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The 'most amazing career'



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Tom Pennington

Photographer appreciates educators' inspiration

BY DON MUNSCH
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Tom Pennington's job has taken him to nearly 50 countries around the world, and he will be in China for the Winter Olympics, which begin this week. In Beijing, he will shoot photographs for Getty Images.

Pennington's start as a photographer began in Azle, and he credits two educators for inspiring him in his career. An Azle High School graduate from the class of 1993, Pennington shot for both the AHS newspaper and Azle News. "I actually got into photography when I was in high school

and that initial interest was really nurtured by two teachers," he said, quickly specifying it was a teacher and the fine arts director for the school district. They were English teacher/journalism teacher/yearbook and newspaper adviser Lynnda Roselle and district fine arts director Fred Stockdale.

"Every bit of my career, all of the credit goes to them initially," said Pennington, who now lives in Fort Worth and whose parents, Carl and Mary, live in Azle. "We were in class one day and Lynnda stopped me and she said, 'You know, Tom,

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Local winery keeps wine tasting 'casual'



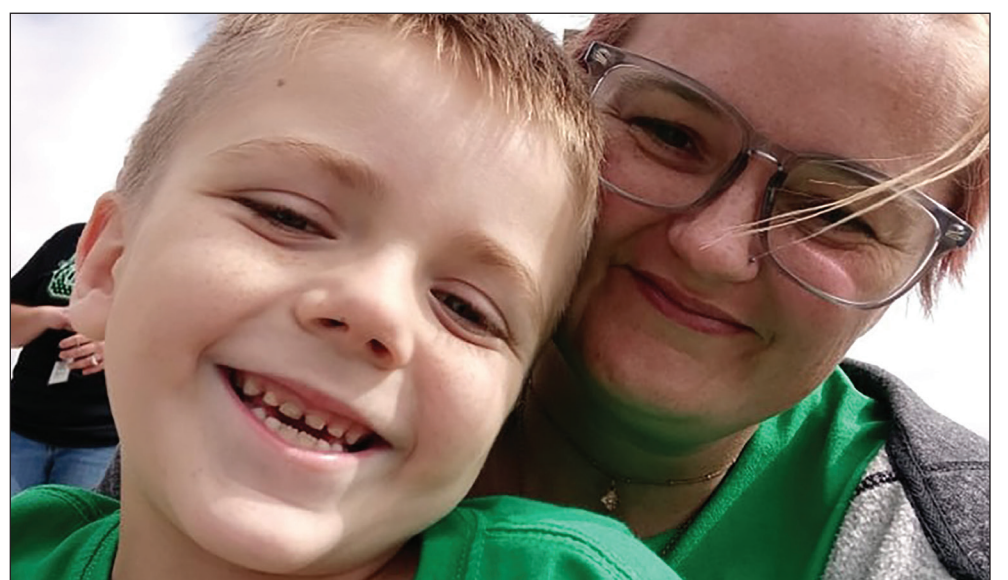
Photo courtesy Casual Friday Winery

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY
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For many people, the thought of going to a wine tasting can be intimidating. Robbie Hyde, founder of Casual Friday Winery, located outside of Azle, wants to change that. "A lot of times, wine tasting has sort of a snobbish air to it," Hyde said. "We didn't want that. We wanted to appeal to the everyday person. Just, like, hey, come as you are. Doesn't matter. Come casual, come try our wines. So that was kind of our meaning behind the name."

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Local 7-year-old survives dog attack



Reno continues to discuss animal ordinance

BY MADELYN EDWARDS
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The dog attack of 7-year-old Conner Landers has brought in support for the child and his family and

is part of the discussion as Reno works on an animal ordinance.

Conner, a student at Cross Timbers Elementary School in Azle, was walking home from school on Jan. 21 near

Knob Hill Road and Lynock Lane when he was attacked by a dog. Conner survived with the help of a neighbor who was able to get the boy

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Azle Education Foundation raises \$96,000

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Educators, community leaders and school supporters gathered at The Orchard event venue on Jan. 29 for the Azle Education Foundation's 10th annual Red Solo Cup fundraiser, with the event raising over \$96,000 to be used for college scholarships, new teacher gift cards and grants.

"It was a fun evening, and I am so grateful that we were able to get together this year," said Meg Arnold, the AEF event chair.

"I'm thankful for this community and the way that they support our teachers, schools and students through the Azle Education Foundation."

A barbecue dinner was provided for attendees by Railhead Smokehouse, courtesy of state Rep. Charlie Geren. All food, drinks, decorations and the venue were donated for the event, ensuring that all money raised goes straight to education programs in Azle.

From 2010 to 2021, the AEF funded nearly \$770,000 for its programs. That includes \$395,180 in teacher grants, \$51,455 in campus grants and \$183,500 in college scholarships.

The Red Solo Cup event is the only fundraiser held by AEF each year, but donations are always welcome throughout the year.

For more information about AEF or to donate, visit www.azleeducationfoundation.org.



Supporters of the Azle Education Foundation gathered on Jan. 29 to raise money for the organization, which will be used for grants and scholarships for Azle ISD students and teachers. Photo by Jessica McKinney

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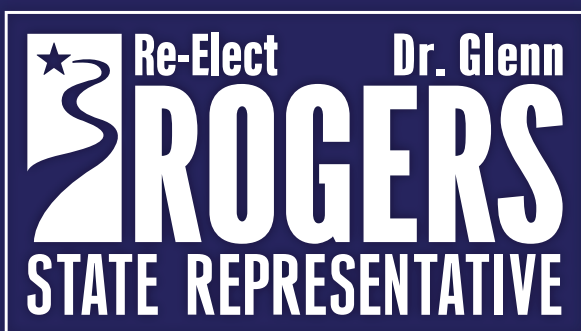
The Azle Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting for Stacey's Mobile Notary on Wednesday, Jan. 26. Their services consist of general notarization, loan signing, I-9 Authorization and wedding officiant. Call 817-550-1624 for any needs.

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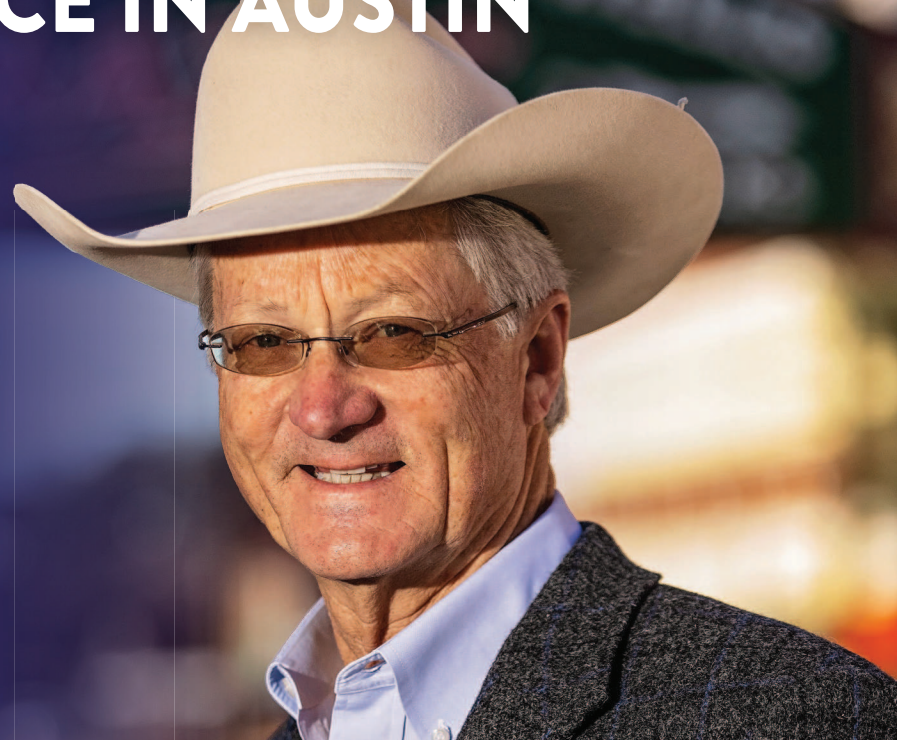
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Area fires damage homes

BY CARLA NOAH STUTSMAN

A burned-out shell is all that remains of a home in the 300 block of Turpin Drive after it was ravaged by fire Jan. 26.

The first 911 call came in at 7:22 p.m. Azle's Quint 52 was first to arrive at the scene at 7:30 p.m., and its crew reported seeing a large "header" or column of smoke while they were en route. Firefighters observed a one-and-a-half-story wood-frame structure already 75 percent involved with fire. Azle FD set up Turpin Command immediately, even though the location is about a block outside the city in Parker County.

Azle Fire Chief Will Scott said because the structure was almost fully involved with fire, crews had to fight it defensively, and were able to keep it from spreading to nearby homes. Firefighters entered the home to search for the homeowner, who was not found inside. Still, it was

an hour into the fire before confirmation came that no one was home.

Scott said Azle police officers evacuated adjacent homes because of the fire's proximity. Evacuated residents were eventually allowed to return their homes as the fire was brought under control.

The American Red Cross was called to the scene for firefighter rehab, and arrived at 9:20 p.m. The fire was declared "out" at 11:07 p.m.

Scott said the cause of the fire remains under investigation, but the home is a total loss. In addition to the Azle Fire Department, Tarrant County Fire Alarm dispatched Azle's first-alarm assignment consisting of Briar-Reno Fire Department, Parker County ESD 1's Silver Creek, La Junta and Springtown stations, and Lake Worth Fire Department. Those departments responded to provide manpower,



A burned-out shell is all that remains of a home in the 300 block of Turpin Drive after it was ravaged by fire Jan. 26. Photo by Carla Noah Stutsmann

equipment and apparatus to assist in fighting the blaze.

TWO DISPLACED IN NINE MILE BRIDGE FIRE

Two people were displaced Sunday evening because of a fire at their home in the 6400 block of Nine Mile Bridge Road. The home is located in the Country Oaks Mobile Home Park.

After a 911 call at 6:55 p.m., Tarrant County Fire Alarm dispatched the first alarm assignment of Lake Worth, Azle, Briar-Reno,

Silver Creek, and La Junta Fire departments. Engine 110 from Lake Worth FD arrived at 7:03 p.m. and reported heavy fire on the front porch of the residence with extension to the house. A vehicle was also on fire.

Firefighters quickly knocked down the flames, and the fire was under control by 7:12 p.m. Damage was significant, and the American Red Cross was called to the scene to assist residents with a place to stay and essential services. They

were not hurt.

AZLE AMBULANCE DAMAGED IN MINOR ACCIDENT

The Azle Fire Department's newest ambulance — only about one year old — was damaged in a minor accident in Lake Worth on Jan. 18, Fire Chief Will Scott said.

No one was injured, and the driver of Azle Medic 352 was not at fault in the accident, which occurred on the cloverleaf at Jacksboro

Highway and I-820. The ambulance's passenger door compartment was damaged, and it will be taken to EMS vehicle specialists Frazer Ltd. in Houston for repairs, Scott said.

Fortunately, when the city of Azle purchased Medic 352, the city council agreed to retain its oldest ambulance in reserve in case of situations such as this, Scott explained. With a fleet of three ambulances, the city is able to keep two in service at all times.

AAMA hosts first blood drive of the year, Feb. 7

STAFF REPORTS

Heart disease never stops taking lives, regardless of time of day, month or year.

It remains the No. 1 killer of women and men, and patients undergoing heart surgeries can require multiple blood transfusions.

This February, during American Heart Month, Carter BloodCare reminds

the community that heart surgery patients need blood to survive. The only source of that blood is from generous blood donors.

The local blood supply for hospital patients has never returned to pre-pandemic levels, and because of that, blood donors are urgently needed now. Those eligible to donate are asked to try to

do it at least twice in 2022. If all eligible donors gave at least twice, there would seldom be a shortage.

Azle Area Ministerial Alliance will hold a blood drive from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 7 at First United Methodist Church of Azle, 200 Church St., in the parking lot on board the Carter BloodCare bus. For more in-

formation or to schedule an appointment, contact Colleen Horan at 817-343-1410.

Donors can complete the medical history questionnaire online on the day of donation, before arriving to give blood. People with and without COVID-19 vaccinations are both eligible to donate blood.

Carter BloodCare staff and

unvaccinated donors are required to wear facial coverings at blood drives or donation centers, except when a temperature is taken during screening, or when eating and drinking after the donation. Vaccinated donors are strongly encouraged to continue wearing masks. Carter BloodCare will comply with required mask mandates, as

applicable.

Potential blood donors may volunteer at age 16 with parental consent; 17-year-olds can give independently and there is no upper age limit. For more information on donor eligibility and to make an appointment, call or text 800-366-2834 or visit www.CarterBloodCare.org.

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away from the dog and inside the fence.

Conner was taken to Cook Children's Medical Center where he had a major surgery to stop the bleeding and repair his wounds, his mother Cassandra Ware said. Conner was released from the hospital after 24 hours.

Ware said Conner has more than 2,000 stitches in his face alone, as well as stitches on the back of his head, on his neck, down both of his arms and his shoulders. The mother expects her son will need more surgeries in the future to remedy the nerve damage in his cheek and a rip on his eyelid.

The Parker County Sheriff's Office is investigating the incident. Public Information Officer Deputy Danie Huffman said the neighbor had to hit the dog with a

stick to rescue Conner. The dog, a brown and black brindle, boxer-pit bull mix breed, has been euthanized, Huffman said.

Ware said she was "extremely grateful" for the neighbor, identified in an NBC DFW article as Lorena Parker, who rescued Conner from the dog.

"The surgeon told her that if she would have been one to two minutes later, he would have been gone," Ware said. "It was a very close call."

Conner's mother also said, "I'm so happy that he's alive, and I can still see him try to smile. He's working on it. He's getting a lot better."

Ware also said Conner will need physical therapy for his arms as well.

"We're working on him

now with trying to hold utensils again, but it's like he went back to being a toddler to the way he holds it now because it's like his muscles need to get used to it again because of the fact that the muscles in his forearms were ripped through," she said. "As far as we know, there's no nerve damage in his arms at all, which is a very good thing."

For now, Conner is "terrified" of dogs that aren't his, Ware said.

"He went to go play with the kid next door, and the (neighbor's) dog met him at the door," she said. "Connor freaked out. His heart started racing, and he was crying."

A GoFundMe page has been set up for Ware and Conner to raise money "to replace Conner's coat and backpack AND for groceries,

gas, and bills, including cosmetic surgery bills," according to the fundraising website. As of Tuesday afternoon, more than \$13,300 has been raised. A fence is also scheduled to be installed this week so Conner can play outside without encountering the dogs.

"I'm extremely thankful and grateful and blessed that everybody is stepping up and helping out," Ware said.

To donate, visit www.gofundme.com/f/CassieandConor. An account called the Conner Lander's Benefit Account at PlainsCapital Bank in Weatherford has been set up by Parker County animal control officers to offset medical bills.

MUNICIPAL ACTION

In light of Conner's attack and other similar issues, the

Reno Planning and Zoning Commission is working on an animal ordinance to address dangerous dogs specifically.

"What's been brought to our attention is there are packs of dogs running around because we've not had any way to address it and deal with it," P&Z Chairperson Christopher Reeves said following a workshop meeting last week. "So, we are going to start moving forward on that."

Reno Police Deputy Chief Nathan Stringer said he would assist in writing an animal ordinance. Stringer said the issue in Reno isn't usually dogs owned by people but wild dogs.

"There are packs of dogs, which is an issue for any city," Stringer said.

Stringer's plan is to see what the current animal or-

dinance covers and possibly make additions for certain needs. The commission will review Stringer's draft, make adjustments and submit it for city council's approval.

Mayor Sam White said one of the employees in the streets and water department is training to be the city's animal control officer, who will be certified in March. An animal control department will be established thereafter.

"Reno had nothing, and that's kind of where we're at," White said. "So, we've got to look at what the best option for Reno is."

The goal of the ordinance is to maintain public safety, Stringer said. There have been incidents of dogs biting people, chasing people and attacking other animals, he said.

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people make a living doing this.' I was keenly aware that there were photographs in newspapers and magazines. I just didn't know how you went about pursuing that. She put me in touch with the right people that led into my collegiate career at the University of Texas at Arlington and working my entire time while I was in school at the student newspaper at UTA.

"Her planting that seed and putting me in touch with the people there is really the only reason I'm doing what I'm doing today," he said.

Pennington worked as a staff photographer at the Fort Worth Star-Telegram before latching on to Getty Images. He was hired by the Star-Telegram in his fifth year in college. He freelanced for the paper while he was in college. He was hired full time in 1998 and left the paper in 2008 and then went to work for Getty Images. He is based in Dallas-Fort Worth.

His work has taken him to war zones in Afghanistan and Iraq and other places in the world. Stateside, he travels extensively and has shot, among other assignments, sporting events, including covering the four major sports in Dallas-Fort Worth. He recently shot the Dallas Cowboys' playoff game.

THE INITIAL SPARK

In explaining how he became interested in photography, Pennington said when he was 16 that he had a group of friends who were involved in rock climbing and he wanted to document their adventures.

"We didn't really have photos of our climbing trips we were going on," he said. "I was the guy out of the group that said, 'Hey, I'll go buy a camera' and start shooting photos of this. And then it kind of blossomed from there. It was a really fascinating medium for me. I was mesmerized with it."

His favorite subjects to shoot have evolved over time, he said.

"The first 10 years of my career was very heavy with news coverage, natural disasters, and then post-9/11, I spent kind of an extensive amount of time throughout the Middle East covering U.S. involvement in Afghanistan and Iraq," he said. "In total, I've spent a little over 18 months in those regions since 9/11. I don't do that kind of work anymore. When I left the Star-Telegram in 2008, I went with

much more of a sport focus to my career."

Getty Images has three major divisions: sports, news and entertainment. Pennington is on staff with the sports division, and it's rare that there is cross-over because staffers stay so busy in their own editorial set.

"But I still do a bit of news work with Getty," he said. "Recently it's really centered around political coverage and some pandemic-related coverage. But all in all, 90% of what I do now is strictly sport work."

Pennington is involved with the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee coverage.

"At Getty, we just travel for a lot of work," he said. "All told, I've been to 46 countries. Adding China for this trip will be 47."

MOST ENJOYABLE, FAVORITE WORK

He especially enjoys shooting alpine ski races. "It's just fascinating to me what the athletes are capable of doing on an icy ski slopes," he said. "And so right now, that's my favorite thing to cover."

He said photographing the end of Lindsey Vonn's ski racing career was especially memorable, and he said covering Mikaela Shiffrin's career has been fascinating.

"She's the best slalom racer ever," he said.

Pennington has also shot some memorable football games, including some of Tom Brady's Super Bowl games. Pennington shot the Rose Bowl when Texas beat USC for the national cham-



pionship.

"That game is still burned in my memory," he said. "It's one of the best ever."

Photographing Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes and his abilities on the field "never gets old," Pennington said.

Pennington discussed shooting events in Iraq and Afghanistan, and they helped formed some of the top events he has covered.

What's it like to shoot in a war zone?

"It's a lot of boredom mixed with moments of just sheer, sheer terror and chaos, folded in with just kind of mundane everyday life," he said.

Pennington is married and has a 10-year-old son, and

does not foresee going back to any war zones.

"It's just not the type of work I can do anymore," he said.

SHOOTING THE GAMES

Pennington left on Jan. 26 and will fly home on Feb. 23.

"Honestly, out of the four previous Olympics I've covered, this one, we really don't know what to expect," he said.

"We feel like (we will be) working in a true bubble scenario where we are closed off from the Chinese society as a whole. It will present some challenges where, pre-pandemic, we were always free to move about the counties we were working in and we could

really experience a culture. And I don't anticipate that we're going to have that ability this time. Because we are going to be working in a closed bubble."

He heads up the Olympics' alpine program, and he will strictly cover alpine ski racing, which will include men's and women's downhill, giant slalom and slalom, among other events.

Photographers ski the race course with equipment to get into position on the course, Pennington said.

People are always shocked to hear that photogs end up skiing a downhill course with all of their gear, Pennington said.

"It's extremely physically demanding to do that," he said.

Pennington was required to meet some COVID-19 protocols before leaving the country, and then has to pass more testing in China.

"Once we're in country, we are tested every single day," he said.

CAREER ADVICE

Pennington said photographers should always do some homework and research for events they're covering, and they should have a sense of curiosity before shooting a subject and "listen and absorb what people tell you." He would advise young, aspiring photographers to pursue their craft if they are passionate about it.

"I had naysayers early in my career tell me that the news business is dying, don't go do this," he said. "But I'm 20-plus years into the most amazing career where I got to travel the world multiple times over and meet the most interesting people, broaden my horizons and have had a front row seat to some of the most historical events of my lifetime. And I've been able to record those and capture images that other people can see and help understand and learn about and be interested in what's going on in the world. It's a real honor to be able to do that. It's not something I take lightly."



Many people don't realize that photographers have to ski a downward course to get in position for their photographs. Photo by Tom Pennington

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Obituaries

Eleno Cantu Leal 1957 - 2022

Eleno Cantu Leal, age 64, passed away Friday, Jan. 28, 2022 in Dallas, Texas.

Come and Go: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Friday, Feb. 4, 2022 at Biggers Funeral Home. Visitation is from Noon – 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022 at Biggers Funeral Home Service is at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022 in Biggers Funeral Chapel. Interment: Ash Creek Cemetery, Azle, Texas.



He was preceded in death by his parents and his four brothers, Humberto, Pancho, Sergio and Mario.

Eleno was a man that was loved by many and had a huge personality that no one would ever forget. He loved fishing at the beach, playing softball and spending time with his family. His family was his number one priority. The love for his kids and his grandkids was priceless. He was a man of his word and took great care of his loved ones. Watching westerns was a favorite past time of his when he was not outdoors.

He had a passion for working in the oil field business which he did for 40+ years. Thirty-three years of the 40+ were worked with Upham Oil and Gas in Mineral Wells.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his four brothers, Humberto, Pancho, Sergio and Mario. Eleno is survived by his loving wife, Lisa Leal; his children, Taylor Kemp and Jillian, Brooklin Griffin and Kade, Austin Leal and Christian Leal and Jeni; four grandchildren, Jackson Kemp, Elliana Kemp, Kanyon Griffin and one on the way, baby Masen Leal; his sisters, Leticia Leal and Blanca Leal; a brother, Hector Leal; plus numerous nieces, nephews and cousins; and one special friend that he worked with for a number of years, Johnny Benavides.

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AJH band members help get program 'back on (its) feet'

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY
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Four members of the Azle Junior High School wind ensemble competed in the all-region band competition in Weatherford in November, competing against students from 25 other middle schools in the area.

Jay Ishak (trumpet), Brady Danford (clarinet), Jack Graeber (trombone) and Jay Glaze (bass clarinet) were selected to be part of the all-region competition.

"Not everyone is selected, (so) making this a great honor," said Kevin Chapman, head director of the AJHS bands.

"I would also like to note that our program, along with every other band program in this nation, is in what I call a 'rebuilding process' because of COVID," Chapman said. "Our band programs have taken a major hit in numbers participating and these four students have made a difference in helping our band program here at Azle Junior High get back on our feet."

Chapman praised his students, saying that they "worked hard on their audition music for about three months, learning, polishing and perfecting it to the best of their ability."



Jake Ishak (left), Brady Danford, Jack Graeber and Jay Glaze were selected to represent the Azle Junior High band to compete at the all-region band competition last fall. Photo courtesy

"To do this, it took dedication and discipline to get into the practice room on their own without someone telling them to," he said.

Graeber said that he had to "prepare mentally" for the all-region competition.

"I was about to compete against the best of the best," he said. "I had to be ready. Failure was not an option."

Danford called the experience "amazing" because it gave him the opportunity to meet other great musicians and play with them on stage.

Glaze described the all-

region experience as "inter-

esting." "Everyone sat in chairs being called one at a time to play for the judges," he said. "It was my first time going to a competition like that and I really enjoyed it."

The band will be holding its "Pops Concert" at Azle Junior High on Feb. 15. Beginner band sixth grade students will be performing at 6 p.m. and the junior high bands will begin at 7 p.m.

This year's theme is Pop/Rock music, and students will be encouraged to dress like pop and rock stars for

the performance.

The Pops Concert is the band's only fundraiser for the year and raffle items will be on display at the concert. Tickets will be \$5 each or \$20 for five. They are also accepting sponsorship ads for the program, which can be anything from a "shout-out" to a student to a business advertisement. Sponsorships are \$30, \$50 and \$100 and must be received by Feb. 11.

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Obituaries

Sharon Trammell Chilkewitz 1943 - 2022

Andra Sharon Trammell Chilkewitz went to be with her Lord and Savior on Jan. 24, 2022. She was 78.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Feb. 12, at 1 p.m. at Shannon Rose Hill Funeral Home in Fort Worth, with a graveside service to follow. Visitation will be Friday, Feb. 11 from 6-8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County.

Sharon was born Aug. 6, 1943, in Panama City, Panama to Cleo Travis Trammell and Laura Idell Caldwell Trammell. She was the oldest of three children, including her brother Gary and sister Linda.

Sharon grew up in Azle with many friends and family, spending time at the Trammell Grocery Store and attending Azle Christian Church. She graduated from Azle High School in 1961, having participated in Future Business Leaders of America and National Honor Society. She loved to reminisce about acting in a high school play about Dobie Gillis and taking shopping trips to Fort Worth.

Sharon went on to TCU in 1961 and made many friends there. Making friends was one of Sharon's special gifts – she made friends everywhere she went, from cashiers in the grocery store to nurses and caregivers in the hospital. Strangers would stop her in the store to ask how she did her hair or how she kept her skin looking so pretty.

In 1967, Sharon married and moved to Bedford. She worked at Bell Helicopter until she took on her favorite role in life – being Mark's mother. Mark was born in 1972, and Sharon was a devoted mother, dedicating herself to making sure Mark knew how much she loved him. She traveled all over with Mark, taking trips to Mexico and California,



chasing down autographs, and going to baseball card shows and concerts. Sharon worked hard to make sure Mark had everything he needed, including a college education. She loved being an Aggie mom and was so proud when Mark graduated. A few more years would bring a daughter-in-law, Lisa, when Mark married in 1998. Sharon became Grammy to Ryan in 2002 and to Katie in 2004. She was so proud of them and loved to tell friends about their accomplishments in sports, music, and school. Some of her favorite memories were attending Ryan's baptism and taking Katie to a concert.

No recounting of Sharon's life would be complete without mentioning her friend and faithful caregiver for the last five years, Luz Canales. Sharon loved Luz dearly, and the family is so grateful to God for bringing Luz into their lives.

Sharon is survived by her son Mark, daughter-in-law Lisa, grandson Ryan, and granddaughter Katie of Grapevine, her brother Gary and sister-in-law Leanne of Arlington, her sister Linda and brother-in-law Jim of Fort Worth, nieces and nephews, friends, and family. Sharon was a strong believer in prayer, and faithfully remembered all of you in her prayers each day. Thank you for helping us honor Sharon by sharing your memories of her with us.

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Charles "Buster" McBroom 1956 - 2022

Charles "Buster" McBroom, 65. Born Feb. 22, 1956, a resident of Azle passed away Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2022.

Visitation from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022 at White's Azle Funeral Home.

In Lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Charles McBroom Final Expense Account at Wells Fargo.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents; Marlyn and Elmina Hawkins, brother, Gary McBroom; sister, Ruth Burch; and granddaughter, Abby Ingram.

Survivors include his wife of 38 years, Melodie McBroom; beloved children, Tiffany McBroom (Sherry



Mitchell), Brandi Miller, Amanda Hale (Jeff Hale), Jay Siegel (Jennifer Medford), Jennifer Siegel (Jason Finchum); 17 grandkids; 15 great-grandkids; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews.

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Donna Margaret Trammell 1949 - 2021

Donna Margaret Trammell, 72, passed away peacefully on Sept. 28, 2021 surrounded by her loving family after battling COVID for a month.

A "come and go" celebration of life will be held at 200 Gipson Road, Azle 76020 on Saturday, Feb. 12 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Donna was born on April 17, 1949, in Hillsboro, TX, but was raised in Azle, TX by her parents, Carl "Buck" and Jo Evelyn Beard. Donna retired after working for Omni Bank for 16 years. She enjoyed many travels throughout her lifetime but was happiest spending time with her three sons, grandchildren, and sisters.

Donna is survived by her three sons and their wives: Richard and April Trammell, Burleson, Chris and Beth Trammell, Azle, Patrick Trammell, Burleson, her grandchildren: Josephine and James Homerstad, Gar-



rett Bennett, Christopher and Regan Trammell, Stephanie Trammell, Blake and Amber Trammell, Nikolet Trammell, and Katie Trammell; her great-grandchildren: Kinsley Homerstad, Jaylynn Trammell and Grayson Trammell; her sisters: Frankie Hans, Seminole, Florida; Jo Williams, Puyallup, Washington; Delores and Bill Champion, Sebring, Florida; and her many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

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Johnie Evelyn Parker 1929 - 2022

Johnie Evelyn Parker, a longtime resident of Azle, born Nov. 4, 1929, left this life Sunday, Jan. 30, 2022, and went to be with our heavenly Father and the love of her life, Phillip Leslie Parker.

Graveside service is at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2022 at Hoggard-Reynolds Cemetery, Azle. Visitation is from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2022 at White's Azle Funeral Home.

Johnie graduated high school from Haslet and a few years later the family moved to Azle. She met Les at Ash Creek Baptist Church and they dated a couple of years before they married July 5, 1952 and spent 55 years together until he passed in November of 2007.

Les and Johnie traveled a lot prior to his passing. Johnie worked at Trammell's Village Restaurant for 20 years before she retired. She was a member of the Bethel Missionary Baptist Church of Springtown. Johnie has lived the last few years at the Wren Place Assisted Living and has been very active and made many loving friends, including the staff.

Survivors include brothers, Robert Beauchamp and Jerry Beauchamp (Opal); son, John Phillip Parker



(Barbara); daughter, Merry Evelyn Cashion (Russell); grandchildren, Mitchell Parker (Kenda), Desiree Kyrisch, John Cashion (Jenny), Marc Cashion (Meagan), Macie Slocum (Bryan); great-grandchildren, Braden Parker, Kaylin Parker, Lilen Kyrisch, Jack Cashion and Maddie Slocum; and a host of loving family and friends.

The family would like to thank Dawn Taylor, Director, and staff at the Wren Place Assisted Living in Cleburne for loving Johnie like family. We would also like to thank One Point Hospice for being with us the last couple of months.

Johnie was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend and will be missed by everyone that knew her.

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The Longest Year Ever

“January was a long year but we made it y’all.”

So posted one of my friends on Facebook.

I hadn’t thought about it that way until I realized that the trip I canceled several months ago because of the covid surge was actually only 3 weeks ago and I canceled it the day before!

Good grief!

I also realized that we are coming up on the one-year anniversary of Snowmageddon in just a few more days.

That was only one year ago?

And even crazier than that is the realization that two years ago, Mrs. Sweetie and I were about to board a cruise ship. Yep, we celebrated Valentines Day in



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.

the Caribbean.

And one month later the world shut down.

Just over a month ago I completed my sixth decade of life. The 2020s already seems like the longest of all those decades.

But, we made it, y’all.

With every challenge, every loss, every surprise, every disappointment, every delay ...

We made it, y’all.

We didn’t make it unscathed or unchanged.

But we made it, y’all.

We’re still here, still breathing, still living, still moving.

Can we just pause and celebrate that for a moment?

Take a deep breath.

Slow your roll.

Quiet your mind.

We made it, y’all.

Now, it’s important to remember that where we are is not our final destination.

We’ve still got more ahead. Where we are right now is

a layover on the trip. (Possibly an unscheduled one from our perspective, but a layover nonetheless).

Can we take a moment and be grateful that we made it here?

This morning, I read Psalm 31. The heading in one of my bibles says, “A Psalm of Complaint and Praise.”

One of the things I really appreciate about the Psalms is their honesty. No punches pulled. No tiptoeing around God fearing what might happen with too much honesty. No hiding emotions.

Raw, brutal (brutal + beautiful) prayers.

I’m strangely comforted by knowing that it’s ok to talk this way to God.

In Psalm 31, we have wonderful affirmations of faith: “In You, LORD, I have taken refuge ... For You are my rock and my fortress ... For You are my strength ... But I trust in the LORD. I will rejoice and be glad in Your faithfulness ... But as for me, I trust in You, LORD, I say, ‘You are my God.’ My times are in Your hand ... How great is Your goodness ... Blessed be the LORD, For He has shown His marvelous faithfulness to me in a besieged city ...” If you were to just read those phrases it would make a great song to sing in church.

But interspersed with in those phrases, he also says: “Let me never be put to shame ... rescue me ... I hate those who devote

themselves to worthless idols ... You have seen my misery, You have known the troubles of my soul ... I am in distress; My eye is wasted away ... I am forgotten like a dead person, out of mind; I am like a broken vessel ...”

Not so pretty. But — so far — we made it y’all.

I could say so much more, but let me finish with the final verse of the Psalm: “Be strong and let your heart take courage, All you who wait for the LORD.”

Be amazing today, my friend.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Times of ‘friendly’ haven’t changed

Dear Editor:

‘How times have changed’ we old folks hear all the time. For instance. A child gets in trouble at home and this happens all the time we hear, “no spanking, no extra chores, no standing in the corner, no reading a book,” just “go to your room and play on your cell phone.”

Us old folks don’t get to know business owners like we use to long time ago. Businesses have managers, supervisors. Gosh, I remember Vancel Trammell who owned Trammell Grocery and Mkt and Restaurant. We still see his stone work up and down Main St.

Then there was Jim Dalton who owned the gas company

on Main St. When he smiled, you could hear it. Then there was “Butch” Patterson who owned a garage and auto parts store and other businesses. He helped so many people.

There so many others, who came to Azle on a regular basis. One being speaker of the house Jim Wright. My wife Patti and I got to know Jim real well. We had some really good times.

But, this list could go on and on of people who were not afraid to be “friendly.” I think about this all the time. Being friendly. People seem to be so busy, the “friendly” act doesn’t come out.

Why am I writing this? Today, I went down to Azle

News to have my address changed. I got there at 3:00. It was closed. I looked inside and did not see anyone. “I’ll come back later” I said to myself and started back to my pickup. Suddenly, I heard a voice “Can I help you?” I said “Yes, I just wanted to change my mailing address.” He said “Come in.” He helped me with my address change. Then we started a conversation. We introduced ourselves. I said I’m Bobby Sloan. He said “I’m Don Munsch, editor of the Azle News.”

Maybe times of “Friendly” hasn’t changed. This new editor, Don Munsch really impressed me.

Bobby R. Sloan, Azle

Making friends

Dear Frankie,

I’m a newcomer to the dog park and don’t know any dogs there. I’m shy and don’t have much experience making new friends.

At our last house, it wasn’t an issue. Bruce, the dog next door, and I met when we were puppies. From the start, we got along great and became best friends.

Do you know of any strategies shy dogs use to make friends? When I asked my mom, she said, “Just go over to a dog that looks friendly and gesture that you want to play.”

Just thinking about doing that makes me want to throw up.

Thanks for reading my letter.

Sue

Dear Sue,

You need to take a slower approach than your mom



DEAR FRANKIE

By Geneva Woodruff

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

suggested. She’s probably an extrovert. They think nothing of talking to strangers. Extroverts have difficulty understanding the terror new people can render for a shy dog like yourself.

Before you do anything, why don’t you think about the qualities you liked in Bruce and how the two of you played together? Then look around the park and see if any of the dogs remind you of Bruce and play the same way he did. Cautiously, you could approach this dog and see if they notice you and you to play.

Another strategy you might try is to find a dog

you like and sit by its owner. Knowing dog owners, the person will probably talk to you and give you a pet.

When they call their dog to leave, be sure to smile and wag your tail when the dog sees you sitting by its owners. There’s a good chance the owner will encourage their dog to play with you.

If you do this for a few days, you might make a friend. If not, try another dog and its owner.

Eventually, you will find a dog who will be thrilled to be your friend.

Best, Frankie

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Two people sent to hospital after separate wrecks



The driver of the Honda was transported by LifeCare ambulance to Texas Health Hospital Azle.

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BY CARLA
NOAH STUTSMAN

Two separate accidents in the span of an hour Friday on State Highway 199 between Azle and Springtown sent two people to area hospitals.

The first crash occurred around 9:20 a.m. near the intersection of the highway and FM 2257 (Jay Bird Lane). Department of Public Safety Public Information Officer Sgt. Richard Hunter said the preliminary investigation shows a 2019 Kenworth tanker truck was stopped in the westbound lanes at the traffic light. A 2012 Toyota Tacoma was traveling west when the driver, Ted M. Winkle, 55, of Brenham, was distracted by a mobile device. Winkle failed to control his speed and struck the rear of the Kenworth.

Winkle sustained undisclosed injuries and was

transported to a Fort Worth area hospital by a LifeCare ambulance. The driver of the Kenworth, 47-year-old Ariel D. Wordlaw of Arlington, was not injured.

The second crash happened at about 10:12 a.m. in the 5300 block of SH 199 near FM 1542 (South Reno Road).

Hunter said a 2009 Honda Civic exited a business parking lot and attempted a right turn onto SH 199. A 2005 Toyota 4Runner driven by Erich D. Potts, 32, of Springtown, was eastbound on SH 199 in the outside lane and struck the Honda as the Honda turned in front of it.

The driver of the Honda, 29-year-old Jasmine Johnson of Boyd, was transported by LifeCare ambulance to Texas Health Hospital Azle. A 33-year-old passenger in the Honda and Potts were not injured.

Dealing with colder water requires making adjustments to your fishing patterns

Winter has arrived and we are seeing some of the lowest water temperatures to date. In other words we are in the dead of winter and fishing patterns need to be adjusted for this cold water. The good news for anglers is that this is prime time for catching big fish.

Different species prefer different water temperatures and of course, you will have to use this type information to help locate and catch fish. Black bass anglers may be more prone to fish on those warmer days or pick afternoons when the water has had a chance to warm some. This is good advice for most species this time of the year.

Not all species will wait for the warmest part of the day to feed. Their metabolism slows in the winter, but they still have to eat. There



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

are many factors to influence the bite. Weather is a major one this time of the year. Water clarity and water flows can also influence fish feeding or moving. Don't forget about the moon phase. Picking a time to get on the water coincident with a peak feeding time can make a difference.

If it just so happens that the peak feeding time is coincident with the warmest part of the day this may be your flag to get out there. If there is a major weather event, the moon may not even play a role on when the fish will feed. If you are

fishing a narrow river where the daylight has less impact, the moon phase may have less impact as well.

As always, you will probably have a morning bite and an evening bite. If I am to fish the early part of the day, I do not want to miss the early morning. Conversely, if I am to fish the latter half of the day, I will be looking for that late afternoon bite. I will also be aware of the potential peak or secondary peak feeding times for the day, which vary of course with the moon.

As I have mentioned more than once, locate the bait

fish. With these colder water temperatures, you will find that the fish will be looking for slightly warmer waters. Typically on colder days this will be in deeper holes in a river or deeper places in the lake. Water temperatures will be slightly warmer toward the bottom in the dead of winter. Fish will "huddle" in these deeper places on the colder days.

As the sun comes up in the morning, (if it does), the shallows will warm faster than the deeper pools and fish will move up. A warm spell for several days will have more and more bait and fish moving up.

Another interesting point that I have noticed is that on many occasions on the real cold mornings, the fish may be huddled in deep water close to a steep bank. They

may be less prone to move out and find your presentation. Putting the bait on their nose may be the trick.

Another point that I have mentioned on many occasions concerning winter fishing is that you need to slow down your presentation. Slow the presentation to where you almost don't move it at all. This is typically called dead-stick-

ing, and it is extremely effective. You will have to figure out what movement will draw a strike. As the water warms, you may have to impart a little more action on the bait.

Fishing is great in the winter if you can get out. Just make sure you dress for the occasion and play it safe. The cold water can kill if you happen to fall in.

FISHING REPORT

Brazos River striped bass action using 5-inch soft plastics are excellent near Kimball Bend. Limits of striped bass are common. Possum Kingdom striped bass and sand bass action near Costello Island continues to be good to excellent with an occasional fish to 14 pounds. Look for the birds. Lake Whitney crappie limits continue to be good to excellent in the river near the 174 bridge.

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When many people think of a domestic vacation—one that doesn't venture beyond the United States—they often think in terms of the continental forty-eight states, and sometimes Alaska. Because it is about 2,400 miles southwest of California, Hawai'i does not immediately come to mind, even though it is our 50th state.

Hawai'i is a chain of about one hundred islands stretching approximately 1,500 miles from Hawai'i Island to Midway. Only eight of these are considered populated; and, only six of these are generally open to visitors: Hawai'i, Maui, Moloka'i,

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Lana'i, O'ahu, and Kaua'i. Each island has its own unique features, but all express the Aloha spirit.

As a vacation destination, Hawai'i offers the natural beauty of lush tropical forests, broad dry plains, towering mountains and volcanoes, multi-colored sand beaches, deep blue seas, and a pleasant climate with little change in temperatures, no

matter the time of year. This year, the islands have expanded a one aspect of Hawaiian culture called Malama Hawai'i. This means to live in a manner to take care of Hawai'i—care for the land, the sea, each other, and ourselves. Hawaiian culture is tightly integrated into the natural environment. Many hotels have special offers that can include a free night's stay to anyone staying an extra day to volunteer with Hawaiian organizations to help the environment or otherwise preserve Hawaiian culture.

Vacation excursions cover a broad range of mostly

outdoor activities—surfing, fishing, hiking, ATV trips, zip lines, golf, visiting historical sites, cultural festivals, helicopter tours, and just lying on the beach. There are eight national parks among the islands, including the USS Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor and Hawaiian Volcanoes National Park. Regardless of your fitness level, there is no shortage of things to do or new places to explore.

For example, all of the Hawaiian Islands are used by Hollywood studios for filming locations such as those seen in Jurassic Park, Raiders of the Lost Ark, The

Descendants, King Kong, and Blue Hawai'i. Visitors can explore the islands with tours that feature the sites used in these and other films and television productions. One waterfall on Kaua'i (Manawaiopuna Falls) is so recognized from the Jurassic Park film that it has become known as Jurassic Falls. The public can only reach this site by helicopter.

From the beginning of the pandemic, the State of Hawai'i has been very strict with its COVID-19 protocols. The islands were virtually closed to visitors most of the first year of the pandemic. Those restrictions have eased

in recent months, particularly with inter-island travel, but the rules can change at any time, as has been the case with the Omicron variant. Always check the public health requirements well before paying for any plans to travel.

Hawai'i is not as close as the Caribbean islands, but it is a much different tropical experience. Flights from the west coast are about five hours; there are non-stop flights from Texas that take about eight hours. A Hawaiian vacation may also cost a bit more, but it is worth every penny and should be one of your future vacation destinations. Aloha!

There's Always Room for You

As our temperatures begin to drop again this winter, I am reminded of a story that took place in the heat of summer. Years ago, I was driving home on a day when my car's AC battled to offset the 100+ degree heat. I had earlier officiated a funeral and found myself a bit melancholy as sweat percolated through my suit. When I arrived home, I entered our back door, plopping into a recliner, exhausted.

On the other side of our home, an entirely different scene was taking place in our front yard. The hot temperature prompted pool time for our boys along with



HOPE MATTERS
 By David Shaffer

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many of their friends. I later found out they had just received popsicles from my wife, Daniele, most of which melted onto their hands and arms. It was a day of great fun on the outside.

My boys were quite young at that time and—unknownst to me—had heard the car door and quickly finished their melting popsi-

cles before running to greet me on the inside. My older son, Nathaniel, outpaced his sibling to the front door, and when he was about six feet away from me went airborne. I had no choice but to catch my flying, wet, and popsicle-sticky son. My mood quickly switched from sadness to happiness by this unfiltered love. Soon after,

however, I heard the sound of crying, and I looked over to see my younger son standing in the doorway. Having no idea why he was upset, I asked, "What's wrong, Jonathan?" He quickly said, "Daddy, I wanted to sit with you!"

My heart melted in that moment. Without thinking, my parental instinct declared aloud, "Jonathan, there is always room for you!" My son's tears were overtaken by a large smile, and he took off toward me at full speed, also going airborne at an impressive distance. I quickly moved Nathaniel to one side in order to catch my second

flying, wet, and popsicle-sticky son. It was one of those times I will never forget as a father.

Reflecting on this memory, I am reminded of people who may feel distant from God. It is easy to look at others and feel like they may have done and learned more or responded faster to gain an inside track to God, leaving others at the doorway in sadness. Although I cannot comprehend love greater than I have experienced with my own family, I know that God's love is perfect and boundless, and he sees and loves everyone, including people who feel distanced.

His enduring message is, "There is always room for you!"

The Bible invites us to "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" (1 John 3:1, NIV). God has done what was necessary for us to have a relationship with him because he loves us. No wonder we often refer to this as "amazing love." He longs for us to come to him as we are.

May the relationships in our families and in this growing community paint such a picture of love—that you are truly welcome here.

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February is a busy month

February, although the shortest month of the year, is a busy month. The Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo, Valentine's Day, the Super Bowl, and of course, one cannot forget Groundhog Day—all making February a month to remember. No one will forget last February, and no matter your winter weather preference, we can all agree no one wants to repeat that event. In the school environment, this is one of our busiest times, for both academic and extra-curricular activities. All campuses are preparing for upcoming state assessments, and at the secondary level, counselors and students are already working on course requests



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.

for next school year. Fall sports including, basketball, soccer, wrestling, swimming and powerlifting are going strong. Spring sports, tennis, baseball, softball and track are preparing for competition. It is stock show season for FFA students, and our fine arts programs, Winter Guard, Winds Ensemble, Indoor Drumline, and UIL

One-Act Play are in full swing. The list goes on with many other activities and competitions. It is rewarding to know, even with the recent surge in COVID cases, our teachers and staff remain committed to our Azle ISD mission of *Making a Difference to Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day.* Azle ISD COVID num-

bers continue to improve daily. The week of January 8-14, we reached our highest student and staff count since the onset of COVID tracking. Several neighboring districts had to close because of a lack of staff, not necessarily because of student attendance. While we definitely had some challenges with staffing at various campuses, our efforts to keep students safe and in school continue to pay off for our students and community. A shout out to Shelley Unger, AISD Sub Coordinator, and all of our campus staff who helped ensure classes remain covered at the peak of the recent surge. A special thank you to our campus nurses who have

remained committed to the well-being of our students and staff. Everyone continues to work together, exemplifying *We Are Azle.*

Construction has started at Hoover and Eagle Heights, and plans for Liberty and Elementary #6 are in the final stages. Planning of the AHS projects from the November 2021 election are moving quickly. We continue to be diligent in navigating through this volatile construction market. The completion of all the voter-approved projects will help provide some much-needed relief to our district's growth. The district demographer provided an update at our January Board of Trust-

ees meeting. Highlights include record-breaking new home activity in Azle ISD for 2021. The district has almost 2,000 lots in planning stages and an estimated increase of almost 1,000 new students by the 2024-2025 school year. Our student enrollment continues to rise with a current enrollment of 6,891 students.

As a fast-growing school district, we have something special in Azle ISD. Folks want to be a part of what we offer. I am proud to serve alongside our committed Board of Trustees, our 1,000 dedicated employees, and a supportive community.

Just Thinking

Please allow me to share a couple of thoughts with you, both concerning some of the shortages of products that we are facing today.

The first one is not my original idea, as I heard it on the radio earlier this week, so I stole it, but here it is: It is highly unlikely that there are any American-made products stuck on ships that are waiting in line for port unloading.

Think about it. My second thought for the day is because of delivery and production issues many items are not available to us, and we feel helpless because we can't do anything about it. Personally we can't make the computer chips that are missing from new cars, we can't make our own gasoline



AG 101
By Jack DeShazo

Jack DeShazo has decades of experience in the agriculture field.

(unless it is ethanol based), we can't produce metal pans/skillets for cooking, we can't make the plastic storage bags that our "leftovers" are stored in, etc., etc.

But we can do something about the thinning or empty shelves at the grocery store: Plant a garden, find someone in the community who feeds out livestock for processing and consumption, find a neighbor with a pecan tree in their backyard who is letting the pecans go to waste on the ground, plant some patio tomatoes, buy locally grown

vegetables and/or fruit from a farmer's market and preserve them by freezing, canning or dehydrating.

If you don't know how to do the preservation process, then learn. If you don't have a tiller to till up a garden spot, check your neighborhood for someone who does and do a little trading to get the job done or you can plant in raised beds. You get the idea. This thing could get worse before it gets better.

We have become dependent on others for so many things, but we are not near-

ly as helpless as we might think. Go back to the stories and teachings of our ancestors who lived through "The Great Depression." They were survivors and we also are survivors, when we have to be.

Basically, we Americans are a pretty independent lot; if your ancestors came to America 20 years ago, 50 years ago, 125 years ago or even 400 years ago, most of them were leaving a bad situation to try to find a better one here. For most it wasn't easy, it was most likely a challenge, but we are here which means they survived.

We can't just stand around saying "well, I don't know how to do that" - get with the program and do something about it. At least learn

and practice how to produce some of your own food, if it does get more serious than just thinning shelves at the grocery store you will be better prepared, instead of trying to play catch-up.

To many of you "The Great Depression" is ancient history, but not to me, I'm older than a lot of you, my parents were older when I was born and they were survivors of "The Great Depression," so I heard their firsthand stories of survival. Because of the stories during my growing up years about their survival experiences, it seemed like it happened just yesterday, and they weren't just stories - it was real and it was tough.

There is no guarantee that this could not happen

again. Don't let yourself be surprised. Use the Boy Scout motto "Be Prepared." At least be able to provide some portion of food for you and your family. And, if God sees fit for our nation/world to not have to go through something such as this, then you will have learned something new, which should make you feel good (learning something new should always make you feel good) and you will also be better prepared just in case.

OK, I'll step off of my soap box. DeShazo's "go get 'em pep talk no. 36" is complete. The next time we meet we'll get back on the subject of native plants, their advantages and disadvantages. I promise.

'til next time.

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Kid Scoop Puzzler

Do the math to locate Beijing and other Chinese cities on the map.

12 = Beijing
10 = Yanqing
9 = Zhangjiakou
15 = Shanghai
13 = Guangzhou
16 = Nanjing
14 = Shenyang
11 = Wuhan
20 = Chengdu
8 + 2 = 10
6 + 6 = 12
20 - 6 = 14
8 + 8 = 16
7 + 6 = 13
19 - 2 = 17
12 + 3 = 15
17 = 6

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop Together:

Olympic Oath

Each athlete who competes in the Olympics takes an oath. Use the code to complete the missing words and then read the entire oath aloud to your family!

■ = EQUALITY ■ = HONOR
■ = BETTER ■ = PROMISE
■ = RULES ■ = CHEATING

"We _____ to take part in these Olympic Games, respecting and abiding by the _____ and in the spirit of fair play, inclusion and _____. Together we stand in solidarity and commit ourselves to sport without doping, without _____ without any form of discrimination. We do this for the _____ of our teams, in respect for the Fundamental Principles of Olympism, and to make the world a _____ place through sport."

2022 Winter Olympics

OOOPS! Some of the words melted out of this article. Can you figure out where each of the missing words belongs?

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Meet the Mascots

In Mandarin Chinese (the official dialect of China), "Bing" has several _____, the most common being ice. "Dwen Dwen" means _____ and lively. Olympic mascot **Bing Dwen Dwen** is a panda who wears a body "shell" made out of ice, which looks like an _____ suit. This represents new technologies for a _____ with infinite possibilities. The shell also _____ the panda to skate, snowboard and ski alongside the Olympic athletes!

Shuey Rhon Rhon is a Chinese lantern that represents warmth and _____. Shuey Rhon Rhon is the mascot of the Winter Paralympic Games in Beijing, an international _____ event where athletes with physical disabilities compete. These Games are held every four _____ directly following the Winter Olympic Games.

"winter," the emblem shows a skater at the top and a skier at the bottom.

The blue represents dreams, the future and the purity of ice and snow. The red and yellow are the colors of China's national flag.

BEIJING 2022

What time is it in Beijing?

Beijing, China is 16 hours ahead of San Francisco. When it is 3 a.m. on Wednesday in Beijing, it is 11 a.m. Tuesday in San Francisco, Calif.

PACIFIC

MOUNTAIN

CENTRAL

EASTERN

Complete the clocks below to show the different times.

Todd lives in San Francisco, in the Pacific Time Zone. His pen pal Kierra lives in New York, in the Eastern Time Zone. Their friend Zylah lives in Oklahoma, in the Central Time Zone and her cousin, Tomas lives in Colorado, in the Mountain Time Zone. Complete the clocks below so that they show what time it is in each time zone when it is 6 a.m. in Beijing.

TODD

TOMAS

ZYLAH

KIERRA

BEIJING

Look at the Time Zone map to see if you are in the same time zone as California. If not, what is the time difference between where you live and California?

Standards Link: Math/Measurement: Tell time to the nearest hour.

Pictograms

It is said that a picture is worth a thousand words. At the Olympic Games, a picture is worth a thousand words in hundreds of languages. A **pictogram**, a picture symbol, will be used at the Games to help people all over the world understand what is happening.

28

24

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30

22

31 - 9 = BOBSLEIGH 33 - 5 = SPEED SKATING 41 - 9 = ICE HOCKEY
32 - 8 = FIGURE SKATING 37 - 7 = CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING 35 - 8 = SKI JUMPING

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Double Double Word Search

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

PICTOGRAM SKATING HOCKEY MASCOT SPORT EVENT MATH CHINA PANDA GAMES HOURS TIME FLAG SKI ICE

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

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Symbols

Sports teams use names and mascots to communicate strength, their location, etc. Look through today's sports section to select one team and make a list of things you think that team wants to communicate with their name or logo.

Standards Link: Use a variety of media to locate information.

Write On!

VALENTINE'S SURPRISE

Make up a Valentine's Day story about a Valentine's Day surprise. Who was surprised? What was the surprise?

Extra! Extra!

SYMBOL SEARCH

Look for five symbols in today's newspaper. Show them to a friend to see if they can tell what the symbol represents.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Azle FFA students at the Fort Worth Stock Show



Six Azle FFA members exhibited at the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo in Fort Worth the second this past weekend. From left are Madison York, Sydney Smith, Brysen Mckown, and James Addison. The front row is Lauryn Rasco and Mackenzie Dobyns.

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Brysen Mckown placed third in her light medium weight class of commercial gilts.

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In other developments from Azle ISD students' showing in Fort Worth:

MARKET GOATS

- Kaileigh Slough - 6th place, Class 7, Medium Weight (4th grade at WCE)
- KayLynn Lemley - 10th place, Class 10, Medium Weight (Sr.)
- Madison York - 14th place, Class 15th, Heavy Weight (Jr.)
- Madeline Lemley- 14th place, Class 2, Light Weight (5th grade at AE)
- Talon Slough - 15th place, Class 9, Medium Weight

MARKET LAMBS

- Kaileigh Slough - 14th, Light Weight fine wool
 - Trystin Ellis - 14th, Light Weight Dorper (eighth grade at AJH)
 - Talon Slough-20th, Heavy Weight Dorper
- The News will publish more information from the show in upcoming editions.

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CASUAL, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.



Robbie Hyde and his wife Patience

Photo courtesy

Hyde's interest in wine-making began after visiting a friend's vineyard in Hico.

"I just thought it was kind of neat," he said. "So, when I moved out to Parker County back in 2014, I put a small vineyard on my home property."

It takes about three years for grapes to reach the maturity to make a quality wine that is good enough to drink. Once his grapes hit that maturity, Hyde made his very first homemade wine.

"It was a viognier, which is a French varietal," Hyde said. "And I had a sommelier tell me, 'This is the best Texas viognier I've had; you need to enter this in the Lone Star Wine competition.'"

They missed the entry for the competition that year, but Hyde decided to go ahead and develop a brand.

"We developed the Casual Friday brand, which is great because it says a lot about our philosophy."

From there, Casual Friday wines began popping up in mom-and-pop convenience stores and local liquor stores. Now, they can be found in Spec's stores, Brookshires, Central Markets and HEBS across the state.

"We just started to grow," Hyde said. "We have a very good product, we're very proud of our product. And we just grew and that's kind of how we got started."

Casual Friday Winery is located on what used to be a Chianina (Italian breed) cattle ranch outside of Azle in Parker County. They opened their doors in the middle of the pandemic on Feb. 5, 2021.

They planted 300 grape vines, two varietals from

California and one from East Texas, at the front of the property — growing among existing fencing and pens from its cattle-ranching days — and Hyde expects them to be mature enough for wine this fall.

For now, they blend their wines from grapes brought in from High Plains and Central Texas, and the wines are bottled and labeled at the winery.

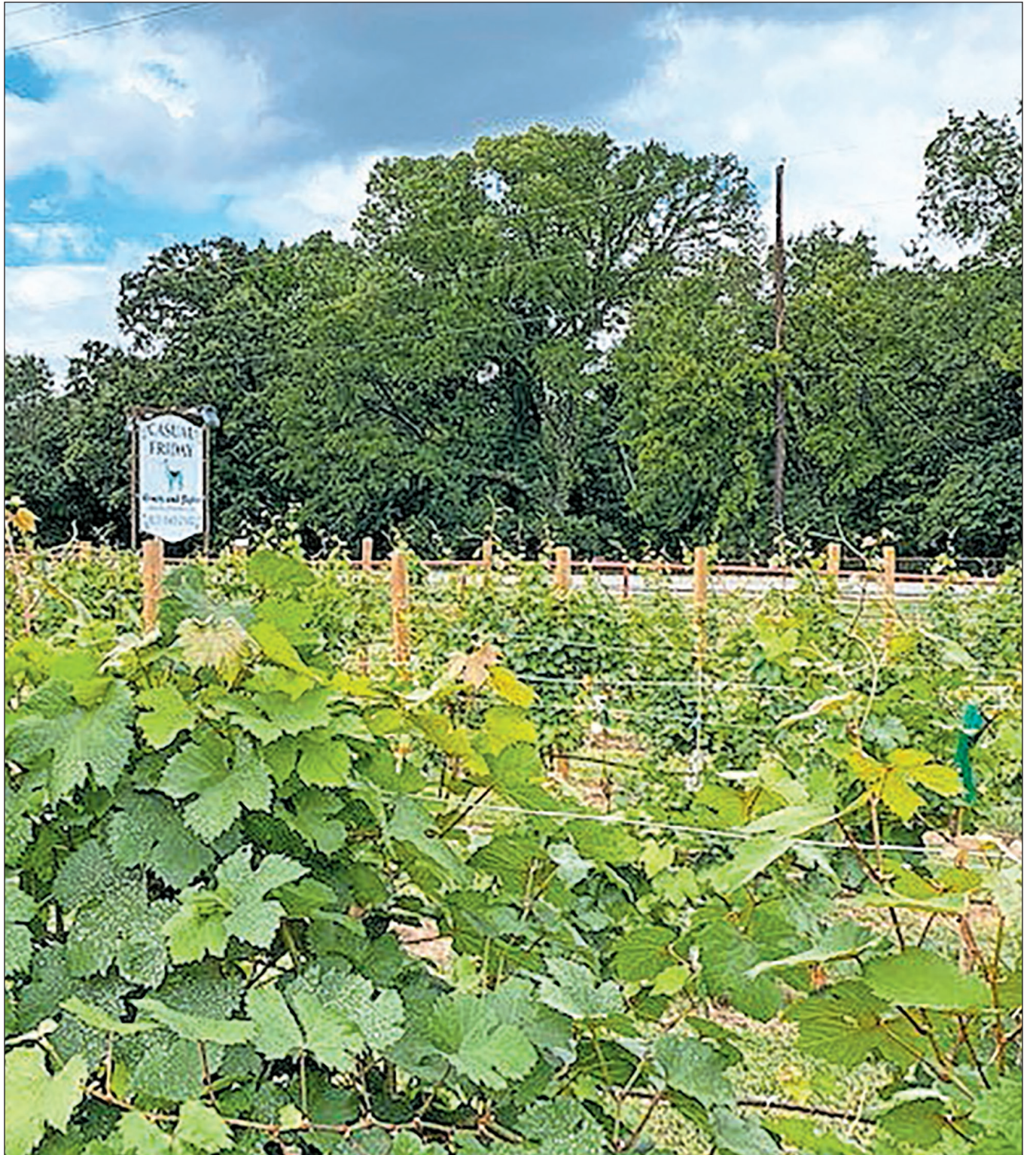
Three of the Casual Friday blends won awards at the Cross Timbers Wine Association competition. They received gold in each of the four categories they entered. The chianti won best mid-body red wine; the white blend, which is 50/50 pinot grigio and viognier; and the Bortex, a Bordeaux blend, which also won the silver for best overall wine out of 76 entries from North Texas wineries.

The tasting room, where wine enthusiasts and newbies alike can sample the different blends at Casual Friday, is set up inside the original 1950s ranch house with a few tables and couches, creating a relaxed atmosphere for trying new wines.

Along with the winery, visitors can order from a small bistro menu set by Chef Key with offerings including brisket tacos, wood-fired pizza and a variety of gourmet cheese boards.

On Saturdays and Sundays, Casual Friday offers a brunch menu, complete with eggs Benedict, jalapeño cheese grits and mimosas.

They offer indoor and outdoor seating, including a new firepit with seating for friends and family to enjoy live music when the



It takes about three years for grapes to reach the maturity to make a quality wine that is good enough to drink.

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weather is just right. Small event spaces — the Llama Barn and Penguin Room — are available to rent for quaint gatherings or Wine Yoga, which will be offered monthly.

Casual Friday will be celebrating its first anniversary on Feb. 5 and hopes to draw more wine lovers — and would-be lovers — out to taste some of their award-winning wines paired with their meals.

The winery is located at 10238 FM 1886 in Azle, and it is open 4 to 9 p.m. Thursday, 2 to 10 p.m. (kitchen opens at 4 p.m.) Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

For more information about Casual Friday Winery, visit www.casualfriday-wines.com, or call 817-560-2502.

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Beast of bareback

Azle's Airian Moore enjoys winning streak at rodeos

BY JEFF PRINCE
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Two years ago, as an Azle High sophomore, Airian Moore broke his kneecap and had to miss several rodeos.

Still, he finished in the top 10 among bareback bronc riders competing in the North Texas High School Rodeo Association. More than 80 high schools spread out across a handful of counties in North Texas compete at the weekly rodeos held in Saginaw.

Last year, as a junior, he broke his arm but finished in third place.

"Bareback is pretty rough on your body," he said.

This year, he is relatively healthy and leads all other bareback riders. So far this season, Moore has dominated his event with 11 successful rides out of a dozen tries and compiled 840 points. His closest competitor, Chase Robertson of Marcus, has 126 points.

Bareback riding is difficult and dangerous. Most weeks, Moore is among just a handful of bareback contestants. Team sponsor Kristy Scribner noted that bareback is a "difficult event, and it's not if you get hurt, but when you get hurt."

Climbing atop a horse without a saddle and trying



Airian Moore is North Texas' top bareback rider in high schools.

to hang on can be a scary mission. Those who fail have a long way to fall.

"Some people just don't have the interest because it's probably one of the hardest sports there is," Moore said. "It's tough on your body."

The saddle bronc event is easier, he said.

"You just hold a rein with your hand and sit in the saddle," he said. "I see it as pretty easy."

Riding bareback requires more strength and coordination, he said.

"You have got to actually use all your muscles and use your legs and your thighs and squeeze with it as you are trying to spur, too," he said. "It kind of messes you up sometimes. As long as

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Laurel Allred won barrels and a \$2,000 scholarship at the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo on Saturday. Photo courtesy JoH Photography

Azle riders shine at scholarship rodeo

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Barrel racer Laurel Allred and bareback rider Airian Moore won first place and a \$2,000 scholarship each Saturday at the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo.

Six members of Azle's rodeo team qualified to compete at the annual scholarship rodeo. Athletes with top 10 status in their events at the midway point of the season can compete at the rodeo for a chance to win a \$2,000 scholarship per

event.

"The team did amazing," said sponsor Kristi Scribner. "I am so proud of each one of them."

Lindsey-Kay Reichert earned second place in barrels, and Kasen Scarlato and Jesus Leyva placed second in team roping.

Hevenli Scribner finished fourth in poles.

"The contestants that qualified for the scholarship rodeo have been some of our main team members that have placed all year," Kristy Scribner said. "They

work hard and have excelled in their events."

Competition at the scholarship rodeo is tough, because only the best athletes qualify.

"Like I have said all year, we have some of the best on our team," the sponsor said. Rookie Cowgirl frontrunner

In the week prior to the Stock Show, Azle's team participated in the Burleson Rodeo at the North Texas High School Rodeo Association Arena in Saginaw, where freshman Hevenli

Scribner won the Rookie Cowgirl Award.

Rookie Cowgirl and Rookie Cowboy awards are presented to first-year freshmen who compete in at least two events and wins the most points for placing. Freshmen who compile the most points by the end of the year earn saddles.

Scribner leads the pack so far, winning Rookie Cowgirl seven times in 12 rodeos and compiling 1,169 points. Her closest competitor has 427 points.

Azle Hornets anticipate district turnaround



Brayden Hutton, right, attacks the ball.

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Azle's varsity boys soccer players sense a new mindset to go along with the new head coach.

"There is more energy in the team," said Brayden Hutton, a junior. "People want to show up to practice. People want to be (at) games on time."

Hutton made varsity his freshman year and has observed this season's renaissance up close.

"It's a lot better third year than the past two," he said. "Hopefully, we make the playoffs and win district."

The soccer team hasn't posted a winning record since 2015. Hutton thinks the Hornets can win a district title this year despite presenting little proof in the win-loss column. Last week, the Hornets wrapped up their nonconference part of the schedule with a 1-6-2 record after losing to Hirschi 2-0 on Friday.

Providing hope to the Hornets is the fact that most of those losses have been by a single goal.

Photo by Jeff Prince

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Hornet Muscle member savoring first trip to nationals



Braden Murray tosses and catches cheerleaders for stunts at games and at contests. Photo by Jeff Prince

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Braden Murray's muscular build comes in handy on the powerlifting and football teams - and especially on the cheer squad.

As a member of Hornet Muscle, Murray relies on his strength and power to help cheerleaders defy gravity during stunts.

"I toss them up and make them look good," he said.

Few stunts impress more than catapulting someone 20 feet into the air - with one big caveat.

"I've got to make sure that they don't hit the ground too hard, so they can stay healthy," he said.

Murray, a junior, joined Hornet Muscle as a freshman after hearing about former members earning scholarships to cheer at col-

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Azle Christian boys remain in playoff race



Things are looking up for Zach Miles and the Azle Christian Crusaders.

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On Friday, the Azle Christian Crusaders toppled Irving-based StoneGate Christian Academy 56-22 to remain in playoff contention.

Five games remain in the regular season.

The victory was much needed after the Crusaders

opened district competition with two losses – both to Faustina Academy.

The Crusaders played with ferocity to bounce back against StoneGate.

“This was one of our better games of the year,” said head coach Ryan Rollins. “We played great defensively and were more patient running our offense.”

Camden Logan led the team in scoring with 14 points. Ryan English added 10.

On defense, Andy Wisniewski and Noah Rollins led the way. Wisniewski stole six balls, and Rollins grabbed nine rebounds.

Azle Christian (8-11) plays at 7 p.m. Feb. 4 at StoneGate (0-9).

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you know what you’re doing and stick to it, you’ll do pretty good.”

Before each ride, he tapes up his arm for extra support. Still, he is just flesh and bone trying to hang on to a huge beast that is doing its best to toss him off.

“I talk to a lot of kids out there,” Moore said. “They say that bareback scares them. I tried getting them into it, but they say it scares them too much.”

Bareback riders use riggings like the ones relied upon by bull riders. A rigging is a long rope wrapped around an animal that provides a handhold for the rider. Riggings are tightened just before the chute is opened, and they can be difficult to release after a rider is thrown. Sometimes a rider’s hand becomes caught, and the rider is dragged around the arena by an angry animal for a few moments. This has happened to Moore several times.

The cowboy grew up with horses, but his family doesn’t own any currently in Azle. Moore trains with his uncle, Chad Eubank,

a Cleburne resident and

former professional rodeo rider. In 2003, Eubank was a national champion bull rider while attending Hill College and has been enshrined in the college’s Hall of Fame. After college, he turned pro and performed on the Toughest Cowboy reality TV show.

“He was a pro rodeo star and traveled the whole world and won all the big rodeos,” Moore said.

When Moore isn’t practicing with Eubank, the high school kid works out with a rodeo friend who rides for the team at Weatherford College. They use bucking machines to simulate broncos.

“My buddy has a scholarship there,” Moore said. “I’m trying to get a scholarship there too. I go over there and practice with them.”

Finding practice pens with real – and rank – horses to ride is difficult. Bucking machines can provide tougher rides than actual horses, so they are excellent for practicing, he said.

“We’ll learn from that bucking machine, and then we’ll do better on the week-

end” at rodeos, he said.

Then, come rodeo time, Moore hopes to draw a rank horse that bucks high and kicks hard and allows him to compile plenty of points.

“Horses have got their own mindset,” Moore said. “We can’t tell them what to do. They’ll run. They’ll buck. They’ll do whatever they want to do.”

Riders hang, rake their heels and wave their free arm to earn points for style while hoping their horse is a rank one that kicks high and hard.

Moore “puts in the work to be the best,” Scribner said. “He stays in good physical shape, too. He works out in the family’s home, and this helps with the strength that’s needed to ride the broncos.”

Strength of character supplements his physical power, she said.

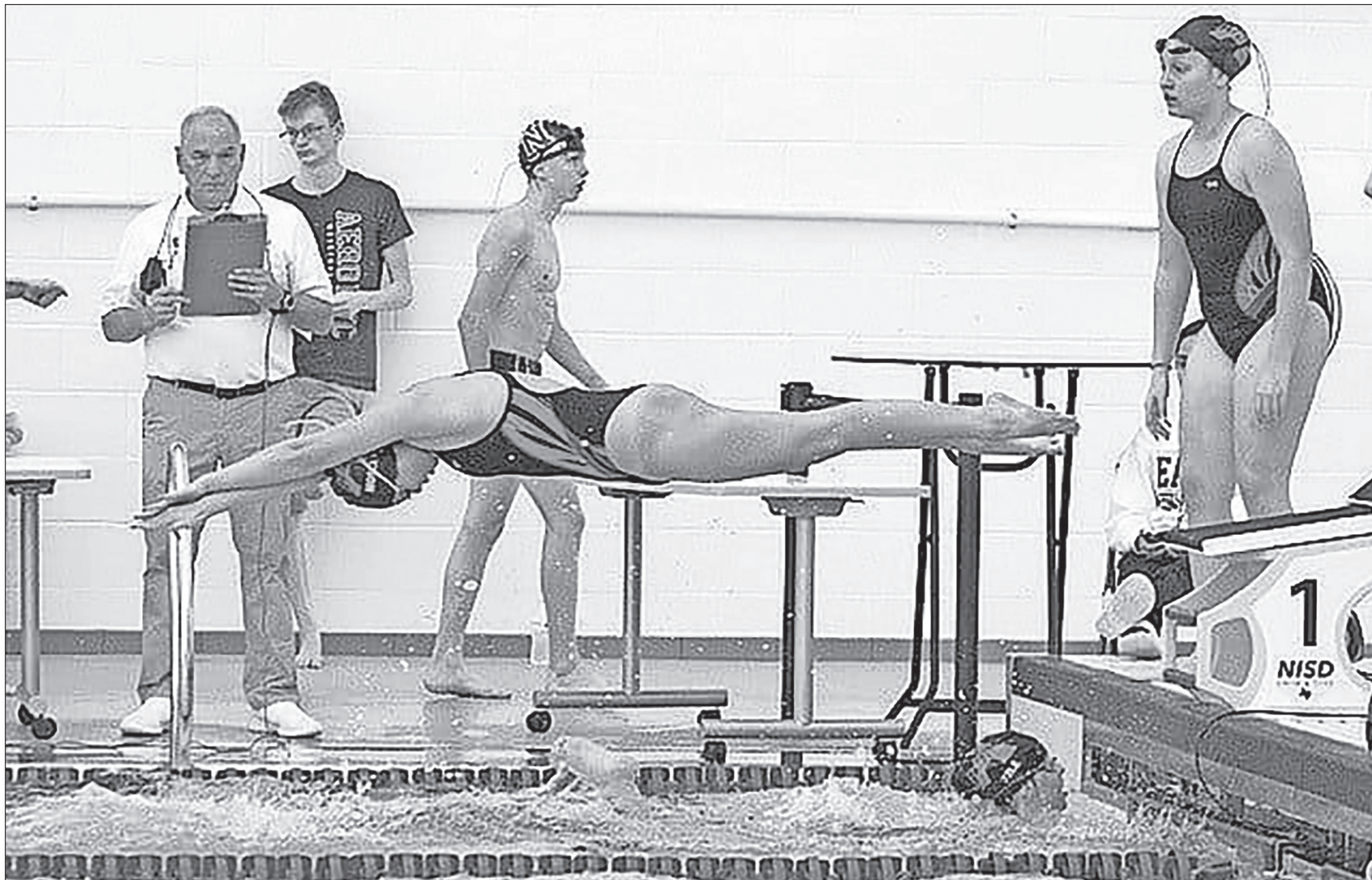
“He has probably never met a stranger,” Scribner said. “He always has a crowd of kids following him. As a bareback rider, he strives to be the best in the arena. He wants to win, and it shows through his determination.”



Airian Moore won the bareback event and a \$2,000 scholarship at the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo on Saturday.

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Azle’s swim team goes to regionals



Azle’s swim team is sending 11 members to compete at regionals this weekend: Phoebe Mosley, Brooke Nowakowski, Peighton Berry, Gianna Schroeder, Laci Clark, Emory Hann, Hailey Fox, Steven Manley, Carter Pack, Trevor Deel and Kalen McCullough. The Region 2-5A meet is Friday and Saturday at the Mansfield ISD Natatorium. The top two in each event will advance to the UIL State 5A meet on Feb. 18-19 at the University of Texas at Austin.

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Lady Hornets eye Brewer for final district dustup



Kendall Locke takes aim.

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Azle's basketball girls would like nothing more than to knock off Brewer and Granbury in the final two district games of the regular season.

A postseason berth is within Azle's grasp, and the final games will determine playoff seeding.

"Rider is going to be first and (Wichita Falls) High is finishing last, but the rest of us are battling for the second to fourth spots," said head coach Mitzi Marquart. "We are excited for the challenge, and we know the rest of our games are important."

The girls were enjoying a three-game win streak that included overtime victories against Brewer and Gran-

bury before losing to Rider and (Wichita Falls) High 43-38 on Friday. Kendall Locke led the Hornets in scoring, powering onward in recent weeks despite an injury that sidelined her talented twin sister, Karlee Locke.

Azle and Brewer are nipping at Rider's sneakers in the District 5-5A race.

Azle (21-9) plays at 6:15 p.m. Feb. 4 at home against Brewer (20-11).



Cameron Newman and the Azle Hornets hope to stand alone in first place soon. Photo by Jeff Prince

Azle basketball boys slam dunk another W

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The Azle Hornets won their third straight district game by beating Rider 53-48 in overtime on Friday in front of a hometown crowd cheering for what is fast becoming a stellar season.

Azle bested Granbury 56-41 on Jan. 21 and followed that victory three days later by toppling Wichita Falls 83-66.

Against Rider, the Hornets took a 17-8 lead into the second quarter. Rider fought back and tied the game at halftime. The two teams battled back and forth and remained tied when regulation ended.

The Hornets swarmed Rider during overtime, scoring nine points against Rider's four to take the victory.

Gavin Dean led the scoring for Azle with 21 points. Other Hornets with baskets

included Campbell Dotson, Jayden Coffey, Cooper Morgan, Jayden Rollins and Jackson Davis.

The victory kept Azle in a tie with Brewer for first place in District 5-5A with 4-1 district records, although Azle won more games than Brewer during the pre-district season.

Those two teams are about to duke it out.

Azle (21-7) plays at 8 p.m. Feb. 4 at home against Brewer (16-11).



Lizbeth Covarrubias, right, and the Lady Hornets soccer team fell to Benbrook 3-0 on Friday after shutting out Castleberry 3-0 earlier in the week. The varsity team is young but has been displaying teamwork and the ability to connect passes under the leadership of new head coach Madeline Wood and assistant John Epps. Courtesy photo

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Sophomore Braden Forsythe is enjoying his first year on the varsity soccer team.

Photo by Jeff Prince

“Last year, we were getting smacked around,” Hutton said.

He encourages teammates to keep plugging and to stay motivated. He has seen the team in previous years fall into a funk after losses.

“I’m just trying to be a leader,” he said. “A lot of people lose one game, two games, you get negative,

you get down on yourself.” Head coach Austin Fugate agrees the Hornets are just a whisper away from being formidable.

“We’re getting there,” he said. “We’re right there. We’re one step away. We’ve been in close games every single game. One-goal games. We need to clean it up in the back a little bit.

Clean up some mistakes. Score some goals - that’s the main thing. That’s where we’re struggling. We are winning everywhere on the field, but in the final third. Once we get that figured out, we will be very good. We will be hard to stop.”

Sophomore Braden Forsythe is in his first year on varsity after playing JV last

year. He understands what Hutton and his coach are preaching.

“They lost quite a few games, and so did the JV,” he said. “I just want to change that.”

He has been developing his chops since he first began kicking a ball as a toddler. Much of this year’s starting lineup consists of seniors,

but younger players such as Forsythe receive plenty of field time. Everyone can contribute to the team’s success, he said.

“We need to stay positive and get momentum and just carry that momentum through the season,” he said. “The journey is always fun. The journey is one of the best parts, but I really want

to make playoffs and win playoffs, if not for myself but for the seniors. This their last year to play. I want to make it special for them.”

Azle (1-6-2) plays its district opener at 7 p.m. Feb. 4 at home against Wichita Falls (7-3-1).

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Hornet Muscle member Tommy Evans holds up cheerleader Maddie Thompson during a routine.

Photos by Jeff Prince

lege.

“My plan is to go cheer somewhere in college,” he said.

Football and powerlifting require long, tough practice sessions to become successful. So does cheerleading. Murray practices at least six hours a week with the cheer squad.

“I normally enjoy it,” he said. “It is a sport, so there are times when you won’t enjoy it.”

In 2021, he was expected to start at nose guard for the Hornets football team but missed the season after having surgery. He is healed

now and looking forward to returning to the gridiron.

“I plan to be starting next year,” he said.

For now, Murray is maintaining laser focus on cheerleading as the team prepares for the season’s final contest.

Last year, Murray had planned to make the trip to nationals for the first time as a sophomore, but COVID-19 intervened, and the trip was cancelled.

At first, Murray was upset, but “I realized it might not be the safest thing to get on a plane and get stuck in Florida because someone has COVID,” he said.

A year later, he is pumped for success.

“I expect us to be really good,” he said.

The Azle cheer team won fifth place at the state contest held in January in Fort Worth. Since then, the team, under the supervision of cheer coach Haley Hopkins, has updated and improved its routine for nationals.

“We’ve changed things around, so I believe that we’ll do better,” Murray said.

Azle’s co-ed team participates at the national co-ed cheerleading contest on Feb. 12 at Orlando, Fla.

Won by forfeit



Marie Knight and the Azle Christian basketball girls won another game by forfeit against StoneGate Christian, which was unable to field a team this season. The Lady Crusaders (1-4) play at 5 p.m. Feb. 8 at home against Faustina (2-1).

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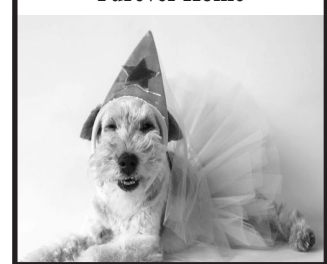
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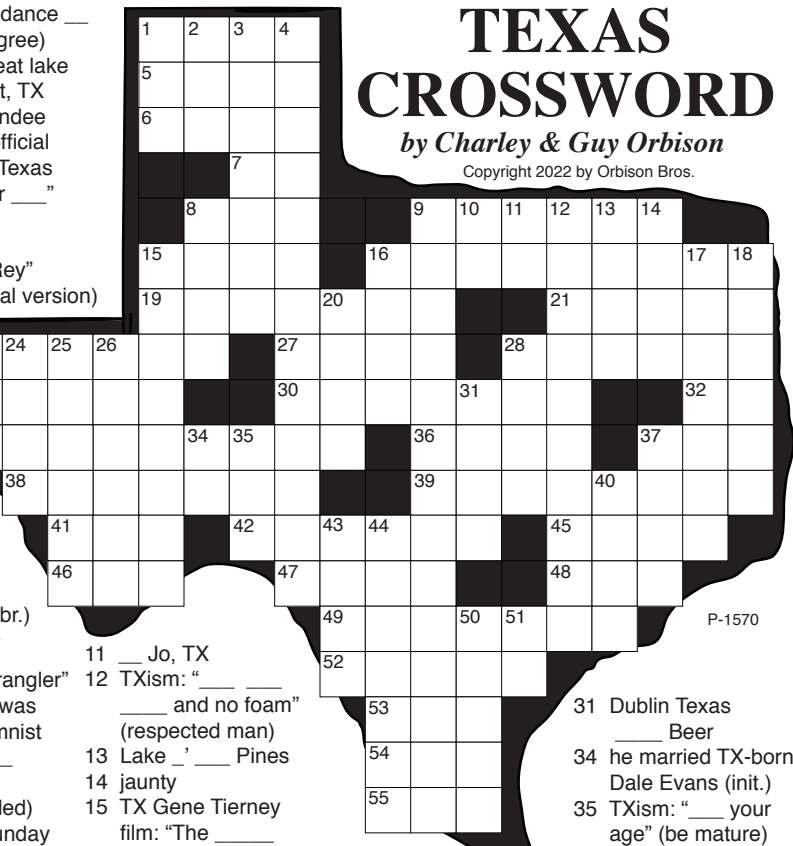
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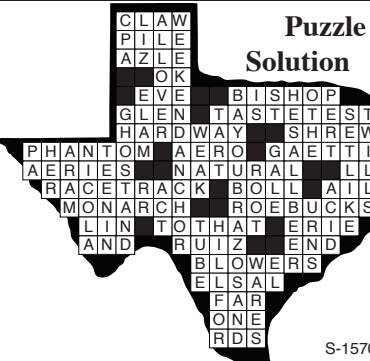
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- eagle's talon
- TXism: "dark as a ___ of black cats"
- on highway 199, NW of Fort Worth
- TXism: "mighty fine"
- Adam and ___
- in Nueces County on U.S. 77
- ___ Rose, TX
- to be useful, this is done "blind" (2 wds.)
- with "The," a 1992 album by TX Clint Black (2 wds.)
- bad-tempered woman old U.S. Army and confederate fort in Jones County: "___ Hill"
- former fast American sports car: SSC Ultimate ___
- this Gary was Astro hitting coach (2004-06)
- birds of prey nests
- "Enchanted Rock State ___ Area"
- TX Spacek was this Lynn in "Coal Miner's Daughter" (init.)
- Texas Motor Speedway, e.g.
- cotton pest: ___ weevil
- to be sick
- kind of butterfly
- TXism for false teeth (back when they were mail-ordered)
- TX Tech and Cowboy kicker, Elliott
- TXism: "I can dance ___ tune" (agree)
- shallowest great lake
- Cut ___ Shoot, TX
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- fans, e.g.
- "___ del Rey" (ungrammatical version)
- TXism: "it's a right smart piece"
- "___ riot, one Ranger"
- FM routes (abbr.)
- ___ Jo, TX
- TXism: "___ and no foam" (respected man)
- Lake ___ Pines
- jaunty
- TX Gene Tierney film: "The ___ Mrs. Muir"
- sharp taste
- "___ cement" (hard, inflexible)
- ribbed diagonal fabrics
- TXism: "___ as a two-day-old kitten"
- "___ Ferguson was 26th TX governor
- His and ___ towels
- male sheep (2 wds.)
- this Peltz was in 2010 film "The Last Airbender" starring TX Noah Ringer
- TXism: "scary as a ___ the driver's seat"
- this TX Storm was "Margie" on TV
- Dublin Texas ___ Beer
- he married TX-born Dale Evans (init.)
- TXism: "___ your age" (be mature)
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