Jr. USAF RET; brother, Gary Tubbs and wife, Carol of Clarksdale, Arizona; daughter, Amy Ledbetter and son-in-law, Joby of Azle, Texas; son, Keith Voss of Norristown, Pennsylvania and her five grandchildren.

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The best grandpa ever

"You're the best grandpa ever!"

Thus saith my eldest granddaughter. (Doesn't King James English make it sound more authoritative?)

I have long suspected that, of all the grandpas in the world, I am one of them. Not only that, I've been pretty sure that I rank right up there on the list.

But it must be objectively true since it has been spoken aloud by the most spectacular seven-year-old on the third rock from the sun.

Some might suggest that there is some bias involved both on her part and mine. But let me ask this — does the existence of bias change the truth?

There you go. I am, of course, being a bit facetious with this but I'm (hopefully) going to make a point.

One of the things that will really mess up our lives is envy.

Well, that seemed like a hard turn with no warning. Stick with me for a bit.

This morning I read Psalm 73. It begins this way:

"Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold. For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked."

The writer of this psalm was an Israeli writing what would become a part of the Hebrew scriptures, so that explains the reference to Israel.

He recognizes the goodness and providence of God and connects that goodness to purity of heart.

But then he admits that he almost fell into one of life's most common traps — envy.

He saw that it was not only the pure in heart that experienced prosperity; the arrogant and wicked also prospered — oftentimes more than the righteous.

Could it possibly be that purity of heart and righteousness does not matter?

Could it possibly be that what someone else has



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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. www.discoveryouramazing.com.

gained is worth my own pursuit even if I have to compromise my integrity to do so?

Few hazards on life's journey are as slippery as envy. It's so easy to lose an eternal perspective when we get too focused on temporary advancement.

If I fail to recognize the goodness and providence of God in what I already have, I can easily be tempted to make radical changes.

Maybe I need a different house, a different car or a different job. None of those pursuits are bad, by the way, unless I think those things will bring me happiness and contentment.

How about a different family?

What? Once the "pursuit of hap-

piness" becomes our driving compulsion, where does it stop?

The grass is always greener somewhere else.

I have a theory about why my granddaughter thinks I'm the best grandpa ever. I think it's because I'm her grandpa and she knows that my love and protection are hers as long as I live.

(I have three more grands that have my heart just as much. She's just the one I'm quoting today).

Here's an amazing truth: God loves His kids exponentially more than I am even capable of loving.

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Pacific Plastic Problem

Albatross are large seabirds. Scientists have discovered that albatross chicks that live in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, far away from people, are killed by little pieces of plastic, including plastic toys. How does plastic wind up in the middle of the Pacific?

The Great Pacific Garbage Patch is a massive soup of plastic waste floating in the sea. It's growing larger all the time, harming birds, fish and people, too!

Replace the missing words.

Plastic Soup in the Pacific? A number of years ago, scientists discovered _____ and dead albatrosses on a group of remote and isolated _____ called _____.

Researchers found small plastic toys, toothbrushes, bottle _____ and other small pieces of plastic. These were all **single-use plastics** — plastic that was used just _____ and then thrown away.

Few people live on Midway Atoll. How does so much plastic get there? The answer lies in the earth's **watershed** and ocean _____.

What's a watershed? A watershed is not a building. It is an area of land that collects rain and snow. The water then drains into bays and from there into the ocean where it joins large ocean currents.

A Sea of Troubles Plastic from the west coast of North America floats down creeks and rivers into the Pacific Ocean. There it joins the North Pacific Gyre which flows clockwise into a large circle.

Meet the Albatross The wandering albatross is the world's largest flying bird.

These are big birds: An albatross wingspan can be from six to eleven feet wide! Here's how that compares to the armspan of two kids.

A Dangerous Mix Albatross parents travel hundreds of miles to find food for their chicks. They scoop up squid, krill, fish eggs and other natural seafood from the surface of the ocean. They carry their food back to their chicks in their stomachs.

When it reaches its hungry chick, the albatross **regurgitates** the food. The chick then pulls food out of the parent's mouth to eat. (Gross to us, but perfectly normal for these birds.)

But albatross are also swallowing dangerous plastic waste when scooping up seafood. One bird researcher saw an adult albatross regurgitate a toothbrush and its chick ate it. Chicks are not able to regurgitate food or other materials out of their stomachs and the plastic food stays there, making them sick and killing them.

How YOU Can Help! YOU can stop plastic from entering the watershed by reducing the amount of plastic you use and recycling the plastic you can't avoid using. **Below each of these items, draw what you could use instead.**

SINGLE-USE PLASTICS TO AVOID: plastic cups, plastic utensils, paper plates, plastic water bottles, plastic bags

Homonym Hunt Waste and waist sound the same, but they are spelled differently and have different meanings. They are called homonyms. Look through today's newspaper and find 5 or more sets of homonyms.

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Price of having sensitive noses

Dear Frankie,
 I am an eight-week-old bloodhound puppy. My dad took me to the vet to get my shots the other day. The minute he opened the clinic door, a terrible feeling came over me, and I started shaking like a leaf. I hadn't even seen the vet or had a shot, and wham, I was scared out of my wits. My dad couldn't understand what was happening to me. All I know is I was terrified. Do you have any idea why I reacted this way?

Confused, Rufus

Dear Rufus,
 The same thing happened to me when I went to the vet's office. For the life of me, I couldn't understand why I reacted the way I did the first time I went and ever since.

It just didn't make sense why this was happening. I



DEAR FRANKIE

By Geneva Woodruff

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

never had a bad experience with the vet or the staff at the clinic, and I didn't find the yearly shots a big deal. Nonetheless, every time I walked into that clinic, no matter how many breathing exercises I did ahead of time to help me remain centered and calm, I started shaking.

It was driving me crazy, so I decided to do a little research to see if other dogs reacted the same way. What I found out is that all dogs can spray when they feel threatened. It is their way of alerting other dogs to danger in the area.

Many dogs go to the vet because they have been in-

jured or sick and in pain. Some of the treatments they receive can hurt or be scary and cause them to spray.

Although the rooms where the dogs are examined and treated are thoroughly cleaned and sterilized, the scent of a spray can linger, and dogs with a strong sense of smell can pick it up. Now that I understand why I was shaking, I can't say it has stopped my reaction, but it has helped me feel less anxious.

Maybe this is the price we must pay for having sensitive noses.

Best,
 Frankie

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Reno P&Z discusses proposed, updated animal ordinance

BY MADELYN EDWARDS
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Reno's new proposed animal ordinance could be moved forward by the Planning and Zoning Commission next month, after some adjustments are made.

On April 4, the Planning and Zoning Commission may vote whether to recommend the proposed ordinance to Reno City Council. If recommended, city council could consider the ordinance at its April 18 meeting.

Animal issues aren't exactly new in Reno. In a previous Epigraph article published more than a year ago, residents expressed concerns about dogs running

in packs, chasing children and harming other animals as well as animal hoarding. At that time, Reno did have an animal ordinance, but the article cited enforcement as the issue.

To that enforcement issue, an animal control officer, Joe Harris, has been hired as well, and he plans to take his state certifying test this month.

The new proposed animal ordinance was discussed by the Reno Planning and Zoning Commission at a workshop meeting on March 15. P&Z commissioners asked questions of Reno Police Deputy Chief Nathan Stringer, who drafted the ordinance.

The animal ordinance draft addresses animals at

large, rabies vaccination, establishes the animal control officer's authority and sets up requirements for dangerous dogs, among other mandates.

"I'd say the biggest takeaway is the dangerous dog ordinance," Stringer said. "We recently had an attack just outside the city limits; we responded to it. It's just a matter of time (before) somebody gets bit. Dangerous dogs need to be addressed."

The ordinance defines a dangerous dog as one that makes an unprovoked attack to a person or other animal causing bodily injury, or commits unprovoked acts that cause a person to believe that the dog will attack, in a place other than

the dog's enclosure that could prevent the dog from leaving on its own.

The dangerous dogs subsection requires owners of dangerous dogs to carry liability insurance, register the dog with the city, contain the dog in a certain type of space, make the dog wear a certain type of collar and enacts "steep" penalties if the registered dangerous dog attacks again, Stringer said.

During the meeting, P&Z commissioner Brian Schrader brought up a concern that the ordinance would make owners put collars with rabies vaccination tags on barn cats. Stringer said rabies vaccinations are required by state law, and the city's ordinance would

have to comply with state law regarding collars with rabies tags on cats. The rule about tags may work differently in practice locally.

"Our municipal court will not uphold a citation if the owner shows vaccination records," Stringer said during the meeting. "I also don't see (the animal control officer) having the time to check every barn cat in Reno if they have a tag on or not."

Stringer also said the ordinance does not mandate how many animals can be kept per household, though the county and state addresses this. The ordinance does require that animals be kept in a sanitary manner where they are safe and healthy, and that the resi-

dence does not pose a health risk to neighbors.

The ordinance presented on March 15 was the revised version of an earlier draft, which was originally more restrictive, Stringer said. Some of the parts of the ordinance that were taken out in the revision were rules that have no bearing on the city currently, such as animal boarding, catteries and riding stables.

P&Z chairperson Christopher Reeves said during the meeting that he is satisfied with the proposed ordinance.

"I like this version a whole lot better," Reeves said. "It's a start. We may be able to address some other things later on."

BLACKBURN, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.

He moved to West Virginia in August 2019, Bays said.

"He was going to have an operation to stop his seizures, and there's an epilepsy center in Morgantown, where he was going to have that done," Bays said.

Blackburn was on disability. The seizures forced him to quit his job as a truck driver.

As a teen, Michael was "very, very rowdy," Bays said in the interview last week, but he grew up and became like a brother to her three daughters.

"Even as an older person, the worst thing he ever did was smoke his pot for his seizures," Bays said, noting he was not a "drug addict" or "thug." "He was always

clean cut, took care of himself the best he could."

He loved music and shooting pool. He loved the television sitcom "The Big Bang Theory," and he had certain shows that still record on his television in his room at Bays' home, with one of those shows being Bob Ross' painting program. He was so close to Taber that she said he seemed more like her brother and best friend. His nickname was Cuda, short for barracuda, which he earned from his truck driving friends.

"He was a good guy, and he named my first Cabbage Patch doll, Billy the Kid," Anna said. Taber said he helped name her only born child.

"We were together every single day for probably for almost 10 years," Taber said, adding that some people thought the two were married. The two would go camping and watch TV. Bays said she felt she was his second mother, and said his clothes and shoes are still in his room in her room at her home, where he once lived. Besides Mickayla, 28, Michael had two other daughters, named Erika, 19, and Cheyanne, 17, who live in Bowie with their mother. Michael's parents both died in 2013. He had three brothers and three sisters.

LETTING A JURY DECIDE

Bord said Taylor has a

population of around 18,000 and that he has been the county's prosecutor for the last 23 years. Before his current stint, he was an assistant prosecutor for 14 years. He said his office offered no plea deals in this case and that the prosecutor's office decided to go to trial and let a jury decide.

Padron's motive in Blackburn's slaying was jealousy, Bord said. Padron dated Blackburn's daughter, Mickayla, with whom he had two children. They lived in Grafton.

"The defendant wasn't getting along with his girlfriend for months," Bord said in an email. "He had agreed to move out on May

29, 2020. He blamed her father, the victim, for all his problems. Nothing was ever his fault. The defendant left his girlfriend in October 2017, moved back to Texas and returned in June of 2019. The victim moved in with his daughter in November 2019, as a result of him having seizures."

Padron blamed Michael for having to move out, and after Michael moved in with Mickayla, Padron claimed all of his problems with Mickayla started then, "which wasn't true," Bord said, as the problems had existed for a long time.

Bord added that there are "no winners in a murder trial. Daughter lost her father,

grandkids lost their granddad, the defendant lost his freedom for life."

Bays said Padron hated Michael and was jealous of the relationship that Michael had with his daughter and grandchildren.

"He figured if he would get Michael out of the way, that Michael's daughter would love him and he could have a happy little family," she said.

Bays said she just wants people to know justice was served the best it could have been. She said she appreciates the work of Bord in the case, noting his work required him to see gruesome crime scene and autopsy photos.

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Azle ag students shine in Fort Worth

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Azle ISD had three students receive one of the top two places at the 2022 Tarrant County Junior Livestock Show Sale, held in the second week of March in Fort Worth.

"We are so very proud of how the students of Azle FFA represented Azle," said Elizabeth Slough, AHS ag teacher and FFA adviser, last week. "The hard work of students, parents, advisers and our alumni showed this past week at the Tarrant County Junior Livestock Show."

Peyton Williams took home Grand Champion for broilers, while Elle Coleman won Grand Champion for market rabbits. Kaileigh Slough earned Reserve Champion for market goat.

Two students received Tarrant Ag Scholarships: KaytLynn Lemley, \$1,250, and Natalie Cain, \$1,250.

Tarrant County Junior Livestock Show Sale List

Lambs

Madelyn Lemley, second, Southdown
Kaileigh Slough, second, Fine Wool
KaytLynn Lemley, third, Medium Wool
Talon Slough, third, Hair

Dairy Wether

Kaileigh Slough, first – Class 1
Talon Slough, third – Class 2
Christi Pitts, fourth – Class 2
Peyton Williams, sixth – Class 3

Pigs

Lauryn Rasco, third,
Light weight Chester
Madison York, fifth place, cross

Ag Mechanics Results

First: Christi Pitts and Madison York
Second: Patience Parsons
Third: Sydney Smith

Goats

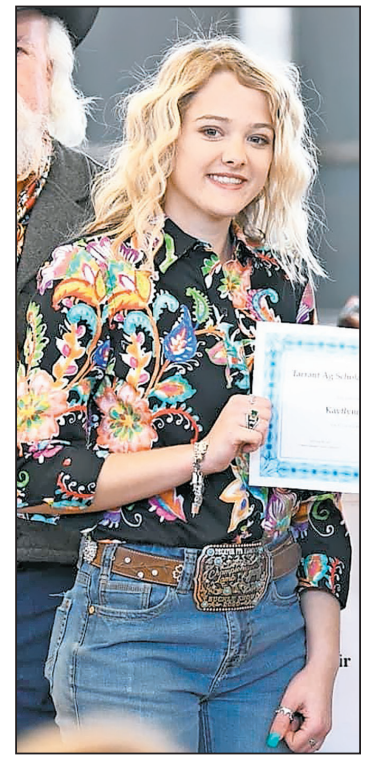
Madeline Lemley, fourth – Class 1
Talon Slough, second place – Class 2
Kaileigh Slough, Reserve Grand
KaytLynn Lemley, fourth – Class 4
Kaileigh Slough, fifth – Class 4
Madison York seventh – Class 5

Rabbits

Elle Coleman – Grand Champion and seventh place single fryer
Avery Bradberry – 12th pen and 13th single fryer
Cooper Yates, 14th

Also placing

Madeline Lemley – Champion Junior Showmanship lamb
Kaileigh Slough – Champion Junior Showmanship Dairy Wethers
Talon Slough – Champion Intermediate Showmanship Dairy Wethers



Winning \$1,250 Tarrant Ag scholarships were Natalie Cain (left) and KaytLynn Lemley. Photos courtesy



Peyton Williams, right, won Grand Champion for broilers. Standing next to her is Kaileigh Slough.



Elle Coleman won Grand Champion for Market Rabbits.



Kaileigh Slough won Reserve Champion for her goat. Standing next to her is Talon Slough.

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Azle golfers will enjoy home course advantage at district meet

BY JEFF PRINCE
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Azle's boys golf team will face tough competition at the District 5-5A tournament on March 28-29, but the Hornets will enjoy one potential advantage.

The district meet is being held at Cross Timbers Golf Course.

Jason Merrill, the top golfer on the Azle team, expects his familiarity with his hometown course will help his game. He grew up in Azle and began playing at Cross Timbers at 12.

"That's my course," he said. "I know that course more than anybody. I grew up playing that."

Merrill has dominated other courses this season. On March 12, he shot a 72 and won an individual championship at the Southern Oaks Golf Course in Burleson. The Azle team won the championship at that tourney, beating out Burleson schools, Colleyville Heritage, Ennis, Weatherford, Mansfield Legacy and others.

The Hornets hope to duplicate that success, although they face tough competition at district.



Jason Merrill and the boys golf team compete at the district meet on March 28-29 at Cross Timbers Golf Course in Azle.

Photo by Jeff Prince

PRACTICE MAKES BETTER

Merrill had shot 72 twice before but never at a tournament.

"I had the putter going," he said. "Everything was rolling for me. Had my drivers putting everything in play. Everything seemed to be just clicking for my game."

He hopes to play that same

way at district.

"I know I have it in me," he said. "My swing feels good. My putter feels good."

He gave up baseball and other sports after he became hooked on golf.

"This is what I'm supposed to do," he said. "It is God's plan."

If he isn't playing a round, "I'm hitting a bucket of balls," he said. "I just love it. This brings me happiness. Anytime I'm stressed or anything, I just go play golf. It's a stress reliever."

He plans to parlay his golf skills into a college scholarship.

"I'm trying to make it to the next level for sure, and then, beyond that," he said.

To become a professional, he knows he must continue doing what he does now – practice.

"All I can do is work hard and put in as much work as I can every day," he said.

When he isn't golfing, he enjoys socializing. He appreciates the time he spends with teammates.

"They are really good guys," he said. "They all work hard. We're all trying to get better."

He enjoys his non-golf buddies too. "Relationships

are a big part of my life, so I like to hang out with my friends," he said.

First, though, he must finish a goal. The Azle Hornets face tough opponents at district, including defend-

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Azle golf girls ready to swing into district action



Mary Shaw wants to qualify for regionals at the upcoming district golf tournament. Photo by Jeff Prince

BY JEFF PRINCE
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Azle is sending its best golfing girls to the upcoming District 5-5A tournament with a purpose in mind.

Somebody or somebodies will swing their way into regional competition.

Azle's team consists of seniors Riley Free, Lauren Giles and Erin McMullen, sophomores Kenzie Hobbs and Gracie Smith and one junior, the eagle-eyed, PGA-pedigreed, whiz kid Mary Shaw.

Nobody on the team swings a meaner club than Shaw.

"She's very hungry and puts in a ton of extra work," said head coach Eddy Prather. "She definitely has a shot to reach regionals in Lubbock."

Eight years have passed since the Azle girls golf team placed in district, and only a couple of girls have qualified for regionals during that time.

GOLFING GRANDPA

Shaw didn't begin golfing until midway through her freshman year.

"I was almost forced into it by my dad and my grand-

SEE **GIRLS GOLF**, PAGE 2B.

Azle Christian baseball boys young, hungry, talented, winning

BY JEFF PRINCE
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Azle Christian's baseball boys resemble the grass at Stinger Field, which they consider their home turf – both are green.

The Crusaders' starting lineup has just one senior – outfielder Ty South. The rest of the roster consists of underclassmen eager to prove themselves on the diamond.

So far, they have been doing just fine, winning four of their first five games.

"We have started off pretty strong behind great pitching and defense," said head coach Ryan Rollins.

Several players have proven their value time and again this year.

Pitcher Noah Rollins, a junior who transferred from 5A North Side High School in Fort Worth, is 2-0 with 17 strikeouts and no runs allowed in eight innings pitched. Rollins plays multiple positions and swings a big bat.

Freshman left-handed pitcher Kelton Schott is 2-0, giving up just one run in nine innings pitched with 17 strikeouts.

"I am impressed by his stuff on the mound," the

coach said. "He doesn't carry himself like a freshman."

Sophomore A.J. Rollins, another transfer from North Side, plays middle infield and pitches some.

"He has crazy speed on the bases," the coach said.

A.J. Rollins has scored 10 runs already and stolen eight bases.

Sophomore Andy Wisniewski is a whiz at short-stop and serves as a closer for the pitchers.

"He plays great defense and comes in and shuts it down on the mound," Rollins said. "He throws hard."

Junior Camden Logan, the big guy who dominated the football field and basketball court earlier this year, spends most of his time at catcher. He bats in the cleanup position.

"He swings a big bat," Rollins said.

The rest of the team doesn't have as much varsity experience but shows plenty of talent. The Crusaders try to pitch hard, play strong defense and put the ball in play while batting.

"Our district is tough," Rollins said. "There is no 1A baseball in TAPPS, so

SEE **BASEBALL**, PAGE 2B.

Azle rodeo team back in saddle with eye on prize



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able to utilize the arena this summer and next year for practice.

The Azle rodeo team is about to saddle up again after being on break since Feb. 25, and participants are eager to regain the No. 1 spot.

Decatur's team took the lead from Azle shortly before the break by logging 5,848 points for the year. Azle is in second place with 5,694 points. Only one other team has compiled more than 5,000 points, and most of the association's 80 high school teams are far behind.

Five rodeos remain this season, starting with this weekend's competition at the North Texas High School Rodeo Association Arena in Saginaw.

Azle's team doesn't have a home rodeo site to practice, and the athletes must work on their own.

"It is up to each individual to find somewhere to practice," said team sponsor Kristy Scribner.

Azle ISD has begun refurbishing the AzTex Arena, and the rodeo team will be

"Over the break, we had several members enter other local rodeos, such as the Wise County Youth Rodeo, The Patriot, San Antonio Youth Rodeo and other local jackpots," Scribner said. "Several of the members have not stopped practicing in their events, so we're hoping we will pick up right where we left off."

Azle's team is young and improving, and several members have become regular standouts at events, including Airian Moore, a senior competing in bareback; Laurel Allred, a sophomore in barrels, poles, goat tying and walk-up goats; Lindsey-Kay Reichert, a junior in barrels and poles; Rylee Sisson, a sophomore in barrels, poles, and goat tying; Hevenli Scribner, a freshman in barrels, poles and walk-up goats; and Kasen Scarlato, a sophomore in team roping and chute dogging.

Sophomore Kasen Scarlato has displayed a knack for roping and chute dogging this season.

Photo by JoH Photography

Azle powerlifting girls perform well at state



From left to right, Breton Estes, Riley McKelvain, Trinity Thornton, Tatum Humphries, Emily Lewis, Skyleer Arellano and Mackenzie Benton represent Azle High at the state powerlifting meet in Corpus Christi.



Emily Lewis earned fifth place in the 259-plus class.



Skyleer Arellano won fifth place in the 132-pound class. Courtesy photos

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Seven of Azle's powerlifting girls qualified to compete at the state contest at Corpus

Christi over the weekend, and two athletes came home sporting hardware.

Skyleer Arellano and Emily

Lewis earned fifth place finishes in their weight classes. Arellano competed in the 132-pound class, and Lewis

was in the 259-plus class.

"The girls did really well," said coach Tanner Street. "To bring seven girls to the

state meet is a huge accomplishment as a team."

Some girls could be making a return trip next year.

Five of the seven state qualifiers are juniors who are expected to compete again in 2023.

GOLF GIRLS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1B.

pa," he said.

Her grandfather is Robert Landers, an Azle resident who raised cattle and became famous in 1995 by qualifying for the Senior PGA Tour.

"I have good resources," she said. "My dad built a golf course in our yard during the whole quarantine time, and so I practiced all the time during quarantine."

Her family lives on more than two acres, and, when combined with part of the neighbor's yard, they had enough room to build a seven-hole course.

"We got the grass for it, the short-cutting mower, the flags and everything," she said.

After the quarantine lifted, she vacated her backyard course for Cross Timbers, where the district tournament will be played.

"District is at our home course this year, so I'd rather practice there if I have the option," she said.

PUTTING QUEEN

Head coach Eddy Prather dubbed Shaw the putting queen for her accurate aim on greens.

"She is a great golfer," Prather said. "A nonstop worker."

In February, Shaw won first place at the Jaguar Classic hosted by Flower Mound High School. At another tournament, Shaw needed just 31 putts for two rounds of golf.

"I chipped into the hole twice," she said. "My short game is very strong. My long game is not as good."

Shaw wasn't crazy about golf in the beginning. She felt pressured to play. Now, she loves the game.

"When you suck at it, it's not much fun," she said. "The better I get, I do enjoy it. I'm very competitive."

Shaw shot an 83 early in her career in a two-round tournament and had not beaten her own record until

earlier this month, when she shot an 80. Her current goal is to qualify for regionals.

At the district meet, the top two teams go to regionals, along with the top two medalists from other schools.

Shaw hopes to rely on golf and academics to earn a college scholarship, and she expects to play the game for the rest of her life.

"My dad and grandpa always say golf is a lifetime sport," she said. "It's relaxing. You can do it for fun, spend hours golfing."

Her best advice from Landers is "practice, practice, practice," she said.

Her grandfather, however, has told her more.

"Don't let it get to you," she recalls him saying about the game. "You're going to have good shots and bad shots. It's just part of it."

The girls golf district tournament is March 31 and April 1 at Cross Timbers Golf Course in Azle.

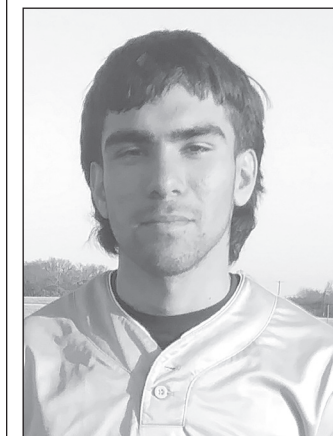
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we have to play up. There are schools four times as big as us enrollment-wise in our district, but one thing I know that these boys have

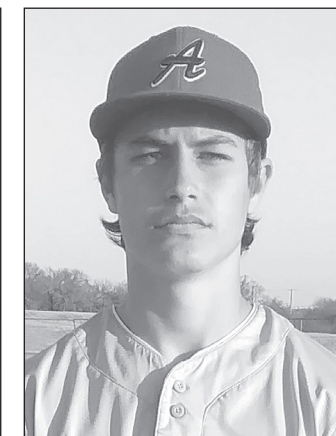
shown in football and baseball – we won't be scared or intimidated, and we are going to fight every game."

The team's goal is to "just

be competitive," the coach said. "We are young, so I want to just improve all year long and see what we can do."



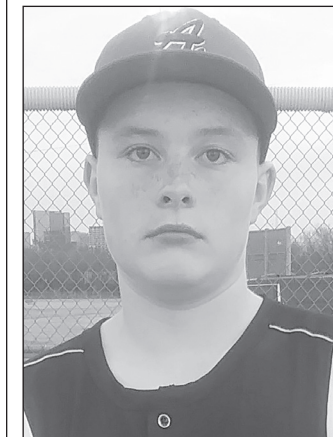
A.J. Rollins is a speedy base runner.



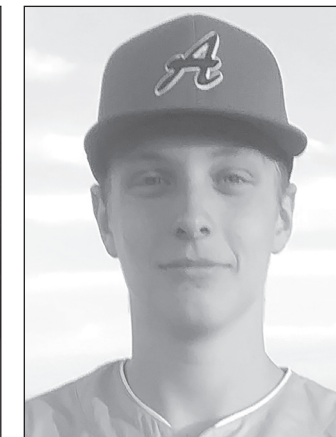
Andy Wisniewski serves as a closer for the pitchers.



Camden Logan plays catcher and bats cleanup.



Pitcher Kelton Schott, just a freshman, is 2-0 and has struck out 17 batters in nine innings pitched.



Noah Rollins has thrown 17 strikeouts in eight innings to go 2-0.



Ty South is this young team's sole senior. Courtesy photos

GOLF BOYS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1B.

ing champion Aledo, which returned its entire team from last year. Last year's second-place winner – Granbury – returned most of its starting team, as well.

"That's my goal," Merrill said. "Trying to get better. I shot a 72. I want to be 72 every time. I want to be below 72."

Merrill praised his head

coach, Brad Averitte, for teaching him the finer points of the game and staying late after practice to help players become better.



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 March 20-26, 2022

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ACROSS

- this McEntire was Ma Tex in "North"
- boot aroma
- 432 is Andrews code
- UNT or TWU bldg.
- "Mission _____ Valero" (Alamo)
- TXism: "she could sell _____ cubes to Eskimos"
- TX Larry Hagman 1972 film: "Getting _____ All"
- in AL, he bats for the pitcher (abbr.)
- TXism: "have to prime my mouth to _____" (thirsty)
- TXism: "_____ chance as a steer in a packing plant"
- TX rancher Chuck Norris 1979 film: "_____ Of One"
- "good" south of the border
- Mule _____, TX
- Marlin High class
- TXism for "vicinity"
- TXism: "hit me like _____ of bricks"
- cable news net.
- "mad" TX Harrell "_____ Eddie" Chiles
- TXism: "run up a white _____"
- "how" south of the border
- steak house thick bread (2 wds.)

DOWN

- TX rancher Norris' "An Eye _____ Eye"
- TXism: "his facts _____ elastic" (liar)
- TXism: "he'll kick you _____ a funeral home" (mean horse)
- TXism: "cold enough _____ cows give ice cream"
- Exxon product
- meadow
- Falls, TX
- TXism: "Sin City" (2 wds.)
- TXism: "happy as a dog with two _____"
- TX summer
- Grand _____ Opry
- traipse around
- TX used these to track migration of killer bees (2 wds.)
- controversial WTSU president in 1990 (2 wds.)
- town near Cascade Caverns
- Austin potted-meat event: "Spam _____"
- neck backs
- Dallas Stars came to TX from Minnesota's _____ Cities
- horse morsel
- home of Astros Yankee foe (abbr.)
- TXism: "_____ had wings he'd be an eagle"
- noted filmmaker, Welles
- Astros' first arena had this roof type
- flightless Australian bird
- TX Kenny Rogers' "Till _____ It On My Own"
- TXism: "more _____ way to skin a cat"
- pre-bloom roses
- ERA to Astro Justin Verlander
- TXism: "fits like scales _____ fish"
- in addition
- a Texas snake
- TXism for "overweight" (4 wds.)
- hair grooming tools
- "_____ a time"
- TXism: "no hill _____ stepper"
- baseball touches
- nachos cheese
- instrument in the Dallas Symphony

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