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## City secretaries wear a number of hats

### WORKING IN AZLE:

Yael Forgey, Azle city secretary

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Second in an ongoing series of stories about the jobs of people in the community, from those who work in the public sector – city and schools, for example – to those employed in the private sector. The stories seek to explore various careers and what education and experience they require, as well as reveal what a typical day is like in the job, and what people love most about their jobs.

**BY DON MUNSCH**  
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Yael Forgey's job as Azle city secretary is not merely handing agendas for Azle City Council meetings.

City secretaries' duties revolve around providing support to the City Council – such as council meeting preparation and agenda packet preparation and distribution – but their responsibilities also center on elections, open records requests, records management, boards and commissions, code of ordinances, official obligations and other duties as necessary, according to a

presentation Forgey gave to council last year. The other obligations include administering oaths of office and ensuring records are authenticated, archived and codified.

A city secretary does not have to possess a college degree to do the job, although Forgey earned a business administration and general studies degree from the University of Haifa in Israel. The job description states that a high school education or equivalent is required and an associate or bachelor's degree is preferred. A Texas Municipal Clerk's Association



SEE FORGEY, PAGE 2A. Yael Forgey at her desk at Azle City Hall.

Photo by Don Munsch



This vehicle was involved in a three-car crash Feb. 17 at FM 730 North and Kay Lane. Photo by Carla Noah Stutsman

## Crash closes FM 730 North, sends one to hospital

**BY CARLA NOAH STUTSMAN**

A three-vehicle crash on FM 730 North about 11:45 a.m. Feb. 17 closed that roadway for about an hour and sent one driver to the hospital.

According to an accident report filed by Azle police, a blue 2021 Chevrolet Colorado owned by Justin Edward Huffman of Azle was northbound when it slowed down in order to turn left onto Kay Lane. The Azle News is unable to confirm whether Huffman was the driver of the Colo-

rado. At the same time, Timothy Bevan, 40, also of Azle, was approaching that location southbound on FM 730 North in a silver 2021 Subaru Outback.

However, a silver 2006 Dodge Charger driven by Crystal Ann Reed, 35, of Azle was northbound behind Huffman's vehicle, and struck the back end of the Colorado. According to the report, the force of the impact caused the Colorado to spin around into the southbound lane of travel where it crashed into Be-

van's Outback.

The report says driver inattention and unsafe speed on the part of Reed were factors that contributed to causing the accident.

Police closed the roadway in both directions upon arriving at the scene and they remained closed for almost an hour as police and Azle Fire Department first responders worked to clear the wreckage.

The driver of the Colorado was transported to an area hospital with undisclosed injuries.

## Candidate applications received for May elections

**BY JESSICA MCKINNEY**  
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The candidate application deadline for the May 7 general election is closed for the cities of Azle, Pelican Bay and Reno, the town of Lakeside and the Azle Independent School District Board of Trustees.

The Azle city council has three positions coming up for election in May.

The candidates for Place 1

are Bill Jones, former council member, and veterinarian Dr. Derrick Nelson. Councilmember Corey Wynns did not submit an application to be on the ballot.

Place 2 candidates are incumbent David McClure and Amy Estes.

Rouel Rothenberger is running uncontested for Place 5 on the Azle city council.

In Pelican Bay, there is an election for Mayor, and

Places 1 and 2 on the May ballot.

Tamra Olague, who currently serves as the council member for Place 5, has filed an application for mayor. Glen Oberg, the current mayor, did not file to be on the ballot. David Dryden (incumbent) has filed for Place 1 and Sara Gashi (incumbent) for Place 2

The city of Reno has three

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## School district gives updates on bond projects

**BY JESSICA MCKINNEY**  
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Azle Independent School District Superintendent Todd Smith and Assistant Superintendent Matt Adams gave a presentation to members of the Long Range Facilities Planning Committee on Feb. 17, updating them on the progress of May and November bond projects.

### MAY 2021 BOND PROJECTS

Proposition A in the May 2021 bond proposition, which voters approved,

focused on the needs for increased capacity and improvements at the elementary level in AISD.

These projects include a new elementary campus —Elementary Campus No. 6 — and renovations to Liberty Elementary, Eagle Heights and Hoover.

Eagle Heights will have single-use toilets added to kindergarten classrooms and there will be a larger, centralized library on the campus. Administration offices will also be moved to the front entrance.

Hoover will receive a new

science lab, renovated band and music spaces, as well as special education classrooms.

Projects at Eagle Heights and Hoover have begun and are expected to be complete in the fall.

"We met with the architects and construction companies Tuesday morning and went over a few last-minute things," said Smith during the presentation, referencing the new elementary campus and the projects at Liberty Elementary.

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# Houdeshell, Duran recognized as Young Texan/Texanne for February

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The Optimist Club of Azle recognized two Azle High School seniors for the month of February during their meeting on Feb. 18.

Dakota Houdeshell was selected as this month's Young Texan. He holds a GPA of 100.57 and is ranked No. 42 in his senior class.

Houdeshell has been accepted to both University of North Texas and University of Texas at Arlington, but he has not made a decision on where he will go after graduation. He plans to study biomedical engineering with a focus on prosthetics.

"I really want to work

on the prosthetic side and, like, create attachments with nerves so you can actually move it and stuff like that," Houdeshell said.

Houdeshell describes himself as intelligent, independent and resourceful, and has been active in football and robotics and is a member of the drone team at AHS.

Andrea Duran is the February Young Texanne. She is ranked No. 25 in her class and her GPA is 102.30.

Duran plans to tour the Midwestern State University and Texas State University campuses before making a decision on which school to attend after graduation. She will be the first in her family

to attend college.

She has already earned several business certifications with Microsoft and plans to pursue a business degree with a focus on accounting.

Duran plays French horn and has been section leader for Marching Green Pride at AHS.

Of her future plans, Duran said, "Like any other high school student, I struggled with, like, oh, what do I want to do for the rest of my life? Sometimes picking your life path at the age of 18 can be very daunting." She credits teacher Kelsie Jones with helping her on the path to business and accounting, and hopes to one day have her own accounting firm.



**OPTIMIST CLUB** president Leon Williams (left) welcomed Azle High School seniors Dakota Houdeshell and Andrea Duran and Principal Randy Cobb to the Feb. 18 meeting, which recognized the students as Young Texan and Texanne for February.

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tion certification is required within the first two years of employment.

City secretaries must earn certain certifications. For a city secretary to attain Texas Registered Municipal Clerk certification, he or she must have 200 hours of course work, exams and attendance at eight two-day seminars. The program, offered through the University of North Texas, requires recertification every five years.

Forgey has earned her Texas Registered Municipal Clerk and Certified Municipal Clerk designations, the latter of which came through the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. She is

working toward her TRMC recertification and Master Municipal Clerk Certification, the latter of which is through the IIMC.

Forgey grew up in Haifa, Israel, and served in the Israeli military; military service is compulsory in Israel. She moved to the U.S. in 2006 with her husband and two children. She has worked for the city of Azle for 5 1/2 years, and before her stint here, she worked for the city of Willow Park for eight years. She started in utility billing in Willow Park but was quickly promoted to city secretary.

An average day varies for the city secretary, Forgey

said, explaining that she begins preparations on a council meeting a week before the meeting date.

"The week before, I send an email to all the department heads and ask them to give me any items to be placed on the agenda," she said. "By Wednesday, I get everything from all the departments, and I start to build the agenda."

Some items she deals with on the job are recurring over time, such as elections and new garbage collection rates. After she receives all the information for the agenda, City Manager Tom Muir will review the information to ensure accuracy. Then

she finishes with the agenda and agenda packets and then posts the agenda. She also will be responsive to council members if they have any questions. Agendas must be posted 72 hours before a meeting.

Forgey is the record manager for the city, and the vault with various records rests across from her office at City Hall. Among her other duties, Forgey handles legal notices for the newspaper, alcohol permits and the minutes from the city council meetings.

She also oversees some other non-business activities, such as the boards and commissions banquet

and employee appreciation banquet. She is the chair of the committee of employee banquet, and she said it is being held now after a long absence.

During meetings, city secretaries have to understand regulations on procedures, such as when the council can take a vote. For example, votes can't be taken on non-action items.

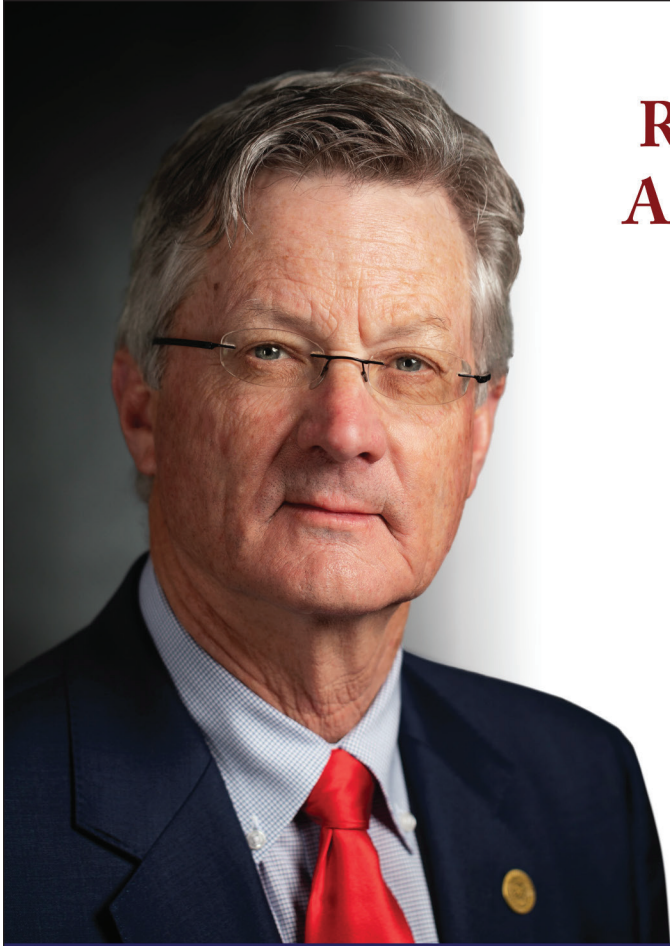
On public information requests, as needed, she can consult with the attorney general or the city attorney, depending on the information being requested. She said public information requests related to the police department are the most

challenging aspect of her job.

"Sometimes you're stuck with one for a long time," she said.

Her favorite aspect of the job is working with people. She loves her job and looks forward to going to work each week with new challenges.

"I enjoy trying to be responsive to everyone," she said. "I like the election season — it's always challenging. I think we have great council members, who are very easy to work with, and I enjoy them too. And I love all the people in the city. We're like a big family. And I'm very fortunate."



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Dr. Glenn Rogers is a sixth generation Texan, rancher, and veterinarian. Glenn and his wife, Mandy, have four children and five grandchildren.

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# AHS HOSA students advance to state

BY DON MUNSCH  
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Azle High School students Lauryn Rasco and Chloe Jones are at different points in their high school career – Rasco graduates this spring while Jones is a freshman – but both students want to work on the health care field some day.

Both students and some of their classmates have gotten a head start in learning about the medical field through participation in Health Occupation Students of America, an organization that affords students a chance to compete in area and state competitions. For AHS HOSA students, this is their first trip to state.

In January, nine Azle students who are in HOSA competed in the area round of competition in Killeen. These students took online tests in December in many health care areas and moved on to the area round of competition, and with their success at the area competition, AHS now has seven students who have advanced to the State Leadership Conference in Galveston in April.

Rasco placed third in Nursing Assisting, Chloe Jones placed third in Sports Medicine and Reeslyn Bice placed third in Veterinary Science. Michael Saline, Elle Coleman, Zoe Weaver and Layne Goley all advanced to state in Health Care Issues.

The following students also competed in the area round: Haylee Allphin, Nursing Assisting; Brian-

na Cochran, Home Health Aide; Elle Coleman, Prepared Speaking; Breton Estes, Researched Persuasive Writing & Speaking; Logan Leach, Kadin Kunkleman and Michael Saline, Medical Innovation. Cochran, Estes, Leach and Allphin will be attending the state conference as voting delegates and courtesy corps.

“In the past five years, we have started getting HOSA implemented in the high school,” said Tiffany Shaw, AHS teacher and HOSA adviser, noting the school had a state qualifier through the health issues exam two years ago, but COVID-19 emerged and the student was unable to go. “This is our first year that we have ever had skills students who have qualified off of a skill. We are taking three skills students and four health issues students.”

Rasco will compete in nursing assisting and there are eight skills she could perform, and they range from hand washing to caring for an ostomy.

“The one that I specifically had at the last competition was taking vitals and I had 10 minutes to do four different vitals,” she said, noting those were temperature, pulse, respirations and blood pressure.

Jones competes in sports med, which is athletic training, and she has skills testing. At this last competition, she performed in anatomical landmarks, in which the judge would call out certain points of the body and she had to identify where they were, and she had to tape an



Azle High School HOSA students are, front row, Reeslyn Bice, Chloe Jones, Lauryn Rasco and Brianna Cochran. Back row are adviser Jimmy Rider, Logan Leach, Elle Coleman and adviser Tiffany Shaw. Not pictured are Michael Saline, Zoe Weaver, Layne Goley, Haylee Allphin and Breton Estes.

Photo by Don Munsch

ankle.

Shaw said because the school is so new in the club, students have been studying since November. Rasco would like to be a labor and delivery nurse, although she originally wanted to be a nurse anesthetist. Jones plans on being a physical therapist or licensed athletic trainer.

“Last year, whenever it came time for high school course signings, that’s when I chose athletic training,” Jones said. “So that was an experience and it’s something I really enjoyed, so that’s where I’d want to go.”

Reeslyn Bice is the vet

science qualifier for the school. At the competition, she identified several instruments that would be used in surgery and wrote a few sentences about what they’re used for. For the skills testing, she had to enter a room and disinfect surgical equipment and get it ready as if she was preparing for surgery. She wants to enter the veterinary field. Equine is her passion, she said. She has eight horses.

Cochran had to perform six or seven skills, ranging from taking a temperature to performing wound care on a patient. She likes law and medicine and wants to

explore a career combining both.

Leach participated in medical innovation, and he and a partner worked on a design for a technology that could improve the medical field. He wants to work in the technology aspect of the medical field.

At the area conference, Coleman competed in prepared speaking but she is going to state for health issues exam, which will quiz students over issues happening in the news.

Students said they have enjoyed competition and look forward to going to state for the state competi-

tion in Galveston.

“This was my first year to be HOSA adviser, and it’s just really exciting to have competed as well as we did and to be able to take seven students to state conference,” said adviser Jimmy Rider. He and Shaw teach health sciences classes. Health sciences students can leave high school with five industry-ready certifications, from the health science clinicals and pharmacy technician courses.

“We’re really proud of how they represented the school and the health science department,” Rider said.

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# Council approves zoning for new development

BY DON MUNSCHE  
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The Azle City Council approved a zoning change at its Feb. 15 meeting that helps pave a way for some upscale homes to be built near Eagle Mountain Lake.

But the approval was not unanimous. In the 4-2 vote, council members Randa Goode and Corey Wynns were opposed, and council held a lengthy discussion on the 16-lot development, to be built on the north and south sides of Park Street approximately 2,100 feet east of South Ash Avenue. Council member Brian Conner was absent from the meeting.

Before that vote and after a public hearing, council approved in a 6-0 vote an ordinance regarding a proposed Comprehensive Master Plan Amendment from the Neighborhood Mixed Use Activity Center to Low Density Residential for approximately 28.24 acres of land. Council then approved, after the lengthy discussion, a zoning change request from the Estate One (E-1) and Institutional (INS) Districts to a Planned Development District by approving a concept plan for a proposed 16-lot residential subdivision on approximately 28.24 acres of land.

City officials said the property is currently undeveloped with existing trees on the north side of Park Street. There will be nine residential lots on the south side of Park Street and will be fronted by the lake and the rest of the lots will be on the north side.

Mike Peterson, principle from Graham Associates Inc., an engineering firm based in Arlington, spoke to the council about development, as did David Hawkins, city director of planning and development. Prices of the homes would be in the \$2-2.5 million range on the lake frontage side and then homes on the other side would be slightly less.

Just one person, Steve Flory, spoke in the public hearing for the zoning change, and that individual supported the development. He lives on Park Street.

Mayor Pro Tem David McClure asked several questions, including about drainage, street issues and the sidewalk, and Goode expressed concerns about the road at the development. Wynns said he had reservations about infrastructure at the development, such as the road, curbs and septic system. Each lot will be served by a septic system – there are no sewer mains nearby – and Park Street sections

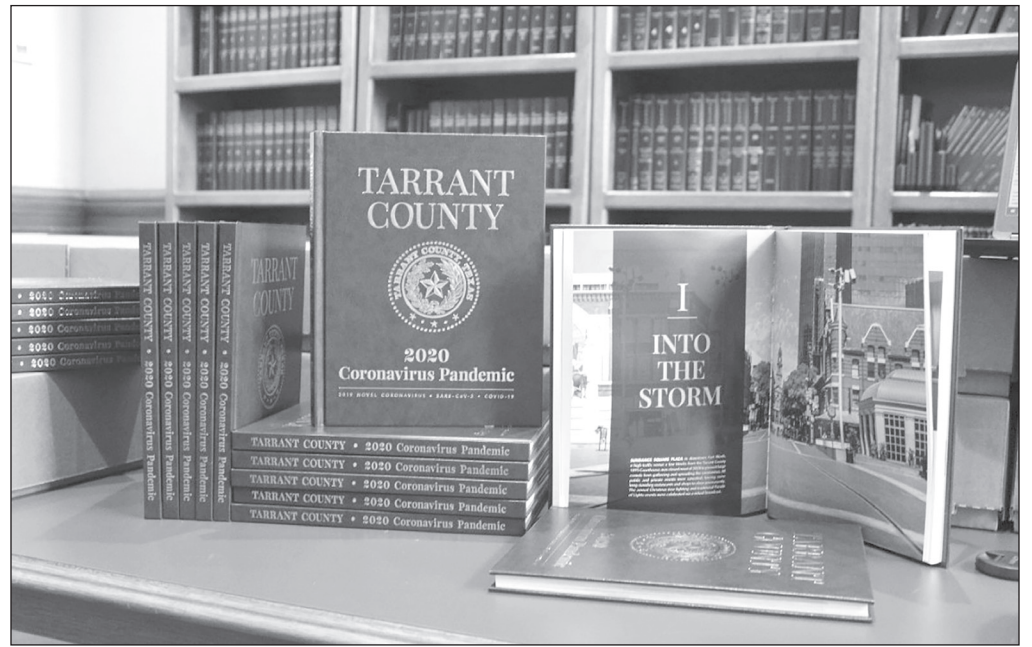
would remain in their current condition with asphalt pavement and bar ditches in lieu of street pavement width of 30 feet with curbs and underground stormwater drains, according to information from the city.

In response to some concerns aired from council, Mayor Alan Brundrett said the city would get a good “bang for our buck” because of the kind of homes at the development.

“To me, this is a non-brainer,” Brundrett said. “This is what we’ve been asking for – we’ve been asking for bigger lots and bigger houses and nicer things to be built in Azle. And that’s exactly what they’re bringing to us and we’re nitpicking on it.”

Goode rejected the notion about nitpicking, explaining that those with concerns are asking for certain standards, such as for streets.

Brundrett said if people drive around Southlake and Westlake, they will find open culverts and asphalt streets and the “look is a lot nicer.” Brundrett said this development would be the “nicest area in the city” and that the developer’s only request is that it just doesn’t want curb-and-gutter streets for the most part. Hawkins said later in an email that the developer was requesting to maintain Park Street in its current design



The city was presented a 2020 Coronavirus Pandemic historical book, which captured highlights of how the pandemic affected the area. Photo courtesy Tarrant County Clerk’s Office

with asphalt pavement and bar ditches so there would be no concrete street with curb and gutter. The intent is to maintain what is out there today and locate new custom homes on both sides of Park Street, he added.

Goode thought it would be prudent to table the matter until the next meeting, but she never made a formal motion. Shortly later, a motion was made to approve the zoning change motion with variances of a 60-foot right of way on Park Street and a 3,000 square foot minimum on the house sizes.

Also at the meeting, the

city was presented a 2020 Coronavirus Pandemic historical book, which captured highlights of how the pandemic affected the area. Tarrant County Clerk Mary Louise Nicholson made the presentation, and the book will be held at the Azle Public Library. The book memorializes the events of the 2020 pandemic through an illustrative narrative as they occurred in Tarrant County government and features the introduction by Governor Greg Abbott and a foreword by Tarrant County Judge Glen Whitley, according to an email from the clerk’s of-

fice to the city of Azle. “Aside from being recognized by several local and state historical organizations, we are proud to share that our book has been accepted and will be received by the Library of Congress,” said Norma Gorena, executive assistant to Mary Louise Nicholson at the County Clerk Tarrant County Clerk’s Office, in the email. The book is being presented to libraries in 41 cities as well as to universities in Tarrant County and high schools, Nicholson said. The book also can be purchased from the clerk’s office.

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council spots up for election in May: Places 1, 3 and 5. Granville “Randy” Martin (Place 1) and Jeff Davis (Place 5) are running uncontested for re-election, and incumbent Shelli Swift (Place 3) is running against candidate Jason Holden.

In the town of Lakeside, Places 1, 3 and 5 are up for election.

Incumbents Wesley Hearn (Place 3) and Rona Stratton Gouyton (Place 5) have filed for reelection. Christopher Ayers has filed to be elected for Place 1.

Azle ISD has four places on the May ballot, including Places 4, 5, 6 and 7. All four incumbents have filed for reelection: Dr. Ray Lea (Place 4); Jeremy May (Place 5); Bill Lane (Place 6); and Jeff Edwards (Place 7).

David Compston filed an application for Place 4 in the upcoming AISD election.

The Walnut Creek Special Utility District will hold an election for three of its five board positions. Frank Sexton, current board president, and Mike Gilley, secretary, have both filed applications

to be on the ballot.

The third position was held by Brian Sexton, who recently stepped down from his position. Beth Correll has filled in the vacancy and also submitted an application to be one of the board directors.

Other applicants for the WCSUD board include Rene Esteves, Jim Cox, Jeff Carter and Candice Chandler.

The last date to register to vote in time for the May 7 election is April 7.

Early voting will run from April 25-May 3. Applications for a ballot by mail must be received (not postmarked) by April 26. Mail-in ballots must be received by May 7 at 7 p.m. if envelope is not postmarked, or May 9 at 5 p.m. if it is postmarked by 7 p.m. at the election location on May 7.

Voters can vote at any polling location within their designated county. Tarrant County voters can go to the Hornet Academy at 1010 Boyd Rd. (old Walnut Creek Elementary). Parker County voters can go to Azle City Hall at 505 W. Main St.

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Those projects have not gone out to bid yet but will as soon as plans are finalized.

The new elementary campus will have the capacity for another 600 students in the district and is going to be built on a property along FM 730 South, with entrances planned on both FM 730 South and Stewart Street.

The expansion at Liberty Elementary is expected to increase capacity from 476 students to 626 students. It will include a larger, centralized library and a bigger cafeteria and kitchen, and move the administration offices to the front entrance.

The new campus and projects at Liberty have an expected completion in

fall 2023.

NOVEMBER 2021 BOND PROJECTS

Voters approved one new bond proposition in November, which focuses on needs at the high school with the cafeteria and science labs.

As of now, those projects have not been put out to bid but plans are still being formulated.

GROWTH CONTINUES

From the start of the school year through Feb. 11, the student population in Azle ISD has grown by 400 students, more than double the projected 150 students.

The district will need to find ways to address the growth as housing develop-

ments continue to add more families to the Azle area.

One option brought up in the meeting of the LRFPC was the possibility of reconfiguring the grade levels at each campus, such as having kindergarten through fifth grade at elementary campuses and sixth, seventh and eighth grades in the intermediate campuses.

The idea of a ninth grade campus was brought up but was not favored by many at the meeting because of cost and logistics. Having another campus would mean high school freshmen would not have access to the Career and Technical Education facilities at the high school. Building a new campus and trying to duplicate all of the

same amenities would come with a hefty price tag.

A new high school campus is another idea that some residents have suggested, but the cost of a new campus is above and beyond the cost of recent bond packages that have been rejected by voters.

“Eagle Mountain-Saginaw just bid a new high school about three or four weeks ago now, and it was for a capacity of about 2,400, which is what we’ve been looking at for our high school,” Adams said. “The cost of that high school came in at \$270 million. ... We know also what a challenge it’s been to sell \$50 million in Azle ISD. How do we go sell \$270 million?”

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# Obituaries

## Beverly Lou Harvey Mitchell Tuck 1929 - 2022

Beverly Lou Harvey Mitchell Tuck passed away peacefully at home on Feb. 5, 2022, at the age of 92.

A celebration of Beverly's life will be held on Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022, at 11 a.m. at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Ft. Worth, Texas. A reception will be held afterward at the church with interment following at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. A visitation will be held on Feb. 25, 2022, from 6-8 p.m. at Mt. Olivet Funeral Home, Ft. Worth, Texas.

Memorials may be made to Wounded Warriors, Salvation Army, the Tarrant County Food Bank, or a charity of your choice.

Beverly lived well and remained independent until her last few weeks. She died as she lived: gracefully, peacefully, and surrounded by her children having been visited and loved by her grandchildren, extended family, and life-long friends.

Beverly was born "An-



nel" at The Willows Maternity home in Kansas City, Missouri on Sept. 27, 1929, was adopted soon after by Louis A. and Nellie May Harvey, and named Beverly Lou. She lived in Thrall and Eureka, Kansas throughout her childhood and began first grade at the age of four. She graduated from Hamilton High School. She attended Colorado State College of Education, at Greeley in Greeley, Colorado.

Some of Beverly's happiest memories were of Nellie "Mother". She often spoke of her mother's joy, playfulness,

and love of life. Beverly received her love of life, learning, travel, nature, birds, and sewing from this remarkable woman who passed suddenly from this life when Beverly was only eight years old. Her father later married Opal Pharr who became her third mother. Beverly was married briefly to Norman Tubbs and gave birth to her son, Danny.

Beverly married Wilbur Eugene Mitchell on Aug. 20, 1948 in Eureka Kansas. Young, in love, and quite the travelers, Wilbur and Beverly enjoyed numerous trips on their motorcycle and traveled extensively across the United States throughout their marriage. They shared their love of travel with their children.

They moved from Eureka, Kansas to Independence, Missouri where their first two daughters, Susan and Julie, were born. They moved to Ft. Worth Texas in 1962. In 1963, they welcomed their third daughter,

Rebecca, and settled in their family home in the Town of Lakeside where Beverly lived until her death.

Beverly and Wilbur were faithful members of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, having joined the congregation in 1962. Beverly became a member of the church vestry upon the untimely death of Wilbur in 1970 and continued to be a living example of faith, love, and generosity to her family, friends, and neighbors.

In 1991, at the age of 61, she married a very special man, Ralph Tuck, and gained a fourth daughter, Liz. Ralph and Beverly shared many happy adventures until Ralph's passing in 1994.

Beverly physically and emotionally supported the people she knew. Up until late 2021, she volunteered by running errands for friends and providing transportation for others to and from group events and breakfasts. Beverly has sup-

ported many faith-based and humanitarian charities and organizations. She has enjoyed and maintained many new, close, and long-term friendships across all ages; she has never met a stranger.

Beverly believed in family, in celebrations of life, and remembering those who have died. She rarely missed a baptism, graduation, wedding, or funeral and, until recently, would routinely drive herself all over the state and country to celebrate the important moments of so many friends and family members.

An 11-year breast cancer remission abruptly ended in December 2021. Beverly accepted the news with grace. While her independence was no longer possible, our family was given a great gift in those few weeks as we did our best to love her as she had loved us. For this we will be eternally grateful.

Beverly has been reunited with her birth mother, her Mother and Daddy, her stepmother, her dear husbands,

and her son-in-law Steve Tabb.

She is survived by her son Daniel Lee Harvey and wife Suzie of Newkirk, Oklahoma; her daughters Susan Mitchell Tabb of Boise, Idaho, Julie Mitchell Eggers and husband Steven of Dallas, Texas, and Rebecca Mitchell Blackman of Lakeside, Texas; daughter by marriage, Liz Tuck Stokes and husband Ronnie of Ker-ville; grandchildren Lisa Harvey, Danelle Harvey Gilberti, Stefanie Blackman Steele and husband Steve, Wesley Blackman and wife Katie Cook, Amanda Eggers, John Blackman, Mary Tabb, Alexander Eggers, Rebecca Tabb, Caroline Blackman, and Stephen Stokes; great-grandchildren Derek Gilberti, Dominic Gilberti, Austin Steele, Seth Steele, Megan Steele, and Lacey Steele; goddaughter Mary Allinder Greenlee and husband Lynn.

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# Obituaries

## Susan A. Scott Rice 1958 - 2022

Susan A. Scott Rice of Azle went to heaven to gain her heavenly angel wings on Feb. 9, 2022 after a brief battle with lung cancer at the age of 63.

A Celebration of Life will be held on March 12, 2022 at 10 a.m. at Cornerstone Community Church located at 2233 East Highway 199, Springtown, Texas 76082.

To match Susan's vibrant personality please wear your most colorful attire.

Born in 1958 in San Bernardino, California, Susan moved to the Azle area with her family in 1969. Graduating from Azle High School in 1977, she remained in the area until 2015, spending her time working at local eateries, volunteering at her children's school and helping with extracurricular activities.

For the last 12 years she held the title of World's Greatest "Naw Naw" to her grandchildren who were her pride and joy.

In 2015, Susan moved to Buda, Texas to live with her son and then relocated with



him to Portland, Oregon in 2017.

Susan was preceded in death by her mother, Avonne "Nonnie" Scott, father, Herman Allen Scott Jr., and sister, Laurie Scott Dodgen.

She will be greatly missed by those she is survived by: daughter, Lindsay Smith and husband Kevin; grandchildren Kyle and Layton Smith; son Ryan Wright and husband Austin; brother Greg Scott and wife Debbie; sisters, Elizabeth Scott and Linda Grant; aunt Geraldine Scott of Nevada; and several nieces and nephews.

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## Frances Ann Anderson 1957 - 2022

Frances Ann Anderson, 64, passed away peacefully Friday morning, Feb. 18, 2022 with her brother by her side.

Service was at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2022 in Biggers Funeral Chapel. Burial is at a later date in Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.

She was born Aug. 15, 1957, in Ft. Smith, Arkansas to the late Georgia Winter and Thomas Scott.

She was an avid Star Wars and Star Trek fan. She was a very generous and caring person. She loved everyone and loved animals of any size and kind.

Fran was preceded in death by her father, Thomas Burford Scott; her mother, Georgia Bernice Winter; stepfather, Klaus Winter; her grandparents; her aunt, Pearl Meier, and her dear friend and roommate Corrie from her home in Willow Park.

She is survived by her



brothers, Jack Scott (Susie) of Azle, Kirk Scott (Mary) of Ranger; daughters, Angie Morrisette (Shaun) from England, Heather Morrisette (Jason) of Granbury, and Teresa Hollerich (Tony) of Saginaw. She has three granddaughters, Sarah and Samantha Taylor and Aubrey Hollerich; nieces, Monica Scott, Melanie Brown-Caldwell, Kayla Scott, and Rebecca Schwonke; eight great-nieces and nephews.

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## Colleena Nichols 1956 - 2022

Colleena Nichols, 65, was called home, Saturday night, Feb. 12, 2022.

She passed, peacefully in her sleep.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022 at Alexander's Midway, Springtown.

Colleena was born Sept. 23, 1956 in Piggott, Arkansas to Anita Dixon and Colin Phillips.

She was preceded in death by her father; grandparents, George and Wilma Dixon; brother, David Morron; son, Mathew Nichols and grandson, Austin Graham.

Colleena enjoyed reading, spending time with her family, and her little dog Princess. She was loved and will be missed.

She is survived by her mother, Anita Springer; sisters, Jerri Dougherty and



Evelyn Phillips; brother, Melton Dimock; children, Christina Graham and husband Joshua, Kelli Ditzler and husband Mathew, Joshua Nichols and wife Temi, David McMurrian and Kristopher Nichols; grandchildren, Devon, Maddison, Jackson, Kaylee, Colby, Michael, Logan, Neila, Layla, and Nathan.

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## Carmella Faye Santiago 1941 - 2022

Carmella Faye Santiago, 80, crossed over to Heaven peacefully, guided by Our Father, Sunday, Feb. 13, 2022 in Springtown.

Celebration of Life is at 12:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022 Alexander's Midway Funeral Home, 3607 East Highway 199, Springtown.

In lieu of flowers please donate to Alzheimer's Association.

She was born Aug. 19, 1941 in Wilmington, Delaware. Carmella loved walking, being with people, having family dinners, volunteering and being a part of her church. She was greatly loved and will be deeply missed by many.

We as a family would like to give thanks to all of the people that have helped in her care in Delaware and Texas and safe move.

She was a faithful wife, married to her first love, Hipolito Santiago for 52 years before his passing in 2012.



She was preceded in death by her father, Dominick Schivello; mother, Elma (Lewis) Schivello; and brother, Donald Schivello.

She is survived by and was a loving mother to Anthony and Helene Santiago, Steven Santiago, Chris and Yvonne Smith; devoted Mom Mom to Michelle Ganzman, Kristen Pelle, Anthony Santiago, Sean Santiago, Jonathon Smith, Hannah Snyder, Benjamin Santiago, Sarah Wells, Noel Santiago and 11 great grandchildren.

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# Vote in the Texas Primary Election

Between the campaign signs, commercials, social media posts, and mailers, you probably do not need a reminder it is Texas Primary Election season. Early voting started last week and runs through February 25, with Election Day on Tuesday, March 1.

Taking the time to educate yourself and vote in the primary election is extremely important, especially with so many candidates on the ballot. As public education continues to come under attack by some candidates, I encourage you to vote for candidates who fully support and fight for public education. This is extremely important to the future of public education in Texas and the almost 7,000 students of Azle ISD.

On a local matter, be sure to mark your calendar for the Azle ISD Showcase at Azle High School on Thursday, March 10, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Showcase is a free community-wide event you will not want to miss. Students from all campuses, Pre-K - 12th grade, will be "showing off" their



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

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

best talents. Showcase is the highlight of celebrating Public Schools Week, and as our community continues to encounter fast growth, it is important for everyone, especially anyone new to Azle ISD, to see our Hornets in action. I encourage everyone from the Azle ISD community to come check out the event. I am certain you will be impressed with all of the great things happening in Azle ISD. It is a fun-filled evening for all involved, complete with a free food court area. Please check our website and social media for updates on the event.

In closing, as we approach the two-year mark of the COVID pandemic, once again I want to say thank you to the Azle ISD community for your support and

patience during these challenging times. We have all experienced hardships and difficult times because of the pandemic, and Azle ISD remains committed to supporting the social and emotional needs of our students and families. I am extremely proud of how our teachers, administrators, nurses, coaches, bus drivers, custodians, food service workers and every other support staff segment of Azle ISD have risen to the all-important task of loving and serving our children. Thanks to the ongoing support of our Azle ISD community, working together we exemplify, We Are Azle!

Todd Smith  
Superintendent of Schools

## RETIREMENT NEWS

# Chief Pitts retires from Lakeside

Police Chief Lee Pitts in December announced his intent to retire from the Town of Lakeside after 15 years of service.

During the January City Council meeting, Chief Pitts officially announced his retirement. During the February City Council meeting, Steve Carpenter was selected as the new police chief. There will be a four-to six-week transition period before Chief Carpenter is

sworn in as police chief.

Chief Carpenter is a 30-year veteran of the Fort Worth Police Department, retiring in June 2016 as a captain. Chief Carpenter has commanded the PRO Team, Tactical Investigation Division, East Patrol Division and Criminal Investigation Division. In July 2016 Chief Carpenter was appointed Assistant Chief of Police with the Lake Worth Police Department.

In March 2020, Carpenter joined the Lakeside Police Department as a reserve officer providing administrative support to Chief Pitts.

Chief Carpenter has a Master of Arts in professional development from Dallas Baptist University. He also is a graduate of the FBI National Academy Class 206, has Executive Leadership Development Training and is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

## Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Reno has determined that the following proposed action under the Community Development Block Grant administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) and ERR #(7220390), is located in the 100-year floodplain, and the City of Reno will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management.

### Project Location:

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

### Water Improvements:

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

### Description of the Proposed Project:

#### Water Improvements:

Install: a 6-inch water line along Miller Rd; Disinfection systems at all 7 well sites to switch from chlorine to chloramines; an additional booster pump at Well Site #1; and Reconfigure the booster pumps at Well Site #5.

#### Well Site #1:

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

Estimated Ground Disturbance:

- 10' x 10' for disinfection building, no disturbance for booster pump

#### Well Site #2

- Install disinfection building to switch from chlorine to chloramines

Estimated Ground Disturbance:

- 10' x 10' for disinfection building

#### Well Site #3

- Install disinfection building to switch from chlorine to chloramines

Estimated Ground Disturbance:

- 10' x 10' for disinfection building

#### Well Site #4

- Install disinfection building to switch from chlorine to chloramines

Estimated Ground Disturbance:

- 10' x 10' for disinfection building

#### Well Site #5

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

Estimated Ground Disturbance:

- 10' x 10' for disinfection building

#### Well Site #6

- Install disinfection building to switch from chlorine to chloramines

Estimated Ground Disturbance:

- 10' x 10' for disinfection building, no disturbance for booster pump reconfiguration

#### Well Site #7

- Install disinfection building to switch from chlorine to chloramines

Estimated Ground Disturbance:

- 10' x 10' for disinfection building

#### Miller Rd Water Line

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

Estimated Ground Disturbance:

- 5150' x 8' for water line construction (0.09 acres)

Professional Services including Grant Administrator and Project Engineer activities.

### FLOODPLAIN

According to FEMA floodplain map #48367C0200E (effective date 9/26/08), a portion of the project is located within a 100-year floodplain (Zone AE):

- Well Site #6 - Northside of Rhonda B Rd. (32.92151, -97.54686).

Area of Disturbance: 10'x10' or 0.0023 acres

### Natural and beneficial values potentially adversely affected by the activity:

- In addition to concerns for life and property, the City has considered the natural values of the floodplain. The natural resources of the floodplain include water, biological, and societal resources. The proposed project will have minimal impacts to the floodplain as the project involves minimal ground disturbance within the floodplain.
- After consultation with the USFWS, review of the County Lists of Endangered and Threatened Species for the County and on-site inspections of the project site, it was concluded that the construction of the facilities will have no quantifiable impact on plant and animal life. Only native plants are to be used in the floodplain and on the site.
- Societal resources should also be considered during the design process. The designs are meant to complement the natural features of the area and to offer an aesthetically pleasing structure. The site will not have an effect on agricultural lands.

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

Written comments must be received by the City of Reno at the following address on or before **March 14, 2022**, (a minimum 15 calendar day comment period will begin the day after the publication and end on the 16<sup>th</sup> day after the publication): the **City of Reno, 195 W. Reno Road Reno, TX 76020**, Attention: **Scott Passmore, City Administrator**. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from **9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**, at the same address or at the following URL: <https://tinyurl.com/2p9cpcf>. Comments may also be submitted via email at [todd@texasenvironmentals.com](mailto:todd@texasenvironmentals.com).

Publication Date: February 24, 2022

## Azle School Menu Feb 28 - Mar 4, 2022

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

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

**LUNCH: Everyday - Variety of milk. Your choice of 1 entree & 1 fruit or juice**  
 Mon Popcorn Chicken Rice Bowl, Tangy Sweet & Sour Chicken w/Brown Rice **Tues** Beefy Macaroni Marinara w/ Roll, BBQ Sloppy Joe Sandwich  
**Weds** Chicken Fajitas w/Flour Tortilla & Spanish Rice, Chicken & Cheese Tamales w/Rice & Beans, Cheesy Mexican Mix, Refried Beans **Thurs**  
 Meatloaf Mashed Potato Bowl w/Biscuit, Chicken Nugget Potato Bowl w/Biscuit **Fri** Delicious Cheese Pizza, Grilled Cheeseburger, Crispy Tater Tots

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**GRADES 5TH - 8TH**

**BREAKFAST: Everyday - Assorted Fruits and Cereal, Juice, White or Chocolate Milk, Graham Crackers,**  
 Mon Mini Cinnamon Rolls **Tues** Maple Mini Waffles **Weds** Turkey Sausage Breakfast Pizza  
**Thurs** Vanilla Yogurt Cup w/ Graham Crackers **Fri** Chicken Biscuit Sandwich

**LUNCH: Everyday - Variety of milk. Your choice of 1 entree & 1 fruit or juice, rolls, crackers. Variety of burgers.**  
 Mon Spicy Chicken Patty Sandwich, Cheesesteak, Breaded Chicken Patty Sandwich, Hamburger, Pepperoni, Jalapeno Pizza, Pepperoni Pizza,  
 Garlic Chicken Penne, Italian Chicken in HM Pomodoro Sauce over WW Penne **Tues** Spicy Chicken Patty Sandwich, Cheesesteak, Breaded Chicken  
 Patty Sandwich, Hamburger, Pepperoni Pizza, Turkey Ham Hawaiian Pizza, Spaghetti Marinara w/Meatballs & Roll, Chicken Parmesan w/ Spaghetti  
**Weds** Homemade Beef Burrito, Homemade Chicken Burrito, Bean & Cheese Burrito, Cheesy Turkey Melt, Cheese Pizza, Pork Sausage Crumble  
 Pizza, Chicken Pot Pie w/ Biscuit, Chilled Chicken Fajita Sandwich, Sweet & Sour Chicken w/Lomein Noodles, Sweet & Sour Beef w/Lomein Noodles,  
 Chicken Tender Potato Bowl w/Roll, Cilantro Lime Rice **Thurs** Spicy Chicken Patty Sandwich, Cheesesteak, Breaded Chicken Patty Sandwich,  
 Hamburger, Cheese Pizza, Meatloaf Mashed Potato Bowl w/Biscuit, Chicken Nuggets w/Macaroni & Cheese **Fri** Cheese Pizza, Loaded  
 Meatloaf Mashed Potato Bowl w/Biscuit, Chicken Nuggets w/Macaroni & Cheese, Crispy Straight Cut Fries

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**HIGH SCHOOL**

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

**LUNCH: Everyday: Milk • Pizza • Salad. Your choice of 1 entree & 1 fruit or juice BALLPARK CLASSICS: Ham/Cheesesteak**  
 Breaded Chicken Patty Sandwich • Spicy Chicken Patty Sandwich • Golden Chicken Corn Dog

Mon Bean & Cheese Tacos, Beefy Tacos, Chicken & Cheese Taco, Cilantro Lime Rice, Refried Beans, Peppered Broccoli Florets, Crispy Popcorn  
 Chicken Wrap, Delicious Cheese Pizza, Classic Pepperoni Pizza, Jerk Chicken & Caribbean Rice, Fish Shape Nugget & Chips w/Roll, Sweet & Sour  
 Chicken w/Brown Rice, Crispy Kung Pao Chicken w/Brown Rice, Chicken Nugget Potato Bowl w/Roll **Tues** Beefy Nachos, Homemade Cheesy Na-  
 chos, Chicken Nachos, Diced Chicken Teriyaki Wrap, Veggie Pizza, Classic Pepperoni Pizza, Cheesesteak Tots w/ Biscuit, Beefy Macaroni Marinara  
 w/ Roll, Orange Chicken w/ Brown Rice, Chili Garlic Chicken Stir Fry w/ Rice, Country Fried Steak Potato Bowl w/Roll **Weds** Homemade Beef Burrito,  
 Homemade Chicken Burrito, Homemade Bean & Cheese Burrito, Cilantro Lime Rice, Cheesy Turkey Melt, Delicious Cheese Pizza, Pork Sausage  
 Crumble Pizza, Chicken Pot Pie w/ Biscuit, Chilled Chicken Fajita Sandwich, Sweet & Sour Chicken w/Lomein Noodles, Sweet & Sour Beef w/Lomein  
 Noodles, Chicken Tender Potato Bowl w/Roll, Classic Refried Beans, Steamed Crinkle Carrots **Thurs** Beef Enchiladas, Verde Chicken Enchiladas,  
 Cheese Enchiladas, Crispy Popcorn Chicken Wrap, Delicious Cheese Pizza, Classic Pepperoni Pizza, Chunky Veggie Chili, Chili con Carne, Cornbread,  
 & Crackers, Meat/Meat Alternate, Teriyaki Meatballs & Broccoli, Chicken Teriyaki, Chicken Nugget Potato Bowl w/Roll **Fri** Beef & Cheese Fajita,  
 Chicken Fajita w/ Flour Tortilla, Cheesy Chicken Salad Wrap, Veggie Pizza, Pepperoni Pizza, Herb Roasted Turkey w/Stuffing & Roll, General Tso  
 Meatballs w/ Seasoned Rice, General Tso's Chicken w/Fried Rice, Country Fried Steak Potato Bowl w/Roll, Cilantro Lime Rice

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# Happy TWOSDAY!



## BE AMAZING

By Gerry Lewis

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

“This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! You don’t want to miss it! It will never happen again in your lifetime!”

Have you ever heard that kind of advertisement?

As I’m typing this on Presidents Day, I’m thinking of sales on Presidents Day, Labor Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Black Friday, Cyber Monday ... Incredible deals that you will never see again. Until the next time.

There’s something about a limited time, limited availability opportunity that marketers use to trigger action on the part of potential customers.

Our FOMO (Fear of Missing Out) kicks in with that special call to action.

There is a day coming tomorrow (it will have passed by the time some of you read this, but stay with me) that is seriously, literally, most assuredly, without exaggeration a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

February 22, 2022 can be written as 2/22/22. The last time a date could be written that was January 11, 1911. I suppose it’s possible that someone was around on that date 111 years ago, but it would be extremely rare. I suppose it is also possible that someone will still be here 100 years from now on February 22, 2122, but that will again be extremely rare.

For most people, it is truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Now if we’re talking about all the digits being the same (1/11/1111 or 2/22/2222) that is a once-in-a-millennia experience. No chance for anyone to see two of those.

If we want to get completely ridiculous with this (assuming we haven’t already crossed that threshold), we can have an even more precise once-in-a-lifetime experience at 2:22 a.m. on 2/22/22.

If we use the 12-hour

clock, we get another one at 2:22 p.m. How many in a lifetime now?

Two (2).

And all this in happening on Tuesday, so let’s just go with a pronunciation of Twosday.

Now just to completely cross over into ridiculous land, wouldn’t it be cool if a baby were born at either of those 2:22s tomorrow on Twosday 2/22/22?

That child would be really special. Just like every other child.

Because, if we’re really being honest, Twosday 2/22/22 is no more special than any other day.

It’s an interesting momentary distraction, but what truly makes tomorrow special is the same thing that makes any other day special — what we choose to do with it.

There are 365 special days each year (one extra every leap year) on which babies are born, couples are married, milestones are reached, projects are launched, first homes are purchased, and memories are made.

Those 365 days are also difficult because loved ones die, marriages end, jobs are lost, hearts are broken and projects fail.

This is the nature of life — laughter and tears, joy and sorrow, health and sickness, success and failure.

And many of those are no more within our control than the calendar is.

But what is within our control is what we choose to do with those days and the experiences they contain.

Early this morning, I read Psalm 52:8-9: “I will always trust in God’s unfailing love. I will praise you forever, O God, for what you have done. I will trust in your good name in the presence of your faithful people.”

That’s a choice we can make every day.

Be amazing today, my friend.

# FFA support group to hold dinner, auction

## FROM STAFF REPORTS

Azle FFA Alumni and Supporters will have a Beans and Cornbread dinner and auction at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at Santo Forte Junior High School, 479 Sandy Beach Road.

Items to be auctioned baked goods, jewelry, hunting supplies and equipment, tools, home and holiday décor, chil-

dren’s toys, women’s accessories and much more.

Azle FFA Alumni and Supporters supports the Azle FFA Chapter throughout the year by providing scholarships, support with students attending state contests, purchase of animals at the Tarrant County Livestock Show and the annual FFA Banquet Meal.

## LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICES

### INVITATION TO BID NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the City of Azle, Texas (OWNER) will receive sealed Bids at Azle City Hall until 11:00 a.m. local time on Thursday, March 3, 2022 for Bulk Process Chemicals for the Azle Water Treatment Plant and Azle Wastewater Treatment Plant. Bids will be opened and read aloud publicly following the close of the Bid Period. Bidders may receive a copy of Invitation to Bid from the City’s website at <http://www.cityofazle.org>. For additional information, please contact: Michelle Stevens/Purchasing Agent at 817-444-7003 or by email at [mstevens@cityofazle.org](mailto:mstevens@cityofazle.org)

### Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that The City of Azle, Texas will conduct a public hearing in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 505 W. Main, Azle, Texas during the regular City Council meeting beginning at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, March 1, 2022. The purpose of the public hearing will be to receive citizen input on community needs and project selection relative to funds to be received in the 48th year of the Tarrant County’s Community Development Block Grant Program

On March 4, 2022 we will be holding a public auction on the following homes.

- 1) 1999 CMH 28X64 HUD #HWC0275158/59 CURRENT OWNER OF RECORD PEARLY M HAYSLIP, PEOPLE OF INTEREST PHYLLIS BRADSHAW, KIMBERLY TERWILLINGER. CURRENT LIENHOLDERS ENSPIRE FINANCIAL LOCATED IN TARRANT COUNTY TAXING AREA.
  - 2) TITAN HOME 28X40 HUD#COL0034783/84 CURRENT OWNER OF RECORD OSCAR BARRERRA, PEOPLE OF INTEREST LAURA EWING. LOCATED IN TARRANT COUNTY TAXING AREA.
  - 3) GUERDON INDUSTRIES INCORPORATED 14X72 HUD#ARK0024305 CURRENT OWNER OF RECORD GWEN D GOODNIGHT. PEOPLE OF INTEREST ARTURO PEREZ. LIENHOLDER CONSECO FINANCE SERVICING CORP. LOCATED IN TARRANT COUNTY TAXING AREA.
- ANY PERSONS WITH ANY INTERST CONTACT OUR OFFICE 817-237-1370. THE PUBLIC AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT 12125 JACKSBORO HWY. FORT WORTH, TX 76135 ON MARCH 4, 2022, AT 8AM.

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

CITY OF AZLE, TEXAS  
EMERGENCY RAW WATER INTAKE and

#### WATER TREATMENT PLANT GENERATOR - REBID

Separate sealed bids for the construction of EMERGENCY RAW WATER INTAKE and WATER TREATMENT PLANT GENERATOR - REBID (Azle bid number 22-001R) will be received by the City of Azle, Texas until 3:00 PM on Thursday, March 17, 2022, at City Hall, 505 W. Main Street, Azle, Texas, 76020, and then at said location publicly opened and read aloud. This project consists of the installation of a 350 KW emergency power generator at the City’s water treatment plant and any related appurtenances. This project also consists of the installation of a 250 KW emergency generator at the City’s raw water intake facility. The Contract Documents consisting of Advertisement of Bids, Information for Bidders, Bid Proposal, Bid Bond, Contract, Performance and Payment Bonds, Maintenance Bond, General Conditions, Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed, Plans, Specifications and Addenda (if any) may be examined at the following location:  
JACOB & MARTIN, LLC  
1508 Santa Fe Drive, Suite 203, Weatherford, Texas 76086  
A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at the City Hall in Azle, 505 W. Main Street, Azle, Texas 76020.  
The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities and to reject any or all bids. Bids may be held by the Owner for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders prior to awarding of the contract.

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS must be ordered online at [www.jacobmartin.com](http://www.jacobmartin.com). Orders for CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may include hard copies for pick up, mail out or digital download via [www.jacobmartin.com](http://www.jacobmartin.com). Upon verification of online payment, hard copies may be picked up at Jacob & Martin, LLC, located at 1508 Santa Fe Drive, Suite 203, Weatherford, TX 76086. Cost for hard copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS will be \$100.00. Cost for digital download of CONTRACT DOCUMENTS will be \$0.00. Contractors must purchase a set of CONTRACT DOCUMENTS to be considered a registered plan holder eligible to bid the project. A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of CITY OF AZLE, TEXAS, negotiable U.S. Governmental bonds (at par value) or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid shall be submitted with each bid.  
City of Azle, Texas Alan Brundrett, Mayor February 16, 2022

Azle Independent School District is requesting Proposals from qualified bidders for: Food Service Management Company for the 2022-2023 school year. A Pre-Proposal conference will be held on March 9, 2022 at 2 p.m. (CST) beginning at the Azle ISD Administration Building at 300 Roe Street, Azle, Texas 76020 and concluding with a tour of campuses. The Pre-Proposal Conference is OPTIONAL for your bid to be considered. Visitors wishing to attend may RSVP to [beaster@azleisd.net](mailto:beaster@azleisd.net) with names of attendees no later than 2 p.m. (CST) Monday, March 7, 2022. Please note that vendors will be limited to four attendees for the Pre-Proposal Conference. Proposals shall be in a sealed envelope marked “Food Service Management Proposal, #22-03.23” and either mailed or delivered to Azle ISD Purchasing, Attention, Beverly Easter, 300 Roe Street, Azle, Texas 76020 no later than 2:00 p.m. (CST), March 29, 2022. Any proposal received after that time will be returned unopened. A copy of the Request for Proposal can be obtained by contacting Beverly Easter by phone at (817) 444-0805, or by email at [beaster@azleisd.net](mailto:beaster@azleisd.net). All other inquiries concerning this RFP must be made in writing to [beaster@azleisd.net](mailto:beaster@azleisd.net).

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

CITY OF AZLE, TEXAS  
ASH AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION

Separate sealed bids for the construction of ASH AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION (Azle bid number 22-004) will be received by the City of Azle, Texas until 3:00 PM on Thursday, March 24, 2022, at City Hall, 505 W. Main Street, Azle, Texas, 76020, and then at said location publicly opened and read aloud. This project consists of removing and lowering approximately 1,730 linear feet along Ash Avenue and 480 linear feet along Park Street and replacing it with new concrete paving. This project also consists of Right of Way drainage improvements on both sides of Ash Avenue and Park Street as shown in the plans.

The Contract Documents consisting of Advertisement of Bids, Information for Bidders, Bid Proposal, Bid Bond, Contract, Performance and Payment Bonds, Maintenance Bond, General Conditions, Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed, Plans, Specifications, and Addenda (if any) may be examined at the following location:  
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City of Azle, Texas Alan Brundrett, Mayor February 23, 2022

### NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF DAVID LYNN FARRIS, DECEASED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of DAVID LYNN FARRIS, Deceased, were issued on January 21, 2022, under Cause No. 2021-PR01407-1, pending in the County Court of Tarrant County, Texas, to DEBRA LOUISE FARRIS, as Independent Executor of the estate. Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate, addressed as follows:

DEBRA LOUISE FARRIS  
Estate of DAVID LYNN FARRIS, Deceased  
c/o Carrissa A. Cleavinger  
Field, Manning, Stone, Hawthorne & Aycock, P.C.  
2112 Indiana Avenue  
Lubbock, Texas 79410

All persons having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.  
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ON FISHING

# Yes, you can catch hybrid striped bass in cold water

Can you catch hybrid striped bass in cold water? It is the belief among many that hybrid striped bass can be difficult to catch during the winter months. There are times that are better than others, but if you can pattern the fish they can be caught most any time of the year.



**ON FISHING**

By Michael Acosta

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

The most active temperature range for a hybrid striped bass is usually in water between 60 and 75 degrees. This is a rule of thumb. The hybrid striped bass is a manmade cross between a striped bass and a white bass. Hybrids can be active in the middle 40s in the winter and in the 90-plus degree water in the summer. In fact, most folks including myself like to consider the hybrid striped bass as a species to be sought after in the heat of summer. The hybrid will feed more actively than its full-blooded cousin the striped bass in summer, as the white bass that is bred into them allows this species to tolerate the heat better.

It is true at water temperatures below 50 degrees the fish will be more lethargic. The baitfish are more lethargic and are easy prey for the predators. The hybrid striped bass, and striped bass for that matter, are generally opportunistic feeders, especially the bigger, older fish. If other fish are feeding, the bigger hybrids will generally be below them waiting on an easy meal to float down to them. As the temperature warms toward spring they will get more apt to chase bait. When they start feeding actively, it is a blast any time of the year. Wintertime fishing is my favorite, as artificial presentations will outperform live bait most every day. A slow presentation is generally preferred to mimic slow, lethargic

baitfish or to mimic a dying baitfish. Move it too fast and you may not get a bite. Soft plastics of many different types can catch these fish. Zoom flukes, Bass Assassins, and Sassy Shads on a jig head are effective.

So where can you catch hybrid striped bass? There are some in Lake Granbury that were transported downstream from Lake Graham and some I am told are escapees from the hatchery below Possum Kingdom Lake. Relatively close to Granbury is Benbrook, Lake Proctor, Lake Bridgeport, Graham and Lake Lewisville that are all stocked with hybrid striped bass. More Texas waters are stocked with hybrids as they can tolerate the Texas heat better than the full-blooded striped bass. The Brazos, the Colorado, and the Red River are all generally stocked with full

blooded striped bass. There are a couple of lakes that have both species stocked, like Lake Tawakoni.

Some say the fight of a lethargic winter fish is not as good as other times of the year. They may be a little more lethargic at first, but once hooked it is a different matter. Even though they can be stronger later in the year, they still uphold their "frankenfish" reputation. You are in for a fight.

The hybrid is also excellent table fare for those of you who enjoy eating fish. Winter fish are extremely obese and healthy which means thick, firm fillets. The temperatures are starting to rise and these fish will be seeking warming water as the baitfish will be doing the same. Be aware of changing patterns as spring approaches. This is an exciting time of the year for the angler.

## FISHING REPORT

On other reservoirs, Lake Whitney striped bass and crappie are excellent in the river near Kimball Bend. Whitney largemouth to over 12b pounds are possible near major creek entrances. Possum Kingdom Lake sand bass and large striped bass are good near Costello Island on jigs and live shad. Largemouth bass are good on PK to 10 pounds plus on soft plastics worked near structure in the backs of major creeks.

## Scott signs her memoir, "True Dat."



**BOOK SIGNING** Lynda K. Scott (left) - Scottie to her friends - was surrounded by visitors like Bob and Krisan Buckel (pictured) on Feb. 17. She was in a beautiful home on Eagle Mountain Lake, signing copies of her self-published work "True Dat," a fun memoir featuring vintage family photos and anecdotes, news clippings, recipes and more - snapshots of a life well lived.

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

# Free Master Classes on Wednesday

**BY JACKIE "JJ" JOY**

As we prepare to start the third month of 2022, we are excited to let you know of new things happening at the Azle Adult Activity Center (Senior Center) located at 601 Southeast Parkway, in Ash Creek Park.

This is a safe place where those 60 years old and over can come for fun, food and fellowship. With our tables spaced out and limited number of seats per table, we are observing social distancing. We have hands-free hand sanitizers for your use.

We are now able to order breakfast for Tuesday through Friday. These are ordered two days in advance, so please call 817-444-0070 to learn what is available the day you would like to come and get your breakfast reserved. These are available by 9 a.m. on the day you select.

Another exciting happening is for those who come for

lunch on Fridays. We will be ordering shelf stable meals that can be taken home for the weekend.

All meals are provided by Meals On Wheels, Inc. of Tarrant County. They are nutritious balanced meals prepared in their own kitchen. Lunch meals offer a choice of entrée and drink.

Our craft room is now open Monday through Friday during our regular hours of 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Located in room #2 of the B.J. Clark Annex Building it was set up and organized by Shirlene Hagan the same week we closed in 2020. Since that time, we have had the donation of special cutters and supplies that can be used for scrapbooking. Also available is a sewing machine and other supplies.

Have you seen the advertisements for MasterClass on TV? These are classes

on any number of things from cooking to gardening, from learning to play drums to training your dog, from communication skills to rock climbing. Teachers include Ringo Starr, Hillary Clinton and Gordon Ramsey, among others.

The Azle Adult Activity Center offers this awesome teaching tool at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays free of charge. Classes on gardening are being watched at this time, but there are so many options. These are shown in our "common room" located in the B.J. Clark Annex building.

Finally, we now have Bingo every Tuesday. We have two sponsors that help with this, Eagle Crest Villa and Legacy Oaks Azle. These folks help provide prizes and "call."

For any questions or to reserve any meals, please call 817-444-0070. We look forward to seeing you.

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# AHS actors ready to perform 'Good' musical

BY DON MUNSCH  
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Charlie Brown can't fly a kite, can't kick the football before Lucy snatches it away and can't seem to muster the courage to talk his crush, a girl with red hair he adores from afar.

Although Charlie Brown might be the lovable loser at his school and in his peer group, he possesses many qualities that earn him love and respect, and his cheerful complexity lies at the center of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," a musical to be performed by Azle High School students this week. The show is at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at the AHS auditorium.

The story is based on characters from the comic strip by Charles M. Schulz, and the production features 15 songs. Actors in the production – Ray Lancaster (Charlie Brown), Ashlie Lewis (Sally), Kameron Weger (Schroeder), Marcus Hathaway (Snoopy) and Braden Crews (Linus) – as well as AHS theater director Bailey Brewer shared some insights about staging the show, which got pushed back from early January because of COVID-19.

Three leads were out with COVID at the same time, which necessitated moving the production to February. The show was cast in November and rehearsals began late that month before pausing for the Christmas

break, and then a few more weeks of rehearsals were held before the show had to reschedule.

"I want to say we have 60 cast members, and this show was built to be a show of seven, so I put together an ensemble to the best of my ability," Brewer said.

The costume designer assigned everyone in the ensemble a different character, such as Peppermint Patty, Woodstock and Pig-Pen.

"It's been an interesting experience because we've had COVID and we had a huge break; we've just had a lot of challenges with this one," Brewer said. "But the students have definitely come together among the challenges and they're going to rock this show."

The show doesn't have a plot per se, as the story is depicted in vignettes, and it resembles the Schulz comic strip in that sense, with songs thrown in.

"Compared to like other musicals, these songs are very simple," Lancaster said, reflecting on the difficulty of learning the songs. Most of the cast knows music relatively well, he added.

"I don't," Hathaway said. "But he's learned music across this process," Weger said. Hathaway got a schedule change to be in varsity choir.

Lancaster said he does not sense he plays a main role, as the time on stage is split evenly among all six cast members.

"It's nice to have little mo-

ments where it's just me out there singing about a kite," Lancaster said. "It's very fun."

Brewer said it's been fun to direct the production and said the cast, who knew each other already and were friends, have grown close fast.

"We've just had a lot of fun exploring their personalities and putting their personalities into the characters," Brewer said.

Lewis said the show has been emotional for her because this might be the last play she might be acting in; plus, it is her first lead role.

"So I'm getting to explore what acting is really like and just discover myself more," she said.

Weger said he's done a lot of shows before but this is his first musical.

"I've really enjoyed it," he said. "I love being someone that I'm not, but also being myself on stage and putting on a performance and everything."

Hathaway said being in "Charlie Brown" has been a "bit of journey" because up until a year ago he had never acted before.

"So I've come very far to get to here," he said, adding that the production also is his first musical and that he has relied on others, including younger people, for knowledge.

Crews said he took a break for a year and half from theater and then he decided at the spur of the moment to audition, and although he



Kameron Weger (Schroeder, playing piano), Ashlie Lewis (Sally, on piano), Braden Crews (Linus, left), Marcus Hathaway (Snoopy, on the doghouse) and Ray Lancaster (Charlie Brown, right) will perform in "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" Thursday through Sunday at Azle High School's auditorium. Not pictured here is Emilia Bazan, who plays Lucy.

Photo by Don Munsch

didn't dance, he did sing and eventually landed the part.

"I took a year and half off and I still got it – nice," he said.

The show features the iconic costumes from the comic strip, and the set is supposed to resemble a comic book, complete with vibrant colors. The piano, which rolls around on stage, originated from Brewer's college performance of the show and it has come full circle for her. The piano was last used at MacArthur

High School, Weatherford High School before that and then Tarleton State University, where Brewer attended college. The piano will be passed on to another production of "Charlie Brown" after this show.

Students said people will like the show's songs and humor.

"It's a funny show," Weger said.

"I personally think that they'll like me," Hathaway said, drawing laughs from the other students. Crews said he thinks Snoopy will steal the show, and "I think we've all just kind of come to accept that part."

Brewer said the show is "definitely kid friendly" and fun for any age.

For more information on the show, visit [www.azleisd.net/Page/2#calendar1/20220225/event/16578](http://www.azleisd.net/Page/2#calendar1/20220225/event/16578).



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# Citizen of the Year looks out for others



**MARK LAUDHEIMER** at the Brookshire Azle's location. He now manages the Aledo Brookshire's.

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Working in a grocery store guarantees one will see lots of people on a day-to-day basis.

Mark Laudheimer discovered that fact in his many years of working in the grocery business.

Laudheimer, a longtime employee of Brookshire's, took home The Citizen of the Year Award at the Azle Area Chamber of Commerce's Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet. The award is given to a person who has made a lasting contribution to community.

"This year's winner has done that and more by working hard to make a difference not only here in Azle, but for other communities throughout North Texas," said Jack

Stevens, presenter and 2020 Citizen of the Year.

Laudheimer was born in Monroe, Louisiana, grew up in the Pelican State and attended Northeast Louisiana State, now known as University of Louisiana at Monroe. After college, he moved to Colorado and worked on a cattle ranch. After working as a cowboy for a little over a year, he returned home to Louisiana and went to work with Brookshire's, where he started at the bottom but "quickly moved up because of his hard work and capacity for quick learning. Not a surprising revelation to anyone here who knows him well."

Stevens explained Laudheimer met Stephanie, his now wife, in 2002 and they married by the next year and welcomed daughter Sophie in 2004. She joined

Mark and Stephanie and Chandler, Mark's son from a former marriage. Mark was transferred during this time to a Brookshire's in Mississippi before Mark was transferred back to Texas in 2010, this time to Azle. During this time, Stephanie gave birth to a second daughter, Addison. Mark now manages the Brookshire's store in Aledo.

"Mark has been a tremendous asset to this community," Stevens said. "Although he is the first to credit others, and the last to draw attention to himself, this good man has served Azle in different ways."

He served as an ambassador for the Azle chamber for many years and has served on the chamber's board of

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# Businessman of the Year leaves mark on Azle

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Looking around Azle, you'll find more than one building that Mike Davidson has had a hand in creating — Azle Pediatrics, Laura's Pharmacy, SporTherapy, Purple Care, Azle News, and The Orchard Event Venue and Cabins, just to name a few.

But the number of buildings that Davidson's company, ProBuild, has helped construct in Azle isn't the reason the Azle Area Chamber of Commerce named him the 2021 Businessman of the Year at this year's awards banquet.

"The Businessman of the Year award is given to a businessman who demonstrates the outstanding qualities



**MIKE DAVIDSON** of Probuild Construction, left, receives the Businessman of the Year Award from David Shaffer.

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# Not the last unicorn:

KAREN BANES NAMED BUSINESSWOMAN OF THE YEAR

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Karen Banes is a unicorn.

At least, that's what she was called when being presented the Businesswoman of the Year award at the Azle Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet.

Banes is the owner of Genesis Jiu-Jitsu in Azle and has won six International Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Federation Master World Titles. As a woman with a blackbelt in Brazilian jiu-jitsu, the term "unicorn" is common to describe female blackbelts, she said.

"Kari (Summers) is one of my lead female instructors, and when she started cross training, everybody was like, 'Oh, you have a female black belt coach? What is



**KAREN BANES**, left, of Genesis Jiu-Jitsu receives the Businesswoman of the Year award from Marsha Hardin.

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THE ORCHARD EVENT VENUE AND RETREAT

# Employees help give Business of the Year a favorable impression

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D'Andra Davidson gives credit to her employees for helping earn The Orchard Event Venue and Retreat the Business of the Year for 2021.

"I was shocked and so thankful," said D'Andra Davidson, owner of The Orchard, when she discovered the business received the top accolade from the chamber. "I never had a clue that we would be nominated for that. And the true winners of that award, really, are our office staff."

Those staffers are Lacey Davis, Kristi Stanley, Kevin Case and Shaina Davis.

"They're just so customer-oriented," Davidson said.

Customers offer positive reviews for the venue and then compliment the office staff for its helpfulness. Case is the event manager and is present at the weddings and does a great job of taking care of people, Davidson said.

"Almost all reviews include his name and how helpful he was," she said.

The other staffers provide

tours and help with questions over the phone.

The Business of the Year award goes to a "well-run business exemplifying the prosperity and success that be achieved in Azle," said Scott Kimble, community outreach director for Legacy Oaks of Azle, during the chamber banquet. The Orchard Event Venue and Retreat opened in 2011 and celebrated its 10-year anniversary last year.

"Mike and D'Andra Davidson had always to build something on their 10-acre property, but couldn't decide what," Kimble said at the chamber banquet when announcing the award. "When their oldest daughter DeAnn was looking at venues for her own wedding, D'Andra couldn't help but think of everything the perfect venue would hold, so they put their ideas on paper and built one."

At first, they did everything themselves, Kimble said.

"D'Andra booked weddings along with their niece, and Mike even worked some of the first events," Kimble said. "They were giving tours

and booking weddings before the venue was even complete. Guests were booking the venue based solely on the construction site and renderings the Davidsons had developed."

Once the venue opened, it grew quickly, Kimble said.

"They were able to hire amazing staff to help with the bookings and event hosting," he said. "Both Mike and D'Andra appreciate their staff very much and know that it takes the entire team to make special events happen. Since opening, the Orchard Event Venue and Retreat has hosted over 1,300 weddings and events, including many charitable events for the Azle community."

Davidson said she appreciates how the chamber has been "very supportive" of her business. The Orchard enjoys holding fundraisers and helping different organizations reach their goals, she said. The venue recently was the site for the Azle Education Foundation fundraiser, and the Orchard donated the building for that event.



SCOTT KIMBLE, right, presents the Business of the Year award to D'Andra Davidson of The Orchard Event Venue and Retreat.

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TOBY PALITTI RECEIVES DIRECTOR AWARD

# Director award winner persevered for chamber

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The COVID-19 pandemic threw everyone and everything off balance when it emerged on American shores two years ago.

Like other entities, the Azle Area Chamber of Commerce faced its share of challenges.

Toby Palitti stepped up to the challenge.

The Director's Award is given to someone who has shown great support for the chamber. Jennifer Herrington, executive director of the chamber, said Palitti exhibited tremendous support and loyalty.

"The COVID-19 (pandemic) has been a challenge for all of us," Herrington said at the chamber banquet. "In 2020, our chamber felt the effects of COVID as we were forced to shut down for five months in order to survive. It was a difficult time for this chamber given the fact that we rely on membership dues and fundraising as our main sources of income. Fundraising events came to an immediate stop and membership dues lagged due to an uncertain future."

Palitti served as chamber president in 2020, and he had to make some difficult decisions that included staffing cuts and shutting down the chamber, Herrington said.

"In a matter of days, he found himself serving as the president, the executive director and the office assistant all in one," she said.

Palitti took on the responsibility of running the chamber while it was closed for five months.

"In fact, he did such a good job that some people didn't even know we had closed," Herrington said.

Two years after his service as president, he still serves as an ambassador and is willing to help in the chamber whenever needed, Herrington said.

"I'm feel flattered to get that award," Palitti said later. "It means a lot. I really enjoy being part of the chamber and being a member, and so I was very flattered."

He has been in the Azle community for 12 years and moved here from Fort Worth. He enjoys being familiar with the people who live here.

"Being in the business that I'm in, I've met just about everybody in Azle, so every-

body knows everybody out here," he said. "It's a close-knit community."

He works in the iPhone and computer repair sector.

The chamber gives people an opportunity to meet people and build relationships with other business people in the community, he said.

During the initial stages of the pandemic, chamber representatives had to learn to navigate the storm and there was a "lot of anxiety trying to figure out what was going to come next," he said. Cutting costs was a necessary step so that when normalcy returned to the chamber, officials would have the financial resources to continue.

"Other places were shutting down and we really had to tighten the belt and eliminate as much cost as we could so we would have money to operate when everything got back to normal," he said.

Being on the board for three years, when he was vice president and president, took Palitti out of his comfort zone, as he had to speak in front of people, and he said those experiences help build character.



TOBY PALITTI, right, receives the Director's Award from Jennifer Herrington, executive director of the chamber.

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# Mike's Westside Rental wins Rising Star Award

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The legacy of Mike's Westside Rental is providing tools for people working on projects and being on the west side of something.

The business was founded by Mike Patton in 2007 and was originally located on the west side of Possum Kingdom Lake. Since then, Mike's Westside Rental has expanded, and all subsequent locations are on some sort of west side, owner and president Bert Thompson said. This includes the newest location on the west side of Azle, which opened last summer.

Mike's Westside Rental provides construction equipment and tools as well as supplies for weddings, receptions, parties and events.

The relatively new location in Azle has apparently made an impression on the Azle Area Chamber of Commerce because Mike's Westside Rental in Azle won the Rising Star Award at the chamber's 2021 Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet. The Rising Star Award is given to new

local businesses that were established within the past year and show great potential.

Thompson said to be recognized with an award so soon after the store opened means a lot, and he is appreciative of the honor.

"It says a lot about our team and the work they put into getting that store ready for us to be open last year," he said.

Thompson thanked the chamber and said he looks forward to continued partnerships with the chamber. He was unable to attend the banquet, so the Azle store manager Graham John accepted the award.

"We were very honored and very humbled to receive the award, and to me and probably more so for all of us, it's just a stepping-stone and helps us build on what we're trying to establish here," John said.

Thompson said the Rising Star Award shows that the store is here to stay. He's looking forward to the store continuing to build relationships with customers and guide them in the right direction for their projects. He

said his favorite part of his job is building relationships with the customers, employees and vendors.

"We don't get to two stores, three stores, four stores with just me. It's truly about our team, the relationships we build within our organization and then also the relationships we build with our customers and our vendors," he said. "That's what we think sets us apart."

The expansion to Azle is about catering to smaller contractors and homeowners, Thompson said.

"If there's a Dairy Queen in the town, that's the size town we want to be in. And Azle, with the amount of growth that's happening there in terms of subdivisions, those are our customers," he said, referring to the workers that build the homes as well as the future residents. "We don't go after the large construction companies that travel all over the state and all over the country. We like the smaller contractors and homeowners, and just with the growth that's happening around Azle and in Azle, it was a place we needed to be."



GRAHAM JOHN of Mike's Westside Rental received the Rising Star Award presenter from Michael Wright.

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# SporTherapy named 2021 Shining Star

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The Shining Star Award is presented each year to a business that has made improvements or beautification to their property that benefits and enhances the entire community.

This year, the honorific was given to SporTherapy on Main Street.

SporTherapy was once located on Industrial Avenue as part of several other businesses. But the business looked to move into their own freestanding building and last year it was able to make it happen.

The old Bobby's Automotive building at 245 W. Main St. was bought and the building demolished, clearing the way for SporTherapy to take up residence.

ProBuild Construction was tasked with building the new physical therapy location on Main Street and within months the job was done. On June 3, the chamber hosted a grand reopening and ribbon cutting, welcoming SporTherapy to Main Street.

"Azle Main Street is known as the heart of the city," said Mayor Alan Brundrett, who presented the award.

"Over the past several years, we have seen much needed progress and beautification on Main Street, we have seen the construction of a new city hall and police department. Many businesses have received facelifts of



THE SHINING Star Award went to SporTherapy. Shown here are Azle City Council members Rouel Rothenberger and Randa Goode, Mayor Alan Brundrett, Alex Gustaf of SporTherapy (clinic director) and council members David McClure (mayor pro tem) and Corey Wynns.

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their existing structures to make them more attractive. This has added greatly to the appearance of Main Street."

SporTherapy clinic director Alex Gustaf said it was a "very special moment" for

our whole team to win the Shining Star award.

"Building and opening a new building and 2020 obviously posed some unique challenges and to be recognized and supported by the

chamber and community is something we are very grateful for," he said in an email.

He said the Azle community has been a "very welcoming and caring community" and that it has been a real

privilege to work here.

"SporTherapy is committed to improving the health and wellbeing of the community as a whole and we strive to provide a place where the people of Azle can receive

state of the art Physical Therapy services locally," he said. "Beyond that, we hope to give back to the community and be an example of a business that truly cares for the people of Azle."

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# Community Waste Disposal earns distinction for friendliness

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The largest privately owned waste management company in North Texas scooped up the Friends of the Chamber Award, which is given to a person or group that has shown great support or provided much help to the chamber throughout the year or years.

Accepting the award was Robert Medigovich, municipal accounts manager at Community Waste Disposal. "CWD is humbled and honored for the chamber board to award us this," Medigovich said. "We believe we are a community partner with the City of Azle and the chamber, and we enjoy being a partner within the community."

Medigovich serves as the chamber's "go-to person," said Jennifer Herrington, the chamber's executive director.

He is "an incredible friend to this chamber, always reaching out and ready to help whenever possible," she said. "He is personally responsible for our chamber going green, providing bags

and containers for us to use at every function our chamber hosts at 404 Main Place."

An event is considered green when waste is recycled rather than being thrown in the trash.

"We made all of the (chamber) events 'green,'" Medigovich said of CWD. "What that really does is educates the residents in the community on the ease of recycling and the importance of it."

CWD's ventures began in 1984 with two trucks and two employees. Since then, the company has worked hard to develop a reputation for reliable on-time service while offering various selections of hauling schedules, equipment and recycling programs in the industry.

The company provides assistance at the chamber's major events throughout the year.

"They provide sponsorships, materials and equipment for Sting Fling, the Christmas Celebration, Clay Shoot and Golf Tournament," Herrington said.



ROBERT MEDIGOVICH of Community Waste Disposal receives the Friends of the Chamber award from Jennifer Herrington, executive director of the chamber.

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DAVID SHAFFER, right, receives the Outgoing Board President award from new board President Kim Ware.

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# Longtime ministry director named ambassador of year

BY JEFF PRINCE  
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Ambassadors provide visible faces for the Azle Area Chamber of Commerce, welcoming guests, providing information, creating a friendly atmosphere and offering help.

In addition, ambassadors are out on the town frequently, attending ribbon cuttings, visiting new and prospective members in the community, assisting at Chamber events and so much more.

The chamber members appreciated and value each and every ambassador. Once in a while, though, an ambassador “truly goes above and beyond the call of duty to make a difference, both in their group of volunteers and in the community,” said Eric Ogea, an outgoing chamber board member.

This year’s Ambassador

of the Year Award went to David Shaffer, who has worked for the past 37 years at Son Shine Ministries, a marriage and family ministry. Shaffer has served as the ministry’s director since 2002.

Shaffer said he appreciates the award most because it was voted on by the ambassadors themselves.

“Those are some of the greatest people I’ve ever had the chance to work with,” he said. “They are all heavily involved as leaders of their own business, and yet they are willing to invest time into the community in many other ways, including as serving as chamber ambassadors.”

Shaffer is a graduate of Auburn University and completed his graduate studies at Dallas Theological Seminary, where he received his doctorate, the Doctor of Ministry and two master’s degrees – the Master of Arts

in Christian Education and the Master of Arts in Biblical Studies.

Ogea characterized Shaffer as “hard-working, forward-thinking and quick-witted.”

Shaffer’s attention to detail and smooth presentations “add much to our ambassador program,” Ogea said. “Just recently, he was elected to the position of chairman for the ambassador program because of his exceptional leadership skills.”

Shaffer has been married to wife Daniele for 31 years, and they have two grown sons, Nathaniel and Jonathan, and two granddaughters, Scarlett and Violet. The family loves traveling, the arts, experiencing different cultures and being outdoors.

“I’m really happy to be able to work with the ambassadors,” Shaffer said. “It’s a really fun part of my week. It’s really just a good group of people.”



ERIC OGEA, left, presents the Ambassador of the Year award to David Shaffer. PHOTOGRAPH BY JIM STEVENS

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## BUSINESSMAN OF THE YEAR

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necessary for the development and improvement of business," David Shaffer told the banquet attendees before announcing Davidson as the winner.

Davidson was described as smart, hardworking, determined and a workaholic, and his career path demonstrates that.

After attending the U.S. Military Academy at West Point for a time, Davidson went on to graduate from Texas A&M with a Bachelor of Science in building construction.

He and his wife D'Andra moved back to Azle in 1995 and almost immediately after jumped headfirst into creating ProBuild Construction from the ground up. Their company landed its first project — a remodel for TETCO — and have been a part of projects throughout the area, across the state, and up into Oklahoma.

Davidson learned his trade early, working alongside his dad and uncles on masonry jobs on weekends and during the summer.

"I've always been a hands-on kind of guy and knew I wanted to be a builder since high

school," he said.

He has never been a stranger to hard work, having worked laboriously with hay and ranch work, newspaper routes and working at a burger joint and in construction.

"It was only mom at home so if I wanted anything or do anything, I had to earn the money," he said.

Davidson stays involved with his community, having served on the AYA board as treasurer, coaching girls' softball teams and serving on the little league board for years.

With the venue, Davidson has been able to help support local charities by hosting their events at The Orchard, such as the Azle Education Foundation's Red Solo Cup fundraiser and the Azle Library gala, as well as "lots of Azle ISD functions."

Davidson and his family have grown their roots in Azle, and plan to be here to see it grow for years to come.

His motto for life and business?

"Work hard and be proud of what you do!"

## CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

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directors. He has served on the Community Caring Center board and as a member of the Optimist Club and Azle Rotary Club. He is involved in the Azle TD Club, which supports the AHS football program.

"He is simply what a servant leader is supposed to be, and a man who loves to serve his community, with a passion to help others with humility and good humor," Stevens said.

Stevens said he is certain Mark has never met a stranger, and his friends say his first priority is his family, even as he puts in many hours at work.

"He is honest and humble and he is always himself and never tries to impress anyone by acting like someone else," Stevens said, describing what Mark's friends said. "He is hard-working and empathetic to his partners, community-minded and a true team builder by leading from the front lines."

Stevens also said people lauded Mark as a family man and said if people asked him for his help, "he

is always the first in line."

Stevens also included comments from Stephanie, who said she was "a lucky woman to have such as wonderful partner by my side."

"It's just an honor to be able to follow people that were behind me, like Jack Stevens," Laudenhaimer said later. "A lot of hard work went behind it, and to be recognized is always a pleasure."

He said Azle is a wonderful community and he was pleased that people immediately welcomed his family.

"It's an open-door community, and when you (avoid) the voices on the outside and the negativity and get involved in the community, you get to see how great it really is," he said. "Everybody pulls together and tries to help other people out."

He likes that the grocery business allows him to meet people and hear about their lives and get to know their children.

"You get to know every aspect of people who are in the community, supporting



JACK STEVENS, left, Citizen of the Year from 2019, presents the 2021 Citizen of the Year award to Mark Laudenhaimer.

the police department, supporting the city, supporting other businesses — you're able to do everything in the grocery business," he said. "Everybody comes to see

you." He encourages people to get involved in the community, as everybody's contribution can help.

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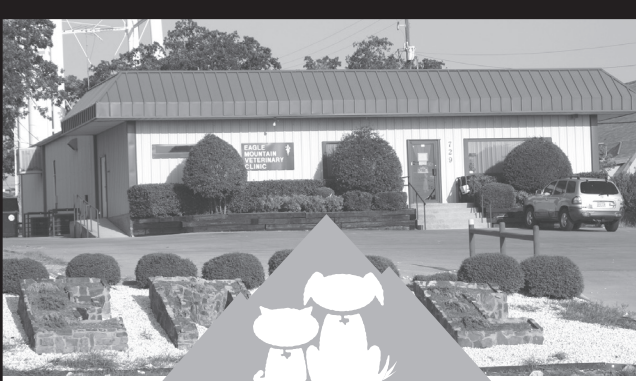
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# Azle Area Chamber of Commerce silent auction



Azle Area Chamber of Commerce members browsed the silent auction tables and bid on items.

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## GENESIS JIU-JITSU

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that like?" And, she hadn't experienced at that time anything other than having me as a coach," Banes said. "So, then I think it kind of gave her an appreciation for how rare it is to have a strong female leader in our community."

Banes isn't the only woman at Genesis Jiu-Jitsu. She has hired multiple women to be coaches at the gym.

"I was looking at the award, and I'm sitting there thinking ... it should be Businesswomen of the Year because I have a whole staff of strong female leaders," she said. "And I think that's rare in itself for what we do."

Despite the level of female empowerment Banes brings to the Azle area, she was not expecting to win Businesswoman of the Year at the chamber banquet.

"It felt pretty emotional," Banes said about winning the award. "It was pretty unexpected. They told me I

was going to get an award; I thought it would be like one of the People's Choice Awards or something like that. But then they gave all those awards out."

Banes has always enjoyed physical activity, but she didn't get into jiu-jitsu until her son started training in martial arts. Before Genesis, she was a schoolteacher and then a children's minister at New Hope Baptist Church. Opening Genesis Jiu-Jitsu in 2014 and being able to teach students has combined two of her passions: teaching and physical activity.

"It was kind of like one of those things where your hobby just turns into your career, being passionate about what you're doing, and then doors open up," Banes said.

The last two years have included challenges for Genesis Jiu-Jitsu. The COVID-19 pandemic began just as the gym opened its new location.

"I invested in this property, and then all of a sudden, I had to close my gym down," Banes said. "So, then we got really creative and taught the kids how to make a grappling dummy with their teddy bears and their uniforms and towels and pillows, how to make us practice dummy at home. And we just got on Zoom and continued our classes as much as we could there."

Genesis also had to deal with a flash flood last year that brought in two feet of water into the gym.

Through the hardship brought on by the flood and the pandemic, the Azle community continued to support Genesis Jiu-Jitsu, Banes said. People kept the gym financially afloat during the pandemic and helped clean up the gym after the flood. Banes said people in the community helped pick up debris, loaned equipment to dry out the building and ordered new sheetrock.

"I didn't even get emotional until like the third day," Banes said about the community aid she received for the flooded gym. "I pulled up and I could just see the overwhelming support from this community, and I just started crying because I was just overwhelmed at how much people value this business."

Having Genesis Jiu-Jitsu has allowed Banes to see her students develop, both personally and athletically. Some of the teenagers who used to be students have grown up to be instructors at Genesis, she said.

"We've had a lot of success come out of our gym and just beyond competition," she said "It's a family environment. There are people that come up here, and they literally bring their dinner, and they're here, their kids are training, and then they're training, and they're here for hours in the evening."

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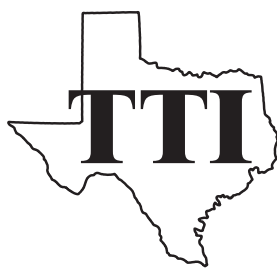


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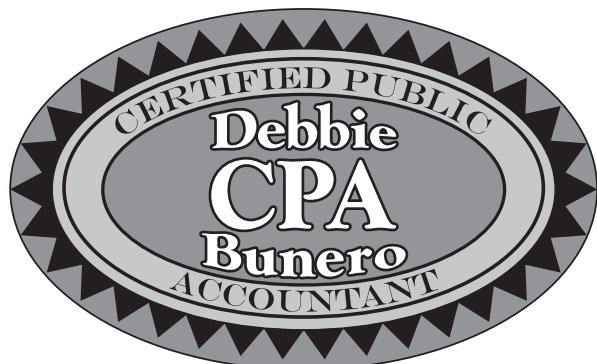


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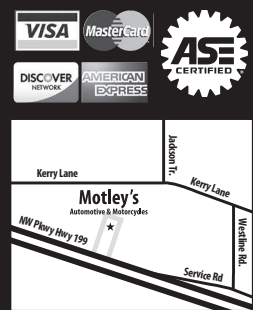
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OUTGOING CHAMBER members recognized were Marsha Hardin, Eric Ogea and David Shaffer.

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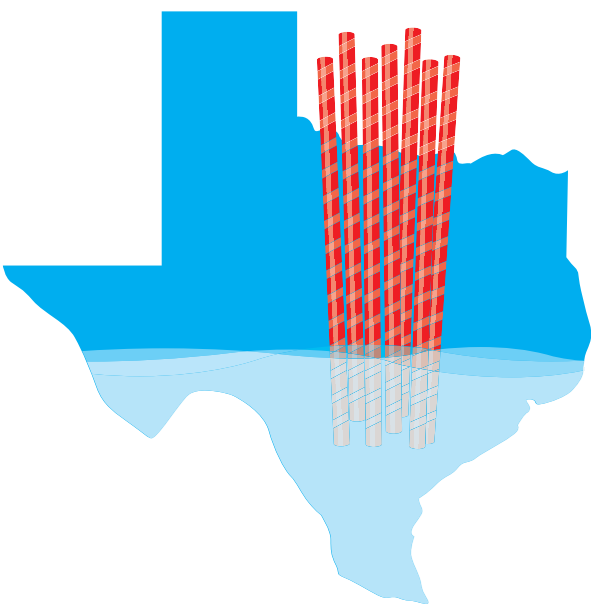
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# Azle's People's Choice Winners for 2021



PEOPLE'S CHOICE winners were Linda Williams, Kristie Cooper, Michael Davidson, Stephanie Koch-Bartley, Amy Estes, Kathy Diffie and Oscar Rangel.

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KRISTIE COOPER and Linda Williams from Community Caring Center receive the Favorite Non-Profit award from Mayor Alan Brundrett.



KATHY DIFFIE, right, of Reliable Year-Round Tax Services received the Favorite Tax Consultant/CPA/Financial Advisor award from Mayor Alan Brundrett.



STEPHANIE KOCH-BARTLEY, right, receives the Favorite City Employee award from Mayor Alan Brundrett.



FAVORITE MEXICAN Food award went to Villa Del Sol, with Oscar Rangel receiving the award from Mayor Alan Brundrett.



AMY ESTES, right, receives the Favorite Azle ISD Employee award from Mayor Alan Brundrett.



MIKE DAVIDSON, left, of Probuild Construction was awarded the Favorite Builder Home/Commercial from Mayor Alan Brundrett.

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## TEXAS CHAMPION

# Azle's Pella LeFever wins state wrestling title; girls team state runners-up

BY JEFF PRINCE  
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Azle, meet your champion.

Pella LeFever is Texas' top Texas girls wrestler in the 165-pound weight class. She earned the title after winning four matches in two days against the state's top wrestlers at the 5A UIL state wrestling championship over the weekend at Berry Center in Cypress.

Azle's best wrestlers - six boys and five girls - competed at the meet.

The girls team finished as state runners-up with help from second-place finishes by Annabelle Davis, Alicen Dillard and Mariah Dillard. The Hornets compiled 98 points but lost out to Amarillo Caprock's 107.

For the Azle boys, Dominick Evans finished in sixth place.

### LEFEVER LOWERS BOOM

In January, LeFever cleared off a space on her family's mantle to put the large trophy she won at the Bring the Hammer Invitational in Cabot, Ark.

She'll need to clear off more space.

The Azle wrestler won district and regional titles on her way to becoming state champ, and the hardware is adding up.

"I got a big shiny medal that says UIL State," she

said. "It's on a nice ribbon I can put around my neck if I want to."

She has earned numerous medals since joining the wrestling team as a freshman.

"I'm probably going to hang it up on the curtain rod with the rest of them," she said. "I don't have a display case just yet. I might need to get one."

### WRESTLING UP

LeFever weighs in the low 140s but wrestles up two weight categories in the 165-pound class, regularly taking on bigger athletes.

"They're bigger than me, but strength-wise, we kind of match up," she said. "You just have to stay quick and fast so they can't catch you. If they get on top of you, you are kind of stuck for a minute or two."

Moving up two weight classes means taking on stronger but often slower athletes.

"You have to rely on technique, strength and consistency," she said.

She spent two years learning Brazilian jiu-jitsu before joining the wrestling team as a freshman and keeps herself in top condition.

This summer she plans to bulk up and become stronger.

Next season, she won't have the element of surprise on her side. She is a defend-



Pella LeFever won the UIL 5A Texas state championship wrestling title in the 165-pound class.

ing champion. Wrestling up this season meant sneaking under the radar at meets.

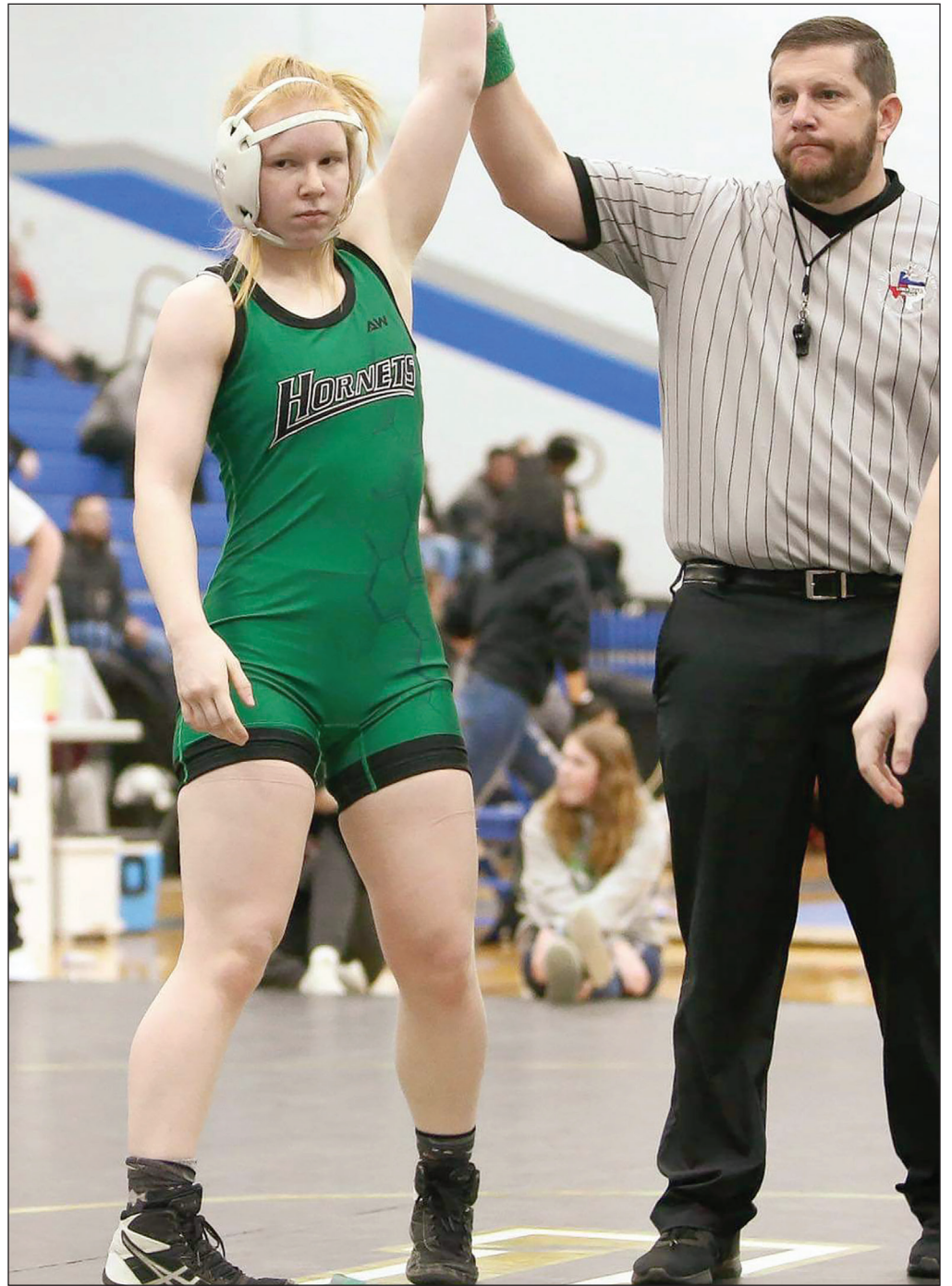
"They don't expect it," she said. "You're kind of an underdog."

### EARLY TRAINING

LeFever earned her hard-knocks training early, often and organically. Grandfather James Michael Taylor recalled watching his scrappy granddaughter hold her own against three brothers for years, often taking on more than one sibling at a time on the living room rug.

Taylor isn't surprised his granddaughter dominates UIL wrestling matches since she "only has to contend

SEE LEFEVER, PAGE 4C.



Quickness, aggression and forward thinking are qualities that help Pella LeFever win a state title.

Photo by Cal Chapa of Chapa Photography



Westin Wyatt scrambles back to first base to beat a tag.

Photo by Jeff Prince

## Azle baseball prepares for season of fun

BY JEFF PRINCE  
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The Azle Hornets baseball squad has been scrimmaging teams in preparation for the upcoming baseball season, and head coach Stephen Smith likes what he has seen so far.

"We pitched well in most

cases and swung the bat better," he said. "We still have a long way to go with this very young team, but I really like how they are coming together."

Very young is an apt description.

The Hornets lost seven starters from last season, including the team's top two

pitchers, who were a combined 14-4 with an ERA under 1.50.

Those numbers will be hard to replace, but Smith said this year's team is stocked with talent, and he expects "good things from all of our players."

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## Azle Christian basketball wins playoff opener in final seconds

BY JEFF PRINCE  
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With two seconds remaining, Azle Christian School's Camden Logan grabbed a rebound after a missed free throw and plopped it into the bucket for a 57-56 playoff win over Cambridge School of Dallas in the opening round of 1A TAPPS playoffs.

"Our boys battled hard all night," said head coach Ryan Rollins.

The Crusaders knocked off Cambridge to earn their first postseason victory in their first season of competition in TAPPS.

The game, played on Feb. 18 in Flower Mound, had remained close for four quarters. The score was tied 16-16 after the first quarter, and Cambridge took a four-point lead into halftime.

"We went through four or five different defenses as they kept making adjustments," Rollins said.

Sophomore Andy Wisniewski played his "best game ever as a cold-blooded shooter" hitting four three-point shots in the second half to finish with 14 points.

Logan scored 22 points and showed why he has been named offensive MVP of the district. Senior Ty South scored nine.

Before the season began, the Crusaders chose to move up from the TCAF league to take on tougher teams from bigger schools. On Feb. 11,



Jake Skartvedt feeds accurate passes to teammates.

Photo by Jeff Prince

the Crusaders defeated a tough Weatherford Victory Baptist Academy 49-45 to seal second place in District 2-1A TAPPS.

The game was played at Victory Baptist, and "it was a packed house, and it was loud," Rollins said afterward.

The scoring went back and forth for much of the game, as well.

"Our defense just locked

them down in the second half," Rollins said.

Logan scored 21 points, and Drew Skartvedt sank 17. South and Jake Skartvedt handled the ball fluidly at the guard spots.

Big D affected the game most.

"Our team defense is really winning games for us," the coach said.

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# Azle soccer boys win, lose, keep rolling

BY JEFF PRINCE  
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On Feb. 15, the Azle Hornets rallied from a 2-0 deficit to topple Fort Worth Brewer 3-2 and seal their first district victory of the season.

How happy was the soccer team?

The Hornets began district play with three straight losses, so a comeback victory against a district rival was as exuberant and memorable as it was necessary to maintain any playoff hopes.

Three days later, the Hornets challenged a tough Granbury team to a defensive duel but came up just short, 1-0.

Azle's next two games will be played in Wichita Falls against Old High on Feb. 25 and Rider on March 1.

## KICKING IS HIS GAME

One of the most powerful legs on the team belongs to Caleb Balderas, the Hornet center midfielder who collects the ball from the defense and distributes it to the forwards during games.

"My dad threw a soccer ball at my feet when I was 2, and that's where that started," he said. "My whole family has been surrounded by soccer over the years, and he wanted to pass down his love and joy for the sport to me. He made sure I played soccer."

If Balderas' name sounds familiar, it's because he doubled as the football team's ace kicker for three years. This season, he made 54 of 55 point-after attempts and kicked a 42-yard field goal in a key game to help the Hornets make the playoffs.

He didn't attempt kicking a football until his freshman year.

"There is definitely a lot that goes into each way of kicking," he said. "It is two completely different things."

Football has the reputation for being physically tough,



Anthony Rodriguez and the Azle Hornets soccer team won their first district game on Feb. 15.

but soccer is more demanding since Balderas spends more time on the field.

"You don't see as much like actual full-form tackling, but you'll get a shoulder into your chest or into your back every now and then," he said. "You'll get cleated. You'll get kicked."

How does somebody endure that?

"You just kind of get through it," he said. "Don't think about it. Keep running."

Also, it helps to dish out pain in return.

"I do my fair share of bullying on the soccer field," he said. "The only thing that hurts in football is my leg

from all the kicking."

## BRAINS AND BRAWN

Balderas is pursuing a college scholarship, although his ball of choice will be shaped like Stewie Griffin's head on "Family Guy."

"I enjoy being on the soccer field because it definitely feels like I'm doing a little bit more, but my ceiling for football is probably higher," he said.

His chances of landing a college scholarship are improved by his brain power. The kicker who wants to be an attorney one day doesn't spend all his time booting things. He maintains a 4.0

grade-point average and takes college courses in addition to his high school studies.

"I focus on my academics, getting my schooling down so I can go to a good college," he said. "There is always an end goal. There is something to work toward. It's not in vain."

Balderas grew up in Azle and will carry fond memories with him after he leaves.

"Azle has treated me well," he said. "It's a great town to grow up in. There are fun things to do all around town. Great schooling. Good teachers. You can go fishing. You got the ten-



Caleb Balderas has played football and soccer since his freshman year.

nis courts. You got a lake you could swim at."

## FINAL SEASON

With football in the can, soccer is all that remains in Balderas' high school athletic career. He would like the Hornets to win more games than in recent years. Azle's soccer teams haven't won more games than they've lost since 2014, including Balderas' tenure.

"It's basically been the same thing the past three years," he said.

The program is moving in a better direction, and Balderas was glad to be a part

of the trend toward brighter days for soccer. He credits new head coach Austin Fugate and his staff.

"We're looking the best that this Azle soccer program has looked in the past four years," Balderas said.

The team has struggled on the scoreboard but played many close games. The losses haven't diminished the team's spirit.

"Everybody has bought into the process that our new head coach laid out," Balderas said. "Everybody really wants to win. To put it simply, we're tired of losing. And I think we're going to surprise a lot of people."



Making 54 of 55 PATs proves Caleb Balderas has good accuracy.

Photos by Jeff Prince



# Azle Lady Hornets battle Granbury to soccer tie



Vielka Gonzalez, left, and the Azle Hornet soccer girls will play their next two games in Wichita Falls.



Paytyn Craig serves as team manager.

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The Azle Lady Hornet soccer girls battled Granbury to a 1-1 tie and celebrated afterward.

Finishing a game in a tie was a good sign for the Lady Hornets after losing their first four district games. Head coach Madeline Wood praised her midfield for its strong performances in district contests and characterized the team's back line as "super solid."

Azle (2-14-2) plays at 7 p.m. on Feb. 25 at home against Wichita Falls High School (6-6-1).

### PAYTYN'S PLACE

Paytyn Craig, a junior, has tried playing different sports, including tennis during her freshman and sophomore years.

This year, she decided to become a manager for the soccer team instead.

"I got an offer to be man-

ager of the tennis team, but I declined it because I wanted to try something different," she said.

One of the soccer players told Craig the team needed a manager, so Craig went to visit Wood and expressed her interest. Craig followed up with an email a few days later.

"My mom was like, 'You should follow through, so they'll know you're consistent,'" Craig said. "So, I did."

Wood gave her the job, and Craig spends her time at practices and games, helping collect balls and cones, reporting game stats and keeping the sideline organized.

"I was never a manager, so it's really fun," she said.

She enjoys bus trips on away games the most.

"I like talking to the girls, napping and missing school," she said. "That's fun. School gets stressful sometimes."

### VITAMIN D

Craig spoke from the sideline during a recent practice while watching her friends running around on the pitch. As a junior, she thinks a lot about her SAT scores and applying for colleges. She appreciates being able to stand in the sun on a pretty day and breathe fresh air and take a break from the rush.

Craig serves as manager for the varsity and junior varsity soccer girls, and her position will "look good on my resume," she said.

Junior varsity head coach Kenley Buckholt described Craig as the program's "behind-the-scenes girl" who does a bit of everything.

"She is our go-getter," Buckholt said. "She is a spunky girl who knows no strangers. She's not afraid to speak her mind. She's a bright light on our team. She brings a really good positive energy that the girls really enjoy having."



Paytyn Craig listens to the coach give the team a pep talk after a recent practice.



BASEBALL, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.



Brenden Kamnick is tagged out while trying to score in a Feb. 19 scrimmage against Abilene Cooper. Photo by Jeff Prince

The Hornets haven't won a district title in years, but nabbing a championship isn't the team's top quest. "Our first goal is to improve as a player and as a team each day," he said. "Our second goal is to find a way to get in the playoffs. Then, after that, we strive for a district title." The Hornets won bi-district titles as the fourth- and second-seeds in recent years. "We tell the boys find a

way in the playoffs, and once you are in, anything can happen," he said. "I do not like to compare teams from previous years, but we feel good about our kids, and we are improving each day." Individual performances will stand out along the way, but a successful season relies upon every player on the roster giving their all, the coach said. "Baseball is such a team

sport," Smith said. "It takes everyone doing their part for us to win games. We have some exciting players, so come out and watch our kids compete for Azle High School and for the town of Azle. I feel like on any night, someone will impress people who are at the game watching." The Hornets open the regular season at 10 a.m. on Feb. 26 at home against Fort Worth Country Day.

SKARTVEDT, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.

SKARTVEDT BROTHERS ON FIRE

Much of this season's success is owed to the hard-charging play of the Skartvedt brothers – sophomore Jake and junior Drew.

The younger Jake has excelled at guard, feeding the ball to his older brother and others.

Jake was a freshman when the Skartvedt family – pronounced Skart-veet – moved to Azle and enrolled him at Azle Christian.

Last year in TCAF, the games were easier, Jake said. TAPPS is different.

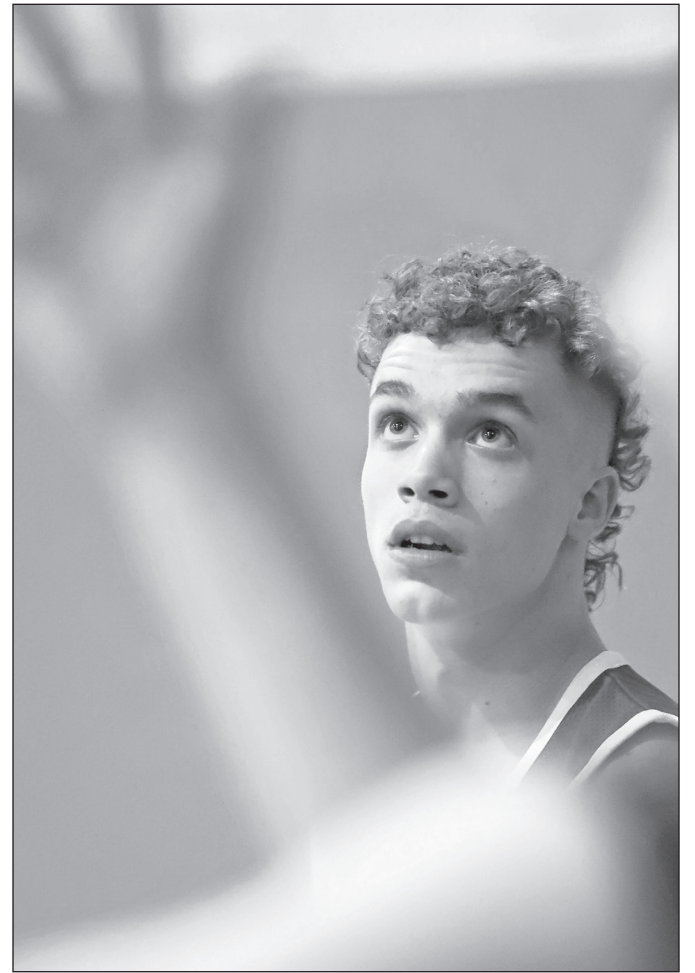
"This year, teams are better coached, and it's harder to out-athlete them," he said. "We have to follow our coach and make sure we're doing everything we're supposed to be doing."

He enjoys sharing time on the hardwood court with his bro.

"It's a great feeling because I grew up playing with him in our backyard," Jake said. "He is such a hard worker that it's just so fun to play with him. I know that if I pass him the ball, if he's not open, he is ... not going to take some dumb shot."

Enrolling at Azle Christian turned out to be a good move, Jake said.

"This is definitely one



Drew Skartvedt ranks among the scoring leaders at Azle Christian School. Photos by Jeff Prince

of the best teams I've ever played with," he said. "This team is really blessed with talent. If one person goes down, we have another player to pick the other one up."

The lessons he is learning on court and off will carry him through an increasingly

complicated world, he said. "As long as I've got God on my side, I know what I'm doing," he said. "Or I don't know what I'm doing, but I know where I'm going. I know whatever happens, it's His will, and it's for good reason."

LEFEVER, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.

with one person at a time." LeFever has improved her skills working with coaches Megan House and Tyler Harrison and approaches her matches more analytically than in those living room days. The qualities that help her win are "quickness, aggressiveness and forward thinking," she said. "I do a lot of thinking about how I go about things that tie in with skill and

your technique." Mostly, though, wins come from hard work done weeks and months before a match. "It's a whole bunch of effort put in throughout the entire season that pays off at the end with state championships," she said. She plans to continue wrestling at college after she graduates from Azle High in 2023.

Until then, she will continue training in all her various ways, including sibling scraps. "My oldest brother comes home from college, I have to wrestle him, and he's a big guy," she said. "In normal situations whenever I wrestle people, they're usually a lot bigger than me anyway, so I kind of know how to work with that."



The Azle girls powerlifting team won their home meet on Feb. 9. Regan Williams won best lifter on the light platform, and numerous Azle girls placed in the top three in their weight categories. Courtesy photo

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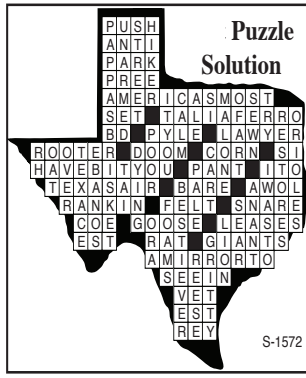
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**ACROSS**

1 football exercise: \_\_\_\_\_-ups

5 GOP is \_\_\_\_\_ big government

6 Iowa \_\_\_\_\_, TX

7 former Cowboy TE Billy Joe Du \_\_\_\_\_

8 Tex Ritter title: "\_\_\_\_\_ Beloved Cowboy"

17 TXism: "it ain't \_\_\_\_\_ in cement"

18 TX politician Samuel \_\_\_\_\_ Rayburn

21 Darin of TX-filmed "State Fair" (init.)

22 Gomer \_\_\_\_\_

23 TXism: "run it by a \_\_\_\_\_" (finalize)

24 TXism for "hog" \_\_\_\_\_ tragic fate

29 TXism: "rough as a \_\_\_\_\_ cob"

31 "yes," south of the border

32 TXism: "if it was a snake it would \_\_\_\_\_"

34 gasp for breath

35 OJ's judge

36 1st plane passenger service: \_\_\_\_\_ Transport \_\_\_\_\_ back riding

37 unadvised absence from Fort Hood

39 Upton County seat

40 cowboy hat material

41 trap or drum

42 this George was in 1979 "Kramer" film with TX JoBeth Williams

**DOWN**

1 former Houston restaurant: "\_\_\_\_\_ House"

2 TXism: "he'd be \_\_\_\_\_ in a battle of wits" (dumb)

3 Elm in Dallas

4 football center

9 TX Willie sang "What Was \_\_\_\_\_ Wanted"

10 serene

11 heavy beer

12 sports mag.

13 this Dorothy was in film "Two Guys From Texas"

14 San Antonio Museum \_\_\_\_\_

15 TX Nokona baseball gloves are hand-\_\_\_\_\_

16 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ your hand at it"

19 makes new again in 1993, TX Ranger Palmeiro joined the Baltimore \_\_\_\_\_

22 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ as a church mouse"

24 "Giant" Rock (init.)

25 horse morsel

26 TXism: "don't cry \_\_\_\_\_ spilt milk"

35 TXism: "couldn't be happier unless \_\_\_\_\_ strike oil in my backyard"

37 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ laid eyes on"

38 picnic pest (2 wds.)

40 beer heads

41 to brand the hide

44 TXism: "don't give a hoot \_\_\_\_\_ holler"

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