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Election worker shortage leads to anger, confusion at the polls

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The March 1 primaries had very full ballots as the candidate field for multiple races was overflowing.

But while the candidates were aplenty, the number of workers manning the polling places across the county and state were in short supply. This lack led to a lot of frustration as voters had to be turned away from their local voting sites to cast their ballots elsewhere.

“The Tarrant County Democratic Party experienced an extreme number of last-minute drop-offs of available election judges,” said Allison Campolo, chairwoman of the Tarrant County Democratic Party.

“We started the election period with 362, which means we had over 170 sudden dropouts. Many folks did then agree to serve with little notice to help us cover vacant locations. This struggle to find poll workers on Tuesday was experienced statewide by both parties.”

In Azle, Democratic voters were turned away at the two Tarrant County polling locations because of a lack of Democratic poll workers and election judges.

Election judges are appointed by their respective parties to oversee the election at their polling sites.

In emergency situations, election judges from the opposite party may volunteer to help the other party’s voters and set up their machines.

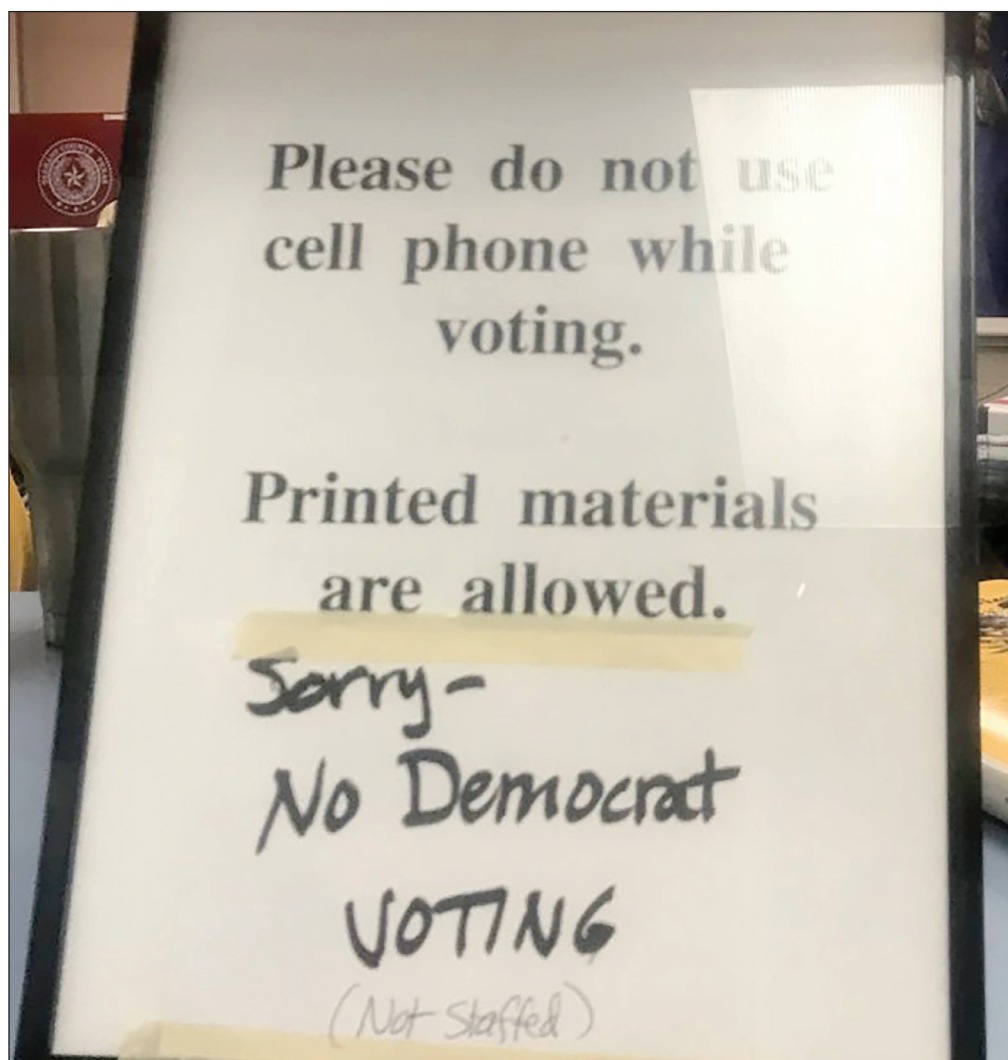
“The Republican judges in Azle declined to assist Democratic voters,” said Campolo. “Replacement judges were eventually found and sent over to Azle as soon as possible.”

When the Azle News went to the polling site at Hornet Academy to verify if Democratic voters were being turned away, they were told that they were turning away Democrats but were still allowing the Republican voters to cast their ballots.

This is against Texas law, according to a statement by Tarrant County Election Administrator Heider Garcia to the Texas Tribune.

“If one of the parties’ judges is absent, the polling

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Because of a lack of poll workers, two Azle polling locations did not have enough staff to set up the machines for both parties. However, the Azle Hornet Academy location had allowed Republican voters to cast their ballots, which is not allowed by Texas law. Photo by Jessica McKinney

Second chances Springtown native reflects on starting a new career later in life

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In his late 50s, Mike Carter was asked what was next for him in life, and all signs seemed to point toward going back to school.

Carter, 68, who is a licensed chemical dependency counselor at a local substance abuse treatment center, graduated from Springtown High School in 1971 and graduated from Weatherford College, the first time, in 1973. After that, he was enrolled at the University of Texas at Arlington and wanted to become a Baptist pastor.

However, Carter’s educational goals were dashed after he endured a severe accident.

Between his junior and senior year at UTA, Carter took a summer job working at an oil field by transporting mud to drilling sites. Then, two weeks after he had started, his body was crushed between a truck and a loading dock.

“We had been working like 23 hours straight,” Carter said.

He described how one of the workers fell asleep at the wheel of a truck with his foot on the clutch, which caused



Mike Carter

Courtesy Photo

the truck to roll backwards while Carter was trying to jump up into the warehouse from the loading dock. Carter said his pelvis was shattered in 14 places, dislocated both hips, and the muscles in his right leg had imploded.

“The night I got hurt, the family was called in. The doctor told them that I probably wouldn’t make the night, and then a couple of days later, they said, ‘Well, he’s going to live, but he’s never going to be able to walk’ because of the damage to my lower

spine,” Carter said.

He used a wheelchair for a short time, but mainly utilized a walker.

“I was kind of hard-headed and determined that I wasn’t going to be that way,” Carter said. “I know you can’t beat odds that are against you, but you can give it a whole lot of effort. I couldn’t do anything for about 13 months. I was declared 70% disabled at the age of 21, but I was determined that wasn’t going to

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City of Azle Annual Awards Banquet



The city of Azle held its annual awards banquet on March 3, honoring several of the city’s employees for their exemplary work in Azle. Michelle Stevens (right) is the city’s purchasing agent and was named City Employee of the Year. Her award was presented by Tom Muir, city manager. Josh Henson, who works as a water plant operator III, was named Public Services Employee of the Year. Jason Castro-Ayala was named Police Department Employee of the Year. Robert Chapman, firefighter and EMT, was this year’s Fire Department Employee of the Year. Joanna Ash, accounting analyst, was named as the Administration Employee of the Year. Josh Hoffman, maintenance, was named Employee of the Year for the Cross Timbers Golf Course. Photo by Jim Stevens

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Azle man talks about life after a century of living

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Linus Henry has an opinion on the secret to life.

He knows something about longevity, having turned 101 in September and is still active, even as he now has to get around with a walker – a recent development. But his mind and memory remain sharp, and he can be found at Moe’s Restaurant playing dominoes with other patrons.

That secret to life? More on that in a moment.

Hailing from Sabetha, Kansas, in the northeast quadrant of the state, he grew up on a farm. He has lived in Azle for 6 1/2 years. He now lives with his daughter, Rusty Allen.

“He got injured when he was young,” Allen said. “The house ended up burning down and he had to quit school and go to work and that’s where he went to up north (for various jobs).”

Henry was the oldest of seven children. Three of his siblings are still living and two of them are in their 90s: Bill, 92, of Wylie; Paul, 94, of Seneca, Kansas, and Joan, 89, of Ocala, Florida. Henry has six grandchildren and 22

great-grandchildren.

Henry served in the Army during World War II. He worked in a bomber plant in Baltimore during part of the war. From there, he joined the service, working in the medical department. He drove an ambulance during his time in the Army here in the states. He never went overseas.

“I was supposed to go over twice but never got there,” he said.

After his stint in the service, he entered the plumbing, heating and electrical business.

“I was a plumber and electrician, and I had my own business – plumbing, heating, electric and air conditioning – for 40 years,” he said.

Allen said he built four houses from the bottom up.

“He has never bought anything on credit in his life,” Allen said.

Henry said he never had to borrow any money. He was a longtime volunteer fireman and belonged to some community groups, including the Knights of Columbus.

Besides Allen, he has a son, Jerry, who lives in Seattle. Henry’s wife, Gussie, died years ago.

“Up until he was 96, he was still driving cross country, by himself, between Seattle and here and Florida, where his sister lives,” Allen said.

He hasn’t had a driver’s license in six years, and he said his sight has diminished, as he can’t read newspapers or magazines or watch the television anymore.

Allen recalls her father’s hobbies as fishing, bowling and playing cards.

“I love to play cards,” he said.

He stops by Moe’s every Monday to play dominos. He said the doctor told him he is doing well.

“I must be (fine) – I’m not taking hardly any medicine of any kind,” he said.

He never thought he’d live this long. His longevity can be attributed to hard work, and Allen said he eats bacon every day, sometimes twice a day. He loves donuts, cookies and candy.

And that secret to life?

“As far as I’m concerned, it’s the hard work and good food,” he said.

“The two things I learned from my dad: He always did what was right... and there isn’t anything you can’t do,” Allen said.



Linus Henry, left, relaxes after a game of dominoes with friends Bill Williamson and Lorna Thorn at Moe’s Restaurant in Azle. Henry regularly plays the game at the restaurant. Photo by Don Munsch

Attention Men and Women over 65 years old...

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By Balance Expert Dr. Robert Moss

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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.

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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.

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 - Evelyn Tinney



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Rotary honors Azle High seniors for March

BY DON MUNSCH
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Four Azle High School students were honored as the Seniors of the Month by the Azle Rotary Club last week.

Haylee Allphin, Garrett Gouyton, Trynity Hoskins and Jesse Mauerhan were the four seniors recognized by the club.

Allphin is ranked 17th in the class of 377 and has a grade point average of 102.90. She plans to attend Tarleton State University, where she will receive an almost full-ride scholarship, and she intends to pursue the nursing track. She said on her data sheet that she has made straight A's since kindergarten, and she told Rotarians she has always taken honors classes. She will graduate with 15 college credit hours.

She describes herself as headstrong, outgoing and funny and said she appreciates teacher and coach Amy Estes for being a strong influence in her life.

"Still, to this day, if I am ever struggling with anything, I'll call her, I'll talk to her, and she's never turned me away or given me bad advice and she's always there and she tells me what I need to hear even when I don't want to," Allphin said.

She said powerlifting coach Tanner Street has made a big impact in her life, too.

Academically, she said she likes competing with her older brother, who also was strong in his classes, and she has desired to have a better GPA than him. Among her activities besides powerlifting are National Honor Society, AP Ambassadors, the College Offers Opportunities for Life (COOL) Program and Health Occupation

Students of America. In the community, she has coached youth basketball.

Gouyton is ranked 47th in the class and has a GPA of 99.54. He has committed to the University of Oklahoma and will be on the cheer squad. He also will be in the school's pre-med program and he will pursue a degree in biomedical sciences. He wants to transfer into the school's medical program and wants to be an emergency medicine physician some day.

He has been a captain for AHS's cheer team for the two past years. He received multiple offers for cheer-leading in college. He describes himself as diligent, hardworking and positive. He said former teacher Sheri Bush sparked his interest in the medical field, and he credits Melissa McPherson, his former cheer coach, for being an influence.

Strangers have been skeptical when he tells them he is a cheerleader.

"Some people are really surprised whenever I tell them I'm a cheerleader and do gymnastics and dance and stuff like that," Gouyton said. He has volunteered as a guest coach at AHS and Cheer Athletics.

Besides cheerleading, he has participated in baseball, football, basketball and powerlifting during his high school career. His activities include NHS, PALs, HOSA, student council, AP Ambassadors and student leadership.

Hoskins is ranked 33rd in the senior class and has a grade point average of 101.47. She said she's particularly proud of earning her third-degree black belt in karate. She has participated in karate since she was 5 years old.



Azle High School seniors honored by the Azle Rotary Club for March are Trynity Hoskins, Garrett Gouyton, Haylee Allphin and Jesse Mauerhan. Standing with the students is AHS Principal Randy Cobb. Photo by Don Munsch

"It took lot of dedication and time management because I have a lot of stuff going on, but I was able to do that and so that's probably my proudest (accomplishment)," she told Rotarians, adding that her parents make her proud, too.

Hoskins plans to attend the University of Mississippi and plans to study nursing and wants to be a CRNA, a certified registered nurse anesthetist.

At AHS, she is co-captain for the Emerald Dazzlers, which she has been participating in for all four years. She calls her herself organized, determined and outgoing, explaining on the last trait she will "talk to anybody."

Regarding her teachers, Hoskins said she appreciates Bailey Brewer, the current

theater director and former assistant drill team director, who helped Hoskins through some struggles.

"I can still go and walk to her class and talk to her whenever I want," she said, adding that she also appreciates teacher and coach Eddy Prather.

Her activities during high school are drumline (visual ensemble), theater, NHS and PALs.

Mauerhan has a GPA of 98.24 and is ranked 59th in the class. He has completed his certification in industrial refrigeration and owns an assistant refrigeration operator certificate. He also has an OSHA safety certification and Word and Excel certifications. He enjoyed his internship at MRBraz and Associates that he did between his sophomore and junior

years.

He plans to earn a mechanical engineering degree but has not settled on a college yet, explaining that he has applied to some Colorado and Oklahoma schools, and one of those schools is Colorado School of Mines.

He describes himself as tenacious, brave and kind-hearted and said he is always trying to construct or work on something.

Mauerhan credits AHS teacher and football offensive line coach Tanner Street for the impact he made on his life, explaining that he has always been there for him and provides motivation.

"He understands that I have my own path to go through life and it's not just about football - it's about life lessons," he said.

Another influential educator was AHS Principal Randy Cobb, because Mauerhan said he sees him around school lifting a hand to help clean, such as the restrooms and the cafeteria.

Mauerhan played football for four years and was in football leadership for three years. After AHS student and football player Jack Schwantz died late last summer, he said the team had a "different type of relationship you build when you go through something like that. You see all these big tough boys that don't literally show emotions and stuff and you're in the locker room the next week and everybody's just not doing well. And it builds a special type of bond between the football players." He also appreciated having a community behind the team.

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The bride was radiant in an ivory glitter tulle Justin Alexander ball gown from Gracyn Elizabeth with ruffle skirt and plunging neckline. The top was embellished with beading design over lace, and pearl buttons on the back. The bouquet was custom made by the bride's mother, attached was her "something old," trim from the bride's Nutcracker Snow Queen costume. She was attended by her maid of honor Sarah Barakat, and bridesmaids Madison Prince, Angelina Davis, and Sarah King.

The groom was attended by his best man Kalin Clark, and groomsmen Travis Dibble, JT Gregg, and Fabian Revilla. Brandon's brothers Jordan and Parker King served as ushers.



Adam Narens was the ring bearer, Kate Narens and Avery Davis were the flower girls.

The Christmas-themed

reception was held at Reed V in DeKalb, Texas.

The couple will reside in Texarkana where they recently purchased a home.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

TEMPLETONS CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE



Bob and Lois Templeton recently returned home to Azle from a 50th wedding anniversary trip with their family to Galveston.

Bob Templeton and the former Lois Firmin were married in Lois's hometown of Perryton, Texas, on December 28, 1971. Following their marriage, both graduated from Texas A&M-Commerce before living in Bryan, Hereford, Perryton, Denton, Garland, and Midland. They lived in Midland for 35 years. Lois taught kindergarten for 20 years before retiring in 2008. Bob's career as a journalist included jobs as a news reporter/editor, magazine editor, corporate



writer, and public relations director before becoming the Midland College Allison Chair of Journalism. After his 2019 retirement, Bob and Lois moved to Azle.

Bob and Lois are the parents of two sons, Mark and Brian. Brian passed away in 2020 and Mark lives in Lewisville with his wife Candace and their son Trevor.

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THINK GREEN!

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Although it began in Ireland, St. Patrick's Day is celebrated in countries around the world. People with Irish heritage remind themselves of the beautiful green countryside of Ireland by wearing green and taking part in the festivities.

Standards Link: Social Science: Students compare the beliefs, customs, traditions and social practices of various cultures.

Shamrocks!

In Ireland, clover leaves are also called **shamrocks**. Fields of clover or shamrocks are part of what make Ireland's countryside so green.

Most shamrocks have three leaves. But sometimes one grows with four leaves. This is called a lucky four-leaf clover. Can you find one on this page?

Standards Link: Classification: Visual Discrimination.

Shamrock Shoe Search

The leprechaun Seamus O'Scoop has hidden 10 shoes in these shamrocks. Can you find them all?

How Big Are Leprechauns?

Wee folk are we. At most we grow to the length of your shoes times three!

Can you read three shoe-lengths of news? Put your shoes end to end to measure three shoe lengths. Mark the length on a piece of paper. Now read a news story in today's newspaper. Using your measure, find the length of your news story. Did you read the length of a leprechaun?

Standards Link: Math: Measure the length of given objects.

What Comes Next?

Look for a pattern in each row. Draw the picture that comes next in the box at the end of each row.

Standards Link: Math: Students identify and extend simple patterns.

How Did Leprechauns Get Their Gold?

Stories from Ireland tell about magical little people called **leprechauns** who make shoes for fairies. Fairies wear out their shoes quickly because they dance all night. Leprechauns sell a lot of shoes to fairies and the fairies always pay in gold. This is what the stories say. What do you think?

The leprechaun's shoe shelf has toppled. Can you match the pairs of fairy shoes?

Extra! Extra! Abbreviations

"St." is an abbreviation for the word Saint. Clip six examples of abbreviations from the newspaper. Write the whole word for each abbreviation.

Standards Link: Writing Conventions: Identify and correctly use abbreviations.

Can you find the leprechaun twins? Careful—they're tricky!

Standards Link: Social Science: Students compare beliefs of various cultures drawing from folklore.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Color each shape with a shamrock green. What is hidden in this box?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Students follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

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

SHAMROCK
IRISH
HERITAGE
GREEN
FAIRIES
SHOES
SAINT
CLOVER
GOLD
MAGICAL
LUCKY
FOUR
LEAF
PATRICKS
DAY

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Lucky Shamrock Adjectives

Clip five words from the newspaper to describe St. Patrick's Day. Paste the words on a green shamrock. Write a sentence using each adjective. Select your favorite sentence and use it as the main idea for a paragraph.

Standards Link: Grammar: Identify and use adjectives correctly in writing.

Write On!

Four-leaf Clover

I knew my luck would change when I picked up a four-leaf clover.

Finish this story.

How to Draw a LEPRECHAUN

1. Draw a rectangle for the body.
2. Add a smiling face.
3. Draw a pointed hat.
4. Add a small body.
5. Draw a top hat.
6. Add a small body.
7. Draw a top hat.
8. Add a small body.

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be my destiny.”
 Because of the accident, Carter didn't return to school. By the time he could go back, he opted to jump into the workforce to make money for his family. He worked with his uncle constructing metal buildings and then started his own metal buildings company with a partner. Then, for 25 years, he worked in highway construction.
 Then, at age 59, Carter went back to school at Weatherford College, and he graduated there in 2014 as a licensed chemical dependency counselor.
 “I went through the school and everything then and took it a whole lot more seriously than when I was 17-18 years old,” Carter said, laughing.
 His reasoning for studying chemical dependency counseling was twofold. First of all, he said he had a family member who used drugs and that drug use affected the entire family. The other reason, which Carter called the bigger reason, was that he used pain pills for “the better part of 35 years.” In 2010 he decided to change, and quit using the medication methadone. “I could put them down, but I always went back to them because your brain tells you that you need that,” Carter said. “I was addicted to pain pills.”
 Carter described his turning point to get off pain medication was when he had ankle reconstruction surgery in March 2010.

“I was able to lay in the bed after my surgery; that was about it,” he said. “At that point, I was about 415 pounds because the pain killers had just slowed my metabolism down to nothing. I could eat very little or nothing, and I couldn't lose weight. I was just miserable, as miserable as I could be, and I just felt like I was being told, ‘Mike, you're killing yourself.’”
 Quitting methadone wasn't exactly easy. Carter recalled having “the nastiest withdrawals that you could ever imagine” as well as depression.
 What got him out of depression was volunteering, Carter said. This work was usually with organizations helping down-on-their-luck people, like kids, people with felonies and those who were homeless.
 Though Carter said he still has body pain, he doesn't deal with the pain using pain pills other than Tylenol.
 “I could go to the doctor right now and get all the pain pills I wanted, but I choose not to do that because that's not the message I want to give our boys and girls (at Clearfork Academy) and it's not the way I want to live my life,” Carter said.
GOING BACK TO COLLEGE
 When Carter was about 58 or 59, his counselor asked him what was next in his life. Carter said he didn't have any plans, and the counselor encouraged him to talk with a Weatherford College fac-

ulty member, who insisted that he enroll at WC. Even when Carter said he didn't have the money to go back to school, the faculty member stood his ground.
 “I said we'll look at it in a year, and I'll see if I can get in because I really liked what he had to say, and he said, ‘No, I'm putting you in the program now. You'll figure out a way.’” Carter said. “And, I said, ‘No, I don't see that happening.’”
 On the way back from WC, Carter called his friend Kelvin Miles and asked him to pray that Carter would be able to go to school in a year. However, Miles declined and said he would instead pray for Carter to go to school that year. Then, Carter said Miles started a fundraiser for Carter's college tuition on Facebook and within 10 days Carter had \$6,000, just in time for Carter to go back to school.
 “Kelvin Miles and those bunch of people basically allowed me to do what I do today,” Carter said, as he teared up recalling the story.
 Miles, who is currently serving as Justice of the Peace for Precinct 1, said he met Carter through going to school at Springtown and playing football with Carter's younger brother.
 “He's a super good guy, (and) he's got a heart for people,” Miles said.
 In addition to helping Carter raise money for tuition, Miles said he tried to encourage and help his friend the whole time he was

in school, particularly because of how difficult it is to go back to school as an older adult.
 “What I did was just a small fraction, something to try to help him get going. It was mainly on him that he went to school. He went through it and made the sacrifices to get it done,” he said.
 Miles said Carter's best qualities are that he is caring and will sacrifice his time to help others.
 “He's all about service and trying to help people,” Miles said. “That's what he lives for.”
WORKING AT CLEARFORK ACADEMY
 After a series of other counseling-related jobs, Carter began working at Clearfork Academy more than 4 1/2 years ago. The Fort Worth location, near the southwest end of Eagle Mountain Lake, provides substance abuse rehab for adolescent boys and was established over five years ago. Carter helped start up the intensive outpatient program, an area that he still works in currently. As the alumni relations coordinator, he works with the current boys at the academy and alumni as well as current and alumni parents.
 “I don't think there's anything here that I haven't done, except be the cook,” Carter said.
 Clearfork Academy is rooted in the Christian faith, but Carter said religion isn't

forced on the boys. He also said the academy is welcoming to youth who are gay or transgender.
 “We want to give them every opportunity – whether it's through God, whether it's through 12 Steps, whether it's just changing your mindset or whatever – every opportunity to find their path,” Carter said. “Everybody's path to recovery is different, and you can't dictate what that path is going to look like.”
 Carter shares his own experience with pain pill addiction with the Clearfork Academy boys, who regularly ask to hear his story. Carter said his story shows them that they don't have to be bound to substance abuse forever.
 “They're interested in hearing about somebody, I guess, defeating the monster that kind of takes over your

life,” he said.
 Carter said he has a great connection with the boys, which may also be attributed to his age. He calls his connection to the boys “grandpa therapy.”
 “They kind of navigate toward me because I think they see something that they're missing, maybe that grandpa relationship or something like that,” Carter said. “From nearly the first moment I worked here, I saw that there was something different in the way that I could relate to those boys than a 30-year-old.”
 Carter doesn't plan to stop working at Clearfork anytime soon, but if he does have to retire, he said he'll either volunteer or open a private practice.
 “I'm not going to sit and do nothing when I know there's so many people out there that need help,” he said.



Mike Carter playing football in high school. Courtesy Photo

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Obituaries

Jennifer Jo Tetts 1972 - 2022

Jennifer Jo Tetts, 49, passed away Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022 in Azle.

Memorial service was held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at Ash Creek Baptist Church.

Jennifer was born Sept. 18, 1972 in National City, California to Elmer and Becky Nelson Gibson.

She was a nurse (LVN) at Arlington Heights Rehabilitation Center in Arlington. Jennifer was the Valedictorian of her class in Nursing School. She married her high school sweetheart, Jerry Tetts Sept. 26, 1992.

Jennifer was preceded in death by her father, Elmer Leroy Gibson; son, Dawson Tetts in 2019.



Survivors include her husband, Jerry Tetts; daughter, Alyssa Tetts; mother, Becky Gibson; brother, David Gibson; sister, Sara Gibson Roberts; mother and father in law, Sandy and Charles Gilley.

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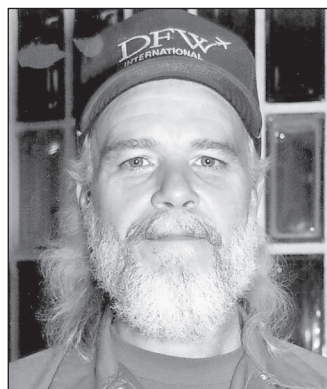
Larry David Shoop 1952 - 2022

Larry David Shoop, 70, a very kind and giving person, passed away, Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022 in Weatherford. Memorial is at 1 p.m., Friday, March 25, 2022 at Alexanders Midway, Springtown.

He was born Feb. 16, 1952 in Kittanning, Pennsylvania to Harry Carroll and Lois Jean (Rearic) Shoop. They both preceded him in death along with his sister in law, Audrey Shoop.

Larry served in the US Navy during the Vietnam War. He enjoyed sports, hunting and fishing. Larry enjoyed spending time with the family, looked forward to his grandkids visiting and had a love for dogs.

He is survived by his loving wife, Nancy Shoop; sons, Aaron M. Shoop and



wife, Whitney and Brian M. Shoop and wife, Kati; brothers, William Shoop and Robert Shoop and wife, Kelly; grandchildren, Brantley, Mason, Nolan and Hensley; nieces, Teri; and nephews, Jared, Harrison and Hayden; cousins, Barb Sowers and Char Hecht.

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Stanley Huddleston 1937 - 2022

Haldane Stanley Duff (Stan) Huddleston passed away peacefully at home on February 10, 2022.

Stan was born February 19, 1937, in Auburn, Washington. At the age of six months his parents, Charles, and Olive Huddleston, moved to California. Stan was the second of three sons; older brother Charles and younger brother Bruce. Stan graduated high school in Venicia, California and from Whittier College in 1961. After college graduation he married Gayla Auran and they had son, Mark David, and daughter, Kristi Lyn. Stan was employed with Juvenile Social Service in California. Stan and his brother Bruce were musicians, with Bruce composing and playing piano and Stan playing banjo and guitar. They were invited to bring their talents to a Dixieland - West Coast style jazz band, "High Sierra Jazz Band." They joined the band in October 1976 and played with the band until April 2019. The High Sierra Jazz Band traveled the world.

In January 2005, the High Sierra Jazz Band was traveling Holland American Cruise Ship. Stan received a call from America with tragic news that Gayla had passed away of natural causes. She passed on January 8, 2005. After this tragedy, Stan continued his employment with Juvenile Social Services as well as travelling with High Sierra Jazz Band. In March 2006, he met Peggy Hinson traveling with friends from Texas on an Amazon River cruise. Stan and Peggy married July 29, 2006. Stan retired from Juvenile Social Services in 2006 and continued to perform and travel with the band. They purchased a home in Three Rivers, California. They enjoyed life in Three Rivers, all new to Peggy, however, very much home to Stan. Stan taught school for two years in Three Rivers when he, Gayla and their children lived there.

High Sierra Jazz Band disbanded in 2019. Stan and Peggy sold their home in Three Rivers and moved to Texas. He enjoyed spending time with his Texas family and showing his children Mark and Mary from



California, and Kristi, Pierre and granddaughter Madison from Washington, some Texas hospitality when they visited.

Stan's health began to fail in 2021 and after several hospital stays, he came home under hospice on February 9, 2022. Stan passed away on February 10 at 10:50 PM. He passed away peacefully, surrounded by his wife, Peggy, his California, Washington, and Texas families.

Stan's survivors include his loving wife, Peggy; son Mark Huddleston (Mary) and daughter Kristi Fournier (Pierre); Peggy's daughter Shelley Gunter (Gary) and son, Jack Mosley (Linda). He is also survived by brothers Bruce (Sharon) and Charles (Joyce), grandchildren Chris Huddleston (Danielle), Zack Huddleston (Shianne), Alexis' Ameny, Amanda Ameny (Nathan) and Madison Fournier, Josh George (Candace), Jacob George (Lauren), Brittany Mosley, Chelsea Mosley and William Mosley as well as his Great-Grandchildren Oliver, James, Lucy, Jackson, Kinsley Rose, Iris, Payton, Maelyn, Merrick, Tate, Tucker, Tristan, Lacy, William and Jack.

Stan's Celebration of Life will be held on April 7th 10 a.m. in Three Rivers, California.

Stan's most loved scripture: 1 Corinthians 13

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

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Annie Fae McCloud 1932 - 2022

Annie was born in Ft. Worth, Texas to Sallie and William Allcorn on August 21, 1932. She went home to the arms of Jesus on February 21, 2022.

Annie was a beloved mother, granny and great granny. She had one son, Bennie Berle McCloud Jr., who predeceased her in 1979.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Janet & Dale; grandchild Brandy and her husband Danny; great grandchildren, Mikayla and Sofia.

Annie was a day care employee for many years and had many more children that loved her. She will be missed very much.

Her viewing will be March



9, 2022, from 6-8 p.m. Her service will be on March 10, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. The viewing and service will be held at Greenwood Funeral Home, 3100 White Settlement Rd., Fort Worth, Texas, 76107.

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Kathleen Marie Eyerman 1951 - 2022

Kathleen Marie Eyerman, 70, of Springtown, Texas, passed away on Feb. 25, 2022, with her family by her side.

Services will be Thursday, March 3, 2022 at Azleland Memorial Park; 850 N Cardinal Rd. Azle, Texas. 76020. Visitation at 1 p.m. followed by a graveside service starting at 2 p.m.

Donations can be made in her name at Breast Cancer Research Foundation (www.bcrf.org).

She was married to Thomas Eyerman for over 50 years. They lived together in Springtown, TX, for the past 20 years and built a beautiful life together throughout that wonderful time. Kathy was a Pharmacy Technician for CVS for 35 years before her retirement.

A beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend to everyone she met. Helpful, caring, giving, loving and immensely proud of her family. Behind her she leaves nothing but beautiful memories, a smile that could light up the room and a love for life that is beyond compare. If there was ever a



Saint in this world she was it.

Kathy is survived by her husband Thomas Eyerman; her brother Douglas Smith and wife Patricia; her son David Eyerman; daughter Tammy Loucks and husband Keith; and Bobby Nettles. As well as her grandchildren Amanda Fleming and husband Timothy, Dallas Eyerman, Justin Milligan, Cody Milligan, Bobby Nettles III, Katelin Nettles, Jacob and Cameron Nettles. She is also survived by multiple great-grandchildren and many more that she called family.

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Obituaries

Robbie Janeice Smith 1974 - 2022

Robbie Janeice Smith went to be with the Lord on Feb. 12, 2022.

Visitation was held on Monday, Feb. 21, 2022, at Azle & Lake Worth Funeral Chapel at 9 a.m. with a Celebration of Life that followed at 10 a.m.

Robbie Janeice was born on Jan. 12, 1974 in Bridgeport, Texas to JC Sydow and Joyce Pack. She married Terry Smith on Feb. 17, 2012.

Robbie was preceded in passing by her mother, Joyce Pack, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pack and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sydow.

She will be deeply and lovingly missed by her husband, Terry Smith; daughters, Megan and husband, James, and Amanda and fiancé, Eric; eight wonderful grandchildren; two step-sons, Titan and Xander Smith; father, JC Sydow and wife, Paula; brother, Travis Sydow and wife, Stephanie, and their daugh-



ters; sister, Kellie Reynolds and husband, John, and their daughter; step-brothers, Ben Cozby and wife, Amy, and their five children; Corey Feldhaus and wife, Brittany, and their children; and Christopher Feldhaus and wife, Katie, and their daughter; in-laws, Sammy Smith and wife, Cindy, and Vicki and Chester Fisher, and their two children; and a host of extended family members and good friends.

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Dorothy Bernice Pool 1934 - 2022

Dorothy Bernice Pool, 87, beloved mother and grandmother and friend, passed away Thursday, Feb. 17, 2022.

Graveside service was held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2022 at Saginaw Cemetery. Visitation was held from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2022 at White's Funeral Home, Azle.

Dorothy was born in Douglas, Texas, Oct. 5, 1934 to Arthur and Velma Looney Perkins. She married the love of her life, Eulis Ray Pool in Rusk Texas in 1953. She was a homemaker until her children were old enough to go to school.

Dorothy was a charter member of the Blue Mound Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. Dorothy retired from Eagle Mountain, Saginaw ISD after 20 years of service. She also served as a fire dispatcher for more than ten years while her hus-

band was fire chief at Blue Mound. Dorothy had lived in and around the Parker County area since 1985.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Velma Perkins; husband, Eulis Ray Pool; sisters, Reba Nell Perkins, and Shirley Jernagan; brothers, Lewis Perkins, Richard Perkins, Homer Perkins, Jim Perkins, and an infant brother.

Survivors: Sons, Larry Pool and wife, Pam; Alvin Pool and wife, Terry; grandchildren, Christina Pool, Stephen Pool and Michael Paul Haltom; sister Loretta Anthony; brothers, Claude Perkins and wife, Shirley, Pete Perkins and wife, Debra, and Mitchell Perkins and wife, Jo; great-grandchild Evan Garza; and numerous nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

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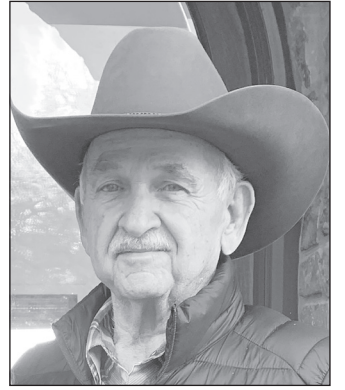
Jimmy George 1944 - 2022

Jimmy George, fought the fight and won the race, Jimmy passed away on Feb. 15, 2022 at the age of 78 after a courageous and long battle with Alzheimer's, surrounded by loved ones who will continue to honor his legacy by living their lives to the fullest.

Services were held Tuesday, Feb. 22, at Azleland Funeral Home and Cemetery, 850 Cardinal Rd, Azle, Texas 76020. Pastor Jim Edwards officiating.

Jimmy, loved preaching the gospel. After retiring from the automotive air condition industry, he went into full time ministry as pastor of Solid Rock Bible Church, Boyd, Texas. In 2000 he received the International Mobile Air Conditioning Association's Industry Pioneer Award. Jimmy loved his Lord and Savior. He loved raising cows, baling hay, building dune buggies, and riding motorcycles. Jimmy was blessed to be able to travel extensively, within the states and abroad.

Jimmy is preceded in death by his first love Dorothy Diane George; parents, Loyd Lafayette George and Mabel Lorene Henry; brother Loyd George, Van George; daughter, Rachael



George Senn, and grandson Dayton Bryant.

Sweetheart, Dad, Papa, Grand-Dad, Brother, Uncle Jimmy, Pastor and friend, will be greatly missed by many.

Jimmy is survived by his wife, Betty; daughters: Sheila Carey and husband Charles of Azle, Sunja Stevens of Azle, Tina Honeycutt of Azle; son: Troy George of Colleyville, Robert George, California, David Honeycutt and wife Dona of Azle; sister Sandra Rico of Hurst; Becky Sanford and husband Don of Colorado City; brother Don Carter and wife Liz of Denton; 12 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

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site cannot operate," Heider said to the Tribune in a story posted on Election Day. "That's because by state law, no polling site can serve only one party."

This was confirmed by the News in an email from Roger Borgelt, an Austin attorney specializing in Texas election law.

"A polling place has to be open to all voters, so if one primary is closed, then everyone has to close," said Borgelt.

The News has been unable to reach Garcia for comment about why the Azle Tarrant County polls remained open in spite of only being able to serve one party.

Rick Barnes, chairman of the Republican Party of Tarrant County, said when two different elections are occurring, representatives from the two political parties handle staffing on their own.

"We didn't have any problems that were unusual," he said about March 1. "The challenge, of course, in a county the size of Tarrant is that we have about 190 locations and when you staff that many locations, it's a lot of people and you're asking people to be available for one workday, for about 16 hours. And it's just always a little bit of a challenge."

This year, he said, it

seemed to be worse for the Democratic side because that's where the problems were in Tarrant County. Democrats would have to answer as to why they had issues, he added.

"But I do know that labor issues are out there for every company," he said, noting that retailers have struggled to find workers and it's just rolled over to what people deal with in this kind of a staffing situation as well.

He said in his county party's case, it has a full-time employee with the primary election who fills staffing spots at locations.

"We put a lot of attention into it, starting that staffing process well in advance," he said.

He said he's not sure whether there are quick answers on how to make polling places better equipped in the future, as he said he just sees it as simple reality, as some people can't work on election day for various reasons.

"We're always in the evaluation kind of mode and that's where we're at right now trying to figure out how we can improve upon things for the next primary in two years," he said.

Poll workers receive training on the Republican side so that they're prepared and

ready, Barnes said. Part of the reality for finding people is advising people on the length of time they're needed for election day and finding people to commit to working on a weekday because of their normal family and job commitments.

As for addressing the shortage of poll workers in the future, Campolo said, "We are encouraging folks to sign up for future elections so we can make sure they feel confident in their knowledge of the election laws and that they can do this job."

"We want to help people not be intimidated by recent court cases such as Crystal Mason's case or the changes in election law included in (Senate Bill 1).

"We also want folks to feel safe and comfortable when working the polls. Polling locations can be contentious even inside the 100-foot barrier, even though folks are encouraged to behave in a neutral way while voting."

There were reports of "high emotional states at the polls" during this primary election.

"We are also encouraging folks to remember that their service in this job ensures that voters have access to the ballot box," said Campolo.

Editor Don Munsch contributed this story.

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Hornet Academy helps non-traditional students graduate



The Azle Hornet Academy celebrated the graduation of 46 students on Feb. 28 at the Azle High School auditorium. Hundreds of friends and family members were in the audience congratulating the graduates with handmade signs, shouts and cheers, and air horns blasting. To date, the Hornet Academy has helped 610 non-traditional students earn their high school diplomas. Photo courtesy

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY
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The Azle Hornet Academy has been helping non-traditional students from Azle and beyond achieve their goal of obtaining a high school diploma for 16 years. The academy held its latest graduation on Feb. 28.

“When I started as superintendent at Azle ISD, I found that we had a number of students that were dropping out of school for a variety of reasons,” said Ray Lea, current Azle ISD board member.

“I discussed my concerns with the board president, Bill Lane, and he was very interested in coming up with a plan to address the problem.”

The entire school board was supportive of an initiative to help those students graduate.

“With the help of the administrative team, we cre-

ated a plan for an online, self-paced and interactive high school credit recovery program,” Lea said.

“Students would be able to enter the Hornet Academy, accelerate their credit recovery and earn their state-approved high school diploma.”

Carla Stutsman is one of the more than 600 graduates who earned a high school diploma through Hornet Academy and was, until recently, the oldest graduate. A 60-year-old woman, Brenda Marler, was among last month’s graduates.

The choice to enroll in the program came when Stutsman found herself unemployed for the first time since she was 17.

“I had time on my hands, so I enrolled in the Hornet Academy in August 2018 and completed my courses in December 2018.”

One of the things that

made her graduation so special was that it happened on her late father’s birthday, Feb. 4. He was unable to obtain his diploma — he lacked just half a credit — but did get his GED while serving in the Navy.

“(He) always regretted not graduating with his classmates, who he remained close to his entire life,” Stutsman said. “Getting my high school diploma — especially from my (and Dad’s) alma mater — was something I wanted to do for myself and my dad.”

Though she doesn’t think that having her diploma has helped her in her career path because of when she earned it, she does say that it’s “worth its weight in gold” for her own self-esteem. “For me, there is a tangible value in no longer having to say or think of myself as a high school dropout.”

There is no residential re-

quirement or upper age limit to enroll in the Hornet Academy. The program has had graduates from as far away as California.

Anthony Barron, one of the teachers at Hornet Academy, said that many people don’t really know what they do there.

“Many think this is just a credit recovery school helping mischief students,” Barron said. “When in reality, it’s become a place to give guidance and direction to students who need help getting their high school diploma.”

Barron has been with the school district for several years. He used to be the head baseball coach and assistant football coach at Azle High School and specialized in special education. He switched to the Hornet Academy in the fall of 2017 after realizing that the students there “desperately needed some help.”

Laura Hamm is also a teacher at the academy. She had previously worked at Azle Elementary and with the DAEP program at the school district. She saw the value in the program and wanted to help get more people in the door to earn their diplomas.

“We, meaning AHA and DAEP teachers, launched full force into the community with flyers going door to door, business to business sharing our story,” Hamm said. “Launching stories on social media. And it worked.”

Students who thought they couldn’t get their diploma, that felt they were not a right fit, began to see that they, too, could accomplish this goal through the Hornet Academy.

“We wanted them to know we just wanted them to come and be successful each day and finish high school,”

she said.

Both Barron and Hamm said that being able to work with the program has been fun and rewarding.

“I get to share knowledge with students and reach out and help when they need me, but keep them focused on the ultimate goal,” said Hamm.

“Mr. Barron and I work very well together and share a common goal to try and reach all students that walk through the door and treat them with respect, dignity and encouragement.”

The team at Hornet Academy includes Barron and Hamm, counselor Mrs. Simpson, administrators Mrs. Ash and Mrs. Carillo and principal Mrs. Boone.

“It’s my view that the Hornet Academy exemplifies the best of what Azle ISD has to offer,” said Lea. “The district cares about all of the students, even those who need a second chance.”

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Azle students ready for stock show

BY DON MUNSCH
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A cacophony of razors, drying machines and dry hoses – not to mention the requisite animal noises – greeted students and visitors alike at the Azle High School barn early Sunday afternoon as students readied their sheep and goats for an upcoming competition.

AHS students will show animals Thursday and Friday at Tarrant County Junior Livestock Show at the Will Rogers Memorial Center in Fort Worth. Forty Azle ISD students will be at the show.

“We have cattle, market animals, steers, lambs, goats, swine, broilers, rabbits, and then we have breeding animals in rabbits and heifers,” said Elizabeth Slough, AHS agriculture, food and natural resources teacher (or ag teacher) and FFA adviser, adding that ag mechanics projects will be shown. There will be four students and three projects for the ag mechanics portion of the show. Other AHS ag teachers are John Bell and Jennifer Kiggins.

In addition to AHS students, some Junior FFA members will be at the show and they come from Azle Junior High School, Azle Elementary and Walnut Creek Elementary.

This is the last show for the students, Slough said, explaining there are a few students who are entered in major stock shows in Houston and Austin. One student should be attending the Austin show with a barrow.

“For the most part, this is our big hurrah, this is what



Azle High School students Cassidy Ralph, left, and Brellyn Beverly clip their animals in preparation for the Tarrant County Junior Livestock Show in Fort Worth this week. Photos by Don Munsch



we’re working for through the whole year, the Tarrant County Livestock Show,” Slough said.

Two AHS students in Fort Worth include a newcomer - freshman Cheyanne Vickers - and a veteran of stock shows, senior Cassidy Ralph. Vickers will show a Nubian goat named Bogey. Ralph will take her Hampshire sheep, Marlin.

Ralph called Marlin a sweet but strong-willed animal. Ralph has been in FFA all four years – she has shown animals each year – and was in 4-H in her younger years, and she said she has had an “amazing experience” all four years. Ralph loves bonding with the animals, competing and

winning. She appreciates Slough’s help.

“I’ve always been able to go to her if I had a problem,” she said. Slough was in the barn Sunday assisting students with their animals. Ralph said she plans to attend Weatherford College and then West Texas A&M University and plans to go into the vet field, specifically large animal and equine.

Cheyenne said she was a little nervous heading into the show because this was her first time, but she hopes to at least make some money that she put into the goat, which has been easy to work with. Her father, Clay, stood nearby and said this is his first year around FFA but said his family always had

cows and horses.

“My sister’s family, they’re real involved in the FFA, so they were kind of our influence,” he said.

Cheyenne has had fun so far.

“It’s a big experience for kids, learning about the animals,” she said.

Clay said taking care of an animal teaches Cheyanne responsibility, that an animal has to be looked after no matter the weather and at various intervals in the day.

Slough said there are about 350 students involved in Azle FFA, and that includes campuses beside the high school. She said the students going to Fort Worth with their projects are ready for the show.

“It’s been a long year, and a lot of these kids have had animals on feed since the end of June, so they’ve been working tirelessly to get everything ready and be able to exhibit their projects and see how they do,” she said.

She said the Azle students were pretty successful showing at the Fort Worth Livestock Show, so students are excited to see what happens at the county show. Students gain real-world, hands-on experience with money management, time management, leadership, responsibility and sportsmanship.

“They understand that, even when we had those bad weather days, those animals were completely dependent on us, and so those kiddoes

still had to get up and get to the barn and make sure everything was taken care of even before their own needs,” Slough said.

Students also learn to work together as a team to ensure everybody is ready for the show and that participants are a true show team.

Azle ag students have invested around \$42,000 in the community for their projects, meaning they are purchasing feed, supplies and vet supplies for their animals.

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Azle girls headed to state in powerlifting



Kalle Vasquez performs the dead lift portion of the competition. She finished third in the 123 class.

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FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Azle girls powerlifting team will send several girls to state after taking home the regional championship. The regional meet was held

March 3 at AHS's gym. AHS had seven state qualifiers, said AHS powerlifting coach Tanner Street. The state meet is March 19 in Corpus Christi.

Trinity Thornton took first in the 97-pound weight class with 520 points: 195, squat; 125, bench press; and 200, dead lift. In the 114-pound class, Mackenzie Benson

took first with 680 pounds: 160, squat; 200, bench press; and 260, dead lift. In the 123 class, Riley Mckelvain took second and finished with 790 pounds: 310, squat; 165,

bench; and 315, dead lift. In the 132 class, Azle girls finished with the top spots: Breton Estes, first, and Skyler Arellano, second. Estes lifted 730 pounds, with

260 in the squat, 165 in the bench press and 305 in the dead lift. Arellano lifted 675 pounds, with 230 in the SEE **POWERLIFTING**, PAGE 2C.

Lady Hornets struggle against Rider, continue to grow as they gain experience

BY DON MUNSCH
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Football players are coached to exert themselves until the final whistle.

Azle girls soccer head coach Madeline Wood shouted directions to her players as the final seconds ticked off the clock during the Lady Hornets' March 2 game against Wichita Falls Rider in Azle, with Wood telling one player to find the mark on the pitch.

"Well done, Britt," Wood said, referring to junior Brittany Cato, who played defense and thwarted another Lady Raider scoring opportunity by clearing the ball.

"Ending on a positive note," Wood said as the game ended.

The Lady Hornets needed something positive to build on after losing 11-0 to Rider. Wood's team, with just one senior, continues to grow and improve, the coach said.

Rider scored first around 61/2 minutes into the game and kept the onslaught going, controlling possession and scoring six more times



Azle girls soccer coach Madeline Wood talks to her players before the match against Wichita Falls Rider. The Lady Raiders won the contest 11-0. Azle is 3-16-2 overall and 1-6-1 in district, as of March 8.

Photo by Don Munsch

to take a 7-0 advantage into halftime. The Lady Hornets only occasionally had possession and rarely got the ball inside Rider's end of the field throughout the game.

The second half saw more aggressive play from Rider, which kept the pressure with four more goals. The only blemish for the Lady Raiders was when a player

received a yellow card. Reserves played in the second half for Rider.

Wood liked what she saw from her team in spite of the lopsided score.

"The biggest thing is that the last time we packed in the defense," she said. "That was kind of our focus — to defend the palace. Our whole saying for the year is

build the palace. ... In this game, we went forward, we attacked a lot more, which is why (we) gave up a num-

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ber of goals. But I was impressed with the way they transitioned (to tonight)."

The Lady Hornets are young, but are exhibiting much growth. Goalkeeper Charysma Casillas is the

team's lone senior.

"If you look at from where we started last year, last year we kind of had to focus on individual concepts, whereas this year we transition to focus on team offense, team

defense, doing things as a unit," Wood said. "Last year, we just really weren't at that level to do so. I think they've done phenomenal — kind of learning to defend together, learning to attack together,



Lady Hornet Reagan Cortes, right, fights for possession of the ball during Azle's game against Rider. Photo by Don Munsch



Charysma Casillas, Azle's lone senior, was honored on the team's senior night. Here, she walks with her mother, Rebecca Alonzo. Photo by Don Munsch

just in general learning to support each other. Tremendous growth out of this group. I get more and more proud every single time."

The growing pains will help in the long run, and the team will see most of the same opponents next season in a new district, Wood said.

Playoff update: Azle is still alive in the playoff hunt as of March 8, and its regular-season schedule ends March 11 with a game at Granbury.



Tatum Humphries gets ready to do the squat in the powerlifting portion of the competition. She finished second in the 198 class. Photo by Jim Stevens

squat, 175 in the bench press and 270 in the dead lift.

For the 198 class, Tatum Humphries finished second with 770 pounds: 305 in the squat, 165 in the bench press and 300 in the dead lift. And in the 259-plus class, Emily Lewis finished second with 785 pounds: 335 in the squat, 195 in the bench press and 255 in dead lift.

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114 class: 7. Yulissa Solis, 575 pounds. 225 in the squat, 130 in the bench and 220 in the dead lift

114 class: 8. Tara Gonzales,

550 pounds. 220 in the squat, 100 in the bench and 230 dead lift.

123 class: 3. Kalle Vasquez, 630 pounds. 245 in the squat, 140 in the bench and 245 in the dead lift.

123 class: 6. Cooper Yates, 580 pounds. 205 in the squat, 110 in the bench and 265 in the dead lift.

123 class: 9. McKynleigh Sisk, 485 pounds. 180 in the squat, 120 in the bench and 185 in the dead lift.

132 class: 4. Lauryn Rasco, 585 pounds. 220 in the squat, 125 in the bench and 240 in the dead lift.

132 class: 7. Angelina Janise, 520 pounds. 215 in the squat, 95 in the bench and 210 in the dead lift.

148 class: 3. Kensley Skrdla, 640 pounds. 265 in the squat, 130 in the bench and 245 in the dead lift.

165 class: 11. Kailyn Curry, 570 pounds. 230 in the

squat, 110 in the bench and 230 in the dead lift.

181 class: 6. Ashton Ray, 575 pounds. 220 in the squat, 115 in the bench and 240 in the dead lift.

181 class: 8. Sydney Gatlin, 540 pounds. 220 in the squat, 110 in the bench and 210 in the dead lift.

198 class: 5. Haylee Allphin, 635 pounds. 250 in the squat, 135 in the bench and 250 in the dead lift.

220 class: 4. Katherine Herring, 510 pounds. 185 in the squat, 120 in the bench and 205 in the dead lift.

On the boys side, AHS had two lifter medals. In the 165 class, Kevin Nguyen finished fifth, and in the 114 class, Bradley Skrdla placed fifth.

In the 114 class, Joseph Sandoval finished seventh, and in the 148, Gavin Hacker finished ninth.



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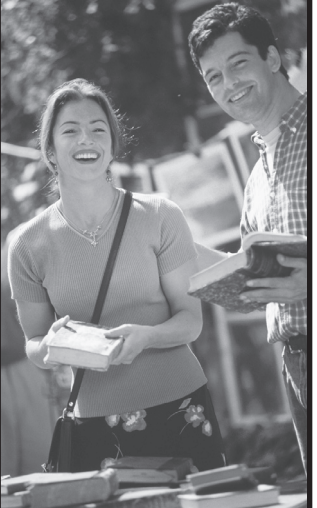


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- TXism: "if it was any better, the sheriff wouldn't _____"
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- TXism: "_____ and void"
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