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## Ballots are set for March 1 primaries

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The new year has begun and with it comes a new election cycle. Candidates for federal, state and county offices had until Dec. 13 to file for a place on the primary ballot.

The primary election narrows the field of candidates, allowing voters to designate their chosen candidate for their political party. The winners of the primary election will be on the ballot for the general election being held in November.

The offices up for election this year include:

- U.S. Representatives (all 38; 2-year term)
- Governor (4-year term)
- Lieutenant Governor (4-year term)
- Attorney General (4-year term)
- Comptroller of Public Accounts (4-year term)
- Commissioner of General Land Office (4-year term)
- Commissioner of Agriculture (4-year term)
- Railroad Commissioners (6-year term)
- Supreme Court (three; 6-year term)
- Criminal Court of Appeals (three; 6-year term)
- State Board of Education (15; 2- or 4-year term)
- State Senators (all 31; 2- or 4-year term)
- State Representatives (all 150; 2-year term)
- Chief Justice of Courts of Appeals (6-year term)
- Various Court of Appeals Justices (6-year term)
- Various District Judges, Criminal District Judges (4-year term)
- Family District Judges (4-year term)
- District Attorneys (4-year term)
- County Judges (4-year term)

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## 2021 Year in Review

### Part 1: January through July

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#### JANUARY

Azle Police Department announced that crime rates in Azle were continuing their downward trend, with a 50% decrease over the previous seven years.

A three-alarm fire consumed a Parker County home on New Year's Day.

COVID-19 vaccines began rolling out to first responders, healthcare workers and nursing home residents.

Ken Haas, longtime Azle resident and charter mem-

ber of the Azle Rotary Club, died.

Drew Springer won the special election to become the new State Senator for District 30.

A suspected package thief was arrested following several reports of porch piracy.

Azle students won big at the first livestock show of the year.

#### FEBRUARY

The Porch Resale Shoppe began transitioning into its new location.

Azle PD busted an illegal gaming room set up in a for-

mer business along Southeast Parkway.

Congressman Ron Wright, a 1971 Azle graduate, died after contracting COVID-19.

Azle ISD called for a bond election seeking money for a new elementary campus, improvements to existing campuses, and a stadium renovation.

A weekend of below-freezing temps resulted in days of loss of power and water for many area residents and businesses.

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## Changes to disabled veteran license plates began Jan. 1

#### STAFF REPORTS

A new state law will change the requirements for Texans with disabled veteran license plates who wish to park in spaces reserved for persons with disabilities.

Senate Bill 792 requires that as of Jan. 1, anyone parking in a disabled parking space must have a license plate or a disabled parking placard that features the International Symbol of Access (ISA). Currently, disabled veteran license plates do not feature the ISA, and all Texans with these plates are permitted to use disabled parking.

Texans with disabled vet-

SEE PLATES, PAGE 4A.



Disabled veteran plate without International Symbol of Access, above, and a disabled veteran plate with the symbol, below.



Natalia Rueda is a member of the Azle High School cheerleading squad.

Courtesy photo

## A happy new year in America

BY DON MUNSCHE  
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**Editor's note:** Second in a two-part series on foreign exchange students at Azle High School and their experiences here in the U.S., including how their countries celebrate Christmas. This week's story is about an exchange student from Spain.

On New Year's Day, some Americans eat black-eyed peas to welcome the new year, with the superstition being that black-eyed peas bring good luck.

In Natalia Rueda's homeland - Spain - people ring in the New Year with a different food.

Natalia is an exchange student at Azle High School who is staying with the family of Chris and Ericka Beasley this year. Natalia

hails from Madrid, the capital city, which has a population of 3.3 million while the metro area includes around 6.5 million people, according to [worldpopulationreview.com/world-cities/madrid-population](http://worldpopulationreview.com/world-cities/madrid-population).

Natalia said there's a tradition in Spain in which people eat 12 grapes in 12 seconds at midnight of the new year, signifying good

luck for each month for the upcoming new year.

Having an exchange student in their home is nothing new for the Beasleys, who have had two foreign exchange students before - a girl from Germany and a girl from Japan.

"We usually pick out kids that fit our family," Chris said.

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## Families, students benefit from exchange

BY DON MUNSCHE  
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The Beasley family used Northwest Student Exchange to find Natalia Rueda, an exchange student from Spain.

Karen Sweet, Northwest Student Exchange area coordinator who is based in Fort Worth, said her organization places around 250 exchange

students a year nationally, in a normal, non-pandemic year. Seventeen students have been placed with families in the Metroplex this year.

NWSE requires background and reference checks for host parents and students, and host parents must be 25 years and older and be American citizens.

Exchange students must be between 15 and 18 1/2 years old. Many answers to questions about the program may be found here: [nwse.com/host-an-exchange-student/faq/](http://nwse.com/host-an-exchange-student/faq/).

"We have organizations in the different countries that we partner with, so

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“Because (daughter) Katey likes cheer. So, if they want to do cheer in the program, we try to pick those girls out that are in cheer when we do that. Because Azle is really good about opening their doors up for the kids to do any sports or anything they want to do. They just let them be a guest on the teams, which is really nice because a lot of schools don’t do that.”

Natalia is on the cheer squad at AHS and said she loves being in the activity. She wanted to be in the exchange program since she was 10 years old. Her sister was an exchange student a few years ago, staying in Utah and having “an amazing experience,” Natalia said.

“I wanted to learn how life was here, not only from what we see in the movies,” she said.

When she became aware

that she was coming to Texas, she initially thought she would be going to a farm or something.

“Cowboy hats and everything,” she said.

She loves Texas and the high school, and she said AHS is much different from her school back home.

“I like that we move from class to class here, because in Spain it’s the teacher who moves from one class to another,” she said. “And here, the classes are also more interesting. You can choose more. In Spain, everybody does the same classes. Here, you have, like, more options. And I really like it.”

She has especially loved her floral design class. She also likes the psychology class – she has friends in that class – and she likes that teachers at AHS are close to students and are helpful.

She is glad to have gotten to do cheer because schools in Spain don’t have cheer teams.

“I love football games,” she said, explaining what she has liked most about cheerleading.

She looks forward to some upcoming cheer competitions, including one in February in Florida.

“I’m so excited for that, because we’re going to Disney, too,” she said.

Natalia also participates in student council at AHS.

**MEXICAN FOOD – THUMBS UP**

There exist some differences between her homeland and the U.S., such as food, music and school, Natalia said. Activities for students in Spain are conducted outside of school. Natalia also is glad to have come to the U.S. because of the food, specifically Mexican food.

“I love food,” she said, adding that she loves barbecue and that she has sampled Japanese food here, too. She said Spain doesn’t have a holiday similar to Thanksgiving, a day of a feast for Americans.

She has been to Schlitterbahn with the family and visited San Antonio and stayed at a ranch for a couple nights. They also went to the Alamo and the River Walk. Locally, Natalia visited Six Flags Over Texas for Holiday in the Park. The family also attended a Dallas Cowboys game this season. Natalia was here for 20 days before school started, and Chris said he thinks it’s a good idea for students to have an adjustment time before school starts.



Chris and Ericka Beasley, right center and right, with daughter Katelyn, left, and exchange student Natalia Rueda, left center, stand in the Beasleys' living room before Christmas. Photo by Don Munsch

**CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS**

In Spain, the Three Wise Men are observed more than Santa Claus, Natalia said. Spain’s annual Three Kings Festival, called Fiesta de los Reyes, is held on the evening of Jan. 5 and includes colorful street parades, a cake with a surprise hidden inside and a vibrant display of brightly illuminated costumes, according to [theculturetrip.com/europe/spain/articles/everything-you-need-to-know-about-spains-fiesta-de-los-reyes/](http://theculturetrip.com/europe/spain/articles/everything-you-need-to-know-about-spains-fiesta-de-los-reyes/).

The celebration runs from Jan. 5 until the next day when children unwrap their gifts.

In Spain, Natalia said gifts also are opened on either Christmas Eve or the morning of Dec. 25, and with her

family, gifts are opened on the night of Dec. 24, and on Dec. 25, the family will eat the leftover food from the night before. The family has a Christmas tree, as is the tradition with American families, and on the night of Jan. 5, people put their shoes under the tree for them to be filled. Her homeland does not have the stocking tradition.

On Christmas Eve, she said her family will enjoy lamb and some seafood, such as shrimp, and cheesecake.

Natalia and host mom Ericka recently made tamales – an activity Natalia enjoyed. She didn’t know what tamales were until she cooked them. She enjoyed them.

**EXPOSURE TO ANOTHER CULTURE**

Back home, Natalia said

she likes to participate in mountain biking and going to the movies.

Ericka said she likes being a host parent because she has an opportunity to affect someone in a positive way and to give someone a chance to experience culture.

“I like how our family expands,” Chris said, adding that they like how daughter Katelyn gets to experience different cultures and her grades and social skills improve.

“She and Natalia are always laughing and playing something – a board game – or doing something,” Chris said, adding it’s rough when the foreign exchange students in his home leave to go back home.



Natalia Rueda, left, attended a Dallas Cowboys game earlier this season in Arlington. She posed here with Chris and Katelyn Beasley.

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# The Greatest Black Friday Ever

Papaw was so lonely. We lost Mamaw (Mrs. Sweetie's mom) in March 2009 one day before Papaw's 79th birthday. We worried about him a lot over the next few months because he was on the ranch all alone. No one to call if he got his truck stuck in the mud or if the tractor broke down in the field. No one to have dinner (at noon) and supper (at 6:00) ready when he came in. No partner for the regular game nights or trips in the motor home. And then he started going out to eat once in awhile with a long-time friend of the family. Elsie had lost her husband a couple of months



## 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).

before Mamaw's passing. We were so glad he had someone's company to enjoy. Fast forward a few months to our 2010 family Thanksgiving gathering at Papaw's house. It was Black Friday and there was a wedding. I was the preacher. Papaw and Elsie had decided that at 80 and 81, they wanted to spend their remaining years together as husband and wife. Since the wedding hap-

pened the day after Thanksgiving, we joked that Black Friday was easier to remember as an anniversary than the actual date. They almost made it to 10 black Fridays before Papaw passed in September 2020. Those 10 years were not just precious for them; Elsie was a gift to the whole family. Her soft-spoken graciousness and humor made their home a place of warm welcome.

Actually "warm" was literally true. That tiny woman wore a sweater in the summer! And it was usually red and sparkly. She was a jewel in every way. Her personality and great cooking kept those of us who were more warm-blooded coming back — even if we had to shed some clothes and sit in front of a fan! They had sold the ranch and moved into a retirement/assisted living community in February 2020, just a month before the covid shutdown. As usual, Papaw's timing was wise. For just over a year, Elsie stayed in the same little apartment with her widowed daughter-in-law as her roommate.

As the 11th Black Friday approached, it became apparent that she needed more care, so she relocated to a nursing home. We all knew that, at 92, it wouldn't be a lengthy stay. On Christmas Eve, in the middle of the afternoon. She relocated once more. This time to heaven. She celebrated the birthday of Jesus actually in the presence of Jesus. It gives "I'll be home for Christmas" a much deeper meaning. For the past 11 years, at least for me, Black Friday has been a celebration of the gift of Elsie. I imagine it will always be so. As we begin a new year, I'm excited about the oppor-

tunities before us. This year will be amazing and will include unexpected blessings. It is also true that—just like almost every year—someone we love will depart this life in the year ahead. That's a good reminder to make the most of our moments together this year. To see every encounter as part of God's amazing gift of life. To say, "I love you" often. To avoid saying words we will regret and say "I'm sorry" quickly when we don't avoid saying regrettable words. To be the blessing and encouragement we want to receive. Be amazing today, my friend.

# Azle ISD continues to strive to make a difference

Reflecting upon 2021, I am reminded of how special it is to be a part of our amazing Azle ISD family of students, staff, parents and community. We truly have a unique school district—one in which we all care about others and strive to help and assist those in need. The recent holiday season exemplified this with our students, staff and parents helping others with various acts of kindness. From food drives to angel trees, and much more, we continue to exhibit the Azle ISD Motto of "It Makes a Difference to This One."



## 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.

the May and November election cycles, our community approved a total of \$70,917,000 in bond funds. The support of the items identified in these projects allows us to address many current needs and growth challenges. Construction on projects from the May 2021 election

began over the break, with renovations starting at both Hoover and Eagle Heights. Plans for Liberty and Elementary #6 are in the completion stage, with construction expected to start in early spring. The planning process for the high school renovations approved in November will start soon.

We are thankful for the items approved in both elections, but knowing others were not approved, it is important to keep in mind we still have needs at various campuses throughout the district. We will continue to address the needs along with the rapid growth by working with our Board of Trustees and community-based Long Range Facilities Planning Committee. We remain committed to being good stewards of funds while navigating through the challenges associated with the volatile construction market. Rising construction costs have not slowed down new home construction within the

Azle ISD boundaries. Across the district, new housing developments are quickly progressing, with several more in the early planning phase, including the possibility of two new apartment complexes. Our recent demographer report indicates new home activity for 2021 will be a record-setting year. The demographer forecasts Azle ISD to add roughly 400 new residential units annually for the next three to five years. This exceeds the projections shared during the May 2021 Bond Referendum. As we kick off 2022, this marks the halfway point of the school year. Prior to the break, our weekly COVID

numbers were running in the single digits. The recent trend in confirmed cases, along with the new Omicron variant, is concerning. As we have done since March 2020, along with previous surges in cases and new variants, we will continue to monitor the situation and make necessary adjustments based on recommendations from the CDC, state and local public health departments and TEA. All while making sure we continue to meet the educational and public health needs of our almost 7,000 Azle Hornets and 1,000 dedicated and hardworking employees. *We Are Azle*

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# Things That I Have Learned

Not too long ago, Ed Johnson, who's a good friend of mine, and I were discussing and trying to come up with as many old sayings as we could.

If you think about it, most sayings are based on someone else's experiences and lessons to be learned from those experiences. Probably because of our backgrounds, most of the sayings that we were able to come up with were based in agriculture.

We would be here most of the day if I listed all of the sayings that we came up with, but I am going to use a couple of them today because of their continued relevance to our lives today: "plant your corn early" and "make hay while the sun shines."

Everyone has their own interpretation of the meaning of these but my understanding when I would hear them as a "kid" was as follows:

"Plant your corn early" relates to getting your field



## AG 101

By Jack DeShazo

Jack DeShazo has decades of experience in the agriculture field.

or garden corn seed planted early to benefit from the early spring rains before the weather gets dry. It also means if you get your crops planted early and they happen to be flooded out or beaten into the ground by a hail storm you still have time to replant them. The basic meaning is to plan ahead and also have a backup plan.

"Make hay while the sun shines" is simply saying get your work done while the conditions are right, and don't wait for another day when the time "may" be right. Even though these are old sayings they still apply to our daily lives. While thinking about these I realized that many of the things that I was told by my parents, relatives, teachers,

friends and other respected people should also become old sayings. The following are just a few that have had an impact on my life as an individual, agricultural science teacher, parent, citizen, etc.

I can still hear my dad telling me and also showing me by example to: shake a person's hand firmly and look him/her in the eye, be a person of your word, work hard, if a person is paying you to do a job make sure they get their money's worth, sweat and dirt are nothing to be afraid of because they are a badge of honor when it comes to hard physical work, stand and take your hat/cap off and put it over your heart for the national anthem and the flag,

take your hat off when you are inside a building and tip your hat to the ladies.

One of my mom's sayings would come from the recollection of her bringing me to reality very quickly when as a pre-teenager I had made a negative comment about someone else and her response was "do you think they are any less precious in God's eyes than you?" Or after getting a poor grade in geometry class instead of chewing me out, she simply said "you can do better than that, can't you?"

The shake-a-person's-hand firmly rule was pretty important to most of the men I knew. My high school Agriculture teacher, Mr. R.W. Simmans, would tell us to not hold the other person's hand like a dead fish, but grab it solidly and firmly. As a young teacher, one of my fellow agricultural science teachers told me that like it or not, the students that are always a pleasure to have in

my class are probably going to be successful with or without me; it's the other students that really need me, and they were the ones that I was truly there for.

I also learned along the way that we never know what that student, fellow teacher or for that matter anyone is having to deal with at home or elsewhere; so, try a little understanding and cut them some slack.

Another teacher fact that I learned along the way is that the most obnoxious and difficult student in your class was somebody's sweet little baby at one time, and something may have happened along the way that changed that and maybe I could make a difference. When the birth of my first child was fast approaching, I began to panic because I didn't know anything about being a good parent. So, I sought out advice from folks who had proven they were good parents by the successful prod-

ucts they had produced.

The first thing I was told was that I knew more than I thought I did because I had been helping to raise the kids in my classes for the past 15 years. Other pieces of wisdom that I received were: you never finish being a parent, a suspicious parent is a good parent, never say "not my little Daniel or not my little Sally - they would never do that" and maybe the best one was "if you want to be your child's best friend when he/she is 30, then you can't be their best friend when they are 15 - you have to be the parent."

These are just a few of the things that I have learned along the way. So after spending your time reading this article, you are wondering what all of this has to do with agriculture. Well, let's just say that it pertains to being an agricultural science teacher and trying to be a positive influence for others. 'til next time.

### PLATES, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.

eran plates wanting to use disabled parking spaces beginning in 2022 may apply for a disabled parking placard or for a new disabled veteran license plate with the ISA if the veteran meets the eligibility requirements for an ISA after Jan. 1. Applicants may submit their paperwork at their local county tax assessor-collector's office. Current placards will remain valid; however, the new requirements must be met at time of renewal.

### ELIGIBILITY FOR DISABLED PARKING PLACARDS OR LICENSE PLATES WITH THE INTERNATIONAL SYMBOL OF ACCESS

Placard and plate eligibility is based on a medical condition that meets the legal definition of a disability. "Disability" means a condition in which a person has:

- Visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with correcting lenses.
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- Cardiac deficiency.
- Wheelchair confinement.
- Arthritis, neurological, or orthopedic condition.
- Foot disorder.
- Other medical condition causing a person to use a brace, cane, crutch or other assistive device.

A parking placard or plate is only valid when being used by the person with the disability or someone who is driving the person with the disability.

It is a violation of state law to use the placard or plates for a disabled parking spot without the person with the disability in the vehicle. The ISA is only valid when being used by the person with the disability or someone who is driving the person with the disability. People who misuse disabled parking placards are subject to fines of up to \$1,250 and/or up to 50 hours of community service.

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# Obituaries

## Higinio Pena Jr 1956 - 2021

Higinio Pena Jr. passed away on Jan. 1, 2022.

Visitation will be held Friday, Jan. 7, 2022, 1 p.m. at Azle & Lake Worth Funeral Home followed by a funeral service at 2 p.m.

Higinio was born on Sept. 13, 1956 in Houston, Texas to Higinio Pena, Sr. and Josephine Petroccini Pena.

Higinio is survived by his wife of 40 years, Susan Terry Pena; daughter, Savannah Pena Shannon and Candace Pena Diaz; brothers, Ricardo Pena and Alex Pena; sisters, Christina Pena and Maira



Pena Gutierrez; grandsons, Ethan, Kade, Austin, and Bodhi; and a host of extended family and friends.

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## Kevin Ryan Jessup 1987 - 2021

Kevin Ryan Jessup, 34, passed away Sunday, Jan. 2, 2022.

Service is at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 7, 2022 at White's Azle Chapel.

Visitation is from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022 at White's Azle Funeral Home. Interment: Azleland Memorial Park, Reno.

Kevin was born Jan. 17, 1987 in Fort Worth to Gary Wayne and Kimberly Aileen Schroeder Jessup. He graduated from Azle High School in 2005. Kevin was a big fan of The Stars. He had been employed by Sterigenics in Fort Worth for the last 10 years.

Kevin was preceded in death by his mother, Kim-



berly Jessup in 2008. Survivors include his father, Gary Wayne Jessup; brother, Jason Walter Jessup; grandmother, Bonnie Jessup.

Kevin will be missed by all who knew him.

*The Azle News,  
Jan. 5, 2022 Edition*

# Not to sound ungrateful, but...

Dear Frankie,

How would our moms like it if they went to the hairdresser and their hair was washed with dog shampoo? I bet they wouldn't.

It upsets me how far humans take the idea that we are children dressed up in dog clothing. Or, however, that sheep saying goes.

You get my point. I know we are lucky to have wonderful human families. I don't mean to sound ungrateful. It's just that you could gag from the smell of that lavender shampoo and spray the groomer uses. You should hear how the groomer carries on about only using the purest, most organic, and natural products.

My mom, of course, laps it up. She's at the health



## DEAR FRANKIE

By Geneva Woodruff

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

store every other day. This stuff takes about four weeks to fade before I get back to smelling like my ol' doggy self. Then, wham, two weeks later back to the groomers.

Am I alone on this?

*Disgruntled, Henry Dear Henry,*

I see from the picture on your letterhead that you are a beagle. Beagles are known for their acute sense of smell. That's what makes them excellent hunting dogs.

Can you imagine hunt-

age? If ever there was a despicable human activity for recreation, this is it. But that's a topic for another column.

I don't know how you can communicate your feelings to your mom. This is a matter you need to take into your own paws.

When outside, roll around on the grass — or if it's winter, the snow. On rainy days, ask to go out often. I understand how unpleasant walks in inclement weather can be, but they are the closest you will get

to a shower.

If you walk in parks, go under low bushes — pine if you can find them — and brush against the needles. When at home, hang out by the garbage can and take naps on top of old toys or blankets you have slobbered on for years.

I think you get a general idea — rub out the bad smells, hang out by the good ones. None of these strategies will restore your essence in a few days. However, they might get you back to your ol' self, say in three weeks.

Hey, it's better than four. Sorry, I don't have a quick solution to offer.

*Best, Frankie*

## HOST PARENT, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.

over the course of our 30 years, we've partnered with various (countries)," Sweet said, adding that it can vary year to year, and because of the pandemic, her organization didn't place students from certain countries in the last couple of years.

Sweet has been a host parent five times and has been a friendship family for eight other international students - college-age individuals - who have visited her home

on the weekends. The visits were a way to get the students exposed to American families and have a place to go on holidays and so forth.

The benefits of being a host family to an exchange student is that people "immediately gain an international son or daughter," Sweet said.

"When they're taking in an exchange student, they care for that student equally as if it's their own child,"

she said.

When people become host families, they also acquire a broader world perspective.

"And I love that," she said, adding that what she loves most is giving young people a chance at a life-changing experience.

She said she talks to exchange students who tell her how much they love their experience. The exchange students are getting exposed to other families even if

they aren't hosting them

"I love seeing them mature and develop and gain confidence," she said. "This really is a life-changing experience that I think that they take with them for the rest of their lives."

She said her organization will soon begin its placement season for 2022-23 and new exchange student profiles will be posted for this fall.

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# Returning a holiday gift? Here are four tips to get you started



**BY ASHLEY INGE**  
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As Christmas ends, another holiday tradition begins — gift returns.

Maybe you loved all of your Christmas presents, or maybe there were a couple you would prefer to return in exchange for something you absolutely want or need.

You're not alone. The month of January is known for returns, and it has also become an annual tradition for consumers.

A recent survey conducted by TopCashback.com found that 86% of Americans shopped online this holiday season. According to Commercial Real Estate Services and Optoro, a complete return solutions website, two-thirds of consumers will return at least one gift this

holiday season.

The weeks leading up to Christmas can be daunting for people trying to find the right gift for that special someone. But the weeks following Christmas can be just as stressful if returning a gift — whether it's exchanging clothing in a different size or returning an appliance for store credit.

Luckily, consumer expert Rebecca Gramuglia from TopCashback.com has some tips on how to make the return process easier on both you and your wallet. Check them out below:

- Understand return policies and deadlines. Make sure to collect all of the necessary items and paperwork and research the return policies and deadlines before heading to the store.
- Steer clear of peak return

times. Avoid returning gift items during peak times, like right after Christmas or on a weekend. The best times to return items are early mornings or weeknight evenings (after 7 p.m.).

- Be bold — ask for the gift receipt. Before making a return, don't be afraid to ask your gift giver for the receipt as this will help to ensure you get a full refund for the item.

- Stay organized. Holiday return overload? Try making a list of all of the items you need to return and where. For more tech-savvy individuals, there are apps like ReturnQueen that can handle the return process by connecting to your email and will then give you reminders on each item's deadline for making a return.

# Resolve to get involved

**BY JESSICA MCKINNEY**  
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If the top of your list of New Year's resolutions includes being more involved in your community and finding volunteer opportunities, then there are ways to get it done right here in Azle.

The Porch Resale Shoppe began accepting donations again on Jan. 4. The store had to put a hold on accepting donations at the end of October because of the overwhelming number of items it had to process.

Now, the warehouse is cleaned and organized and ready for new donations to

be delivered from the community — but they're going to need a lot of hands to help get those donations sorted over the next few months.

Karen Norseworthy and Kristie Cooper are looking for people who can volunteer their time on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Fridays between 1 and 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Volunteers will be responsible for bringing in donations from outside and sorting the items into designated categories for pricing before they go to the sales floor.

Nancy Lee Stevens, one of the current volunteers,

said she enjoys spending her time volunteering at The Porch because, she "likes getting things orderly."

"It's fun to me," Stevens said. "My favorite thing is walking out (on the sales floor) and seeing that something I just put out is already gone."

All items that are donated to The Porch benefit the Community Caring Center. Each item sold helps fund the food pantry, which feeds hundreds of families each month, and also provides free clothing and small household items for clients.

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# Segue enters Azle hospital market

BY DON MUNSCH  
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A business seeking to help people with their needs following discharge from an Azle hospital will start soon.

Eric Ogea, state director of Segue Health Partners Texas, recently discussed his business working with Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Azle. Segue is based in Memphis.

Segue will work with Texas Health Azle and has started partnerships with Texas Health hospitals in Denton and Bedford. All three hospitals are affiliated with Texas Health Resources.

Tonya A. Sosebee, chief operating officer/chief nursing officer at Texas Health Azle, said the partnership with Segue is beneficial to the patients and the hospital.

"We're looking forward to partnering with Segue to assist with this post-acute management," she said in an email.

She added that Segue is still hiring staff to assist with the additional coverage areas, "so we haven't actually had a patient enroll in the program, but we're excited to get started."

Company officials explained what services Segue offers. Medicare will not pay hospitals for readmissions that occur within 30 days following discharge, and this is done to disincentivize hospitals from prematurely discharging patients and to incentivize a proper continuum of care for the patient following discharge. Thirty-day readmissions also have an impact on a hospital's quality scores, which are used to determine its overall Medicare reimbursement. Segue Health partners with hospitals to provide services and ministries that provide tangible benefits to both the patient and the hospital.

"Readmissions across the U.S. are fairly high – they're in the double digits," Ogea said. "They'll average anything from 13% to 17-18%. Medicare wants it below 10%. So, over the years, the hospitals have tried to do a lot of what's

called transitional care management."

Hospitals have tried to accomplish this management in-house but "programs come and go," Ogea said. Segue has a program that will partner with hospitals to help them achieve what they need to do to keep those Medicare patients from readmissions.

"So, what we do currently is we monitor those Medicare patients that are coming out of the hospital for 30 days," Ogea said.

Segue has a care coordinator who works in the hospital alongside the care transition teams at the hospital to know which patients are being discharged from the hospital. Once the list of names has been obtained, Segue will determine whether patients want Segue's help with the transitional care program. If the patient says yes, then Segue schedules a nurse practitioner to visit a patient's home two to three days after discharge. Segue bills Medicare for these home visits. And there's no cost to the patient because Medicare is being billed.

There are three main areas that create high readmission rates, Ogea said.

"The largest (reason) is that the patients that are coming out of discharge do not understand their discharge orders, and right along with that, a lot of them still don't have their PCP (primary care physician)," he said.

Another factor causing a lot of readmissions is medication errors, Ogea said. A lot of Medicare patients are already on a number of medications and when they leave the hospitals, they're given more medications, he said.

A third factor is the social aspect of their lives. Segue has a ministry side of its operations, in addition to clinical portion.

"That's another reason why we send a nurse practitioner in the home," Ogea said. "Because there we get to see the social life of the patient. Typically, if a patient has a follow-up with their PCP or their specialist, that doctor doesn't un-

derstand their home living conditions. All they're seeing is just the clinical side of it. So, when we go into homes, we're able to see the living conditions."

Over the five years since it began, Segue has been able to decrease readmission rates, Ogea said. Again, there is no charge to hospital, as Segue is a medical practice in each of the states it is in, he said.

"With Segue being able to come in there and partner with them, then it relieves the hospitals' staffing and it just helps that part of it," Ogea said. "We're solely responsible for that patient for that 30 days. It's a wonderful thing. They love the partnership."

Ogea explained that when a nurse practitioner will visit a patient in his or her house two or three days after discharge, they will read the discharge orders and review medications. The nurse practitioner will do a medication reconciliation to

ensure that the patient is getting his or her medicines and vitamins and review that information with the patient. Follow-up visits are scheduled with the patient's PCP and other specialists. And then Segue will follow up with that patient another two to three times before the 30 days are up, Ogea said.

"And from a ministry side of it, we are also seeing what other opportunities are in that community where we can connect that patient either back with their family or maybe their church, maybe other nonprofit organizations within that community, to help that patient in any social way that we can," he said.

In addition to an operational report, Segue produces a ministry report every month that is provided to the hospital leadership team detailing the ministry needs it fulfilled. Those needs can range from helping a patient purchase medicines to acquiring food to providing safety fixtures in the home to

transportation to doctor's appointments, among other needs.

"So, it gives us a very well-rounded opportunity to minister both clinically and then spiritually to them," Ogea said. The company allows employees to use their health care and live out their faith daily, he said.

"That's what really drives us," he said. The company has a national ministry director, John Shamblin.

Segue started in Oxford, Miss., and still serves those hospitals there, where the company has enjoyed "great success," Ogea said. The company has grown by word of mouth. Segue began in Texas in June, and Ogea joined the company the same month. The company has seven employees (including the medical director) in Texas, and 40 employees company wide. Typically in every hospital, there is one care coordinator and two nurse practitioners, Ogea said.



This summer, Segue was able to extend its care to Texas, starting with Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Denton. Segue will work with Texas Health Azle and has started partnerships with Texas Health hospitals in Denton and Bedford. Courtesy Photo

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## GOT A MINUTE?

Hi! I'm the long hand, I tell the minutes to you. Running circles around this guy is what I love to do!

Well, I'm the short hand, And I may be a little guy, But I have the BIGGEST job - Counting hours rolling by.

Tick, Tock! Race around the clock! How far can you get in one minute?

It takes me 12 hours to go around the clock one time.

But I make that trip in 60 minutes just fine!

Standards Link: Math: Measurement. Students know relationships of time (minutes in an hour).

### What can you do in a minute?

Can you do each of these for one minute? Find someone to time you and see!

- Balance on one foot.
- Jump up and down 100 times.
- Find 20 flying clocks on this page.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

### Time Match

What time do the clocks and watches on the left show?

Can you find the clocks that show the same time on the right?

Standards Link: Math: Measurement: Tell time to the nearest quarter hour, half hour and hour.

### Time Line

Some clocks are 12-hour clocks. Other clocks are 24-hour clocks. On a 24-hour clock, you start counting the hours from midnight. From midnight to noon, the hours are numbered 1 to 12. After noon, they are numbered 13 to 24.

If you don't use a 24-hour clock, how do you know if it is morning or afternoon? You can use the letters a.m. after the time to show it is morning and the letters p.m. after the time to show that it's after noon.

Wake up. Eat breakfast. School begins. Eat lunch. School ends. Do homework. Eat dinner. Go to bed.

What time do you do each of these things? Draw a line from each box to the time line to make a "Day in My Life" timeline.

Extra! Extra!

### One-Minute Dashes

In one minute, how many:

- words can you circle that start with the letter M?
- paragraphs can you read?
- numbers can you circle?

Standards Link: Measurements: Know relationships of time. Reading: Follow simple directions.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

#### Tick Tock, Long Walk

**TOCK ELEMENTARY**  
TIME 2:34

Tonya has a long walk home from school. The school clock tells what time Tony left for home.

Follow the maze to Tony's house. The clock at his house tells what time Tony got home. How long did it take for Tony to get home?

It took Tony \_\_\_\_\_ minutes to get home from school.

Standards Link: Math: Measurement. Determine the duration of intervals of time in minutes.

### Write a Press Release!

Think about something that has happened at your school or in your community or neighborhood this past week. Did you go on a field trip? Did anyone win an award or do something special? Write a press release about it!

Use the form below to organize your information.

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What: \_\_\_\_\_

When: \_\_\_\_\_

Where: \_\_\_\_\_

Why: \_\_\_\_\_

How: \_\_\_\_\_

Write a press release using the facts you wrote on the above form.

### Double Double Word Search

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

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MIDNIGHT  
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## Azle's Locke sisters prove double trouble for opponents



Karlee Locke, left, and her identical twin sister, Kendall, take a breather on the bench.

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The identical twins have differences.

Kendall Locke was born a few minutes earlier. Her voice is a bit deeper. And her hot button can be pushed easier than sister Karlee's.

On Dec. 17, Kendall flashed that temper during Azle High's game against Nolan Catholic. She had knocked a ball loose from an op-

ponent, grabbed it and was heading for a layup. Instead, a Nolan Catholic girl grabbed her jersey and yanked her around in an obvious foul.

Kendall's eyes lit up, and she delivered a snappy warning. The referee called a technical foul on her.

After the game, Karlee didn't mince words when discussing her sister's technical.

"I thought it was dumb," she said. "She gets riled up real fast."

Karlee expected Nolan Catholic to badger them. She had warned Kendall during pre-game warmups.

"I told her not to let them get in her head, because I knew they were coming out to do that," Karlee said. "They saw us before the game and were pointing us out on the court."

Karlee was "kind of upset" about the aggressive behavior being directed toward them but "shook it

off," she said.

Kendall let the other team provoke her, particularly after her jersey was grabbed and yanked.

"That made me mad," she said. "You don't grab on me. I got in her face a little bit and told her to get off me. I should have just laughed and walked away."

She learned a lesson to draw upon in future games, she said.

The fire in Kendall's belly hasn't been a hindrance. Kendall has

been named all-tournament twice this year, and the Lady Hornets are playing as well as any team in District 5-5A. A week ago, they won an eight-team tournament at Castleberry High School after beating Life Waxahachie, Wyatt and Mineral Wells.

"I was very proud of our team this tournament as we fought through the harder side of the

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## Springtown's Zane Bell logs plenty of assists on basketball court – and at Brookshire's in Azle



When he isn't studying or playing basketball, Zane Bell stocks shelves and carries out groceries at Brookshire's in Azle.

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Zane Bell landed on the hardwood court with a thud after colliding with a Decatur player during an action-packed basketball game on Dec. 21 in Springtown.

The senior jumped back to his feet to run down the court but was limping. He persevered and began guarding an opponent with intensity.

A few moments later, the Decatur coach called a timeout. Bell showed signs of limping again as he strode toward the sideline.

Bell played through the pain that night and worked through the pain the next day at Brookshire's grocery store, where he stocks shelves and bags groceries and carts them to the parking lot for customers.

He has a little saying that describes a senior year jampacked with school, sports and work: "All day, every day," he said with a smile.

Here's an example of a recent weekend: Bell played a grueling, two-hour basketball game on Friday night, rose early Saturday for 9 a.m. practice, drove to Brook-

shire's after lunch and worked a full shift and returned to the grocery store on Sunday for another shift. On Monday morning, it was back to school and practice.

Bell has attended Springtown public schools his whole life and began playing basketball in elementary school.

Brookshire's has stores in Azle and Springtown. About six months ago, Bell began working at the Azle location.

"I live a little closer to this one," he said.

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## Azle wrestlers dominate district quad meet

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Azle Hornet varsity wrestling teams – boys and girls – went a combined 6-0 at Thursday's quad meet that pitted them against Aledo, Saginaw and Springtown.

Watching the matches from a sideline was Lady Hornet wrestler Pella LaFever, fresh off her

championship victory at the Bring the Hammer Invitational in Cabot, Arkansas. The Lady Hornets took second place as a team at that tournament in mid-December, and LaFever earned the team's only hammer trophy. She beat out 15 other wrestlers for the championship title.

LaFever displays the hammer

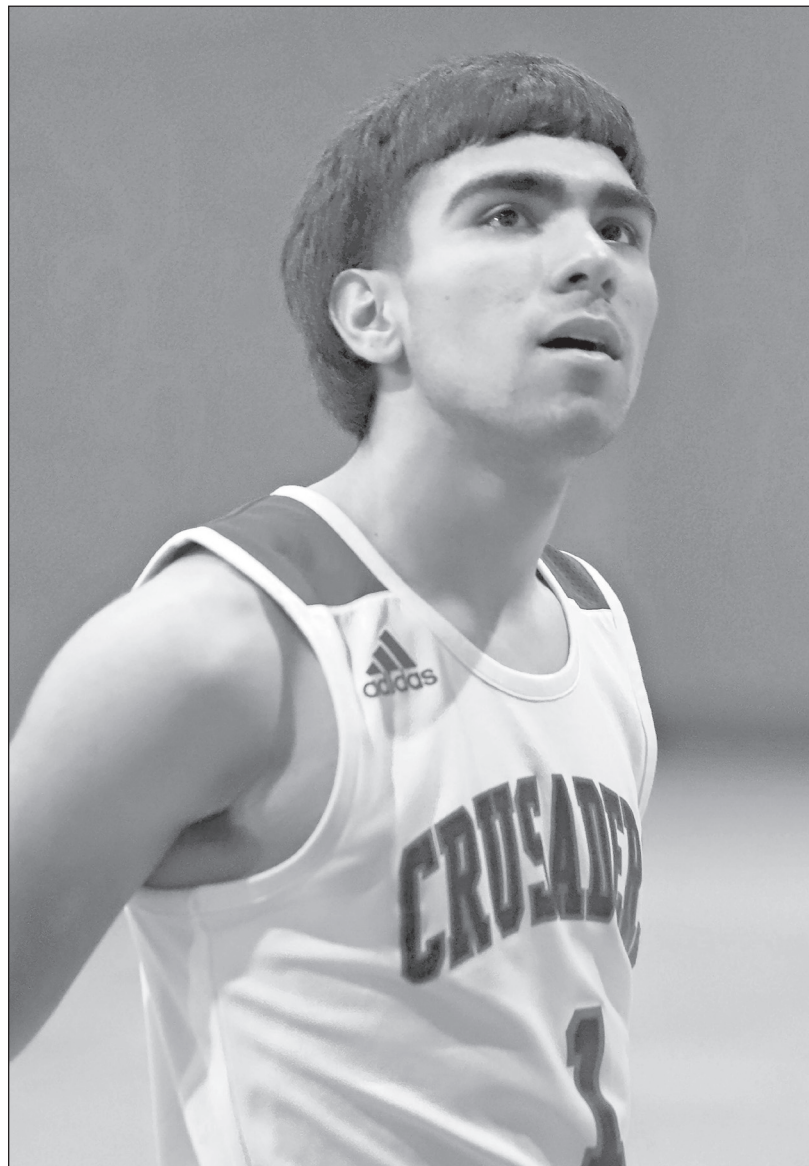
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Pella LaFever is a menace on the wrestling mat for the Lady Hornets.

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# Azle Christian boys find highs, lows in Blum



A.J. Rollins scored 14 points against Aquilla.

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Camden Logan makes a jump shot.

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The Azle Christian Crusaders have another 10 days of nonconference basketball games to prepare for district play.

Last week, the Crusaders traveled to Blum to participate in a tournament and were dealt a quick blow.

The 1A TAPPS Crusaders took on the 4A TAPPS Waco Reicher Catholic in the first game, and those three extra As made a big difference.

Reicher dominated from the start.

“We just really had a bad game,” said Ryan Rollins, head coach of the Crusaders. “We turned the ball over too much and missed way too many free throws.”

Final score: Reicher Catholic 53,

Azle Christian 33.

Zach Miles led the Crusaders in scoring with 8.

“He really found his role coming off the bench as a scorer,” Rollins said.

Azle Christian bounced back in its second game against Aquilla High, with the team playing its “best game of the year,” Rollins said.

The Crusaders came out on top 56-51.

“Everybody on the team contributed, and we really played as a team,” he said. “We moved the ball well and played great defense down the stretch.”

A.J. Rollins scored 14 points, followed by Camden Logan with 11 and Andy Wisniewski with 8.

Azle Christian (5-8) will play at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 7 at Temple Christian (4-5) in Flower Mound.

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Elias Ramirez tosses his Springtown opponent at the recent quad meet.

Photo by Jeff Prince

trophy on the mantle at her family home.

“It just looks nice to have it there,” she said.

Her name and championship information are engraved on the sledgehammer’s wooden handle. Sometimes, LaFever takes the hammer with her to the gym for inspiration.

At Thursday’s meet, LaFever sat on a sideline and yelled encouragement to her teammates. She had missed the weigh-in because of a prior appointment and couldn’t wrestle, but attended the meet to support her teammates.

“I don’t get that time to actually be on the mat, so it’s a disappointment, for sure,” she said. “But there’s not much I can do about it. I don’t mind sitting this one out.”

Girls on the other teams were most likely relieved to see LaFever wearing street clothes. She can look intimidating with her bold red hair growing wild in some places and being shorn to the scalp in others.

LaFever, a junior, has competed in individual contact sports for five years. She spent two years learning Brazilian jujitsu before joining the wrestling team as a freshman. She plans to continue wrestling through high school and into college.

Add theater to the list of things she enjoys at school. Also, LaFe-

ver takes college courses while simultaneously working on her high school diploma.

“A lot of my classes have a lot of work,” she said. “It’s very time consuming.”

High school courses, college courses, theater rehearsals, wrestling practices – when does she have time to breathe?

“If you catch me at the right time of the year, I have cross-country, wrestling and theater all stacked on one another, and I’m up at the school for maybe 12 or 13 hours,” she said. “It keeps me busy.”

If 12-hour days at high school sound like a drag, you’re not LaFever.

“I enjoy spending my time there,” she said. “If I didn’t have fun, I don’t think I’d spend that much time at the school.”

The same goes for Elias Ramirez, a junior who wrestles in the boys 195-pound category. He began wrestling as a freshman but stopped midseason due to family problems.

“Now, I’m back, and I’m ready to go,” he said.

He won his three matches at the quad meet with little trouble. Wrestling matches are a great way to spend an afternoon, he said.

“I enjoy the competition and the friendships I make,” he said.

Releasing steam during two-hand combat can feel pretty good.

“It’s basically a sport where you can go out there and beat the crap out of a kid and not get in trouble for it,” he said with a smile.

Ramirez grew up in a rough area in Fort Worth before relocating to Azle in the fifth grade.

“My mom had to move because my brother was getting in a little bit of trouble,” he said. “We moved here with my aunt, and she basically helped us out. And now I’m an Azle Hornet.”

He prefers Azle to his old neighborhood.

“I can actually go outside around 10 o’clock at night and not be scared,” he said. “I like that. And everybody’s just friendly here. They brought me in with open arms.”

He played football in junior high but said it “didn’t fit” him. Wrestling suited him better.

“I found a new sport, and it is Azle wrestling,” he said. “Every year you have to compete for your spot. Your spot is not solid. Every year, you have a kid that’s coming after you. That’s what I love about it. I love the competition.”

Azle girls will take on Benbrook, Boswell and O.D. Wyatt at a quad meet at 5 p.m. Jan. 6 in Azle High School’s main gym.

The Azle boys will compete at The Nest Boys Tournament starting at 6 a.m. Jan. 8 in the Azle main gym.

# Azle roundballers focus on fundamentals as district looms

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The Azle Hornets enter 2022 as a team seeking chemistry while growing stronger after dealing with difficult blows.

A recent wallop came after the gut-busting 83-81 loss to Castleberry at a tournament in Mineral Wells. The Hornets fell in overtime in their first game. They responded by beating Benbrook, Stephenville and Mineral Wells and nabbing third place.

“The team responded well from the overtime loss as we tried to focus on getting better on the fundamentals,” said Terry LaPrade, assistant coach.

Jayden Coffey and the Azle Hornets begin district play on Jan. 14 at home.

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BELL, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1B.



Zane Bell, known for his high-energy playing style, drives hard for a basket.

Photo by Jeff Prince

Last summer, Bell worked at an Azle fast food restaurant but wasn't thrilled about the gig. This year, he applied at Brookshire's and found a better match. He stocks groceries on shelves and sacks them for customers.

"I love this job," he said. His supervisors make the job enjoyable. "When you go to jobs, you hear, 'Oh, the managers are really cruel' and stuff, but here I really like them," Bell said. "They help you.

They don't just tell you what to do. They do it with you. We get done faster."

The brass appears to hold Bell in similar regard.

"He's very helpful," said Joanna Childers, a customer experience team leader at the store. "He does his job and is polite to everybody. He is just he's an awesome person. Very smart."

Bell's favorite part of the job is "interacting with the people." Brookshire's provides free grocery

carry-outs, and part of Bell's time is spent in three-minute conversations about weather and whatnot with customers on the way to the parking lot.

He will graduate from high school soon but hasn't solidified plans for afterward. The kid is enmeshed totally in the present.

"I'm kind of worried about the season right now," he said.

The Porcupines at the Christmas break are 6-8 overall and 0-1 in district competition. Bell has es-

tablished himself as a dependable shooter and passer and plays with fire and fury.

He plans to attend college and hopes his basketball skills help pay the way, although he is uncertain about where or when he will go. If he receives no scholarship offers, he will try out for the basketball team at whatever college he attends, he said.

Any more than that about his future, he isn't certain. The world has changed during his last two years

at high school, and he plans to tackle it with the same determination he brings to sinking baskets and stocking produce.

"It's a lot different from, like, two years ago," he said, referring to a pre-pandemic era. "When somebody graduated, they could get any job they want. It's going to be a little more difficult to get a job."

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bracket,” said head coach Mitzi Marquart. “One of our team goals was to bring home a first-place trophy this season, and these ladies accomplished that. We had a great team effort all three days.”

Karlee and Kendall Locke, both juniors, were selected tournament co-MVPs. Brittany Cato was named All-Tournament.

“These honors were well deserved, as all three had a very good tournament,” the coach said. “They lead our team in multiple categories.”

Kendall and Karlee grew up in Azle, began playing basketball together in the first grade and never stopped. They have developed a sixth sense on the court.

“We can find each other in the court really well,” Karlee said. “Sometimes, I just feel her. Our passes are kind of crazy. Sometimes she makes passes to me, and I don’t know how she does it.”

Kendall refers to her sister as her wingman.

“We see each other wherever we go,” Kendall said. “We’ve been playing for so long. We know how to work together all the time.”

The sisters make sure to spread passes to teammates. In that way, the entire team is becoming sisters, Kendall said.

“We’ve played with these girls for a while now,” she said. “They know how to play with us. We know how to play with them. We run our plays right, get them the ball and get some points on the board.”

The sisters’ intuitive relationship extends to other sports, including volleyball. The Locke sisters helped the Lady Hornets win 21 volleyball games and make the playoffs this season.

Growing up in a small town has been idyllic, filled with love and support, they said.

“Everyone just rolls together for every sport,” Karlee said. “We have friends up in the stands for every game. The student section kind of gets big for home games, especially whenever boys and girls both play here. You have a community behind your back, so everyone knows who you are, and they always want to cheer you on through it all. It’s a fun place to grow up. I like Azle.”

Sometimes friends confuse the identical twins, although most can tell them apart. It’s their opponents on the basketball court that become puzzled most, particularly those trying to guard the sisters.

Karlee is No. 5. Kendall is No. 10. Looking at their faces instead of their numbers can cause problems.

“The other team will look at us and be, like, ‘Oh, who do I have? Five? Ten?’” Karlee said. “It’s kind of fun to mess with other teams. I laugh about it.”

Both girls are ready for district competition to begin after a long preseason. Currently, the Lady Hornets have won most of their nonconference games.

“I have hope for this team,” Kendall said. “We are a good team. We’ve been playing together for a couple years. We have new girls who are sophomores, but they are ready to play. Once district starts, we can really get at it and make our way to at least the top two.”

Making the playoffs this season would bode well for the future. The Lady Hornets have just two seniors on the team. Most of the players are juniors or sophomores.

“We have a young team, a lot to grow with,” Kendall said. “It’ll be good for the next couple years.”

Azle (16-6) plays its district opener at 6:15 p.m. Jan. 7 at Wichita Falls (2-8).



Top right: Karlee Locke tries to steal the ball from an opponent.

Bottom right: Kendall Locke fires off a shot.

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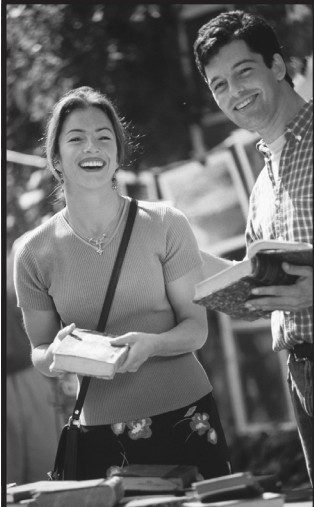
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1 TXism: "sitting in high cotton"
5 former Fort Worth red light district: "Hell's Half \_\_\_"
6 TXism: "\_\_\_ light idea" (inspiration)
7 TX George Strait's "\_\_\_ Really Shouldn't Be Doing This"
8 engine surge
9 OPEC member: Saudi \_\_\_
15 burrowing pest
16 describing a defect in some horses (hyph.)
19 "\_\_\_ it for the biscuit" (take a chance to benefit)
21 fishing net
22 TXism: "\_\_\_ in the saddle" (reliable, genuine)
27 TX Strait's "If I \_\_\_ Me" (1991)
28 stinky smell
29 blacktip in the Gulf (2 wds.)
30 African antelopes
32 Santa's word
33 in Dallas County on U.S. 80
36 in Wise County on U.S. 287
37 most Texans love \_\_\_-B-Que
38 TXism: "sling it on \_\_\_ and see if it sticks"
39 banned insecticide
41 TXism: "call \_\_\_ day" (stop working)
42 Mc \_\_\_ County
45 Texans may use a credit union for a car \_\_\_
46 pigpen
47 TXism: "\_\_\_ a bull give milk?" (no)
48 TXism: "couldn't find an \_\_\_ under a sitting hen" (ignorant)
49 puzzles that require thought: "brain \_\_\_"
52 TX-born Carolyn Jones was this Morticia on TV
DOWN
1 TXism: "burned some boot leather"
2 "Blue Bell" is Texas-made \_\_\_ cream
3 Foard County seat
4 TX Clay Allison's grave marker: "\_\_\_ a man who did not need killing"
8 cinnamon \_\_\_
9 TXism: "\_\_\_ out of water"
10 this TX Ely was TV's "Tarzan" (init.)
11 TXism: "frisky as \_\_\_ unsaddled horse"
12 TX Larry McMurry wrote these (2 wds.)
13 it came before TX 7-11's Slurpee
14 TXism: "\_\_\_ to" (similar)
15 our solar system's galaxy (2 wds.)
16 a benefit that gives stocks to employees (abbr.)
17 bind up
18 removal of a cow's head projection
20 TX Gary Morris sang "The Love She Found \_\_\_"
22 laugh word
23 feminine suffix
24 TXism: "park your tongue" (\_\_\_ up)
25 TXism: "\_\_\_ hide" (spank a boy)
26 this TX Cobb was the "Wild Man of the Tenor Sax"
28 "\_\_\_ difference"
31 "tender" or "sir" ending (cut of meat)
34 it provides care to veterans (abbr.)
35 TXism: "\_\_\_ hat and no cattle" (fake)
37 "no \_\_\_ , just fact"
40 TXism: "let sleeping \_\_\_ lie"
43 TXism: "\_\_\_ \_ lick" (none)
44 growths on East Texas pine trees in Fannin County on highway 56
50 in Fannin County on highway 56
51 "Hook ' \_\_\_ Horns!"

Word search puzzle in the shape of Texas with words like RICH ACRE NEON, REV ARABIA, MOLE EWENECKED, ILLRISK SEINE, HESTALL KNOW STENCH, ASHARKY IMPALAS HO, SUNNYVALE ROME BAR, THEWALL DIELDRAIN, ITA LENNAN LOAN, STY DOES EGG, TEASERS, ADDAMS, LUV, ECO, SKY.

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