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Rick White, left, stands with Jimmy Duvall, storm water manager/streets superintendent, with the city's new rubber-tired excavator, which the city just received last week. The excavator can be used for a number of purposes around town. Photo by Don Munsch

## Experience, knowledge key for director's job



Rick White, Director of Public Services

Photo by Jim Stevens

BY DON MUNSCH  
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Rick White possesses a wealth of knowledge in his job with the city of Azle.

The knowledge base helps in myriad ways.

White serves as the director of public services. He has been with the city for

29 years, beginning with the wastewater department and working his way up in public services. He began as director of his department around a decade ago.

Originally from Elizabethtown, Kentucky, White served in the Air Force and worked at Carswell. He met his wife, who is from Azle,

during his time in the Air Force. He left the Air Force in 1992 and started with the city in 1993.

"I've done about every job in the city," he said.

In the Air Force, he was a heavy equipment operator, and he has done heavy

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### WORKING IN AZLE:

Rick White, Director of Public Services

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** First 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.

## Azle Animal Shelter 'will always need help' from community

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY  
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It's been seven months since the Azle Animal Shelter Humane Association (AASHA) disbanded, but that hasn't slowed things down for the shelter staff.

"Most shelters are unusually full this time of year and ours was no exception," said Jessie Williams, animal control supervisor for the city.

"Strays and owner surrenders run high after most major holidays, while adoptions tend to slow down."

Williams said that in early December, the shelter had several cats and dogs that had been there for well

over 30 days.

"We were fortunate to partner up with the Humane Society of North Texas and the Fort Worth shelter and transferred all of our longest residents to the 'Mega Adoption Event' that occurred right before the holidays," Williams said.

"We sent over a total of 24 pets to the event, and every single one of them found a new home," Williams said.

With those animals finding new homes, the Azle shelter was able to open up kennel space to help a neighboring shelter that was at their maximum capacity.

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Coco, a current shelter resident, is in need of a biopsy to have a mammary mass checked for cancer. The estimated cost is between \$540-\$675, so the shelter is asking the community to help raise the money needed for Coco's biopsy. Any additional money raised will be put into the shelter's fund. Courtesy photo

## Providing a 'future of hope and healing' for abuse survivors

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One of the first questions people ask about domestic violence victims is, "Why did they stay?" The list is long pertaining to why vic-

tims don't leave, and one of the top reasons is that oftentimes the victim is financially dependent on their abuser.

Future Hope and Healing Center in Azle has made its

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## Blood centers facing critical need

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The COVID-19 pandemic has affected life in many ways, from schools to businesses to hospitals to other entities people may not immediately think about.

Blood centers, for example, have struggled. The

pandemic has triggered a shortage of blood donations since COVID's presence became a part of everyone's lives about two years ago.

The American Red Cross sounded the alarm last week, with officials saying the Red Cross is facing a national

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equipment work with the city, installing sewer taps and working in the sewer plant.

"I progressed from there," he said.

In addition to working as an operator, White has been maintenance foreman, wastewater superintendent, utility manager and now public services director. In 2011, he received his Certified Public Manager's certification from Texas State University. Larger cities require college education for his kind of job, but they also look at experience, he said.

As public services director, White oversees the water plant, sewer plant, utility maintenance department, street department, parks department and vehicle maintenance. The job requires White to be mindful of rules and regulations from Environmental Protection Agency, the federal government and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and to keep track of water plant, wastewater plant and storm-water permits.

"I review a lot of plans," he said, noting the new subdivisions being built here and any infrastructure for new businesses. He also works with the public, such as homeowners, and other cities.

"You've got to have a good calendar," he said about his managing his job's demands. "You've got to be able to keep track of what's going on. Plus, you've got first and third Tuesday council meetings every month."

The more experience and knowledge one has in the public services, the better off one would be to handle



Rick White at his desk.

Photo by Don Munsch

the public services director position.

"My experience here in Azle, we've got maps and different things like that, but I've been doing this for so long here, it's all in my head," he said. "I've got a vast knowledge of the system here in Azle - the roads, streets, drainage, water, sewer. The drainage not so much - that's a new thing for me. I started dealing with streets when I became public services director. There's a lot to it."

He works with heads of each department to ensure everything runs smoothly.

"I've got a really good group of people I work with," he said. "I couldn't ask for any better, I don't think."

The public services department has 34 employees, and there are current openings in the utility maintenance department, street department and water department.

It's been a struggle to hire people, he said, and it's not because the city is picky, it's because the city isn't getting

applicants.

White said the most significant challenge the city faces now is the number of developments coming to town.

"We're trying to get them reviewed, and we have to do the inspections on those," he said. "There's a lot to do with those things and it ties up a lot of our time."

There's no typical day in his work, and White likes that aspect of his job.

"There's always something new coming up, there's always a new challenge," he said. "I'm always working on certain things. I've got a wastewater permit out to the state and feds right now. The first of the year is when a lot of our reports are due to the state and the feds. The water plant superintendent has got several reports he has to get out. There's always something new popping up. Somebody's always got a question that somebody's never heard of. There's always a new issue or a new development to review."

# Azle Area Chamber of Commerce going-away reception



Top: Shelia Pippins, center, chats with Marsha Hardin, left, and Sally Brace at an Azle Area Chamber of Commerce going-away reception Jan. 13 for Shelia and Rick Pippins. Shelia is the former executive director of the chamber, while Rick is the former Azle Police Department chief. The reception was co-sponsored by the Azle Area Ministerial Alliance and Azle Area Chamber of Commerce.

Bottom: Rick Pippins, center, talks with Donna, left, and Mitch Bakouris at the Azle Area Chamber of Commerce going-away reception Jan. 13 for Shelia and Rick Pippins. Photos by Don Munsch

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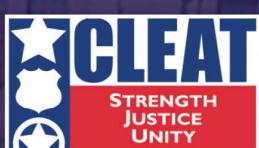
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blood crisis – its worst blood shortage in over a decade, which officials said poses a concerning risk to patient care. The Red Cross has experienced a 10% decline in the number of people donating blood since the beginning of the pandemic and continues to confront “relentless issues due to the pandemic, including ongoing blood drive cancellations and staffing limitations,” a Red Cross news release stated.

“Adding to the concern is the surge of COVID-19 cases,” the release stated. “The Red Cross has experienced low donor turnout ever since the delta variant began spreading in August, and that trend continues as the Omicron variant takes over.”

And the problem is not just happening at the Red Cross.

“It’s interesting because the crisis has really persisted since the pandemic began,” said Linda Goelzer, public relations director for Carter BloodCare, who is based in Bedford, regarding how her business has dealt with the drop in donations. “Critical condition in the blood supply means that the blood center, like Carter BloodCare, is unable to keep pace with the activity of hospitals ordering blood for their patients.”

Reasons for the drop in donations have evolved since the pandemic started, Goelzer said. Initially, some people were afraid to get out because of the lack of knowledge about the virus, but now that there’s more knowledge, people are getting out more. Still, she emphasized, even if people are not ill, there are many reasons why people’s schedules are being disrupted. It can be a challenge for people to get

focused on making an appointment to give blood, she said.

But Goelzer is quick to say that for those who are eligible and available to give blood, they should take time to give blood. Giving blood is an extraordinary gesture that an ordinary person can do to save lives, she said.

“We want people to know that this is something we as a community can tackle together,” she said. “Blood doesn’t belong to Carter BloodCare. The blood we collect does not belong to us; it belongs to the community and the health care facilities that are taking care of all of us. We know our hospitals are challenged right now.”

She said when Carter BloodCare goes on critical appeal, the blood center looks at data internally to see what the level is for the blood supply for each individual blood type.

Plus, for the unstable blood supply that has not reached pre-pandemic levels, one has to consider the surge in COVID, the winter flu and cold—matters that are affecting everyone else in the community, she said.

“So, when you put that on top of everything, that makes it critical in every single blood type,” she said. “We are now at the point where we’re really only meeting a need of what we would call a half-day supply. We’re limiting orders from our hospitals. Hospitals are calling with urgent needs and we’re having to link them up with other hospitals to try to find what they need. It’s a very challenging situation and lives are in jeopardy.”

All blood types are needed, she said.

“The only blood type

that appears to be sufficient at this time – mainly, it’s because it’s the type that fewer people have – is AB, both positive and negative,” she said, adding they are at a healthy level of being in stock but “those things can change quickly,” depending on what kind of patients come in and how much they need.

“We’re just urging people (to give), especially those who know they’re eligible but they’ve never done it before,” he said. “This is the time when we can really use the help from new blood donors – people who’ve never tried it before, never donated with Carter BloodCare before.”

She said new donors can help add to the people already donating because Carter BloodCare doesn’t know whether some of its regular donors might be sick, taking care of someone who is sick or are in quarantine, regardless of whether they have symptoms.

“It’s just a real challenging time for everyone and this is one of those circumstances where blood is essential, yet we can’t manufacture it or get it from a lab,” she said. “The only way to resolve the situation is for us to step up and do it – we have to donate because that’s the only place we can get blood.”

People are eligible to donate blood after having had COVID if they wait 14 days past their last symptoms, Goelzer said.

“And it doesn’t matter if someone is vaccinated or not – we don’t test for that,” she said, adding that “it doesn’t matter to the patient and there is no way for us to be able to tell” whether a donation is vaccinated or unvaccinated blood. COVID-19 cannot be transmitted by blood, she said, adding that there’s no evidence of that circumstance and that these kind of viruses are not spread through blood. One requirement for blood donation is that a person feels well and healthy on the day of donation. Thus, if a person has sniffles or some possible indication of a cold, for instance, he or she cannot donate.

Carter BloodCare officials are using various communication channels – such as emails or social media – to spread the word about the need for donations. Info can be found on the blood center’s website, including a digital tool kit outlining the critical and non-critical need that exists. Even if people are not eligible to donate blood, there are ways to get involved. The blood center also actively looks for entities to host blood drives, and those interested can send an

email at [bookablooddrive@carterbloodcare.org](mailto:bookablooddrive@carterbloodcare.org).

Eligibility requirements can be found online, and prospective donors may answer the medical questionnaire online or by phone with an app. That questionnaire must be completed on the day of the donation.

The blood center has more than 20 donation centers throughout the greater Dallas-Fort Worth area. Those centers also can be found online.

For more information on making an appointment with Carter BloodCare, call or text 1-800-366-2834. Carter BloodCare covers nearly 60 counties and supplies blood to about 200 medical facilities.

To make an appointment to give blood or platelets as soon as possible by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

**UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVES**

**Azle Elementary School**  
Thursday, Jan. 27, 2022  
8:30 am – 4 p.m.  
1200 Lakeview Drive

**Azle Ministerial Alliance**  
Monday, Feb. 7, 2022  
3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.  
First United Methodist Church of Azle  
200 Church St.

**City of Springtown**  
Friday, Feb. 11, 2022  
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
City Hall Annex  
200 North Main Street,  
Springtown

**Holy Trinity Catholic Church - Azle**  
Sunday, Feb. 20, 2022  
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
St. Francis Hall  
800 High Crest Drive



Tiffany Shaw donated blood on Monday, April 6 2020, at the Azle Ministerial Alliance Blood drive hosted by Future, Hope and Healing Center at First United Methodist Church. Each pint of blood donated can save up to three lives.

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**AZLE'S**



*People's Choice*  
**AWARDS BALLOT**

The Azle Area Chamber of Commerce would like your vote for the following Nominees...  
**ONLY CHECK ONE IN EACH CATEGORY**

**Favorite Mexican Food**

- Villa Del Sol
- El Paso
- El Gran Torito's

**Favorite Non-Profit Organization**

- Azle Area Ministerial Alliance
- Azle Optimist Club
- Community Caring Center

**Favorite Azle ISD Employee**

- Kelly Whitehead - Silver Creek Elementary Nurse and Azle ISD Lead Nurse
- Amy Estes - Azle HS Teacher and Coach
- Ernest Johnson - Director of Maintenance

**Favorite Tax Consultant/CPA/Financial Advisor**

- Edward Jones - Leon Williams
- Reliable Year-Round Tax Services
- Azle Bookkeeping - Amanda Clay

**Favorite City Employee**

- Jason Castro - Police Department
- Clinton Kierych - Fire Department
- Stephanie Koch-Bartley - Utility Billing

**Favorite Builder Home/Commercial**

- Probuild Construction
- Sorrell's Custom Homes
- Veralux Homes

**Entries must be on original newspaper ballots, no machine copies will be counted.**

Return ballot to the Azle Area Chamber by January 31, 2022

Winners will be announced at the 60th Annual Awards Banquet on February 10, 2022

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mission to change that. “Our goal is that nobody returns to an abusive home because they cannot meet their family’s basic needs, and to educate our community about the impact domestic abuse has in the community,” said Sally Daniels, executive director of FHHC. “We provided 182 nights in a safe place last year, either by paying rent or motel nights,” Daniels said.

The organization has helped pay rent and deposits for new safe homes, provided utility assistance and waivers to electric and gas companies, and given Walmart cards to help with food, medicines and household items.

Hope’s Bazaar, the resale shop that helps fund FHHC, also provides clothing, furniture, personal hygiene products and cleaning products to clients.

“We provided gas for a victim to move to Arizona to her mom’s,” Daniels said. “We provided an inspection of an RV to see what needed done for the victim and her family to move into the RV.”

FHHC has also set up families in motels if they have a plan in place to leave but need time to complete it.

As a nonprofit organization, FHHC relies on donations to keep going with its mission.

“Most of our funds come from private donations and corporations that match employee donations,” Daniels said.

“We also receive funds from Facebook fundraisers

and Cristina Calk (a local loan officer) has done a fundraiser for us every year for four to five years.”

Many people in the community also hold small fundraisers, including a young teen who did a lemonade stand at her mom’s garage sale last summer and donated the profits to FHHC. Customers who shop at Hope’s Bazaar can also opt to round up their total to the next dollar amount, with that money going to FHHC.

Daniels, a licensed professional counselor supervisor, also provides counseling to clients and has plans to add an adult support group and teen educational groups this year.

“Teen educational groups are important because abuse is normally a learned behavior,” Daniels said.

“One in three teens are affected by teen dating violence. Thirty percent of girls aged 15-19 who are murdered every year are killed by an abusive partner; young women ages 16-24 have the highest rate of violent relationships. ... If we can teach healthy relationships to teens, we can begin to lower those numbers and begin to end the generational cycle of abuse.”

**HOW TO HELP**

In addition to starting a support group and teen education program, Daniels has a goal to open an emergency shelter “so there is a place where families can flee abuse and be safe.”

“One of our biggest needs

is a capital campaign committee to raise funds specifically for an emergency shelter,” she said.

Daniels hopes to be able to raise at least half of the money needed to get the shelter open and running for at least one year.

Board members and volunteers are also needed for FHHC.

“I try to sit down with potential volunteers and find out what their vision is when they want to volunteer,” Daniels said.

“I want to put potential volunteers where they feel satisfied and make a good use of their talents. We always need help sorting the donations that come into Hope’s Bazaar. We need volunteers that will take on responsibility for making sure thank you notes are sent out and helping with newsletters, Facebook posts, etc.”

“We will need help with the teen educational groups.” Daniels has set a personal goal to meet personally with at least three businesses in Azle weekly to “introduce FHHC to them” and find ways that they can partner together.

“Azle has been great about spreading the word that we are here, but we need more people to understand that if you are in or know of a domestic abuse situation. We are the agency to call.”

FHHC can be contacted at 817-929-1866. Hope’s Bazaar Resale Shop is located at 141 W. Main St., and all sales benefit the organization.

# News from Azle City Hall

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

## Filing Period Open for Place on Azle City Council

The City of Azle will hold a General Election on May 7, 2022 for the purpose of electing three (3) council members to Places 1, 2, and 5 for a two-year term. Those interested in running for a place on the Azle City Council have from January 19 - February 18, 2022 to file for candidacy. Azle City Council members are elected at-large for two-year terms.

Also, a Special Election will be called for May 7, 2022 to submit a proposition to the Azle voters on the question of the re-authorization of the local sales and use tax under the provisions of the Texas tax code at the rate of one-quarter of one percent (1/4%) to continue providing revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets.

For additional information, contact Yael Forgey, City Secretary, at (817) 444-7101 or visit the city website ([www.cityofazle.org](http://www.cityofazle.org)).



## Texas Coalition for Animal Protection Low Cost Vaccine Clinics

LOCATION: *Old Azle Library, 609 SE Parkway, Azle TX (Not at the Azle Animal Shelter)*

No appointment necessary for vaccinations which will be given from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on these dates for 2022. First come, first serve basis.

	March 5	June 11	August 13	October 1
<b>Vaccines &amp; Testing</b>				
<b>Cats</b>				
Rabies	\$5			
FeLV	\$10			
FHCPCh	\$10			
FeLV/FIV Test	\$20			
<b>Dogs</b>				
Rabies	\$5			
DAPPv	\$10			
Bordetella	\$10			
Lepto	\$10			
Lyme	\$15			
Canine Influenza	\$20			
(H3N8/H3N2)				
Heartworm Test	\$20			
<b>Wellness Services</b>				
General Dewormer (Strongid-T)	\$5			
Tapeworm Dewormer (Droncit)	\$10-\$15			
TriHeart Plus (6 month supply)	\$25-\$35			
Trifexis (6 month supply)	\$110			
Flea/Tick Preventative (1 month)	\$12			
Flea/Tick Preventative (3 month)	\$30			
Bravecto 12 week Flea/Tick Control	\$45			
Home Again Microchip	\$30			
*Nail Trim	\$10			
<i>*Pets must have a current rabies vaccination given at least 7 days before receiving a nail trim. Proof is required.</i>				

- We accept Cash or Credit Card only
- Dogs must be on a leash or in a carrier
- Cats must be in a hard-sided carrier
- Heartworm prevention can only be prescribed after the pet receives a negative heartworm test administered by TCAP.

TCAP exists to end animal overpopulation and to improve community animal welfare by providing low-cost preventative services throughout North Texas. For additional information, please visit [www.texasforthem.org](http://www.texasforthem.org) or call 940-566-5551

## Azle Memorial Library Updates

333 W Main St, Azle, TX 76020 | 817-752-2682 | [www.azlelibrary.org](http://www.azlelibrary.org)

Facebook: [facebook.com/azlelibrary](https://facebook.com/azlelibrary)

Instagram: [instagram.com/azle\\_memorial\\_library](https://instagram.com/azle_memorial_library)

### Monthly Newsletter:

Did you know the library publishes a monthly newsletter with book suggestions, program announcements, fun activities and more? Pick one up in person the next time you visit the library or read the digital version on our website.

### Winter Reading:

The annual “Winter Reading Program” at the Azle Memorial Library is taking place now through 1/31/22. Everyone in the community (ages 0-100+) can participate for FREE by visiting the library and picking up a *Winter Reading Activity Booklet* that consists of reading activities that can be completed at home. Participants who complete the activities and return the booklet to the library on or before 1/31 will earn a prize, plus be entered into a drawing for additional grand prizes!

### FREE In-Person Programs

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

### For Kids

- **LEGO Club:** Third Wednesday of each month at 4:30 PM. For kids & families of all ages. LEGOS provided by the library.
- **Storytime:** Storytime is on hiatus in January as we await the arrival of our NEW Children’s librarian. Visit the library’s website in February for Storytime updates.

### For Adults:

- **Main Street Book Club:** Third Tuesday of every month at 6 PM. Join us for a lively discussion of the month’s book choice. Upcoming titles listed at [azlelibrary.org](http://azlelibrary.org) or in the monthly newsletter.
- **Spa Night:** February 3 at 6:30 PM. Join us for an evening of relaxation as we make an assortment of spa goodies! Program is FREE to attend. No registration required. Open to adults and older teens.
- **Upcycled Valentine’s Card Craft:** February 12 at 1:30 PM. Make one-of-a-kind cards using upcycled supplies for those special individuals in your life. All materials provided. Open to adults and older teens.

### For All Ages:

- **Star Party:** February 8 at 6:30 PM. All ages are invited to explore the night sky with the Ft. Worth Astronomical Society. This event will allow participants to look at the night sky through telescopes and ask any questions! Takes place behind the library in Central Park. **Please note:** children & teens must be accompanied by an adult. Participants encouraged to bring a flashlight.

### Save the Date:

- Mark your calendar for FREE Spring Break programs and activities taking place March 14-19! Look for details mid-February on the Library’s website, Facebook and monthly newsletter.
- Ready, set, spell! The Adult Spelling Bee buzzes back to the Library in March! Details and team sign-up will “bee” revealed in February.

**Upcoming Closures:** The Library will be closed on these dates. Outside return drops and access to your account online remain available 24/7.

- 1/28/22- Staff Training
- 2/21/22- President’s Day

Scan for more information on what’s happening in the City of Azle or visit us at [www.cityofazle.org](http://www.cityofazle.org)



Domestic Violence Shelters/Agencies Resources	
National Domestic Violence Hotline	800-799-7233
Future, Hope & Healing Center, Azle	817-929-1866
Mission Granbury	844-579-6848
Safe Haven of Tarrant County	877-701-7233
Wise Hope, Bridgeport	940-626-4855
Johnson County Family Crisis Center, Cleburne	800-848-3206
Denton Friends of the Family	800-572-4031
Hope’s Door, Dallas	972-422-2911
Freedom House of Parker County	817-596-8922
Hope, Inc, Mineral Wells	940-325-1306
Brighter Tomorrows, Grand Prairie	972-262-8383
The Family Place, Dallas	214-941-1991
I Can Still Shine, Hurst	817-427-1111
All Church Home, Ft Worth	817-335-4673
Battered Women’s Foundation, North Richland Hills	817-284-8464

## Azle School Menu January 24-28, 2022

**BREAKFAST:**  
GRADES PK-4th \$1.55  
GRADES 5-12th \$1.50  
Employees \$1.85 Guest \$1.85

**LUNCH:**  
GRADES PK-12th \$2.65  
Employees \$3.20 Guest \$3.55  
Gold Card Guest \$3.15

**A La Carte Items**  
• 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** Vanilla Yogurt Cup w/ Graham Crackers **Tues** Golden Sausage Morning Roll **Weds** Chocolate Toaster Pastry  
**Thurs** Potato & Turkey Sausage Breakfast Burrito **Fri** Warm Breakfast on a Stick

**LUNCH: Everyday - Variety of milk. Your choice of 1 entree & 1 fruit or juice**  
**Mon** Creamy Macaroni & Cheese w/ Chicken Nuggets, Creamy Macaroni & Cheese w/ Beef Fingers, Spiced Green Beans **Tues** Cheese Quesadilla, Cheesy Chicken Flour Tacos, Cilantro Lime Rice, Vegetarian Refried Beans, Fresh Baby Carrots **Weds** Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich w/ String Cheese, Ultimate Grilled Cheese w/Tomato Soup, Peppered Broccoli Florets **Thurs** Grilled Chicken Fajita Ranch Wrap, Breaded Chicken Patty Sandwich, Peppered Broccoli Florets **Fri** Delicious Cheese Pizza, Mini Corn Dogs, Crinkle Cut Fries, Fresh Lettuce & Spinach Mix, Fresh Sliced Tomatoes

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**GRADES 5TH - 8TH**

**BREAKFAST: Everyday - Assorted Fruits and Cereal, Juice, White or Chocolate Milk, Graham Crackers,**  
**Mon** Fluffy Pancakes **Tues** Oatmeal w/ Peaches **Weds** Egg & Bacon Breakfast Tacos  
**Thurs** Mini Strawberry Cream Cheese Bagels **Fri** Iced Cinnamon Roll w/ Sausage Patty

**LUNCH: Everyday - Variety of milk. Your choice of 1 entree & 1 fruit or juice, rolls, crackers. Variety of burgers.**  
**Mon** Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Spicy Chicken Patty Sandwich, Delicious Cheese Pizza, Beefy Nachos w/Spanish Rice, Cheesy Chicken Quesadilla **Tues** Spicy Chicken Patty Sandwich, Classic Pepperoni Pizza, Spicy Crispy Chicken Salad, Creamy Chicken Alfredo Rotini, Fajita Chicken Alfredo Pizza **Weds** Seasoned Beef Quesadilla, Breaded Chicken Patty Sandwich, Spicy Chicken Patty Sandwich, Golden Chicken Corn Dog, Turkey & Cheese Jalapeno Cheddar Wrap, Pork Sausage Crumble Pizza, Classic Pepperoni Pizza, Fish Shape Nugget & Chips w/Roll, Cobb Salad w/Roll, Chili Garlic Chicken Stir Fry w/ Rice, Chicken Nugget Potato Bowl w/Roll **Thurs** Chicken Salad Wrap, Spicy Chicken Patty Sandwich, Pepperoni & Jalapeno Pizza, Chicken Tenders w/Roll, Crinkle Cut Fries, Vegetarian Baked Beans **Fri** Cheeseburger, Breaded Chicken Patty Sandwich, Classic Pepperoni Pizza, Breaded Popcorn Chicken w/Roll, Spaghetti Carbonara, Fajita Chicken Salad Wrap, Crispy Tater Tots

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**HIGH SCHOOL**

**BREAKFAST: Everyday - Assorted Fruits and Cereal, Juice, White or Chocolate Milk, Graham Crackers, Egg Scramble w/ Turkey Sausage & Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs w/ Biscuit, Turkey Sausage Patty w/ Biscuit, Hash Brown**  
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# Obituaries

## Gay Lee (Casler) Dekin 1948 - 2022

Gay Lee Dekin, 73, passed away on Jan. 8, 2022, at a Fort Worth hospital.

Services were held Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022 at Azle Christian Church.

Mrs. Dekin was born in Palmer, Alaska on April 2, 1948 to the late William Arthur and Elsie May (Wilson) Casler.

She was a retired Dietary Cook at Harris Methodist Northwest in Azle. She resided in Azle, Texas

She was preceded in death by Mary Ann Casler (sister), Elsie Casler (mother), William Casler (father), Brenda Hill (niece), Brenda Dekin (daughter), Marilyn Hill (sister), Lacey Baslee (granddaughter), and Adam Morelock (grandson).

Survivors include her husband of 50 years, Harry G. Dekin; sisters Glee Miller of Dade City, Florida and Joyce Fitzgibbon of Wasilla, Alaska; daughters: Mechelle



Baslee, Robin Pedigo; son Burton Dekin; stepchildren Michael Dekin and Michelle Morelock; grandchildren Brittany Snelson, Daniel Morelock, William Dekin, Sierra Baslee, Ashlyn Gonzales, Ty Pierson, Bynum Morelock, Preston Dekin, Allison Williams, Payton Dekin, Colton Dekin, Cheyenne Pedigo, Jaxton Dekin, six great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

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## Don Everett Foster 1936 - 2022

Graveside services for Don Everett Foster, age 85, of Azle, Texas will be conducted at 2:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022, at Restlawn Memorial Park with Bro. Bill Gay officiating.

Pallbearers will be Kevin Rowell, Chad Rowell, Cody Stafford, Joe Wellborn, James Randolph, and Craig Towery. Visitation will be held from 1-2 p.m., prior to service time, at West Oaks Funeral Home.

Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com

Don passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022, at Azle Manor Nursing Home in Azle, Texas. He was born on August 27, 1936, in Picketon, Texas, the son of Duron Foster and Iva Lee Montgomery Foster.

Don worked for General Dynamics for over 30 years and was also a contractor.

He was preceded in death



by his parents and sister, Bobbie Sicles.

He is survived by sons, David Michael Foster of Benbrook, Texas, Dale Everett Foster and wife Beverly of Azle, Texas, sister, Jera Lewis of Dallas; grandchildren, Luke Hodges and Nathan Hodges; great-grandchildren, Corby, Destiny, Ciria, Lauren, Bradley, Lance, Cameron, Adriana, Blaine, Alexis and Alana Hodges; and step-son, Wayne Morgan of Cleburne.

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## Mavis Voncille Pennington 1934 - 2022

Mavis Voncille Pennington went to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday Jan. 17.

Service will be held 1 pm, Friday, Jan. 21, 2022 in Biggers Funeral Chapel

A private burial will be held for the family. Visitation is from 6-8 pm, Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022 at Biggers Funeral Home

Voncille was born on Nov. 12, 1934 in Paducah, Texas to JB and Lenora Davidson. She married Johnny Raymond Pennington on March 25, 1950. They had three children: Shellie Elaine, Johnny Vonn and Pamela Sue. Voncille worked for Mitchell Department Store for 25 years. She also worked at Tiny Toms convenient store in Azle for 20 years and was loved by all of her frequent customers.

She is preceded in death by her parents, JB and Lenora Davidson; husband, Johnny Raymond; son, Johnny Vonn; and sister, Karen Parker.



She is survived by her daughter, Shellie Pennington, daughter, Pam Dickey and husband, Bubba, grandson, Chad Geeslin and wife, April, granddaughter, Sloan Crow and husband, Justin, granddaughter Amber Oates and husband, David, grandson Bryan Pennington and wife, Maria; great-grandchildren, Bailey Cardiff and husband, Tyler, Laney and Addison Geeslin, Ellie and Gatlin Crow; and great-great-granddaughter, Rebel Cardiff.

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# Obituaries

## Ann Kathryn Noack Meier and Foster Lee Meier 1937 - 2022

Our loving Mother and Father, Ann Kathryn Noack Meier, 84, passed away Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022, in Azle.

Ann was born November 19, 1937, to Paul Otto Noack and Alvina Bertha Nukunz Noack. Ann was a dedicated nurse for over 40 years. She loved the outdoors, gardening, and her many animals.

Ann was a loving daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, as well as a great-grandmother.

Foster Lee Meier, 87, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022, in Azle.

Foster was born March 12, 1934, to Rudolph Carl Meier and Buelah McCor-



mic Meier. Foster was a well-respected businessman in the corrugated paper industry. He loved his animals, building and farming land.

Foster was a loving son, husband, father, grandfather,

as well as great-grandfather. Together Foster and Ann were married 68 years.

They are survived by; daughter, Kathryn Meier Mobley, and her husband Chris Mobley; sons, Nathan Meier and John David Meier; granddaughter, Bonnie Mobley Bartay, and her husband, Louis Bartay; Grandsons, Steven Austin Mobley and his wife Jamie Mobley; Michael Meier and Matthew Meier; great-grandchildren, Abigail, Lilliwen, Brantley, Brody, and Tegan. Many close family friends include John Peterson of Weatherford.

They are preceded in



death by their daughter, Cynthia Ann Meier, their granddaughter, Julie Ann Meier, as well as both sets of parents.

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## Brenda McMurtray 1948 - 2022

Brenda McMurtray, 72, mother, Mamie, and dear friend to all passed away on Jan. 1, 2022.

A celebration of life will be held from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on January 27, 2022 at National Hall Lodge 3316 Roberts Cut Off Rd., Fort Worth, TX 76114.

Brenda was born on Jan. 27, 1949, the youngest of three daughters to JD and Mary Keeney in Santa Anna, Texas. She grew up in River Oaks, graduate of Castleberry High School. She was a long-time resident of Lake Worth where she raised her daughters and lived for majority of her life before retiring in Azle, Texas.

Brenda was very active in the Lake Worth community. Her passions were her family and friends. Her home was always open and welcome to old and new friends. She never met a stranger and always made you feel loved.

Brenda had an amazing heart and boisterous personality. There wasn't much she wouldn't try at least once. And if you didn't know what she was thinking, give her five minutes, you'd quickly find out. Brenda was a hard worker and very active person. She enjoyed gardening, being outdoors and traveling.

In her retirement, the most



important thing to her was being there for all of her grandchildren and the activities they were doing at the time. She loved going to see the kid's baseball games, rodeos, or swim meets. You could always hear her over most in the crowd.

Those left to cherish her memory include her daughters, DeAndra Wyatt and Shanna Peninger; son-in-law Wesley Wyatt; grandchildren, Katelyn Peninger, Seth Peninger, Gavin Peninger and Westin Wyatt; sister, Linda Butler.

Brenda will be remembered for her infectious laugh, wonderful sense of humor, along with her dedication to her family. She was a unique and caring individual who touched the lives of all that knew her. She will be dearly missed.

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## June B. Eberle 1933 - 2022

June B. Eberle, 88, of Azle, Texas passed away on Monday, Jan. 10, 2022.

Funeral services are Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022 at 4 p.m. at Shannon Rufe Snow Funeral Chapel.

Burial is at DFW National Cemetery at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022.

June was born in St. Louis, Missouri on March 27, 1933. She married Bobby L. Eberle on Oct. 15, 1951.

June is preceded in death by her husband, parents and 2 sisters.

June is survived by her children, Brenda Bishop,



Phyllis Sticher, and Robert Eberle, five grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren

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## David Earl Cinnamon 1951 - 2022

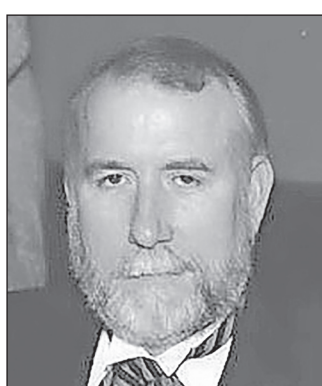
David Earl Cinnamon, 70, of Azle, passed away on Jan. 11, 2022.

Service and Interment will be held at Azleland Memorial Park on Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022, at 2 p.m.

David was born on August 5, 1951, in Fayetteville, North Carolina, the oldest child of David and Melva Cinnamon. He graduated from Azle High School, served in the Air Force Reserves, and worked for Union Pacific Railroad for the length of his career.

David was preceded in death by his wife of 39 years, Elizabeth Cinnamon, as well as by his parents.

He is survived by his brother, Dean Cinnamon and wife, Trisha; sisters, Sue



Ramey, Karen Sampson and husband, Edwin; children, Cindy Sutton and husband, Chip, and Bill Cinnamon; grandchildren, Austin and Mikayla Sutton; and many nieces and nephews.

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## Jerry L. Reynolds 1955 - 2022

Jerry went to Heaven on Jan. 7, 2022.

Services will be held Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. at Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Jerry was born in Germany on Dec. 28, 1955.

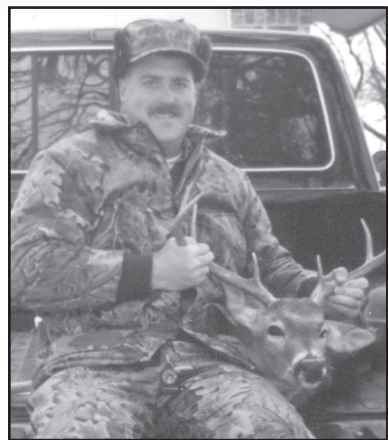
He is survived by his cousins, Harvey and Joyce Williams; Rod and Mary Barnett; Pete and Bonnie Rodriguez and many more cousins and friends.



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## In Remembrance of Russell Stone March 7th 1968 - January 15th 2021

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# Obituaries

## Dorothy "DeeDot" Lawler 1921 - 2022

Dorothy "DeeDot" Lawler went to her Heavenly Home Saturday, Jan., 15, 2022 after 100 blessed years. The Bible says that "a gracious woman gets honor".

Graveside services were held Tuesday, at 2 p.m. Jan. 18, 2022, Ash Creek Cemetery.

Memorials: One of her passions was sponsoring her missionary families. Please consider donations in her memory to Agenda Jesus. Mail checks to Agenda Jesus % 2925 Harlanwood Ft. Worth, Texas 76109 or PayPal Agenda.Jesus3@gmail.com

Dorothy was born Dec. 10, 1921 to James Henry & Willie Clara King. She attended all twelve years at Geraldine/Holliday schools and graduated with the Class of 1939. Dot enjoyed playing tennis, volleyball, softball and water skiing. She and a group of friends continued participating in those activities well into mid-life.

Dot and her family moved to Azle in 1959 and they quickly became active in Ash Creek Baptist Church. In 1966 she bought Azle Florist and she worked to serve the schools and community for over 55 years. At age 99, she was still working in the flower shop daily.

Her first grandchild (Shannon) gave her the nickname "DeeDot" in 1972 and it became her official title for almost 50 years. As a friend, mother, grandmother and aunt, she was always there to listen and support.

One of her florist associates described her as always supportive, loving, honest, and kind. She loved with



"unconditional love". She loved God with all of her heart and strove to serve Him daily. DeeDot was a woman of few words but when she spoke "she meant what she said and expected you to listen".

Proverbs 31 best describes DeeDot... "She was clothed in strength and dignity, she laughed without fear of the future, her words were wise and she gave instructions with kindness. Her children rise up and call her blessed".

She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, and granddaughter Jaylee.

Survivors: She leaves a legacy of love to her family. She is survived by one niece, two children, three grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. Survivors include Suzanne and Roddy Murr and family (Azle), Lynna Jo Willis (California), Shannon and Todd Smith and family (Weatherford), and Eddie Lawler and family (Elkhart). She is also survived by her "family by choice flower shop girls": Sandy, Becky, Tammy, Donna, Boots and LaDonna.

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# APD ready for new year of Citizens Police Academy

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY  
azlereporter@azlenews.net

The Azle Police Department is holding a Citizens Police Academy starting on Jan. 25. The 13-week class will meet on Tuesdays from 6 to 9 p.m.

"The program allows the community to see how the Azle Police Department operates so there is a better understanding between our partnership with the community," said Sgt. Chance Kidd, who will be one of the instructors for the class.

The program was developed to help the community "gain an understanding of the operations of the Azle Police Department; develop an awareness of the various challenges and decisions faced daily by police officers;

and participate in practical exercises designed to illustrate various situations an officer experiences while on duty."

Students will learn various police topics in a classroom setting, including:

- Building searches
- Traffic stops
- Crime scene processing
- Emergency communications
- Narcotics and vice investigations
- Tactical operations
- Accident reconstruction
- Patrol procedures
- Bicycle programs
- Neighborhood Watch/ Citizens on Patrol
- Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS)
- Firearms training
- Electronic ticket writers/ speed measurement

- School resource officers
- Narcotic identification

There will be 20-plus instructors from within the police department as well as an academy coordinator leading the program, and members of other city departments also will participate.

The Citizens Police Academy is open to applicants 18 or older who are residents, business owners, or employees of schools or businesses in the city of Azle with no assault, weapons or narcotics convictions, or Class B or higher misdemeanor offenses in the last 10 years.

Because of the sensitive nature of police work, the department runs background checks on all applicants, including driver's license status, criminal his-

tory and warrant check.

The information packet from APD says that "although academy students receive information regarding numerous police-related subjects, graduates are not prepared for, expected to or authorized to conduct any police services," but it is hoped that they will become "good-will ambassadors" for Azle PD.

"Upon completion of the CPA, each person will have the opportunity to join the Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) as well as one of our Citizens on Patrol (COP)," Kidd said.

The deadline to apply for a spot in the Citizens Police Academy closed Jan. 18. It is not yet known whether another session will be scheduled in the fall.



Azle Police Department's 2021 class.

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## DEAR FRANKIE

By Geneva Woodruff



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

Dear Frankie,  
My name is Champ. I'm a Labrador Retriever from a long line of show dogs. My dad was a breeder. He told me he waited all his life to give that name to a pup that he believed had all the qualities required to win a champion prize at the Westminster Dog Show.

I never did get to go to Westminster, but I did win many state and regional prizes. Unfortunately, when my dad got very sick, he moved to a hospice. Before he left, he asked a friend to find me a good home. I was adopted in a few days by a terrific family. I couldn't ask for a better second home.

My second dad named me Max. He said Max was his childhood pet and the love of his life. I, of course, was flattered but missed my first name. Champ was not only a name but it was an honor to be the one that my first dad chose to name Champ. It's also the only thing I have left from my dad.

I only wish my new family could understand how important the name Champ was to me. Do other second adoptees care about their name being changed as much as I do?

Sad, Max

Dear Champ, I thought it would please you to address you by your first name. I do understand the importance your birth name has for you. It was not only a name. It was also a title and an honor.

There is a saying, "A rose by any other name would smell as sweet."

It means a name doesn't change who you are. Once you are a Champ, regardless of what anyone calls you, you will always be a champ.

Some women change their last name when they get married. The difference, of course, is that this was their choice. When children are adopted from foreign countries, many are given new American names. I'm not trying to minimize your feelings by the previous examples. I'm just trying to point out that name changes happen, whether right or wrong.

I suspect your first dad didn't ask his friend to tell the people who adopted you why he named you Champ. Perhaps if your new family had known the reason for your name, they might have kept it. However, the name your second dad gave you was also an honor. Max was the name of his cherished childhood dog. Not many dogs get two distinctive titles in a lifetime.

Only special dogs like yourself can say they were one of them.

Best, Frankie

# Consumer Alert: COVID-19 testing frauds

## STAFF REPORTS

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues with the Omicron variant causing cases to spike, people should be aware of fake testing sites popping up.

That's the warning from the Tarrant District Attorney's Office, as fake testing sites have popped up across the country and some scammers are asking for credit card and Social Security numbers – and then they never provide test results.

"Be careful," Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney Sharen Wilson said in a news release. "Research the facilities before you go and make sure it's a

valid testing site."

The Better Business Bureau and Federal Bureau of Investigation are among the agencies that have put out warnings, urging people to be careful when getting tested at pop-up sites and when buying at-home test kits, the release stated.

"Scarcity often leads to potential scams for a product that doesn't exist, the compromise of personal identifiable information, or the increase of deceptive advertising," the BBB warning states.

Anyone caught fraudulently gathering personal information such as credit card or Social Security

numbers faces a variety of charges, the DA's office stated.

If there are fewer than five items of personal information gathered, the offender faces a state jail felony that carries a jail term of up to two years and a fine of up to \$10,000. If there are more than 50 items of personal information gathered, they face a first-degree felony which carries a prison term of five to 99 years and a fine of up to \$10,000.

The DA's office suggests these ways to protect yourself:

- Research the facility or testing site before you go.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has infor-

mation at [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov).

- Talk to your doctor. He or she can help you find a legitimate testing site. When in doubt, go to sites affiliated with local hospitals or city or county government.

- Keep your personal information – Social Security numbers, credit card numbers – to yourself. Legitimate testing sites won't ask for your Social Security number or a credit card number.

- Avoid unverified websites offering COVID-19 tests.

- Contact the Better Business Bureau to report a fraud or scam at [www.bbb.org/scamtracker](http://www.bbb.org/scamtracker).

# Hyde Media Group names two vice presidents

BY KATHY CRUZ  
Senior Staff Writer  
Hood County News

The Hyde Media Group, created in August 2020 for the purpose of purchasing the Hood County News, has announced more changes to its now four-newspaper operation.

Two vice presidents have been named.

David Montesino will be vice president of editorial and Kim Ware will be vice president of sales.

"I have complete and total confidence in the skills and talents which these two outstanding individuals bring to our organization, and we are fortunate to have them as part of the Hyde Media Group team," HCN publisher and Hyde Media Group Chief Operating Officer Sam Houston stated in an announcement emailed to company employees.

Houston said that Montesino's title "codifies" his role within the operation. As managing editor, he had

already been leading the editorial departments of HCN and the other three newspapers: the Gatesville Messenger, Azle News and The Springtown Epigraph.

Those three newspapers were acquired less than a year after Hyde Media Group was formed.

Ware, who has been the publisher of The Springtown Epigraph and Azle

News, will retain her publisher title.

Houston praised Ware for her skill at advertising sales and the esteem with which she is held in the Azle-Springtown communities.

He stated that she "will standardize a lot of things in our sales program to offer the broadest range of services and products, which will increase our customers' busi-

ness."

Houston said that the move creates "more intermediate levels of authority" and indicated that it will help with overall management of the media organization, which is expected to continue to grow.

The Hyde Media Group was founded by Paul Hyde, owner of the Hyde Law Firm in Granbury.



Kim Ware, left, and David Montesino, right, have been named as vice presidents of Hyde Media Group.

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# I have a dream.

“If you don’t vote, you don’t get to complain.”  
Ever heard that one?

I’ve heard it as long as I have been old enough to vote (42 years and counting). I imagine the statement originated as effort to encourage eligible voters to participate in the political process.

After all, not every country in the world has a democratic process where common people actually have the opportunity to make their opinions heard in an effort to influence the direction of said country in free and fair elections.

While the intent may have been to encourage participation, the actual statement is antithetical to the stated intent of our founding documents.

In actuality, the only places where you don’t get to complain are places where you don’t get to vote.

And most of the voting rights in the U.S. that exist today only exist precisely because of people who complained. (See [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timeline\\_of\\_voting\\_rights\\_in\\_the\\_United\\_States](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timeline_of_voting_rights_in_the_United_States) for an interesting article.)

That phrase about not complaining if you don’t vote popped into my mem-



**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).

ory when I saw a meme yesterday: “If you can’t say ‘Black Lives Matter’ today you don’t get to celebrate MLK Day tomorrow.”

I’m still pondering that quote as I write this on the morning of MLK Day.

I was 6 years old when Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated on the balcony of the Lorraine Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee.

I was four months short of my second birthday when he delivered the famous “I Have a Dream” speech in Washington, DC.

I say that to acknowledge that much of what I know is from the history I have studied, not from actual memories.

What I do know is that MLK Day is an acknowledgement of a significant leader within a significant movement that has resulted in a significant shift of direction in the U.S. and his legacy is one that has affected us all—and is therefore worth celebrating.

I also know that the sig-

nificant shift has not yet resulted in the goals he worked for. We’ve still got a long way to go before every person is truly judged by the content of their character.

I also know that his words, much like the words of other significant historical figures—including Jesus—have been co-opted by those who will use them for their own purposes.

I’m just as guilty as anyone of looking for a good quote to make a point.

The problem is when we use a quote as PROOF of a point rather than as an EXAMPLE of how someone has expressed their own understanding of a subject.

And because we live in a world of memes, tweets, gifs, video clips, and sound bites (to name just a few), we can also use those quotes and phrases to prove that someone is messed up, and cannot be trusted.

So, one person asserts that saying the phrase “Black Lives Matter” is to

both agree with a radical organization that goes by the same name and to proclaim that some lives matter more than others.

Another person asserts that failing to use “the phrase” means that one does not acknowledge either the racist history of the country or the ongoing issues that still exist within the systems and structures of the country.

Either way, a single phrase spoken or posted in a moment becomes a measure of a person’s heart.

In the few short remaining words that this post’s context allows, I want to say that I believe that “character” is both developed and revealed over time. None of us wants to be remembered for a snapshot of how we responded in our worst moment.

I have a dream that we would give each other grace, be sensitive enough to each other that we treat each person the way they need to be treated in their current reality, and that we would listen before we speak or post—understanding that we have this moment to bring clarity or confusion, blessing or cursing, healing or pain.

Be amazing today, my friend.

# Property Tax Payment Deadline Approaching

The Parker County Appraisal District has issued the following guidelines for the tax deadline coming at the end of January.

Property Tax Statements were mailed to property owners in Parker County in October 2021. To avoid paying additional property tax penalty and interest, payments must be received or postmarked by Jan. 31, 2022.

Taxpayers can pay online at [www.parkercad.org](http://www.parkercad.org) using an eCheck for a \$0.50 processing fee or using a credit/debit card for a 2.25% processing fee. The processing fees are not charged or collected by the Parker County Appraisal District. These

fees are charged by the processing company.

Taxpayers can pay by mail or in-person at the Parker County Appraisal District office located at 1108 Santa Fe Drive, Weatherford, TX 76086. For convenience, there is also a drive-thru window and an afterhours drop box located at the front of the building.

As a reminder, if your property has a mortgage with an escrow account, the requesting mortgage company will be mailed a duplicate tax statement with the amount due on your account. You can obtain additional tax statements and receipts online at [www.parkercad.org](http://www.parkercad.org).

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BOOK REVIEW

# An experience that may make your child sing

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

Sometimes, when you're feeling just a little bit sad, humming a song can help.

It doesn't have to be anything fancy; it doesn't even have to have words. Just a little bit of song, quietly to yourself, can make things seem better. Maybe one certain tune always makes you smile or, as in the new book "Song for Jimi" by Charles R. Smith Jr., illustrated by Edel Rodriguez, it can be an entire riff on a "git-tar."

It was the fall of 1942, and Johnny Allen Hendrix had just made his debut.

Johnny was his name at first, anyway, until his daddy changed it to "James" when the boy was three years old. By then, "Jimmy" was used to the way things were at home: his parents drank too much and fought even more. Jimmy kept to himself and rarely spoke.

When his mother finally had enough of it, she left and that was even worse.

"Jimmy lived the blues," so he taught himself to strum an old broom like it was a real "git-tar." Eventually, he found a "worn-out, beat-

up" ukulele and though he was "born lefty," he learned to play it, left-handed and right-handed.

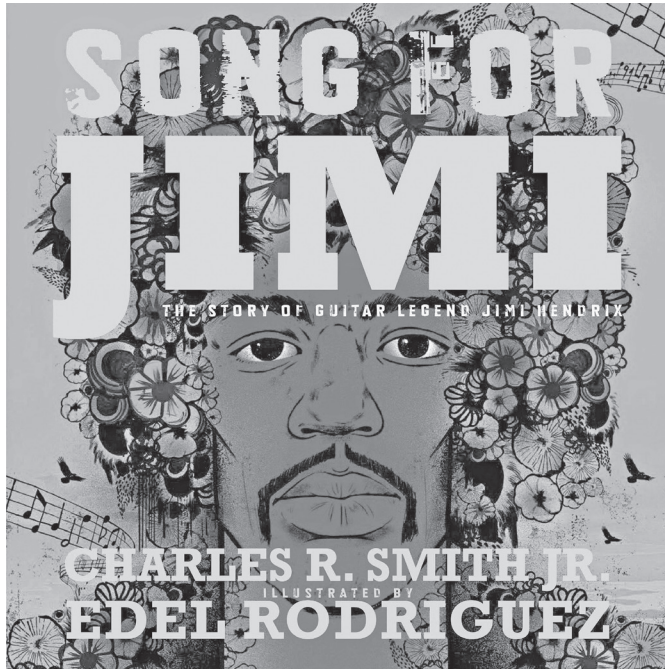
Finally, at age 16, Jimmy got his first real guitar, and it made him very happy! Still, it wasn't enough: Jimmy wasn't very good in school, and a teacher told him to "give up on his dream" and buckle down. He didn't listen; instead, he worked and practiced and worked harder, until local bands began to hire him, and everybody knew his name.

They knew his sound, too. Jimmy's guitar was loud and it screamed with a sound like none other. He kept that sound when he went into the Army. He kept it while in the military. He made his guitar speak "like a bird learning to tweet."

And one day, after he'd changed his name and changed it again, Jimi Hendrix reached his dream: he was invited to play in a place called Monterey, where he "showed the world how to kiss the sky."

Here's a bit of advice: before you read "Song for Jimi" aloud, look at it first.

The story jangles with a



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kind of jerky beat that feels like a loose-limbed dude walking down a summer sidewalk. It's a poem, but not quite; a song, but not entirely; a biography, but more. And it's longer than your usual picture book, word-wise. These are all things that adults will enjoy because author Charles R. Smith Jr. tells a good story and artist Edel Rodriguez adds literal color to the tale.

But will kids like it?

Meh. The length is one issue; the relevance is another since most picture-book audiences (in this case, 7-to-12-year-olds) are likely too young for Jimi Hendrix. In the end, any enjoyment may depend not on the tale itself, but how it's read aloud.

Give it a try once before you give it to your child. Jangle with the story properly, and "Song for Jimi" may make your child sing.

# Azle sees crime rate increase for first time in eight years

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY  
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The city of Azle saw the crime rate drop nearly 50% from 2013 to 2020.

This past year, the percentage has gone up.

The crime rate in Azle increased 35% from 2020 to 2021, with the biggest increases in the assault and theft categories of Part 1 UCR offenses.

The FBI defines Part 1 UCR offenses as crimes of homicide, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, theft and auto theft. A total of 428 incidents fell under this category in 2021. In 2020, that number was 317.

Theft was the top offense in 2020 with 129 incidents, followed by assault (127), auto theft (26), burglary (24), rape (8), and robbery (3). There were no homicides.

At the close of 2021, assault was the top reported offense with 176 incidents, followed by theft (164), burglary (41), auto theft (35), rape (8) and robbery (4). There were no homicides in Azle last year.

Interim police chief Sid Fuller said that the assault incidents were "almost en-

tirely family violence related, and the majority are very minor (assault by contact or threat)."

"I attribute many of those to 'cabin fever,'" Fuller said in an email to Azle News. "More and more people are working from home and/or are isolating themselves due to the pandemic."

"The upside is they are being reported so we can intervene and break the cycle. Going unreported, these cases can escalate and become more violent."

In relation to the increase of thefts, Fuller said that the increase is due to Walmart being aggressive against thefts from their store.

"In fact, 61 of the 164 theft reports came from Walmart last year," he said. "That is a huge increase from 2020 and 2019. We fully support Walmart in their efforts to protect their property."

The Azle Police Department responded to 18,381 calls for service last year, an increase of almost 900 calls. The average response time for officers was three minutes and 59 seconds.

# It's time to think about spawning white bass for upcoming months

It will soon be time for the spawning run that draws anglers out in numbers typically between February and April. In Texas many of these sand bass may start their trek in January depending on the weather.

These tasty fish can be caught in most every reservoir in the state, so you don't have to travel far to find them. Lake Granbury, despite the floods in the last couple of years, continues to produce numbers of sand bass.

Many of these fish will move up to or close to their spawning areas at the first cold snap in November, others will stay in the main lake. These fish may travel back to the river several times before actually spawning. Eventu-



## 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

ally, however, the spawning ritual takes place in these same areas year after year. These fish like to congregate in numbers, making it relatively easy to sack up a limit.

Typically with the water temperatures around the low to middle 50s and if there is sufficient water flow, the sand bass will make their trek. As I mentioned earlier, this spawning evolution usually starts around the first part of February and may run through March and April. Sand bass and stripers require moving water to spawn. The males

tend to move up first and then the larger females usually follow with rising temperatures.

The official name for the sand bass is "white bass," but here in Texas "sand bass" is generally used by most. These fish are relatively easy to catch and are excellent table fare. You can catch them anytime of the year, but in the early spring/late winter, they concentrate for the spawn on the upper portions of reservoirs or rivers, making them easier to locate.

Large majorities of sand bass on Lake Granbury mi-

grate up the Brazos River to around the Tin Top area. Some sand bass don't make it that far and spawn in other creeks, and some may spawn on windblown banks in the main reservoir.

On Lake Whitney, the best known areas in my opinion are on the Brazos River above Kimball Bend and on the Nolan River near the Highway 174 bridge (the Nolan runs into the Brazos River below Kimball Bend). Other tributaries may contain spawning fish as well. Tres Rios in Glen Rose is known as a spawning ground. Tres Rios is where the Paluxy, the Brazos and Squaw Creek merge.

Sand bass grow very fast in Texas waters and have a relatively short life span.

These fish will reach 9-10 inches their first year and get to 12-13 inches their second year. These fish rarely live beyond five years. The legal size for sand bass has been standardized to 10 inches on all Texas lakes to make enforcement easier. Previously, some water bodies had a 12-inch limit.

Don't confuse the sand bass with hybrid striped bass or striped bass. The easiest way to identify these fish is to look at their tooth patch. The sand bass will have only one, where the striped and hybrid striped bass will have two. Pick up a Texas Parks & Wildlife Department handbook where fishing licenses are sold and read the details. You don't want to be caught with an illegal fish.

Sand bass can be caught on a variety of artificials and live bait. Small minnows/shad placed below a bobber or the use of a small 1/16th to 1/4-ounce jig head with rubber tails in chartreuse, white and yellow can be used. Small roadrunner jigs are one of my favorites. Slabs and spoons can be effective as well. Try some Berkley power bait grubs on your jig heads.

## FISHING REPORT

On other reservoirs, the striped bass and crappie fishing on Lake Whitney has been excellent from white bluff to upriver near Kimball Bend. Possum Kingdom Lake striped bass are good to excellent to 12 pounds on jigs near Costello Island and upstream.

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**SHELTER, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.**

capacity by accepting several of their dogs.

Last year, the shelter cared for a total of 491 animals and adopted out 228 of them. The remaining ones were sent to rescues, transferred to other shelters, or were returned to their owners.

"A very small portion of those were euthanized," Williams said. "We have had such a successful turn-around rate that euthanasia is only used on animals that are suffering from a medical emergency or are simply too aggressive and would be a danger to the community to adopt out. Our current live release rate is 98.63%."

Today, the shelter has 38

cats and dogs in their care, plus others in foster care.

Without AASHA, which helped fund shelter expenses, the shelter is having to reassess where funds can be allocated.

"Being a 'no kill' shelter is expensive, and as every city department does, we have to prioritize our spending," Williams said.

"Medical expenses continue even in the absence of our previous nonprofit partner."

Recently, the shelter was caring for a dog named Enzo who had a severely broken leg, which had to be amputated. His vet bill was nearly \$1,000.

"Azle's generous citizens

were able to fund the entirety of his medical expenses," Williams said. "Because of donations, we were able to help Enzo get the medical attention that he so desperately needed."

"We cannot impose on the goodwill of our donors in every individual instance. Some animals that come through the door require immediate medical intervention and do not have the luxury of waiting for fundraising as Enzo did. With a nonprofit group, that would allow us to seek veterinary care instantly."

Without a partnership with a nonprofit organization like AASHA, the animal shelter can no longer take part in yearly fundraisers like North Texas Giving Day. In 2020, the AASHA received nearly \$20,000 from the NTX Giving Day fundraiser that was put toward the shelter.

"We would love the opportunity to partner up again with a nonprofit whose sole purpose was to support the needs of our shelter, raise funds to help towards the medical necessities and to enhance our daily operations," Williams said.

The end of AASHA hasn't stopped the community from donating to the shelter.

"We have a constant revolving door of animals so there will always be a need for help from our local community," she said.

"Azle's citizens have continued and can continue to help in many ways with donations, whether it's in a monetary form, blankets, leashes, collars, toys, news-



Jules arrived from the Weatherford shelter on Dec. 4. She has a lot of energy and so far seems to be good with cats and dogs.

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Trevor has been at the shelter since Dec. 27. He was an injured stray when he came in. He's described as a great dog but needs some basic training like leash walking. ... He seems to love everyone he meets.

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# Popcorn Players 'Dearly Beloved' opening night Jan. 28

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY  
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The Azle Arts Association Popcorn Players kicks off its theatrical season Jan. 28 with the premiere of "Dearly Beloved." The play will run Jan. 28-30 and Feb. 4-6.

The Azle Arts website describes the play as "Hilarity, Texas style!"

"Dearly Beloved" is a Jones Hope and Wooten comedy about "an over-the-top wedding, three feuding sisters and a church full of small-town eccentrics. What could possibly go wrong?"

The production is a "fast-paced, laugh-a-minute comedy ... about love, marriage, sisterhood and 300 pounds of good old Texas barbecue."

The cast includes many familiar faces and a few new ones for the season opener:

- Miss Geneva Musgrave



Azle Popcorn Players at their dress rehearsal. The play will run Jan. 28-30 and Feb. 4-6.

Courtesy photo



played by Cynthia Hall

- Raynerd Chisum played by Scott Nurmela
- Tina Jo and Gina Jo Dubberly (identical twins) are played by Emily Ball
- Honey Raye Futrelle played by Gwen Gibbons
- Frankie Futrelle played by Carol Braden
- Dub Dubberly played by Ron Counts
- Twink Futrelle played by Amy Worthy (new to Popcorn Players)
- Nelda Lou Lightfoot played by Charmagne Tucker (new to Popcorn Players)
- Justin Waverly played by

Bryson Ingle

- John Curtis Bunter played by Jerry Hall
  - Wiley Hicks played by Robert Koury (new to Popcorn Players)
  - Patsy Price played by Juanita Gunnells (new to Popcorn Players)
- The play is directed by Monica Goth and produced by Janice Kushner. Jacob Heath is new to the Azle Arts Association and will be providing sound and light for the production.
- Goth invites the whole community out to enjoy a performance at their local theater, where patrons have said "it's a great way to spend a couple of hours enjoy-

ing talented friends and neighbors turn into crazy characters."

"You don't have to wait until later to see the bloopers," said Goth. "You see them in real time. That's why we call it live!"

The show starts at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights and 2:30 p.m. on Sundays.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors. Sunday matinees are \$10. Visit [www.azlearts.org](http://www.azlearts.org) to buy tickets online or call 817-238-PLAY (7529) to pay by phone.

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<b>Volley (2+7)</b>	10 = contact of the ball twice typically while setting
<b>Serve (6+6)</b>	11 = a hard-driven ball aimed into the opponents' court
<b>Set (8-4)</b>	9 = to return a ball before it hits the ground
<b>Bump (5+8)</b>	7 = a defensive play to prevent the ball from crossing the net
<b>Spike (16-5)</b>	12 = to put the ball into play from the end line
<b>Block (3+4)</b>	4 = overhead pass that allows a player to spike
<b>Double (12-2)</b>	13 = an underhand pass performed when a ball is below the shoulders

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A volleyball net is a grid. Take turns with a pal to connect two dots with a line. Each time your line completes a box, put your initial inside and then connect two more dots. When no more lines can be added, the player with the most boxes wins.

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

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Jayden Coffey drives to the basket against Aledo.

Photo by Jeff Prince

## Azle basketball boys nail down district opener

BY JEFF PRINCE  
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The Azle Hornets began district boys basketball competition by putting the hurt on Aledo, 51-35, Friday in front of a noisy hometown crowd.

Aledo took an early lead, but Azle kept clawing its way back and keeping the score tight in the first two quarters.

“We played great defense to start off,” senior Gavin Dean said. “Our shots weren’t going down. It’s all right. We learn from it. Next-play mentality. We just stayed together as a team and kept playing.”

Azle tied the game 26-26 at halftime and came out energized in the third quarter.

“At the half, we believe it’s a brand-new game,” Dean said. “So, we came out hot.

We’re lucky shots fell, and we came out with the win.”

The Hornets (18-6) have built a solid season so far, winning three games for every loss. Beating Aledo was a good way to begin district play.

“We had intensity, and that’s really what has got us to this point,” Dean said.

“We have got to keep the ball a little bit safer, but overall, we played pretty well.”

## Azle swims toward district meet

BY JEFF PRINCE  
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January means Azle High School’s swim team is eager to slice through water with grace and speed.

The beginning of each year marks the culmination of a long, grueling swim season. Azle’s swimmers have practiced more than 100 times since the season started in August.

“It takes a tremendous amount of commitment,” head coach Amy Estes said.

Championship meets come on the heels of Christmas break, meaning competitive swimmers must refrain from gorging on holiday treats. They know district, regional and state competitions loom in January and February.

Estes believes her team is ready to bring home the hardware.

“Leading up to this (district meet), we have shown vast improvements,” Estes said. “Every swimmer has improved at every meet.”

Last year’s championship

season wasn’t especially bountiful for Azle. COVID-19 restrictions limited the number of swimmers who could participate. Only the top four swimmers from each district event qualified for regionals, and just the regional champs advanced to state.

Phoebe Mosley was Azle’s only swimmer to make it to state.

This year, the top six swimmers at district events make the trip to regionals, where the top two in each event advance to state.

“It’s a stronger team than it was last year,” Estes said. “I’m optimistically excited.”

Estes was a founding member of Azle High School’s swim team as a freshman student three decades ago. In 2020, she returned to Azle as the head coach and is teaching a new generation of swimmers to love the sport.

“What I tell my kids is, I’m out there swimming every race with you,” she said. “I’m very much invested. Their success is my success.

And when they struggle, I’m struggling along with them. And we just persevere.”

She expects several swimmers to make it to regionals.

Gianna Schroeder, Brooke Nowakowski, Peighton Berry and Mosley swim an impressive 200m medley relay, the coach said.

Mosley will be competitive in 200m and 100m backstroke, while Berry has a good shot in the 200m and 100m freestyle, Estes said.

Berry has knocked 10 seconds off her time in the 200m freestyle race since the summer.

For the boys, Steven Manley could finish among the qualifiers in the 50m and 100m freestyle.

“We’re all coming to a good culmination at the right time,” the coach said. “The season has been really phenomenal.”

The District 5-5A meet will be held at 10 a.m. Jan. 20 at Mansfield ISD Natatorium. The Region 2-5A meet will be held at 9 a.m. Feb. 4-5, at Mansfield ISD Natatorium.



From left to right, Gianna Schroeder, Brooke Nowakowski, Peighton Berry, Phoebe Mosley and Steven Manley hope to claim medals at this week’s district meet.

Photo courtesy of Amy Estes

## Azle powers way to uplifting victory



Zach Barrett helps the Azle Hornets win their first powerlifting meet of the season.

Photo by Jeff Prince

BY JEFF PRINCE  
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Azle High School’s powerlifting boys opened their season by winning first place at a three-team meet at Springtown on Thursday. Brewer and Springtown competed, as well.

Azle’s team could be winning medals for a while. Of the two-dozen Hornets who competed at the Springtown tournament, 20 were freshmen.

“We are really, really young,” head coach Bo Maines said of his team. “We are just super proud to bring a bunch of young kids over here and compete with these two schools bringing their varsity – that’s their best lifters. It’s really good for the future of our program.”

Azle is one of the few schools around that carries varsity and junior varsity powerlifting teams. In recent years, up to 60 or 70 kids are signing up to compete at the beginning of the season.

“It is awesome,” Maines said.

This year’s freshmen earned their varsity positions through hard work. Some edged out sophomores and juniors.

“This freshman class is just phenomenal as far as wanting to compete,” the coach said. “They just always want to go out and do whatever they can do. They are always pushing themselves. They are always pushing themselves. It’s been a really big blessing for us.”



# Lady Hornet roundballers ready for Granbury



Mia Carrizales plays a crucial role with the Lady Hornets this season.

**BY JEFF PRINCE**  
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The Azle Hornet basketball girls began district competition earlier this month with a dominant 57-8 victory over Wichita Falls High School.

District wins have been tough to come by since then.

The Lady Hornets went into Friday's game against Aledo with a 1-1 mark district play. The girls, hoping to push their record to 2-1, played with grit and pas-

sion and built a lead in the third quarter.

They came up short on the scoreboard by the time the buzzer sounded, however, and fell to Aledo 47-41.

The Lady Hornets struggled at the free throw line, missing seven of 11 attempts.

"We knew these games were going to be tough," head coach Mitzi Marquart said. "Our district is pretty tough. We've got to try to be consistent every night because it will be a battle."

Karlee and Kendall Locke paced the Lady Hornets in scoring, with 15 and 13 points, respectively.

Mia Carrizales led the team in rebounds with six.

"Mia had a really nice game," Marquart said. "She did a lot of really good things for us. She is dynamite in a small package."

Carrizales is a 5-foot, 2-inch senior playing her first varsity season. Last year, she ran point for the junior varsity team and refined her skills rather than playing a backup role on

varsity.

"You have to look at all your kids and see where you are going to best benefit them and the program, how it's going to fit each team as to where they go," Marquart said. "We have had some of our juniors do that, and they've always had really nice senior years."

Carrizales has emerged as a fiery team leader.

"She just battles," Marquart said. "She is scrappy. She really works hard."

Carrizales is enjoying her senior season and looking

forward to making a push toward the playoffs.

"I want to help the team as much as I possibly can to win games and keep going," she said. "Even if we lose, I want to get back up and keep pushing forward and work hard."

Carrizales, one of only two seniors on the team, takes her role as a leader seriously.

"I try to be positive by lifting up my teammates as much as I can on the court," she said.

She saves some of the

positivity for herself. Phrases that run through her head while she is rushing up and down the court include, "You got this. Get it next time. Don't think about it too much. You got the next rebound. You got the next pass," she said.

Carrizales likes fishing and reading when she isn't playing basketball or attending classes, but "most of my time is on the court," she said.

Azle (18-7) plays at 6:15 p.m. Jan. 21 at home against Granbury (17-10).

# Azle cheerleaders tweaking routine for national contest

**BY JEFF PRINCE**  
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The Azle High School Cheer and Hornet Muscle co-ed squad nabbed fifth place at the state contest held Thursday in Fort Worth.

"We have never competed against this many teams before, and our division has grown a lot," said AHS head coach Haley Hopkins.

Azle beat out 23 other teams at the contest.

The Hornets won the best band chant portion of the contest.

Judges scrutinize three sections of a team's routine – band chant, crowd leading and fight song. During band chant, teams dance and use props such as flags and megaphones to fire up the crowd.

"Our team shined so bright in band chant," Hopkins said. "This is their favorite part of the routine. The song is upbeat, and the dance is very fast. Their ripples were clean, the boys were awesome with the flags, and they were very loud with the megaphones."

Hopkins considers it the

"perfect opening" to the team's three-minute routine.

"What set us apart from other teams is the amount of choreography in this section and the fast-paced dance with callbacks for the crowd, like A-Z-L-E and A-H-S," she said.

In the previous five state competitions, Azle Cheer and Hornet Muscle earned two gold and three silver medals.

"Azle Cheer did the best they could, and that's all anyone can ask," Hopkins said, reflecting on the season. "We are ready to show everyone at nationals how much hard work we are putting in."

Azle's co-ed team is headed to the national contest on Feb. 12-13 at Orlando, Florida. State UIL contests don't impact nationals. Regional contests determine which teams advance to nationals.

Judges' remarks at the state contest are prompting Azle's team to tweak its routine for the upcoming event in Florida, the coach said.

"We will be cleaning our stunts and motions as well," she said. "We are still proud



Azle Cheer and Hornet Muscle won the best band chant category and took fifth place out of 28 teams competing at the state contest.

Photo by Jeff Prince

of the performance we put on, but we know that we have improvements to make before our next competition."

The team has grown and

learned so much already, she said.

"Everyone knows how much we need each other and how much every spot on

the mat matters," Hopkins said. "Our team understands that our placement is not earned at competition, it's earned with the hard work

put in during the practices that lead up to it. We are ready to put in the work and perform it all again in Florida at nationals."



# Azle rodeo team lassos top spot

BY JEFF PRINCE  
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Azle High School's rodeo team, back from a six-week schedule break, wasted little time letting local cowboys and cowgirls know who rules the rodeo.

On Friday, the Hornets excelled at the North Texas High School Rodeo Association event, with numerous team members winning medals.

The good showing earned enough points to move Azle into the top spot in the rankings among the more than 80 teams participating in the rodeo season.

Airian Moore won first place in bareback.

In tie-down, Sean Bunero earned fifth place.

Laurel Allred and Hevenli Scribner placed eighth and ninth respectively in walkup goats.

Four girls placed in barrels, including Allred, second; Rylee Sisson, third; Lindsey-Kay Reichert, fifth; and Scribner, 10th.

Sisson placed sixth in poles.

In chute dogging, Sean Bunero won seventh, and Wyatt Allison earned 10th.

The Azle rodeo team holds a slim lead over second-place Elite Christian and third-place Decatur.

The rest of the teams, led by Abeka, Weatherford and Springtown, are falling farther behind in the standings. The season concludes in May.



Azle's Rylee Sisson earned third place in barrel racing and sixth in pole bending at the North Texas High School Rodeo Association event over the weekend. Courtesy of Jo H Photography

# Azle Christian boys drop district opener

BY JEFF PRINCE  
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The Azle Christian Crusaders were on a two-game losing streak heading into last week's district opener against a tough Irving Faustina Academy squad.

Azle Christian played tough from the opening tip-off and kept up basket for basket with Faustina — for a while, at least.

"We started off great," head coach Ryan Rollins said. "We were only down by one point at the end of the first quarter."

The second quarter wasn't as kind.

Faustina "pretty much took over after that," he said. "They were

big, and we had problems with their size."

The Crusaders lost 77-54. Rollins praised his team's effort and heaped responsibility for the loss on himself.

"I just didn't coach well and make the right adjustments," he said. "I feel like we will be fine in district. We knew Faustina was very good. We will be ready next time, for sure."

Camden Logan led the Crusaders in scoring with 15, and Ryan English tallied 10.

Azle Christian (7-10) will have its chance for redemption soon, playing its second district game against Faustina (1-1) at 7 p.m. Jan. 25 in Irving.



Ryan English scored 10 points in the district opener against Faustina.

Photo by Jeff Prince

# Azle Christian girls battle Faustina



Vanessa Malewiski, above, and her Azle Christian teammates played with strength and skill in their district opener against a tough Irving Faustina on Thursday. The Crusaders lost 26-14 but proved they are ready to compete in the TAPPS 1A league after years of playing smaller schools in the TCAF. Photo by Jeff Prince



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# Game Faces



Kylin Crofford on the baritone sax



Madison Hamilton



From left to right, Kylin Crofford, Alaina Amato, Alyssa Anderson, and Alex Perez.



Aydan Hyrub on the upright bass.





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**ACROSS**

1 TX Al Dexter hit: "Pistol Packin' \_\_\_\_\_"

5 TXism: "tough \_\_\_\_\_ old boot"

6 a Texan in New York City?

7 TXism: "run \_\_\_\_\_ a lawyer" (finalize)

8 a Texas lying competition? "tall \_\_\_\_\_"

17 Texas-made Blue Bell \_\_\_\_\_ cream

18 in Corpus Christi: Del \_\_\_\_\_

21 this Keaton starred in "The Paper" with TX Randy Quaid (init.)

22 he hasn't spent any time in the TX sun

23 "sticks and \_\_\_\_\_ can break my bones"

24 TXism: "jump bail"

29 TXism: "the ole \_\_\_\_\_ and chain" (spouse)

30 shirt stain

31 Dallas Cowboys' 5th quarter (abbr.)

32 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ water"

34 what a doctor calls "discomfort"

35 pie \_\_\_\_\_ mode

36 in Amarillo: "\_\_\_\_\_ Fair & Rodeo"

37 cowboy \_\_\_\_\_ buckle

38 "got off \_\_\_\_\_-free"

39 TXism: "brave \_\_\_\_\_ in a boomtown cafe"

41 early TX transportation: \_\_\_\_\_ coach

42 "papa," or "old man"

43 anesthetic liquid

44 how most Texans like their stew

45 Yankees city (abbr.)

46 TXism: "cute as a bug's \_\_\_\_\_"

47 dresses for women at "Black Tie & Boots Ball"

48 TX Barbara Mandrell sang "(If Loving You \_\_\_\_\_) I Don't Want \_\_\_\_\_ more scarce"

**DOWN**

1 focus of "Sea Aggies" at TAMUG? (2 wds.)

2 TXism: "sharp \_\_\_\_\_"

3 \_\_\_\_\_ Falls, TX

4 TXism: "quick as you can bat \_\_\_\_\_"

9 moon to Houston: ". . . one \_\_\_\_\_ step for [a] man . . ."

10 TX Lee Ann Womack tune: "Last \_\_\_\_\_" (2008)

11 \_\_\_\_\_ City, TX

12 first lady of Texas (1963-69) (init.)

13 TXism: "I'd have to prime my mouth \_\_\_\_\_" (thirsty)

14 this John sang "Texan Love Song"

15 "one-armed bandit" (\_\_\_\_\_ machine)

16 \_\_\_\_\_ gallon hat

19 oil finding science

20 billionaire Texans leave a big 'un

22 board of colors, not a sense of taste

24 Esther of "Texas Carnival" (init.)

25 TXism: "it ain't \_\_\_\_\_ in cement" (flexible)

26 TX Buck Owens album: "I Don't \_\_\_\_\_"

27 poker hand: three of \_\_\_\_\_

28 resident of far western Texas city: El \_\_\_\_\_

29 TX Holly hit: "That'll \_\_\_\_\_ Day"

30 \_\_\_\_\_ and pepper

33 "too lazy to \_\_\_\_\_ his tail" (indolent dog)

34 \_\_\_\_\_ land, TX

35 TXism: "high as \_\_\_\_\_ back" (costly)

37 bar income (2 wds.)

38 another slang for Ford's "pony car"

40 Madalyn Murray \_\_\_\_\_ (atheist who lived in Texas)

41 stitched up

44 a soccer player from Dallas, Drew \_\_\_\_\_

47 immigrants from this country came to Texas in 1890

49 TXism: "you can \_\_\_\_\_ it in ink" (sure)

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